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Student Council Anticipates Approval of Constitution

The institution of standing committees, the formation of an executive committee, and the necessity to register in order to vote in Student Council elections are several changes which will come about if the newly drafted Student Council constitution is accepted.

After several months of writing and rewriting, the constitution committee finally completed the constitution March 8 and presented it to Council members at the March 9 meeting. The constitution was accepted unanimously by Council members, but before it can go into effect, it must be made known to the student body.

Any student wishing to take part may cast a vote either for or against the constitution on Ratification Day, March 29. A two-thirds majority of those students voting will then place the constitution into effect.

"It has been a goal of the Student Council for the past two years to rewrite the constitution, but the task just never seemed to get completed," commented Kathy Grimes, Student Council president. "That is the main reason why I would really like to see the constitution approved."

If the constitution is approved the Council will see some definite changes. Regarding membership, the Council still plans to keep the

open membership policy but will change its requirements for voting members. Instead of having to attend two consecutive meetings a student will need only to make it known to the Council secretary that he would like to become a voting member. At every meeting after his registration the student shall be considered a voting member.

The most changes will occur in the organization of the Council itself. The constitution provides for the institution of six basic standing committees — the student activity committee, the student exchange committee, the student welfare committee, the charity and fund raising committee, and the school policy committee.

Each of these committees has a certain purpose, and if any additional committees are needed, they shall be formed. The student activity committee will plan and coordinate all of the Council's activities for the student body including homecoming and spirit-week activities. The responsibility of setting up, carrying out, and evaluating all student exchange activities shall be the duty of the student exchange committee.

If it is necessary to improve the physical environment of the school, it shall be handled by the student welfare committee. Matters concerning discipline, curriculum, and

any other issues dealing with school policy shall be the concern of the school policy committee.

The charity and fund raising committee shall organize and conduct all projects designed to raise money for either charitable or Student Council use. The publicity committee shall provide the necessary publicity for all Council events.

The appointed chairman of each of these committees, the four Student Council officers, and two representatives from each of the three classes shall form the executive committee. The main function of this committee will be to act as a clearing house for all issues brought up in the standing committees.

Regarding elections and election procedure, students will be required to register if they wish to vote in Council elections. Elections will be held the second week in May with nominations and registration taking place the week before.

Any student shall be eligible to run for office. Although not a necessity, the candidate should have participated in Student Council for at least one year. The newly elected officers shall assume their duties immediately after their election.

The amendment procedure for the constitution requires a majority vote of Student Council members and approval of two-thirds of those students desiring to vote on the amendment.

Conrad Students Participate In Annual DECA Convention

Senior John Partlow was one of six finalists in "decision making" during the DECA convention held February 28-29 at the Hotel DuPont.

In addition to John, three other Conradians, Rhonda Green, Alice Morgan, and Kathy Zielinski, were included in the 250 participants who vied for individual awards in areas such as sales, display, public speaking, and student of the year. Conrad's DECA members also competed for chapter awards, such as chapter of the year, and creative marketing project.

Also attending the convention were Mayor Harry Haskell of Wilmington, several state representa-

tives, and officials from businesses such as Sears and Penneys.

According to Mr. George Froelich, distributive education teacher, the DECA convention has two main purposes. The first is to make classroom activity more exciting and stimulating and the second is to expose students to the pressures, joys, and experiences in free enterprise and the business world.

Mr. Froelich compared a DECA chapter with a small business with officers and the individual skills within a business. "This simulation of a real business," stated Mr. Froelich, "gives use to heated competition which would be similar to

Blue Hen Conference competition in sports.

"Next year in the DE program I hope to have greater simulation to what the student is doing on the job," he commented. Mr. Froelich hopes to obtain this goal by methods such as bringing the cash register into the classroom for teaching and having there the actual forms and products the student uses or sells in his work.

In some situations the classroom will be moved to a store. Activities such as selling men's wear and selling women's ready-to-wear will be conducted on the actual sales floor of the store.

Success of Mod System Explored

"Lunch period isn't long enough. There's no place to relax and you need more free time."

"It seems like fifth or sixth grade, too conservative."

"Students don't have much responsibility here. If you want to study, you can go only to the library or to the cafeteria."

"You need a lounge, a place to get your mind off everyday school work."

Such were the criticisms offered by exchange students from Dickinson after they attended school here for a day. No doubt, the same complaints would be heard from A.I. duPont or McKean students placed in the same situation.

The reason: Dickinson, Alexis I. duPont and McKean all operate under a system entirely different from Conrad's "traditional system." This system, formally called

flexible modular scheduling and more commonly called the mod system, allows the student anywhere from 35 to 70 per cent free time depending on the school, the academic standing of the student, and the grade he is in.

Sounds great! But how successful this program is, is debatable.

According to Mrs. Marguerite Benthol, principal at A.I. duPont, the system's advantages outweigh its disadvantages.

"It gives the student greater flexibility to do individual study and allows him a more varied schedule; he's not tied down with academic areas as in the traditional system. It also gives the student the opportunity to become self-disciplined. He must decide when to goof off and when to study."

According to Mrs. Benthol, a recent follow-up study of the five gra-

duating classes under the mod system showed only one student who said he would have profited more under the traditional program. All others said the modular program had helped them to adjust to college.

All three schools using this system have one problem in common: that is, trying to make sure the unmotivated student does not waste his time. "You can't keep on top of every kid every minute of the day," explains Mr. Harry C. Smith, assistant principal at Dickinson.

Apparently this problem is not so great at Dickinson. Mr. Smith adds, "If the student is not motivated academically, he may be motivated in the industrial arts area, the graphic arts area, motor mechanics, woodshop, or electronics, and will spend a lot of his unstructured time in one of these areas.



Captain Janet Johnson leads the flag twirling corps in practice for the band's trip to Florida. The first line consists of (from left to right) Cindy Beckley, Debbie Hilyard, and co-captain Kathy Dewey. Photo by Rayanne Baron.

Band to Zoom Away To Main Street U.S.A.

"Only 12 days left!"

"What am I gonna wear?"

"I hope I don't get sick on that plane!"

These are the types of cries being heard from Conrad band and twirling members who have been patiently waiting for their trip to Florida. After 11 months of selling everything from candy to stationery, they will finally be getting the payoff — their trip to Walt Disney World.

The 189-member group will leave the Wilmington Airport at about 9 a.m., April 5, on an Eastern Airlines chartered DC8 jet, and arrive at McCoy Airport in Orlando at 11 a.m.

Chartered buses will be waiting at the airport to take them to the Executive Resort Hotel, where they will spend the rest of the day. At the hotel the band will most likely take advantage of the three swimming pools and several tennis courts or perhaps the shuffleboard or the

horseshoes facilities.

These Conradians will have to get up early every morning to make the 6:30 a.m. breakfast call. Each day they will receive a free breakfast and \$2 toward their dinner. An extra \$25 is expected to be needed to buy lunch each day and souvenirs.

The band members will receive a two-and-one-half-hour guided tour in Disney World April 6. The following day they will take a side trip to Cypress Gardens to see water shows. They will spend April 8 roaming around the Disney grounds.

The band and twirlers will march down Main Street, U.S.A., with the Disney characters, followed by a stand-up concert in front of Cinderella's Castle April 9.

While other Conradians are attending school April 12, the band will say so-long to Florida and will board their plane for take-off at 4 p.m. They are expected to arrive at Wilmington Airport at about 6 p.m.

Stoneberger, Haigh Chosen To Attend Girls' State

Juniors Frances Stoneberger and Carol Haigh have been selected to represent Conrad in the Thirtieth Annual Delaware Girls' State to be held in Dover, June 26 - 30.

They were selected by faculty members for possessing such qualities as leadership, initiative, character, honesty, scholarship, cooperativeness, and physical fitness.

While attending Girls' State, Frances and Carol will be housed at Wesley College and will attend government sessions in Legislative Hall.

Girls' State is sponsored annually by the American Legion Auxiliary. Upon conclusion of Girls' State two girls will be chosen to represent Delaware in Girls' Nation.

a variety. You don't get so bored." Paula disagrees, though, with the numerous administrators and other people who claim the system initiates a sense of responsibility into the students. "There is not as much responsibility. The kids are very immature because they've never had responsibility. There is too much free time. Here it is too lenient and the traditional system is too strict; there must be something in between."

Mr. Angelo Cataldi, assistant principal at McKean, cites the biggest advantage of the mod system as the availability of the teacher. "The teacher is available more often than in the traditional system."

The biggest fault, according to Mr. Cataldi, is the number of students cutting classes. This is a tre-

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Senior Staff Bids Farewell

With this issue we seniors end our year of responsibility as the *Smoke Signal* staff. A range of remarks varying from "Thank God it's over" to "I think I'm going to miss it" can already be heard.

Some memorable experiences include make-up nights, the time our editor-in-chief profoundly stated "everytime I look outside it gets darker" and the time two editors went out to pick up the dinner and didn't return for an hour and a half. We'll never forget our last-minute attempts at the printer to re-organize pages, check headlines and add final touches. And we'll always envy the attitude of our sports editor who, no matter how serious the crisis, would say, "Don't get upset. There's nothing to worry about."

To our successors we leave the headline sheets that were finally dittoed just last month and our two temperamental typewriters. Actually, that was all we had at the beginning, except Mr. Cashel, of course.

What more can we say except it's been quite an experience. Thanks, Mr. Cashel and to the new staff, "Good Luck."

Winter Athletes, Fans Excel

Redskin winter sports have chalked up another good season. The boys' basketball team reached the state tournament; the wrestling team finished a strong second in the Blue Hen Conference and placed three boys on the championship list. Both squads deserve the praise they are receiving from everyone and we would like to add our congratulations.

The end of the winter season also brings deserved praise to the girls' basketball team which placed second in the Suburban Conference standings, and to the winter track team whose accomplishments promise an excellent record for the spring season.

But somehow this season all of Conrad should have a stronger sense of pride — a pride in the good sportsmanship displayed by Conrad spectators, particularly during the basketball games. Violence was avoided at such emotion packed losses as the Wilmington and Howard games mainly due to the level-headed behavior of the Redskin fans. When emotions were up and trouble seemed inevitable, most of the Conrad fans had the good sense to act in a civilized manner no matter how much they were provoked by the opposing fans at the game's end.

All defeat is hard to swallow especially the bitter losses Conrad has had to take through this '72 basketball season. But both the team and its supporters have shown they know how to take a frustrating loss without letting their feelings get out of hand.

Epidemic Strikes Seniors

Once upon a time, at the beginning of spring many years ago, a little germ was deposited on the doorstep of Henry C. Conrad High School. This little germ was discovered by a student who allowed it to invade his body to grow and multiply. The senior, unaware of his plight, passed this germ's relatives on to his friends, who passed them on to their friends, who passed . . .

This germ's disease has symptoms that are quite evident to teachers and students alike: dream-like trances during class; failure to turn in homework; a generally disgusted outlook on schoolwork; and a terrible preoccupation with cap and gown order forms, prom plans, and graduation announcements.

But the most distinguishing symptom of this disease is that it affects only seniors!!

Yes, senioritis has grown to epidemic proportions again this spring, as it has every other spring, since the little germ arrived.

Thus, the Teachers and School Board Against Senioritis Federation was formed. But TASBAS as of yet, has not found a cure for this terrible plague.

Vaccination after vaccination has failed to destroy this disease. They have tried everything from assigning more homework to giving more vacations, but nothing can kill the little germ.

But the Federation has not given up — yet! The final confrontation between the little senioritis germ and the TASBAS Federation is yet to come. Speculations as to the winner? The germ, of course.

Skins' Suggestion

In light of the recent violence at basketball games, it might make more sense if the players sat in the stands and the crowd battled it out on the court.

CONRAD CAPERS



March Winds Blow; Conrad Capers Grow

The staff would sincerely like to thank Mr. March Wind for his gusting contributions to this issue's Conrad Capers. Without his help, by way of a few days of 70 degree weather and light winds, many capers would have gone — excuse the expression — unaided.

A FLYING FLAG. The March wind got the better of senior flag-twirling captain Janet Johnson. While executing a twirl, a gust of wind snatched the flag out of her hands. Keeping her cool, Janet continued the routine to the end — minus her flag.

MOLECULE MIX-UP. While explaining the collision theory to his first period chemistry class, Mr. Ed Malin observed, "The distribution of the molecules is something like what would happen if the class ran around the track." Perplexed junior Jim Fulmer ventured, "They'd all collapse?"

CONRAD'S CAT BURGLAR? Junior Dan Talmo must be practicing for a future occupation: cat burglary. While Dr. Miller was out of the classroom, Dan stealthily

crept into the backroom, undid a latch on a door in the ceiling, slowly opened it, and prowled the school's roof for about five minutes searching for something of interest. His first heist gained him one bumpy football. With rewards like that, perhaps he should try his hand at an honest occupation.

BRAINY BEASTS. Now the animals want an equal opportunity for an education, too. Just a few weeks ago Miss Jean Burns, Spanish teacher, explaining the use of the verb "hacer" to her second period class, was rudely interrupted by a mouse scampering about her room. Meanwhile, next door, Miss Mildred Morrison was busy with her "Black Flag", battling a flock of flying ants which dared to invade the privacy of her Spanish lab.

SLEEPING SPEECH STUDENTS. Mr. Donald Morgan, speech teacher, has found a cure for insomniacs. Kathy Alexander, Diane Chappius, Kris Fletcher, Kathy Graham, and Diane Hitchens caught forty extra winks during one of his filmstrips entitled "How to

Listen" Incidentally, there is no truth to the rumor that the remedy will be bottled.

TUMBLING TROUBLES. During a gymnastics meet between Mr. Paul Eyanson's and Mr. Arthur Craig's physical education classes, many — if not most — of the boys were worried about the success of their "routines." One of those biting his nails was junior Don Gibson, who was approached and asked by his classmates what he planned to do for the meet.

"I've got my tumbling routine down perfectly," Don said confidently, and then further explained: "I tumble off the rings, I tumble off the parallel bars, I tumble off the side horse."

PLAY ON WORDS. While discussing social class structure in Mr. Rolfe Wenner's third period social problems class, Mr. Wenner asked his class what they considered John Paul Getty to be. Senior Kathy Andrzejewski responded with, "He's a real gas!" Overhearing the remark Mr. George Poole commented, "That was a well-refined statement!"

The Stars and Me

Brickbats Drop From Above

By Margaret Dykes

I think astrology has seen some of its last days. It has in my book anyway.

I've always been an avid believer in the stars as a daily guide, but I've about given up. Take, for instance, my last month's horoscope.

"An aquarian signature means that you are independent, creatively inspired, advanced in thought and optimistic." With that in mind explain why I got a check back from the bank labeled "undistinguishable penmanship, rewrite check." Also, why wouldn't my teacher accept my handwritten composition, or the excuse that I sprained my right hand immediately prior to writing it? As for the "advanced in

thought" aspect, the only advanced thinking I've gotten done is in detention, writing "I will not pass notes in class."

After realizing that maybe not all Aquarians are gifted with excellent penmanship, I decided to give the second sentence of my prediction a chance — "You can handle the kind of knotty problems others cannot unravel." I set out to do the world a favor and solve some of these knotty problems, but fell flat on my face as a result of the shoestrings my brother had amusingly tied together. (I couldn't get them untied, either.) So I set out to conquer the world — barefoot.

Prediction number three told me that good fortune would come to me due to inspiration and courage to

employ it. What a chance to tell off my history teacher, I thought. The inspiration was there and so was the courage, but as for the good fortune — it has yet to come to me. What did come to me, however, was the principal asking me if I'd like a three-day holiday.

One more prediction, I thought. Let's see. "An excellent memory aids you at any time to use the fruits of your experiences and wisdom. Excellent memory, my foot! I failed the algebra test that I had studied so diligently for."

When the teacher sent me to my locker, I forgot my combination, thus making me return sans book. When she asked me where the book was, I couldn't remember what book she was talking about. As for wisdom, I don't even know what that is. And "fruits of experience"—? What are they?

Well, I finally gave up and eliminated all my "thoughts to live by," but before burning the horoscope book, I came across one last word — "Don't brood over useless advice given to you." How true, how true.

Study Habits Researched; Conradians Beat The System

By Mikie McGinnes

Studyhall, that old standby time-filler of the American educational system, has long been a source of confrontation between teachers, students, and administration, but lately the studyhall scene at Conrad has begun to settle into a routine pattern.

Conradians spend their study periods in many ways, as well as in many places. There are the cafeterias, the library, the auditorium, the lavatories, the halls in between, the front steps, the front and back courtyards, Morris's, McDonalds and Mr. Hinnerscheetz' office, to name a few.

If you are one of those students for whom the very thought of being in school for six and a half hours while the world is moving along without you builds up unbearable pressure — one who breathes easier when your back is turned on the red brick of Conrad — then you may really belong to that group who, smiling, deposit their books and tensions at the ringing of a bell and take off for places pleasant and un-

known, to return later, only to build up tension for the 2:32 bell.

There are, however, three terrors in the backs of the minds of these escapees, and they are county policemen, Mr. Hinnerscheetz, and Mom or Dad driving past on some errand.

It is possible to escape from studyhall tension in other ways; however, these are difficult to come by. Sleeping, the next best release, is impossible in the noise of the cafeteria study, and definitely frowned upon in the library. There are a few places in the school where it is possible to take a daily nap without causing too much disturbance. The exact locations, however, are fiercely protected by their discoverers; it is best to discover your own place.

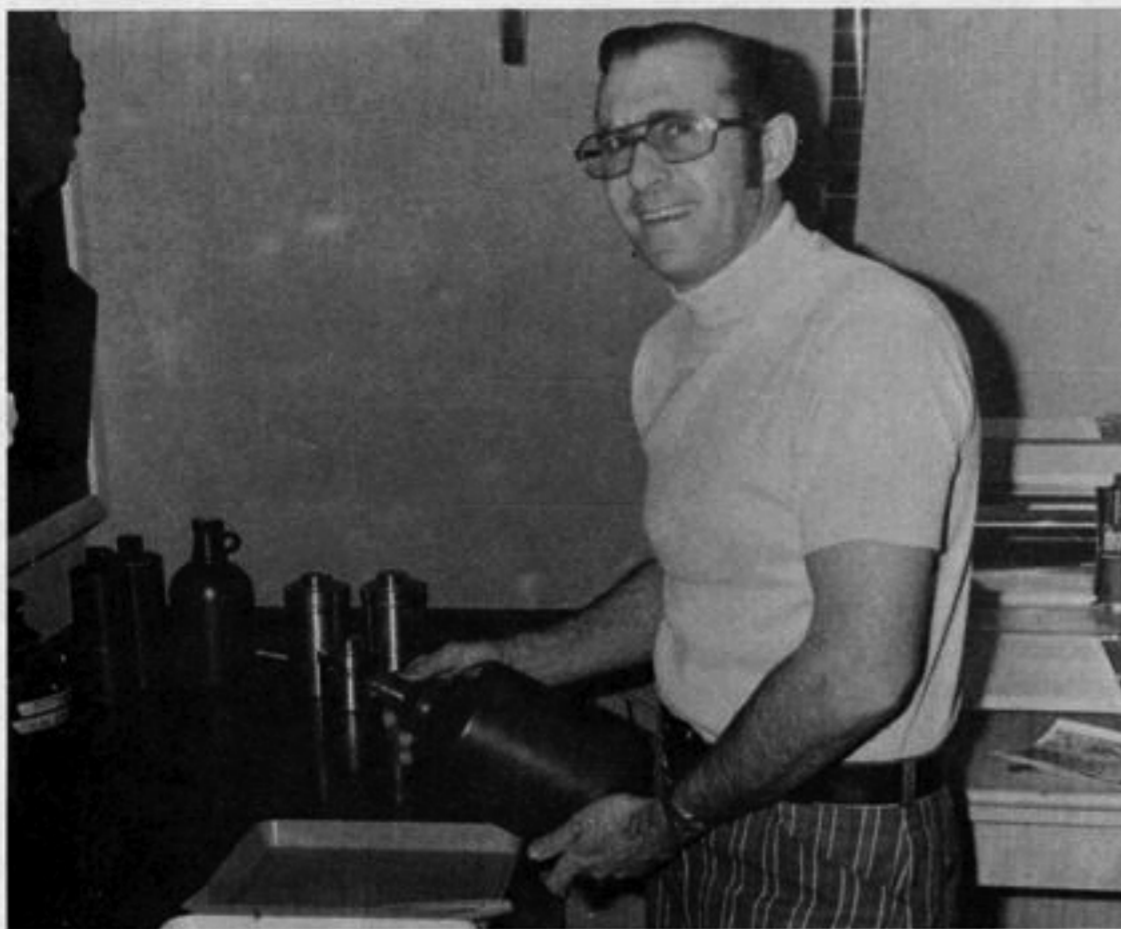
Many people just spend studyhall rapping with their friends. They usually do this in the cafeteria or outside, but occasional groups still try to communicate with each other in the library.

Then, of course, I've heard that there are some people left who actually do study. Have you met any of them lately?

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Mr. Michael Lehane, manager of the photo lab, works in the darkroom at his favorite pastime, photography. Photo by Don Gibson.

Pros and Cons of Abortion Debated by Staff Members

Pro

By Kathy Dewey

Abortion is a subject which invariably causes controversy. However, in my mind it is a matter which involves only the woman and her doctor, or if she is married, the woman, her husband, and her doctor.

The reasons for abortion are numerous and varied. Today, with our modern means of detection, birth defects can sometimes be ascertained in the early weeks of pregnancy. When a woman is faced with the possibility of bringing a severely handicapped child into the world, she and those immediately involved should be free to decide whether she will have the baby or not.

In cases of severe deformities, such as the "thalidamide babies" (some born without arms and legs), is it kinder to let those babies be born considering the type of life they face? Shouldn't the decision rest with the parents and their doctor, not with some group that has no personal involvement in the case?

I don't advocate abortion in all cases of birth defects, but the people involved should have the freedom to make their own decisions and not have someone else's concept of morality thrust upon them. No woman facing this situation should be forced to obtain an abortion, but no woman should be denied one.

Another reason for abortion is the unwanted child. If a woman definitely does not want a child, what good does it accomplish to let it be born? If the child is illegitimate isn't society forcing the woman to "pay for her mistake" by denying her an abortion? In the end who is the one who suffers? The child. Deprived of love and care, he will undoubtedly suffer emotional problems.

Abortions have been performed for centuries. Even when it was unlawful, the wealthier classes could obtain abortions. Is money then to be the determining factor as to who will get an abortion and who won't? Certainly in a democratic country, such as the United States, this can't be permitted.

Statistics have proven that women have abortions whether they are legal or not. Backstreet abortionists are little more than

butchers and many women have died at their hands. If a woman doesn't want a child so much that she is willing to risk her life, will she make a good mother to that child?

Finally, some people feel that if abortion is legalized or the laws amended, thousands of women will run to abortionists for no reason other than their selfishness.

Don't they realize that an abortion is a traumatic experience? Do they actually believe that a woman who learns that her child will be deformed has an easy decision?

Do they propose to make the decisions as to when abortion is justified and when isn't? They don't have any personal involvement in the situation. Aren't those directly involved entitled to make their own decision?

Con

By Diane MacKenzie

To defend the position that the killing of human fetuses is justified, the pro-abortionist says "The fetus is not a human being." To prove this statement they say "A fetus cannot live by itself; if it were removed from the mother's womb it would die."

This statement is perfectly true but it doesn't even come close to proving that a fetus is not a human being. A two-week-old baby can't live by itself either. If someone were not there to feed it, it would die.

Then, too, there are many babies born which cannot breathe our air; they must be put in incubators where they breathe purified air. If they were removed from their environment they would die just as fetuses die when removed from their environment; yet no one would even think of saying that the babies in the incubators are not human beings.

If this same definition is used — a human being is one who can live by himself — then many adults do not qualify as human beings. Some people, because of injury, become vegetables. Most often, these people will live the rest of their lives in a state of helplessness. They do not

move; they do not think; they have to be fed intravenously.

Sometimes they even have to use a heart-lung machine. Are these people human beings? Not according to the definition the pro-abortionists use; yet few, if any, would suggest that it is justified to kill these people. A fetus is more alive than this person.

By the time it is three weeks old the fetus's heart is beating and by the fourth week the arm and leg buds have appeared. The muscles are capable of contraction by the seventh week and the organs are functioning by the eighth. Simple reflex movements also begin at this time.

The first sucking reflex of the lips begins at about the tenth week and by the twelfth the facial features are fairly well developed. Respiratory movements have already begun at this time and the fetus's breathing can be stimulated by the lack of oxygen that occurs when the placenta is detached from the uterus.

By the fourteenth week the natural reflex movements begin and by the sixteenth week, possibly as early as the twelfth, the swallowing reflex begins. Also, by this time most of the bones have formed. The fetus continues to develop and at seven and one-half months it is fully formed.

The eyes are responsive to light as early as seven months. Also, the fetus can hear, taste, and smell. How can anyone say that a fetus is not a human being?

Going, then, on the assumption that a fetus is a human being, it is logical to assume that the fetus has all the rights that any other human being has. Some courts have already ensured some of the fetus's rights, among them the right to inherit and the right to compensation for pre-natal injuries.

There is also a case where a man deliberately attacked a pregnant woman. Though the woman was not seriously injured, the fetus was killed. That man was tried and found guilty of murder. This case shows that the fetus has a right to life; this right must include the right to be born.

No person has a right to deprive a fetus of its life and no group of persons has the right to deprive a fetus of its right to live by abolishing the anti-abortion laws.

Magic of Darkroom Lures Teacher's Aide

By Frances Stoneberger

Sunken treasure ships and antique shaving mugs are both part of the secret life of Mr. Michael Lehane, teacher's aid to the science, math, and art departments.

Mr. Lehane, fondling his eyeglasses, confesses to a love of photography dating from his high school days at Salesianum. He attributes this attraction to the "magic of the darkroom" and the fact that "there's always something new and challenging about photography."

Helping a friend move to Florida after graduation, he became so fond of the area that he stayed a full year. While there, he learned to scuba dive and began working seriously with his camera — taking underwater pictures of shipwrecks off the Florida coast.

Now experienced, he returned to Lewes, Delaware, to accept a job photographing the supposed wreck of the DeBraak.

A twelve-year career in professional photography followed, as Mr. Lehane set his camera to more underwater work, aerial photos for the United States government, baby pictures, and formal wedding portraits.

Business was good — too good. Soon the work load was too fantastic for a one man set-up. Not willing to expand operations, Mr. Lehane went back to photography on a spare time basis only.

Purchasing the Park Esso service station, Mr. Lehane tried his hand at gas station management. But, faced with more business than able mechanics to handle it, he was again forced to abandon the venture because of the unreasonable work load.

Singers to Join All-State Choir

Six Conradians will sing tomorrow as part of this year's All-State Choir at Wilmington High School. Making up one of the largest groups ever to represent Conrad are senior Gar Baker; juniors Ronald Dorsey, Karen Hedrick, Beth Holliday, and Sheila West; and sophomore Christopher Baker.

All-State members from throughout Delaware gathered for their first rehearsal yesterday and will continue today and tomorrow.

Now almost two years since he closed shop and came to Conrad, Mr. Lehane has no regrets. Admitting to a slight chip on his shoulder when he first arrived here, he now maintains that the middle-aged view of youth is all wrong.

Antiques, next to photography, are also very big with Mr. Lehane. This interest likewise started in high school, when a friend's mother gave him a shaving mug once belonging to her grandfather. That mug is now a cherished part of a collection he values at \$3000.

Preferring early American antiques, Mr. Lehane "haunts a lot of garage sales and auctions" picking up articles for himself and some he plans to refinish and sell.

One of the good things about antiques, Mr. Lehane points out, is that they increase in value with time and use, rather than depreciate. "If you get a few digs in an antique it doesn't matter."

Mr. Lehane good-naturedly admits to a third hobby — life. He believes in learning and profiting by his mistakes and has learned a lot from students here; he states with conviction, "I think I've found a home."

Mr. Lehane's ambition now is to attend night classes at the University of Delaware and get a degree — most probably in teaching.

Senior Uncovers Unique Ad Requests

By Cindy Stabnau
Show Her Love!
8.03 CTS. \$8,000

Gorgeous, pear-shaped, white, graceful, brilliant, two tapered bagettes. A beauty priced for quick sale. DKS 007-001.

Everyone expects to find advertisements for jobs, houses, real estate, and cars placed in the classified section of the newspaper. But imagine finding a buyer for this \$8,000 ring! Then another thought may spring to mind — what if the ring is "hot"?

While reading the classified, questions about the story behind the ad arise. One ad read: Wedding gown, size 10, never used. One wonders why the gown was never worn. Did the groom get cold feet or did his fiancée change her mind? Or maybe the husband-to-be came to an untimely death.

Another ad read: Wanted — pri-

asylum from diversion. Peter D. Carissimo, Delta Ave., Rome, New York.

For those who are looking for the perfect pet, there are many possibilities found in the ads, such as pet chinchillas (some tame and talking), parrots, chimpanzees, and, if you really want to be the talk of the neighborhood, answer this ad:

Skunk—Descended, 4 months old. Reasonably priced.

Those students who find it difficult to rise and shine each morning when the alarm rings at 6:30, might find it profitable to avail themselves of Chita's Wake-Up Service. By the way, it only costs \$4 a month.

For the swingers of Conrad High this is a must:

Gentleman desires experienc-

vate loan of \$2,000 for one year. State terms. Call between 1 p.m. and 8 a.m.

One question why the advertiser needed the money. Did he make a bad deal? Is his credit rating so bad that he can't borrow from a bank? Has his wife needed hospitalization, or did the great "nag" he bet on come in last?

Me, Myself, and I is Nowhere
Mh 32000

This ad raises a multitude of questions. Is it some lonely person's plea for attention? Or is the person on drugs desperately seeking an answer from someone?

But all is not sad in the world of the classified ad. There is the advertisement perhaps placed by a future Pulitzer Prize winner:

HELP!

Would someone please give me an island? Writer desires

ed square dance partner.

Finally, ecology-minded students might wish to invest in home anti-pollution machine. The ad read like this:

Home anti-pollution machine. Accessories for vacuum cleaner, vaporizer, defroster, massager, and many other uses. Formerly \$360. Call PU11345

Classified advertisements run a gamut of emotions from the sublime to the ridiculous. But they also show that kindness and generosity still exist in the world.

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Record Turnout of Trackmen Brings Promising Outlook

It's spring again. To some people it means the first robin, to others it means the end of school, but to coaches Paul Eyanson and William Legge it means track.

This year's spring track team, which Coach Eyanson reports as "fairly solid all over," will be led by seniors Ryan Deshong, Rob Furness, Mark Armstrong, and Bernie Doherty; and juniors Earl Parker, Dee Meyer, Dan Talmo, Gary Mears, Dave Bair, and Preston Jennings.

The team will have 12 dual meets, not including the state and county meets and the Penn and Dover relays.

Deshong and Furness are cited by the coaches as "very flexible and unselfish." Both could possibly set records but may not get the chance because of their jumping from event to event.

Armstrong, who has already broken the Conrad indoor shot-put record, is awaiting a possible match-up with the Mt. Pleasant's Dave Crew.

Doherty, Talmo, Bair, Mears and Jennings form the nucleus of a tough distance crew that is attempting to run a total of 140 miles in two weeks.

Parker and Meyer are both pole vaulters who are faced with the task of replacing last year's number one pole vaulter in the state, Bill Bryan, and his number two man, Chuck Rhodes.

Coach Eyanson, however, stated that both Parker and Meyer are ahead of what Bryan did as a junior Meyer, who will start practice April 1, was nearly lost to the team when he injured his shoulder during the wrestling season.

Salesianum will be the team's first tough meet. Led by Tom Gottemoller, whom Assistant Coach Legge calls "the best distance runner around," Sallies was the only team to better the Redskins in the State Indoor Championship Meet, February 22.

That meet, which saw seven Conrad indoor records fall and fourteen medals won, saw Armstrong take first place in the shot put with a Conrad record-breaking throw.

Besides Armstrong's showing, Parker placed second in the pole vault; the two-mile relay team, consisting of Jennings, Doherty, Furness and Mears, took third; Deshong was third in the 440; the 880 relay (Furness, Deshong, and Paul Clark and Nate Bethea) took third;

and in the 880, Talmo took second and Doherty took fifth.

The Blue Hen Conference is regarded as "tough all the way through" by the coaches with "no real weak team."

John Greenplate, Newark's ace distance runner and state cross-country champion, is in danger of being upset by Jennings.

The weakest of the team's strong points," as Assistant Coach Legge calls it, is the 440. Despite a good 440-man in Deshong, the fact is he may not get too many chances to run in that event because of his versatility.

Coach Eyanson stated that even though the first meet with Lansdale Catholic is not until Saturday, April 1, a record has already been broken. A total of 70 people have come out for track — a "welcome problem" in Coach Eyanson's words.

Coaches Eyanson and Legge stress that track has become a highly competitive sport in recent years. As a result better conditioning is being stressed at practices.

Mat Finals End

Juniors Keith Kehrer, Frank Del-Campo, and Rick Davis are leading contenders in the intramural gymnastics competition, which was slated to begin during the week of March 13. At press time results of the competition were unavailable.

In prior intramural participation wrestling competition yielded the following winners: Rick Davis, 132; Paul Bernardo, 138; Tim Hynson, 142; Earl Parker, 150; Dan Furness, 159; Wayne Alphin, 180; and Terry Massey, heavyweight. In all, 36 boys participated in intramural wrestling.

Handball, paddleball, tennis, golf, badminton, and track are other intramurals scheduled to be held this year.

Tennis Team Hopeful, Opens With Sanford

Dana Swain, Mark Paris, Tom Ryan, and Dave Darone, returning senior lettermen, can look ahead to a very promising 1972 tennis season according to Coach David Hipp.

The Redskin's first match is against Sanford March 24. "The boys have more experience than in most years," commented an optimistic Coach Hipp.

The team, consisting of close to 15 players, will play 14 matches this year, with a Tatnall match possibly becoming the fifteenth. Then the

Redskins will head to the Delaware Lawn Tennis Association State Tournament slated at the end of the season in late May.

"There's a good possibility of an all-senior first team," Coach Hipp revealed even though there is need of a third singles player and a second doubles team. "Mount Pleasant and Brandywine will definitely be our toughest competition," he added.

Last year the racketeers ended with a 7-6 record.



Senior Larry Lorenzoni warms up, sans glove, prior to baseball practice after school. Photo by Don Gibson.

Redskin '9' to Defend Blue Hen Top Spot

With eight returning lettermen from last year's Blue Hen Conference champs, the Conrad baseball team will open against Dickinson away March 28.

The Redskins will follow this with an away match with Dickenson's Rams March 28. This game could be a possible rematch of Conrad's Rick Brown and Dickinson's Mike Hoffman.

The returning lettermen, in addition to Brown, are Bob Mays, Bud Finney, Jamie Webb, Greg Dambach, Bob Baker, Mark Lenza and Larry Lorenzoni.

"The weather has really hurt us so far; we can't work out as hard as we want to," commented Coach

Harry Davies on current progress.

The mound corps of Bud Finney and Rick Brown, with assistance from Scott Deboda, seems to be set.

Concerning the upcoming season Coach Davies feels that it will be "very, very tough, because we are defending champs. We'll probably see everyone's best pitcher."

He feels that Dickinson and Christiana will be the toughest foes, although he noted that William Penn could be a dark horse with the addition of Gunning Bedford players.

"I think we could take the title, but we'll have to play one at a time," he added. "We have some very good ball players."

Conrad will also play Salesianum April 5 at 1:30 p.m. at home and Caesar Rodney April 7 at 1:30.

Cagers End Strong Season; Bob Ryan Named All-State

Senior Bob Ryan, who led the Redskins to a 12-8 record and a place in the state tournament, was named to first-team All State for 1971-72. Ryan led Flight A scoring with 382 points.

The Redskins fought their way to the quarter finals and a match with Flight B titleholder Howard, but the Wildcats squeezed out a 69-68 overtime triumph. Ryan scored 26 points, Speedy McMahon 14, and Skip Billips 10, in the losing cause.

The squad won the opening game of the tournament by crushing Seaford's Blue Jays 85-60 in Smyrna's gym. Ryan's 26 points, McMahon's 20 points, including a 14 of 15 free-throw night, and Skip Billips' 15 points aided the effort. Billips played an extremely tough defensive game on the Jay's Bill West, holding him to only seven points after the first eight minutes.

Concerning Conrad's play in the tournament, Coach Vincent Scott noted that the Seaford game was "one of the best team efforts I've ever seen. The 35-point final quarter was very unusual for high school basketball."

"The Howard game was one of the best high school games I've ever seen. One of the toughest losses I've ever had to accept."

In earlier games, the Skins put up a furious fourth quarter rally before falling to Mt. Pleasant 63-58. They rebounded with a 45-33 victory over Christiana, however.

They dropped the last two regular season games, a 83-79 overtime decision to Wilmington and a 67-57 decision to William Penn.

"We weren't mentally prepared for that game," Coach Scott commented. We knew we were in the tournament, and we just had a let-down.

Coach Scott feels that this was one of the most aggressive teams he ever worked with. He stated that he would do everything he did all over again in 98 per cent of the cases.

Besides the efforts of Bob Ryan, the playing of Speedy McMahon and the rebounding of Bud Finney and Mike Givens made the difference in a lot of games.

Mr Scott feels that next year's squad should be strong, with a good nucleus of seasoned players. Returning are Skip Billips, Mike Givens, Rick Brown, Butch Sowden, Dave Powell and Mark Lenza.



Senior Tom Ryan stands poised awaiting a return of his served ball in a mock match during tennis practice. Photo by Don Gibson.

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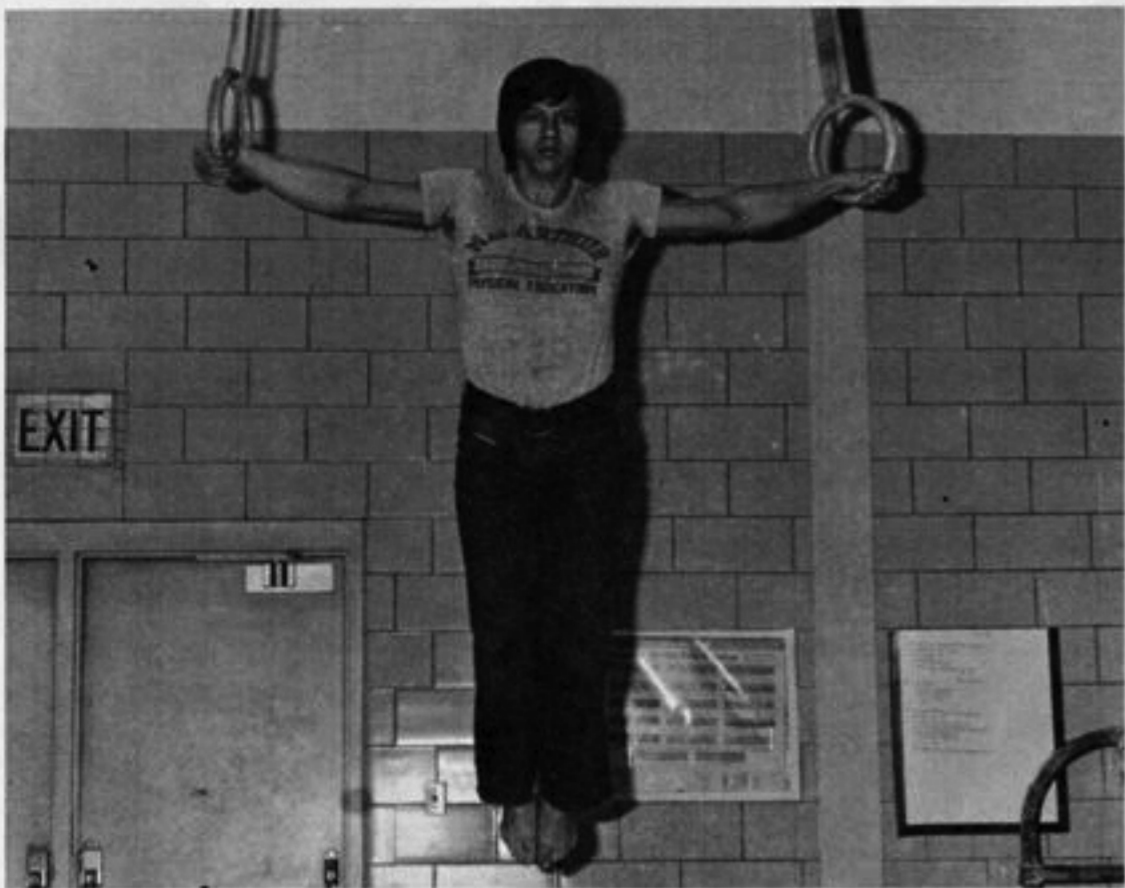
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Senior Chris Amalfitano, who went undefeated in the high bar event this year, displays his gymnastic versatility by doing an iron cross on the rings. Photo by Gary Lafferty.

Amalfitano Captures Title At State Gymnastics Meet

Senior Chris Amalfitano, who is undefeated in the high bar event this year, took second place in the senior division of the gymnastics meet sponsored by the Delaware Association of Police March 8. Amalfitano took second place in the all-around by amassing a total of 40.6 points. In addition to winning the high bar, he captured third place in the floor exercises, vaulting horse, and parallel bars. The Conrad gymnastics team finished their disappointing season with a 2-6 record. The team's last three meets were with Brandywine,

Mt. Pleasant, and Concord. The Redskin gymnasts beat Concord 82-62.7 but were defeated by Brandywine and Mt. Pleasant 98.2-89.9 and 93.3-86.5 respectively. In addition to Amalfitano, next year's team will lose Mike Bernardo, Dean Russum, Paul Clark, and Tom Dinetta. Returning juniors will be Rocky DeMaio, Carl Baker, Clifford Clark, Rick Davis, Ray Subach and sophomores Rick Timko, Wyatt Rash, Jim Villermaux, Gregg McCabe, Don Wood, Ken Wilson, Al Blyman, Chris Baker and Doug Conaway.

Mod System Explored

(Continued from Page 1) mendoza problem at McKean, more so than at the other two schools. The main reason for the seriousness of the problem is the shape of the building. It is divided into room clusters which are arranged around a resource center. Each cluster consists of a group of classrooms called pods — math pod, science pod, humanities pod, English pod, language pod and business pod. This odd shape makes it impossible to keep students out of the halls during classes. It is also difficult to keep the students from leaving school because every pod has its own exit. McKean students interviewed gave the impression the mod system there is a complete failure. Senior Diane Pierce complains, "All you do is sit around and eat, constantly feed your face and eventually leave school. You can get B's and C's without really doing anything." Diane has three hours a day free time. Senior Scott Lehman has three, sometimes four hours a day free. "Some people have only 40 minutes of class on some days, yet they have to be in the building all day," he mentions. "The kids try to think of things to do with their time. They blew up a toilet a few weeks ago with gunpowder. When you're really bored you can pull the rug apart or

burn the bench in the activity center." Unlike other students interviewed, Scott said he would like to go to another school if he had the opportunity. "somewhere where I'll learn something. I think when I get to Delaware it's going to be real hard. Kids are going to have to work there, but they're not learning how to work here." Diane agrees, "If they shut down the activity center, were tougher in the library, and made us stay in a room it would be better. We wouldn't like it as much, but we would learn something." Of course, others disagree. Mrs. Eleanor Dill, a Conrad English teacher who once taught at Dickinson, liked the mod system. The things she liked most were the economizing of the teachers' time with large group lectures and the chance to become more personally involved with the individual students in the small group seminars. Mrs. Dill realizes the problem of wasted time and feels that it can be solved although it will take a while. "I think the student should be given the responsibility of free time gently. If tenth graders were more heavily scheduled and the structured time was eased off in the following years, the system might be more successful."

Strobel — Bristly Hair?

Names Reveal Personality?

Can you imagine being named Kananinoheaokwihomeopuukaim-analohiloheaweaulamakakalani? Or how about having a name like Arthur Hugh Thomas T DeWitt Talmage Hardin Eddy Lane Arland Linnie Marion Branch Sam Jones Pigg Reuben Walker Chiles? These are both actual names which parents bestowed on helpless infants. The first name means "the-beautiful-aroma-of-my-home-at-sparkling-diamond-hill-is-carried-to-the-eyes-of-heaven" and the second is composed of the names of all the ministers which the parents admired.

Parents choose names for their children for various reasons. Among these are to honor another person, because it's pretty or goes well with the last name, for some hope or aspiration on the parents' part, as a description of the child, or to be different.

Girls' names are subject to an ever fluctuating fashion change but boys' names remain more stable. The two most popular names are John and Mary. Mary has been the undisputed leader in girls' names mainly because of its reference to the mother of Jesus. These Hebrew names are both so popular that they are used in all countries of the western world. William and Elizabeth follow a close second in this category.

The following table shows other of the most common and their meanings.

Girls

- Carol — Song of joy
- Catherine, Kathleen, Karen — pure
- Cynthia — the moon
- Deborah — the bee

- Denise — Grecian god of wine
- Diana — goddess of the moon
- Gail — joy
- Jean — gracious gift of the Lord
- Judith — the praised
- Linda — pretty
- Mary — bitterness
- Anne — grace
- Patricia — a noble lady
- Margaret — a pearl
- Sara — princess
- Sharon — a great, fertile plain
- Susan — a lily
- Wendy — wanderer

BOYS

- Anthony — deserving praise
- Charles — manly
- Dana — bold
- David — beloved
- Don — brown-haired
- Edward — rich guard
- Frank — free
- George — farmer
- Henry, Harry — ruler of the home
- James — one who overthrows
- John — the Lord's gracious
- Michael — who is like unto God
- Mark — small hammer
- Paul — little, modest
- Peter — a rock, faith
- Richard — stern ruler
- Robert — bright fame
- Stephen — crown wealth
- Thomas — a twin
- William — helmet of resolution

Regarding family names, most of them are derived either from the man's place of residence, from the father's name, from an occupation, or from a descriptive nickname.

Following are the meanings of some of the family names of students and faculty members at Conrad and of additional famous people.

- Cohen — the priest
- Poole — dweller near deep pool
- Strobel — one with bristly hair
- Legge — one with unusual legs
- Malin — dweller near raspberries
- Palermo — one from Palermo, Italy
- Podgorski — dweller at the base of the mountain
- Torrance — one from Torrance
- Zeigler — one who made brick tiles
- Armstrong — strong-armed man
- Coogan — dweller in a bowl-shaped valley
- Baumgarten — tree gardener
- Nagle — one who tended the swine
- Wisniewski — one from Wisgnia (cherry tree) Poland
- Spencer — one in charge of a home
- Webb — one who wove cloth
- Agnew — dweller at the sign of the lamb
- Wanamaker — one who makes baskets
- Du Pont — one living near a bridge
- Rockefeller — dweller near a rye field
- Muskie — strong or masculine
- Krushchev — one with characteristics of a large beetle
- Kennedy — one with an ugly or misshapen head
- Eisenhower — iron cutter

Recently Margaret Alice Wilcox of Marumont, Ohio, changed her name to Seven Promises because she thought it sounded less hard and Germanic. This is just another illustration to show that there is no limitation on naming. (By the way, this same girl plans to name her son Corduroy.)

Seniors Relate Their Woes

Senior slump, senioritis, senior-year blues — call it what you like — but it looks like the 1972 senior class has got it bad. "It's gotten so bad," said one senior boy, "that a day doesn't go by when I don't start dreaming about the day we get out of this dump. My sophomore and junior years just flew by but this years just drags." Since the senior year is filled with activities such as prom planning and graduation, and since seniors themselves run school clubs and can excel in sports, why is it that almost every year the graduating class seems to get in a rut? "I'm really not sure what the reason is, but around this time of year most kids have either been accepted at colleges or have jobs lined up," said senior Mary Wisniewski. "Now most of us are just biding time." "I think that a lot of us have just gotten tired of the whole high school routine," added senior Wendy Hitchens. "I'll bet 99 out of 100 sen-

iors are just as bored as I am." Help seems to be on the way. Senior Mike Kelleher who has kept a running calendar of school days throughout this year, reports that as of March 24, only 44 school days remain for seniors. According to Principal Earl Smith, seniors will just have to wait until June 2 when they will be dismissed ahead of the sophomores and juniors. Records must be sent to Dover, where diplomas are made out, and sent back in time for graduation, June 13. Also if it's any help to those in a senior slump, the prom will be a

dinner-dance at the Hotel DuPont June 7. "What I'm really looking forward to," commented senior Vicki Russell, "is getting out of here and having a change. I've been in high school three years and it's definitely gotten to me." "What's bugged me this whole year was all the studying and working I have to do at home," said senior Debbie Hilyard. Senior Claudia Neaves adds, "Most of the stuff I get in here is completely useless. I'm mostly bored." How could the problem of senior boredom be solved?

Course Expanded

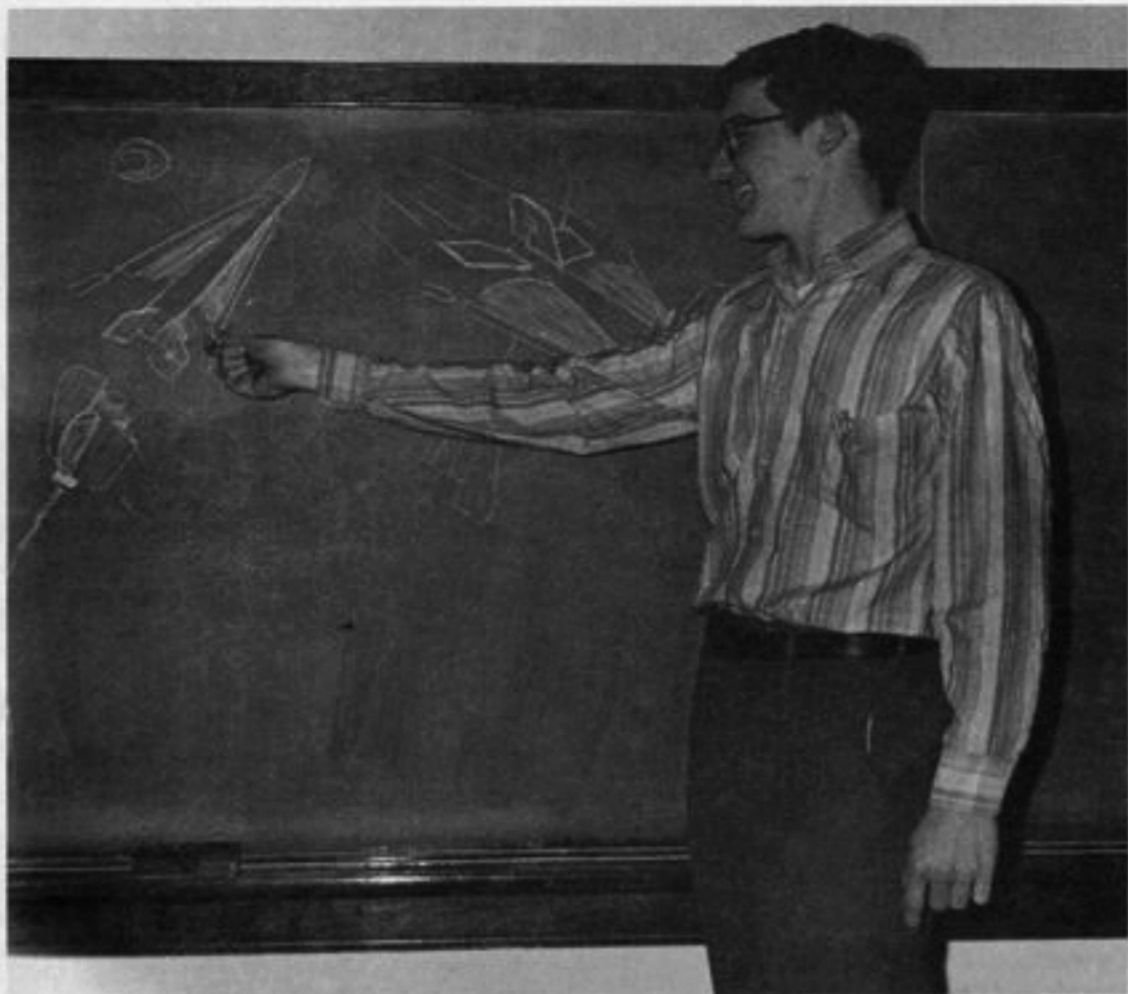
A full-year, fully-accredited photography course, in addition to this year's one-semester photography course, may be offered next year according to art instructor Bayard Horn and teacher's aide Mike LaHane.

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Junior Don Gibson explains his latest model rocket design to the Smoke Signal staff members. Photo by Kevin Coogan.

Don Gibson Chosen As Seminar Delegate

Junior Don Gibson has been chosen as Delaware's delegate to the Hugh O'Brien Space Seminar to be held June 17-24 at Cape Kennedy, Florida.

Don, an avid space enthusiast along with representatives from each state and 15 foreign countries will meet with astronauts and scientists and tour NASA's facilities for the Apollo space program.

Ervin C. Marsh, supervisor of student activities, State Department of Public Instruction, selected Don from nominations made by school student councils throughout the

state.

Don, who enjoys designing, constructing, and flying model rockets, founded the Conrad Rocket Club last year.

In addition to an extensive collection of color slides of space ventures, Don takes pride in an equally large collection of space commemorative medals, moon maps, and NASA literature.

The National Association of Student Councils and the National Association of Secondary School Principals sponsor the seminar, which is financed by actor Hugh O'Brien.

Senior Relates Experiences Of Short Teaching Career

By Cindy Beckley

"Good morning, Miss Beckley!"

And so begins another day of student teaching at Richardson Park Elementary School. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 - 11:30, about 25 other girls and I "play teacher" at the three Conrad district elementary schools, Saint Matthew's School, Faux's Kindergarten, and Happy Hours Kindergarten.

The pre-requisite for this student-teaching is one semester of Child Development II, offered only to seniors. For the second half of the year, we girls trek to our respective schools to hopefully observe, teach, and be taught.

What is it actually like to walk into a kindergarten or first or second grade classrooms and see 25 or 30

pairs of little eyes staring at you? Terrifying! If I ever wanted to shrink right into the floor, it was the first day I walked into room 105. I felt like I was on display at a freak museum.

If my wonderful co-ordinating teacher, Mrs. Betty Brenegan, hadn't rescued me to sit down and talk over my duties at her desk, I probably would have turned around and walked out.

For the first couple of visits to Richardson Park, I just observed the workings of the class and tried (unsuccessfully) to learn some of the names.

Then I progressed to the next step of working with a reading group, and finally with the whole class for a few lessons.

But the best time is when I'm sitting at the desk correcting papers. Then, so many of the children decide it is just urgent that they tell me of their trials and triumphs.

"Do you like my new shoes?" asks Dean, the con artist. "They're very nice," I reply — only to be answered with, "Do you want a pair? They're only 25 cents!" (Right, I always wanted a pair of painted boys' sneakers). "No thanks, Dean."

"How about your boyfriend?"

(They found out about that quick enough, too. They'll have me married by next week!)

"No, I don't think my boyfriend needs a new pair."

"Mrs. . . uh . . . Miss Beckley?"

"Yes, Joe." (Here he is, Mr Personality — who always has me married!) "I really like your dress."

"Well, thank you, Joe." "You're welcome." And he runs back to his seat.

Of course, there's always the lazy one in the group: "Miss Beckley?"

"Yes, Dennis."

"Do I have to do page 29 along with the other four you just assigned?"

"Yes, Dennis, you do — page 29 was supposed to be done for today, but I gave you a break!"

"Boy, that's a lot!"

"Yes, it is, isn't it?" (Yea, be hard-hearted you rotten person!)

But that's what child development is all about — children. Without them, the course would be pretty dull.

By far, the best part of the course is when you see the little, smiling faces light up when you walk into the room; and hear them say, almost in unison, "Good morning, Miss Beckley!"

PTA TO BE DISSOLVED

The executive committee of the PTA has decided, after a three-year study, that there will be no active PTA next year. Poor attendance and lack of interest were the main reasons for the dissolving of the organization.

The PTA will instead become known as the Conrad Scholarship Fund Association. This committee will continue to carry out a fund drive to raise money for a \$1000 scholarship which will be awarded to a college-bound student at

graduation. This year's scholarship fund drive is going on now. Senior Linda Cronshaw has done it again. She won the top prize of \$100 in the band candy sale by selling 50 cartons of candy. Senior Sandy Patton, who sold 31 cartons, won second prize, a TV set, and senior Linda Robinson, who sold 20 cartons, received third prize.

Other prizes were awarded to Ray Barbic, Virginia Brown, Pam Hufnal, Jeff Socorso, Linda Hit-chens, Cheryl Jones, Gail Hosan, Tom Dinetta, Debbie Gray, and Ricky Prospero.

The Band Association will present "American Showboat," a variety show, tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students. The show is under the direction of Mr. James Shaw, a Conrad parent.

Burger King on Kirkwood Highway will donate half their profits from March 27 and 28 between the hours of 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. to the band.

Mr. Don Becker, a resident of Woodcrest, held the lucky number in the drawing held by the Band Association meeting March 8. His prize included a week's vacation for two in Wildwood, New Jersey, with room and meals.

PERSONNEL CHANGES CITED

Personnel changes are already coming in for next year.

Secretary Mary Ann Clawson left Conrad last Friday for better hunting grounds. She began working as head receptionist and secretary for an assessor at Hickman Real Estate Monday. "I'll be making more money at Hickman, and I think I'll have a greater chance for advancement," explains Miss Clawson.

In addition, her new job will be on a year-round basis. Her position here at Conrad had been only for 10 months.

Mrs. Jane Ciabattoni, English teacher, will leave at the end of this school year. She will be joining her husband, who has been transferred to California.

MORE STUDENTS FAILING

Record numbers of Conradians are failing or are in danger of failing their courses this semester. This sad fact became known last

week as the interim reports were issued.

The large number of warning notices is causing problems in the guidance department with regard to scheduling for next year. "With so many students failing their courses, it makes it difficult for us to plan schedules for next year," stated Mrs. Marion Roth, guidance counselor.

According to Mrs. Roth another problem is that the majority of the interim reports are never seen by the parents. "I only wish there were some way that we could inform the parents when interim reports are being issued," said Mrs. Roth. "Then they would know when to question their children about them."

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

The money allotted for substitute teachers ran out at the end of February. To solve this problem the Board transferred \$12,500 from their salary contingency fund. According to District Superintendent Leon B. Elder, this money should pay for substitutes for the rest of the year. "With good luck and healthy teachers," he stated, "we should get through to the end of school."

The Conrad Student Bill of Rights was approved by the Board and was submitted to the State Board for its approval March 10.

The Board also approved a project to buy a type-setting machine and awarded the contract to International Business Machines Corporation.

Smoke Signal Staffers To Enter Writing Contests

Seven Smoke Signal staff members will pit their talents against high school journalists from all over the state Tuesday. The annual competition, sponsored by the Delaware Scholastic Press Association, will be held at Seaford High School.

"Best High School Newspaper" awards both in Class I (schools with large enrollments) and Class II (smaller schools) will be announced at the convention. Judging, by the journalism department of Penn State University, is based on all facets of newspaper production, including writing, make-up, news coverage, and headlining.

The Smoke Signal has won the Class I award for the past three years.

Representing the Smoke Signal in individual competition will be seniors Rayanne Baron, editorial writing; Kathy Grimes, press conference reporting; Cindy Beckley, fea-

ture writing; Kathy Dewey, page make-up; and Kevin Coogan, speech reporting.

Juniors competing will be Don Gibson, editorial cartooning, and Frances Stoneberger, news writing.

First, second, and third place winners in individual contests receive awards, and merit points are assigned to their schools. At the end of the day, the school totaling the largest number of points is awarded a sweepstakes prize.

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