



New social service program to assist troubled students

A new program of social services was put into effect in the Conrad district last month to aid students with personal and family problems.

Through this program social service worker, Mrs. Gail Janssen, will be available every day in the old speech lab next to room 233. A visiting teacher and mental health consultant are also available on assigned days.

More specifically, the aim of the new social services department is to help students in coping with learning difficulties, family problems, drug abuse, and pregnancy. Attendance and behavioral problems are also considered.

Students needing assistance in any of the above areas may be referred to the program by fellow students, parents, teachers, members of the community, or state and local agencies. All referrals must be made through the guidance office.

After a referral is made, Mrs. Janssen then investigates the problem, and based on interviews with both the student and his parents, works out the best means of assistance for him.

Mrs. Janssen may decide to handle the problem herself or may make use of the other professional counseling, health and psychological services available through the social services program.

If needed, agencies outside the district are also available for assistance. Such agencies include the Division of Juvenile Corrections, the Office of Drug Abuse, and the Richardson Park Community Action Program.

Home economics teacher Mrs. Marie Allen has also volunteered to help students whenever possible, whenever possible.

Judging from the number of referrals so far, Mrs. Janssen feels

that the social services program is very worthwhile and was badly needed in the Conrad district. Just since the start of the program in November, more than 75 students have been referred for assistance.

Although most are referred for attendance problems, irregular attendance is usually just an indication of more serious difficulties.

Mrs. Janssen finds that students respond favorably to her efforts. Most, she states, "are open and are glad to have someone show an interest in their problems."

The entire social services program was drawn up by its current supervisor, Miss Siham Shashade, and is the only such program in the state.

Originally five staff members were to be assigned to Conrad, and a bus was to be purchased to transport students to and from appointments with other counseling services.

Due to cutbacks in federal funds supporting the program, however, the full-time staff was reduced to one social service worker and a station wagon will replace the intended bus.

District Superintendent Leon Elder anticipates that even further budget cuts may force the social services program to close down after the end of this school year.

Cast changes set back fall play premiere

January 26 and 27 are the new dates for the production of the fall play, "Pure as the Driven Snow." Rescheduling was necessary because of casting difficulties.

Three major changes in the cast have been announced by student director Susan Barczewski. They are as follows: Jim Blunt is now playing Jed Lunn; Chris Goldsmith is now Jonathan Logan; and Jane Johnston is Nelle, the beautiful cloak model.

The hero, Leander Longfellow, is being portrayed by senior Mark Schoenberg; the heroine, Purity Dean, by junior Linda Wilson; and the villain, Mortimer Frothingham, by junior Chris Baker.

Other cast members are Glenda Crone, Mrs. Logan, Jill Meadows, Immogine Pickens; Donna Kleinguenther, Faith Hogue; Linda Petrucci, Allison Hewlitt; and Mar-

garet Snyder, Letty Barber. Mrs. Hewlitt was still uncast at press time.

Junior Karen Faux has been appointed prompter of the play. Her job is to aid Susan and to take over when Sue is not there. Her major duty, however, is to supply the actors with their lines when they have forgotten them during rehearsals.

Tickets for the play will be \$1 each. The money will go into the Sock and Buskin treasury to help pay future production costs.

Costumes will be rented, and sets will be made by the stage crew. The money from previous plays will go to pay this play's costs.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. in the auditorium. The play will last approximately two hours and fifteen minutes.

Stoneberger, Moore capture high averages

Senior Frances Stoneberger and junior Connie Moore captured top honors the first marking period with 4.6 averages.

The juniors topped the first honor roll by placing 13 students on it. Sophomores contributed 9 students, while seniors ran third with 6.

Seniors on the first honor roll include David Bair, Chris Goldsmith, Carole Hickman, Catherine Robbins, Frances Stoneberger and Cindy Szwed.

Juniors capturing first honors are Betsy Bove, Priscilla Goldsmith, Donald Greever, Kathryn Hawes, Sharon Hitchens, Pam Hufnal, Irene Janvier, Ellen Joseph, Robert McCann, Gail McGinnes, Connie Moore, Patricia Murphy, and Jer-

ome Rosen.

Sophomores include Evelyn Crowl, Karen Cunningham, Linda Gennusa, Mark Grimes, Arthur Lindholm, Wendy Palmer, Hope Radick, Janet Trost, and Carol Trykowski.

Members of the second honor role are seniors Jane Best, Ralph Boerstler, Beverly Boyer, Margaret Bradley, Sharron Brittingham, Ruth Burkum, Felicia Ciuffetelli, Charles Dayette, Daniel Diemedio, Debra Dorris, Ronald Dorsey, Anna Marie Finochi, Candy Frankel, Donald Gibson, James Greenwell, Carol Haigh, Paul Henderson, Martha Heninger, Diane Hitchens, Junius Jarrett, Leigh

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Sophomores who made high scores in the NEDT test gather in Principal Earl Smith's office to receive their awards. They are as follows: Seated: Diane Mery. Front, left to right: Diane Thorp, Hope Radick, Gary Prospero, William McLaughlin, Kevin Giles, John Cummings, and Evelyn Crowl. Back row, left to right: Jeannine Cummings, Wayne Luoma, Joseph Fahey, Mark Grimes, Robert Prettyman, James McGrory, and Anthony Guida.

Student exchanges planned for after-Christmas activities

Student exchanges are among several Student Council activities planned for after the Christmas holidays.

Concord High School will be the host for students participating in the next of the eight or nine remaining exchanges. The Concord exchanges will take place January 4 and 5, and any interested student is invited to attend.

The Christmas tree erected in the main hall by council members December 11 has served as a collection center for canned goods donated by

the students. The can-drive articles will be distributed among needy families in the Wilmington area during the Christmas holidays. Each donated can merits one chance entered in the drawing for a \$10 gift certificate at Penneys.

A Christmas party, planned by council officers, was given at the Richardson Park Community Action Program yesterday.

Selling mugs heads the list of activities for Student Council following the holidays. The sale will prove to be quite beneficial if the proper

arrangements can be made with the company, added President Jessie Jones.

Following suggestions of several bicycle riders, the council recently approved the request for a bike rack. Mr. Sherwood Shugart, building maintenance teacher, has consented to make the rack and hopes to have it completed by spring.

Student Council would like to sponsor a dance February 10. The plans have just begun and the date is still tentative.

Faculty prepares for evaluation in April, 1974

By Dave Robinson

Conrad will undergo a complete evaluation during the next school year, and the faculty and administration are already preparing for it.

Scheduled for the first week in April, 1974, evaluation takes place once every ten years and will determine if Conrad is to remain an accredited school.

The evaluation, to be conducted by the Middle-States Evaluation Board, will encompass the whole of school activity from the classroom to the sports arena.

Its main purpose is to improve the service which Conrad renders to the students of the community. A team of about thirty teachers and administrators from other schools will spend four days in and around the school, talking to students, visiting classes, and just touring the building — looking for things which may have been overlooked by the

regular staff in the course of their every-day duties.

Although this evaluation will not take place until next year, preparations are underway now.

A steering committee has been appointed, and the whole calendar for pre-evaluation, starting now and going until the actual date of evaluation, has been set up.

A committee has also been formed to decide what are to be the school's philosophy and objectives. From now on the whole evaluation is keyed on decisions of this committee.

Accreditation is based on whether or not the school's curricula is in line with its philosophy and objectives, concerning both the students and the community around the school.

Each department of the school forms a committee for self-evaluation of that department in terms of

the philosophy and objectives set up. The department committees will meet about twice a month from now to next November or December, when they will pool all their findings and shape up their respective courses to what they should be.

About four months prior to the evaluation the chairman and vice chairman of the evaluation team will visit Conrad to make certain the principal knows exactly what is going to take place and to find out what to look for when they inspect the school.

The actual evaluation begins on a Monday night with a primary tour of the building and dinner with the faculty, administration, and community leaders. At this dinner a report is given by the community concerning itself and its needs. From this report the evaluation team decides if the philosophy designed by the staff is a valid one.

On the following three days the team, divided into committees, as was the faculty in pre-evaluation, takes a look at the school. Every teacher is evaluated twice, and the students are waylaid and asked to voice their opinions on the school.

At the end of each day the team meets as a whole to discuss the findings of the day.

On the last day of evaluation an oral report is issued to the faculty and administration concerning how the school fared in the "inspection." These results are then written up and sent to the school about a month afterward.

The written report consists of both commendations and recommendations for improvement.

Conrad was last evaluated in 1964. At that time the school was praised in the written report as "meeting the needs of the students it serves."

Recommendations from the 1964 evaluation resulted in many im-

provements which now seem a regular part of school life.

For instance, the library was greatly increased, the balcony was built, and a great deal of money was spent on books and other additions and improvements.

In the science department a provision was made for double lab periods; safety glasses were provided and made a requirement for lab work; and field trips, utilizing Banning Park, were started.

Along with the many recommendations received in the 1969 evaluation also came a swarm of commendations.

The climate of the school was regarded as outstanding, and the rapport between students and teachers as excellent. "One senses the climate of this school as the door is entered," states the report. "The rapport which exists between the staff and the students is not accidental."

Is Bill of Rights forgotten?

The student "Bill of Rights," adopted by the State Board of Education on September 16, 1971, and in revised form by the Conrad Area School District last January 26, was designed in its own words, "... to become part and parcel of the individual concern for fair and equal educational opportunity." But where has this noble watchdog of students' rights and privileges vanished to?

While the "Bill of Rights" marked a milestone in Delaware history, the result it has had at Conrad, if any, is largely unknown.

Certain disciplinary actions against students are a violation of Title E, Section 3, Subsection a. Unfairness in grading and refusal to consider students' suggestions for modifications is a breach of Title J, Section 1. Even the requirement that a student must have a note from home before he can receive a copy of the "Bill of Rights" could be illegal under Title E, Section 1, Subsection a.

Students who feel they are victims of these and other violations of their rights often do nothing about it, because they are afraid to voice a formal complaint, or simply because they don't know whom to turn to regarding such matters.

As a solution to unattended infringements on students' rights, as well as violations incurred by students, a "student court" should be created.

Consisting of students, faculty, and administrators in reasonable balance, the court would "try" offenders, pass judgment, and — if found guilty — sentence accordingly. Punishment would range from reprimands to insistence on compliance with the court's recommendations.

But just such a "student court" could be a boon to students, teachers and administrators could likewise utilize the court to "press charges" against students for violations of school regulations.

If successfully operated, a student court could effectively safeguard student and faculty rights for the present, as well as produce better, law-abiding citizens for the future.

Good English makes sense

Should English be confined to English class? No. Good English is a part of life; without it most people are lost.

Many students gripe when teachers, other than English teachers, grade their term papers and reports on English grammar and spelling. To grade solely on English usage is wrong, the main stress should be on facts; but to grade English as a substantial part of the overall grade is necessary and helpful.

After so many years of English grammar, a high school student should be expected to be able to apply what he has learned in English classes to his work in other classes. A student cannot leave English class and become a complete illiterate just because next period is history not English.

A student who does "A" work in history and hands in papers with gross errors in grammar does not deserve an "A." After all, English is the most important subject in the curriculum. Without good English, people would not be able to communicate well; and if a student has ideas and cannot communicate them to someone else because of his English, he is not getting anywhere.

This same problem occurs later in life; if a person cannot communicate what he wants to others, he will soon be left behind.

The school is the place to correct the bad English and show the students the value of the only subject which they will be sure to use after graduation.

Outing Club suggested

Concord High School now has an outing club offered as an elective course. The half-year course offered during the spring semester includes bicycling, hiking, and canoeing. In view of current interest in bicycling and the outdoors, it may be a good idea to initiate such a club at Conrad.

An outing club would give students and teachers a chance to get into the country and away from the congestion of our area. Fresh air, exercise, fun, and an appreciation of the outdoors would be gained from an outing club. Many Conrad students already are cycling fans, and such a club would give cyclists a chance to get together on weekends.

If interested students would talk to teachers and administration, perhaps an outing club could be formed here. It may then be possible to coordinate weekend outings with Concord's outing club.

Get it off your chest

Do you have a complaint, suggestion, question, comment, compliment or request you want to air?

The Smoke Signal welcomes any and all of the above from its readers. Your comments should be submitted to the editor-in-chief, Room 219, during the school day.

Vocational opportunities offer alternatives to college degree

By Frances Stoneberger

Go to college or get a job?

In the next few months too many students will make this decision without considering a wide range of other alternatives, including technical and trade school programs, two-year business training, apprenticeships, and military service.

For young men seeking careers in the building trades, an apprenticeship program is considered the quickest way to a skilled, high-paying job. These programs include supervised on-the-job training, reinforced by classroom courses in related technical subjects.

Apprenticeships are available for men between the ages of 18 and 25; and while a high school diploma is preferred, in many cases it is not required. To apply for an apprentice position, students should visit the Delaware Apprenticeship Information Center (located at the Youth Opportunity Center, 614 Market Street, in Wilmington) and file an application for a specific trade.

Trades offering programs in this area include bricklayer; cement, stone or marble mason; construction carpenter or electrician; reinforcing-iron worker; plasterer; sheet metal worker; plumber; pipe fitter; tile setter; and others.

All applicants for apprenticeship positions are tested in practical science, arithmetic, basic reading skills, and general knowledge. A Joint Apprenticeship Committee, composed of three labor and three management representatives, then interviews those applicants desiring

admission into its particular trade area.

If any contractor participating in the apprenticeship program has an opening available, the successful applicant may go right to work. Otherwise he is placed on a waiting list until such an opening appears.

By the end of the first year of the three-to-five-year program, apprentices receive wages equal to 40 percent of the official union wage for the skilled craftsman in the same trade. Pay increases with each year of apprenticeship.

In light of the limited number of openings available each year in apprenticeship programs, many students seek job training from other sources. One of the most popular is the United States Armed Forces.

Men and women who enlist in the military services after high school may receive training in the area of their choice at official military schools.

Like the apprenticeship program, military training has the added advantage of paying the individual while he learns his particular skill. After the period of enlistment, from two to six years, this military training is the key to many high-paying civilian jobs.

Skills offered through the military include metal working, building construction trades, medical and dental technology, accounting, air conditioning and refrigeration, weather service, and surveying.

Technical training is also available at the Delaware Technical and

Community College in Wilmington for those students who want a profession without the time and expense of a regular college degree.

Rapid expansion in the health-related professions promises a favorable job outlook for men and women trained in practical nursing, medical and dental technology, child care, inhalation therapy, and others. Del Tech has two-year programs in these areas and others such as beauty culture, cosmetology, and fashion design.

Students planning to enter Del Tech next fall should apply soon; however, new students are also accepted for the spring and summer semesters. Tuition is slightly more than \$100 per year and, in many cases, employment is available immediately after graduation.

More information on this college, which enrolled 60 Conrad graduates in 1971, is available in the guidance office.

Students interested in other medical careers, especially as laboratory technicians and x-ray technologists, should contact the Wilmington Medical Center or St. Francis Hospital for information on their training programs.

Careers in business administration and secretarial work are important prospects for many students. Goldey Beacom and Brandywine Junior Colleges are the schools to consider for two-year programs in these areas. Again, more information is available from the guidance department.

Toys for the teepee

Santa fills Christmas wishes

Ah, the yuletide is here again, and Santa is just about to begin his trip to the Conrad teepee.

Students and teachers alike look forward to the holiday, the fun, and especially the gifts it brings; and just in case old Santa is having trouble trying to think of presents for the hard-to-please Conrad faculty, here are a few suggestions.

To Mr. Jay Hinnerscheetz, so lovingly referred to as "Chopper" by his underlings, goes a heavy practice punching bag formed in the shape of a bagger.

English teacher Mr. James Kaut will receive either a larger belt or a case of low-cal Bud.

Mr. Hugh Patterson is in line for a new set of yard sti . . . I mean meter sticks to be broken over in-subordinate or impudent students' heads.

For social problems teacher Mr. John "Teddy" Torrence Santa had

to go through a lot of trouble; but he finally managed to round up a personalized copy of "Motown Sound," a year's supply of Afro Sheen, and two tickets to "Soul Train."

Mr. Edgar Baker can look for a new file cabinet under his tree on Christmas day. After so many years of pounding, Santa felt that Mr. Baker is due for a new one.

Everyone knows that the pun is the lowest form of humor; so to help pull Mr. David Williams from the basement of humordom, Santa is bringing him **The Child's Garden of Jokes and Riddles or Humor for the Beginner**. (I hope these books will not make you any punnier than you already are.)

To help Miss Miraim Swayze with her problem with students making noise in the library, she will receive a bullhorn to keep them quiet so others can study.

Math teacher Dr. Isabel Miller is also on Santa's list. To keep her senior calculus students hard at work he'll leave kitten and bunny rabbit stickers under her Christmas tree to replace the stars she uses to mark homework assignments.

In order to make Hockey Coach Wayne Von Stetten fit in easier with the other coaches in his sport, he can look for a jar of "Nair" in his stocking and a hockey stick under his tree.

Dr. Gene Ziegler may be the happiest teacher on Christmas day because finally he is going to get something he has wanted all of his life, a Mr. Wizard Chemistry Set with the magic microscope.

Last but not least, and most of all not forgotten, for the teacher who cannot help putting students to sleep, Santa has a book entitled **How to Be the Life of the Party**. (All of you teachers will get one to be used for future reference.)

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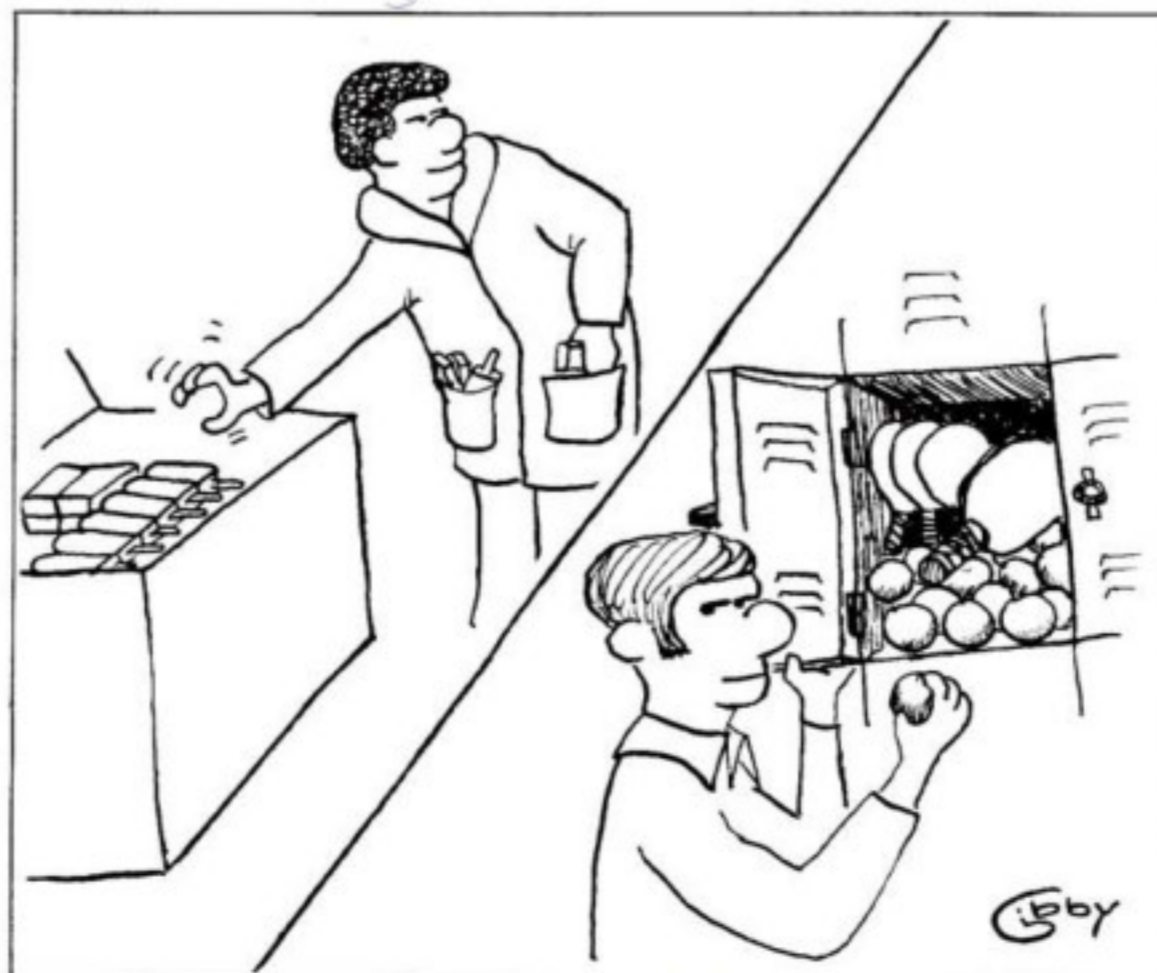
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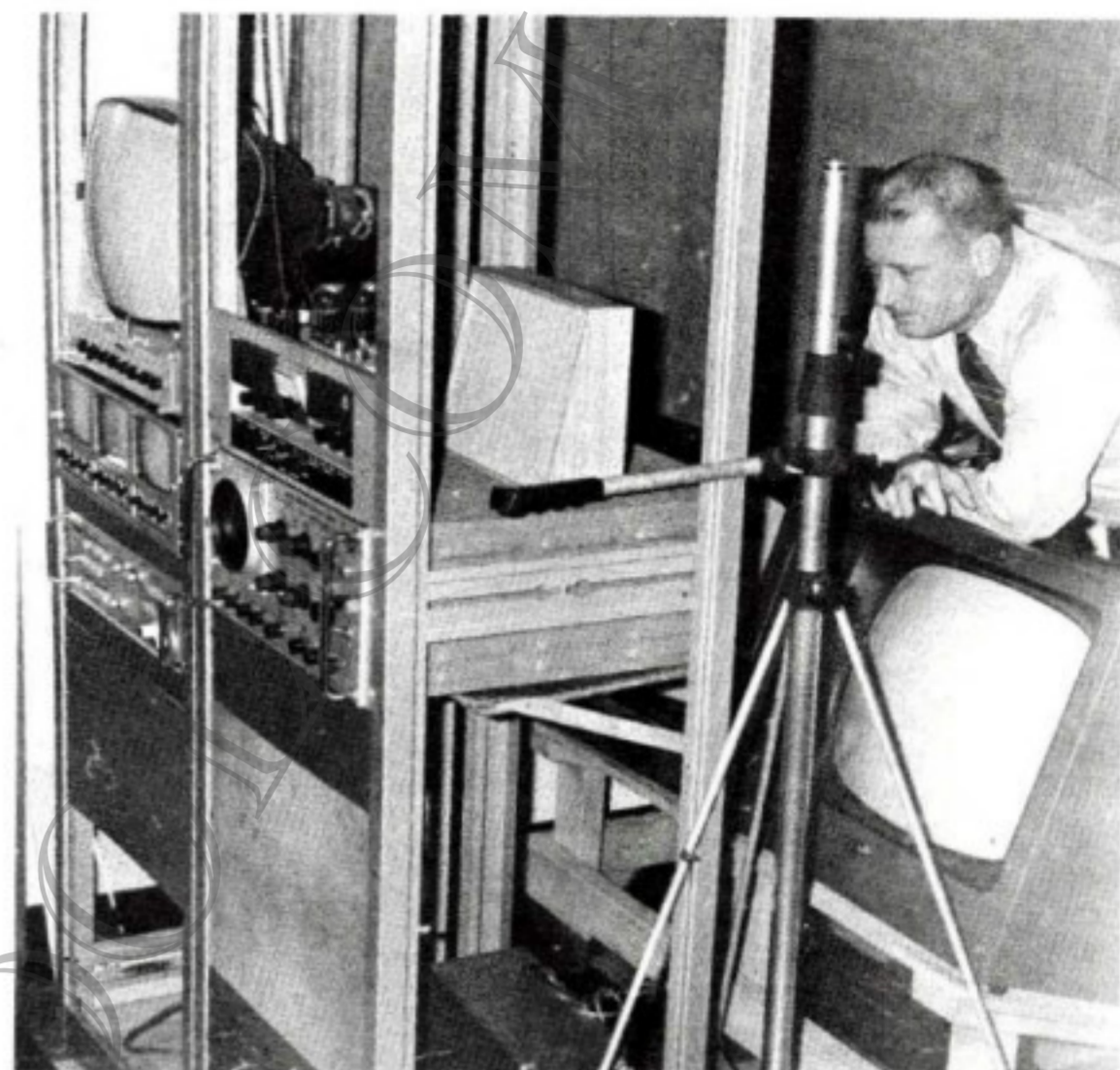
Modern age of reality upsets holiday myths

Time: Christmas Eve.
 Place: A young boy's bedroom.
 Setting: Child's mother is tucking him into bed, about to tell him the story of Santa Claus.
MOTHER: "Well, Johnnie, it's almost time for Santa Claus to come."
JOHNNIE, thinking to himself: (Oh, no! Not this again!)
 "Do you realize that right now all the little girls and boys in the whole world are waiting for Santa Claus, just like you?"
 (I bet Jerry Goldberg and Levi Silverstein aren't!)
 "Yes, tonight's the magic night when old Saint Nicholas will fly his sleigh . . ."
 (If he wants to fly, he should have a four-speed, 326, four-barrel Chevelle.)
 " . . . right here onto our rooftop . . ."
 (I hope he doesn't hit the new antenna — Daddy just put it up yesterday.)
 " . . . and pull up right beside the chimney. He'll hop out of his sleigh and toss his sack full of toys down the chimney first . . ."
 (I hope that won't hurt the heater.)
 " . . . and then climb down after them."
 (He better have a waist line of about 16 inches if he plans to do any climbing in our chimney!)
 "Once he climbs out of the fireplace . . ."
 (Since when have we had a fireplace?)
 " . . . he'll look all around the house . . ."
 (Danny Rogers had somebody look all around his house last week, and now they don't have a TV.)

" . . . and make sure that everybody is fast asleep in bed."
 (He better not look in the kitchen if he expects to find me asleep!)
 "Then he'll dust the soot off his bright red suit . . ."
 (All over our carpet?)
 " . . . and start unloading his sack of toys. He'll have all the toys you wanted piled under the Christmas tree in a few moments . . ."
 (In a few moments? Oh-oh, that means I'm not getting very much this year.)
 " . . . then straightening up, will smooth his white beard and rub his cherry red nose . . ."
 (I doubt that nose will be red from the cold!)
 " . . . and fly back up the chimney to the roof and his faithful, waiting reindeer."
 (Reindeer? Who's going to clean up that mess?)
 "He'll climb onto his sleigh . . ."
 (Unless he locks it up, he won't have any sleigh to climb back onto in this neighborhood.)
 " . . . and with a crack of his whip, fly off . . ."
 (I wonder if a sleigh can wheel out?)
 " . . . into the night with a cry of 'Merry Christmas to all! Merry Christmas, Johnnie.'
 "Merry Christmas, Mommy."
 The mother closes the door gently behind her as she walks out into the living room. There her husband is carefully stacking brightly wrapped presents under the Christmas tree.
 She speaks: "You know, honey, Johnnie is such a sweet child. He is one of the few youngsters left today that still believe in Santa Claus."
 Ho, ho!

Cameras rolling at Conrad; new TV equipment arrives

What does a high school do with several thousand dollars worth of video-tape and television equipment? According to Assistant Principal Louis Ott, the possibilities are limited "only by the ingenuity of the person using it."
 Given to the school after the shutdown of Delaware ETV, the Dover-based educational television station, and supplemented by the purchase of additional items, the equipment now includes two cameras, one full-sized and one portable, monitors, a switcher-fader which allows two or more pictures to be shown on the same screen, video-tape recorders, two camera dollies, and a lavalier microphone.
 Miss Lucy Kendikian has been one of those teachers to experiment with the new medium so far this year. Part of a unit on the election process, her social problems students held a televised political rally, complete with speeches, in the auditorium.
 Finding it a "tremendous" new teaching aid, Miss Kendikian also foresees unlimited possibilities for the equipment, but feels that some definite program should be developed around it. The apparatus, she feels, is "too valuable not to be used, and too valuable not to be used correctly."
 The basic problem with the equipment is that there is no adequate place to use it. While film may be shot anywhere from the portable camera, the portable monitor has too small a screen to be viewed by a whole class of students.
 Eventually Mr. Ott hopes to convert Mrs. Louise Goddin's classroom into a studio, where the larger



Assistant Principal Louis Ott surveys new television equipment stored in his office. Photo by Don Gibson.

monitors could be permanently installed. By cutting a window through the wall, his office, where the equipment is now stored, could serve as a control room.
 Hoping to involve students in the use of the new equipment, the administration may eventually consider a new course in television production.

Roving reporter observes computer knowledge class

By Jerry Rosen

A unique class meets fifth period in room 201. This is the computer knowledge class, taught by Mr. Duane Morningred. In order to obtain a first-hand report of class activities, a reporter was planted in the room before class.
 When the fifth-period late bell rang, senior Ray Griffith was seated in front of a typewriter that called itself "Harold," as junior Wayne Hanna and senior Dan Talmo watched over Ray's shoulder. Seniors Mark Comegys and Gary Lafferty were sitting at desks talking.
 Seniors Dave Bair and Paul Rizzo sauntered in and leisurely entered the conversation. Mr. Morningred came in, and the class began. The discussion changed from football and motorcycles to programs and commands.
 The reporter walked over the typewriter and jostled around for a view. Ray typed the word, "LIST." An unintelligible string of numbers, letters, and symbols were rapidly printed followed by the word "READY." Ray typed "RUN," and plain English came out — a list of numbers and their fifth root. But suddenly it all stopped — the type-

writer keys produced only a funny noise. "I crashed!" Ray exclaimed, banging the console with his fists.
 The reporter was mystified. "How do you crash?" he asked Wayne. "You don't, the computer does," he explained. "Harold just decided to disconnect Ray for a few minutes."
 "Great," the reporter said. Now armed with some information, he prodded a bit. "Why did you take this class, Wayne?"
 Wayne responded uncertainly. "That's gonna take some heavy thinking . . . hmmm . . . well, it's different!"
 Dave Bair's answer was quicker — "I enjoy this here class. It's a whole credit, it keeps me busy, and it's kinda fun."
 A glance at the clock reminded the reporter about his own fifth-period class. Slowly he found his way out of the room. "Hmmm," he mused on his way to class. "I have a free period next year . . ."



Christmas capers capsize Conrad

Will Santa Claus reward the merrymaking elves of Conrad after he sees the Christmas capers they've stuffed into their stockings?
 Getting the column started in a yuletide mood is senior Maryanne DiSabatino. After her social problems student teacher had painstakingly drawn a "symbolic" tree and diligently labeled its political branches, Maryanne erased the political terms and replaced them with Christmas ornaments, tinsels, and a big star at the top.
 "When something is moving to the right, it is really moving to the left," proclaimed senior Larry Laws during Mr. Hugh Patterson's second period physics class. Mr. Patterson somehow managed to keep a straight face as he christened this astounding theory "Larry's Law."
 Senior Debbie McCollum indulged in a bit of melodrama last month as she heroically closed the locker door behind herself. Taking up a bet with friends that she couldn't fit into an empty locker, she soon found herself locked in. Deserted by friends, she kicked and yelled until she was finally released by an unidentified sophomore.
 "Honest Joe" Clawson, supplier of math supplies, set up business in Mr. Louis Ott's second period class. The senior took advantage of the fact that almost everyone forgot colored pencils by setting up shop to rent them out for five cents per period used. Senior Dan Foley was the only rentee, leaving Joe with ten cents profit.

Pyromaniacs have been discovered to be running amok in Dr. Gene Ziegler's second-period lab class. Juniors Don Wood, George Grissom, Joe Santillo, Ken Wilson and Jim Stewart flame-tested not only those metals required in the lab, but also any and every metal that they could find. The mad scientists were fascinated by the many different reactions that occurred, except the good "doctor's" when he discovered the "fire-bugs" work.
 The envelope please. The funnyman-of-the-month is awarded this month to . . . senior Bob Dzielak! In addition to his many wisecracks during Mrs. Andrea Cassel's social problems class, Bob now acknowledges the satisfaction he derives from the tests of student teacher Miss Gasper, by signing them "Sincerely yours, Bob Dzielak."
 "All right, who dunnit" was the cry heard throughout the second-period boys' gym class. A "wild grease-smearer" had lacquered a few locks with vaseline coating making them almost impossible to open. Eventually all but one locker was open — the grease had oiled the catch so much that it kept slipping.
 Junior Kathy Broujos had frantically rummaged through her main floor locker, screaming. "I lost my books." Following several moments of confusion, junior Jim Brown made an unexpected confession he and Kathy's partner had

conspired the transferral of her books to the locker shared by Jim and Tom Blackson. The plan was a revenge tactic made for Kathy's unneighborly-like conduct the previous day.
 "To Ms. or not to Ms.," that was the question or rather argument between Mr. Raymond Cashel and the Journalism I class, the day after the release of the November issue of the Smoke Signal.
 The name of new gym teacher, Tina Sandburg was printed as "Miss" even though she requested it to be known as "Ms." The greater percentage of the class argued fiercely that she should have the right to choose her own title, while Mr. Cashel stubbornly insisted that the newspaper stick to a set journalistic style.
 Between the flurry of Thanksgiving and Christmas, Ruth Neaves has been somewhat absent-minded. Once while searching for her car keys so that she might retrieve a book for her afternoon classes, she discovered they weren't to be found. Thinking nothing unusual, as she usually misplaces them, she approached the car, where she found the keys in the ignition and smoke coming out of the tailpipe. She finally realized she had left the car running all morning.
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Seniors Don Meyer and Tony Ferrazo get tied up at practice. Meyer, out last year with a shoulder injury, is probable starter at 157 pounds, and Ferrazo is probable starter at 167.

Grapplers out to beat last year's 9-1 record

With six returning lettermen, Conrad's wrestlers hope to better last year's 9-1 record that earned them second place in Flight A of the Blue Hen Conference.

Senior Butch Collazzo leads the returning lettermen into the season. Collazzo, who finished second in the state tournament last year in the 100-pound weight class, will move up to 117 this season.

Returning senior Don Meyer sat out last year with a shoulder injury after lettering as a sophomore when he captured third place in the state tourney.

Other returning lettermen are junior Louis Geanopulos, 117 pounds; senior Ron Janusz, 150 pounds; senior Tony Ferrazzo, 167 pounds; and junior Zebb Ross, heavyweight. Ross was undefeated in this slot last year but will have to contend with senior Rich Black to retain that spot.

Coach Ed Baker stated that all "the weight classes are open," but some wrestlers have "the inside track" at this point in the season.

Junior Bob Hartnett and senior Eric Johnson are both probable

starters at 100 and 125 pounds respectively. Johnson was undefeated last year as a JV.

Coach Baker pointed to Keith Keher as a probable starter in the 132-pound slot and either senior Rick Stephens, junior John Hadfield or junior Mike Ciuffetelli at 143 pounds.

Janusz, Meyer, Ferrazzo, and senior Bill Deery are probable starters at 150, 157, 167, and 180 pounds respectively. Deery drew the nod from Coach Baker when senior Jim Jones was lost to the team due to hepatitis.

Coach Baker cited the sophomores as "a pretty good crop led by junior high champs Frank Meyer and Gary Baker. He added that "they will be pushing somebody."

Last year's team, which featured four undefeated grapplers, lost only to the Colonials of William Penn, whom the Redskin coach called "always tough, every year." He added that there are six teams with a shot at the title.

Their first conference meet is with Newark, January 6, 1 p.m. at Conrad.

New girls' gymnastics club plans halftime performances

A chance to perform at halftime of some of the basketball games is one of the goals of the newly formed girls' Gymnastics Club. Girls interested in gymnastics practice every day except Thursday in the gym during eighth period.

Mr. Donald Kasner and Mrs. Tina Sandberg have been helping the girls with stunts and routines on the various apparatus.

"It's an informal club," commented Mrs. Sandberg. "It's open to all skill levels. It gives the gym classes an opportunity for extra practice." She also added that the club would continue until the interest diminishes.

Mr. Kasner helps the girls whenever he is available. He shows them the more advanced stunts on the uneven parallel bars and helps them on the basic mounts.

In addition to the uneven parallel bars, the girls work out on the rings, balance beam, parallel bars, and the horse.

Junior Kathy Hawes gave her opinion of the new club. "I like gymnastics and I like the teacher. It'll give me more practice."

She also added, "If I can get good on something, I'll try something else. After gymnastics is over, I'll try something harder."

As for her reward from the club, she says, "A feeling of accomplishment that I can do something. I don't know! I like the feeling of being strong!"

What about participating in the halftime shows at the basketball games? "Are you crazy?" she said. "You've got to be kidding! I'd go out there and wreck up!"

Redskins face Delcastle today, anticipate successful season

The basketball team faces Delcastle today in the second game of the 72-73 season. The game, a non-conference bout, is the first meeting of the two teams in a non-scrimmage game.

The first conference game was played last Tuesday against a very strong William Penn team, considered by Coach Vincent Scott as one of the best teams in the conference. Results of the William Penn game were not available at press time.

Returning from a 12-8 season last year, including two games in the state tournament, Coach Scott is looking for a good season. "There is really no team so good that we can't beat them; we will be in contention every game."

The Redskins go into the season with an experienced team consisting mostly of seniors with three senior lettermen — Mike Givens, Rick Brown, and Skip Billips — in the starting five.

Billips and Brown are in the forward positions while Givens and junior Glenn Taylor fight it out for the center spot.

The starting backcourt is Butch Sowden and Mark Lenza, who will be backed up by juniors Gary Parker and Jim Olivere.

Coach Scott's basic comment on the team as a whole is that it has shown a lot of improvement from last year.

"The forwards, both Billips and Brown, have improved a lot from last year. They were always good on defense and on the boards, and now they are good on offense as well."

Concerning Lenza and Sowden, Mr. Scott commented, "They have made outstanding improvements since last year and should fill in well for last year's stars, Speedy McMahon and Bobby Ryan."

Bob Ryan scored 25 points in his first game of freshman basketball for the University of Delaware.

Thanks to a new rule the basketball team is allowed to play 20

Gymnasts to face only four teams

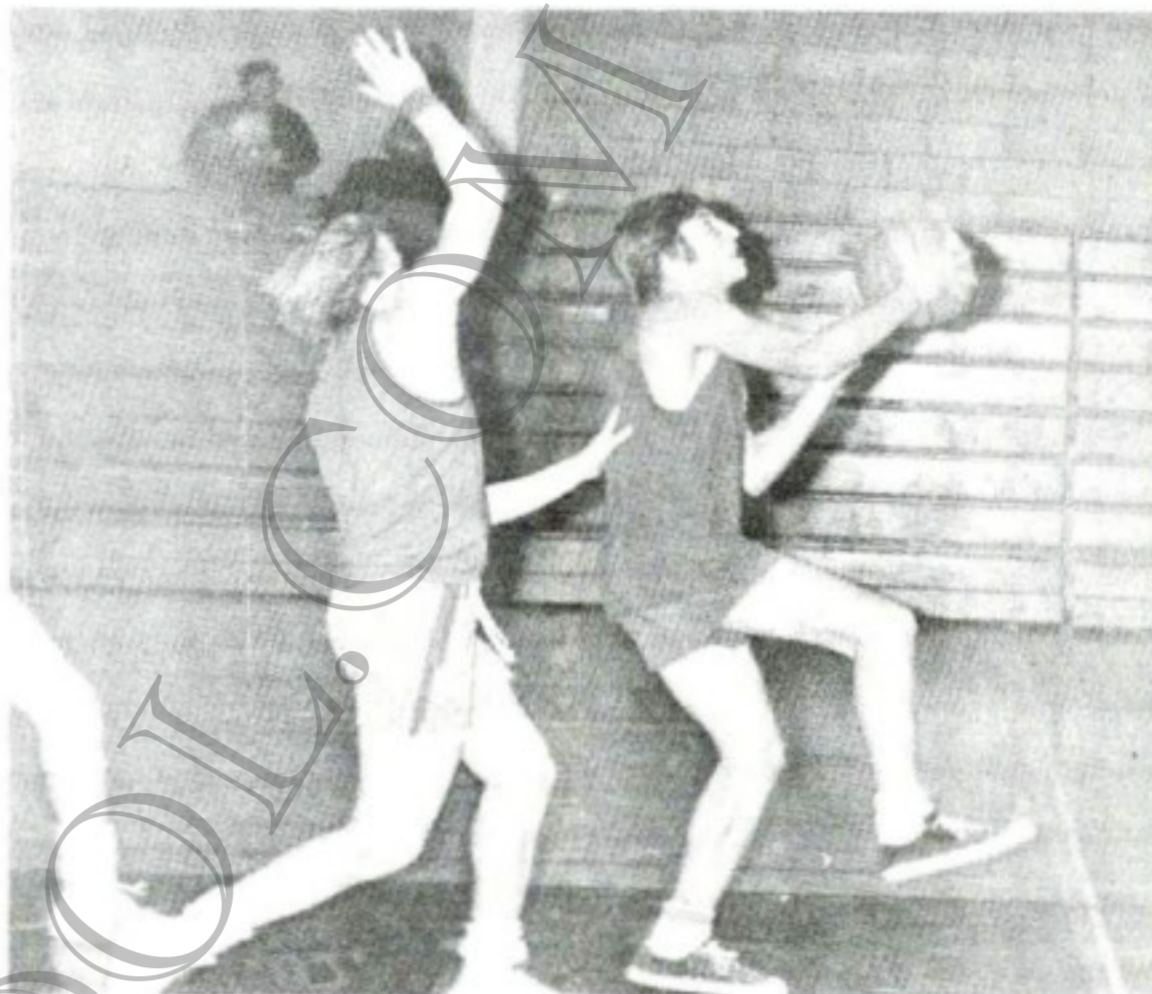
Conrad gymnasts will face only four opponents this year as opposed to eight last year. No teams from Pennsylvania are on this year's schedule, and so the gymnasts will face Mt. Pleasant and Brandywine twice in order to fill out the season. Concord dropped the sport this season.

Coach Donald Kasner admitted that the team will miss last year's "all around man" Chris Amalfitano but expects returning lettermen Ray Subach and Clifford Clark to take up the slack. Mr. Kasner also feels standout juniors David Hall and Randy Baycot will contribute to the team's success.

"We are a little short on personnel this year," Coach Kasner stated, "but I expect some fine individual performances."

About league play Mr. Kasner said, "There is no conference for gymnastics because Mt. Pleasant, Brandywine, and Conrad are the only schools from Delaware that have gymnastic teams."

Coach Kasner hopes to recruit more sophomores to help build next year's team.



Senior Skip Billips, starting forward, lays up a shot in St. Elizabeth scrimmage. Skip was letterman last year.

games this year as opposed to 18 last year. This change in policy results in the "Christmas Tournament" to be played at St. Marks next Friday and Saturday.

The first day of the tournament

consists of two games, Conrad vs. St. Marks and McKean vs. Dickinson. On the second day the winners play winners and losers play losers. These games are completely apart from the regular conference record.

Redskins tie for No. 1 slot, narrowly miss tourney berth

The football team finished in a tie for the Blue Hen Conference Flight A title and narrowly missed a state tournament berth.

The Redskins finished 6-1-1 in conference play, losing their last game to the Dickinson Rams 21-12 November 18.

The loss put an end to Conrad's undefeated record, sending Dickinson to the second annual state tournament as Flight A representative.

The Redskins were led by all-conference seniors Don Meyer, Mark Comegys, Butch Sowden, Tony

Glenn, and Ron Janusz. Sowden, who led the team in scoring with 56 points this season, accompanied Glenn to the All-State first-string team. Comegys made second team All-State.

Conrad averaged 19.6 points a game, scoring 157 points overall, and held their foes to 11 points a game, yielding 88 points overall.

Following Sowden in scoring was Meyer with 44 points and Comegys with 36.

Comegys, besides completing over 60 per cent of his passes, threw a total of ten touchdown passes.

Girls' basketball team optimistic about '73

"I believe the team should have a successful season," stated Mr. Charles McVaugh, this year's girls' basketball coach. "With a state tournament this year the level of competition should be sharp and exciting."

Returning this year with varsity experience are Carol Haigh, Linda Hughes, Lori Smith, and Juli Grandell.

Sophomores on the team are Alice Schalles, Donna Bianchino, Gina Sinovich, Shirley Barry, Chris Episcopo, Sarah Culver, Kathy Jones,

and Carol Hoffman. Margaret Schaal, Juli Grandell, Dawn Reno, Debbie McKeever, Elsie Papilli, Lori Smith, and Mary Girouard represent the juniors. The rest of the team is rounded out with the following seniors: Anita Roberts, Carol Haigh, Linda Hughes, Vicki Langrell, and Marcia Tjaden.

Last year's record was 9-3.

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Winter Track Schedule 1972-73

Dec. 22	McKean	Home	3:30
Jan. 6	Sallies	Home	12:00
9 or 10	Delcastle	Home	3:30
13	West Chester		10:00 a.m.
16, 17, 19	Phila. Track Classic	Phila.	5:00 p.m.
20	St. Mark's	Home	12:00
25	University of Delaware	U. of D.	7:00 p.m.
27	Bishop Egan	Home	12:00
31	McKean	McKean	3:30
Feb. 3	Conrad Relays	Home	12:00
9	Blue Hen Meet	Widener Col. (P.M.C.)	7:00 p.m.
14	St. Mark's	Home	3:30
17	Wm. Penn Relays	Wm. Penn	12:00
22	State Meet	U. of D.	7:00 p.m.
March 2	Frostbite Meet	Tower Hill	3:00 p.m.

Runners open season against McKean today

Conrad's winter trackmen face their first opponent, Mc Kean, in a home opener today at 3:30 p.m. The team has plans for a busy season this year with more than 15 meets scheduled and several pending. "It's hard to say what the team will be like because we don't know what the other teams have," stated Coach Paul Eyanson. "All teams lose guys and have to train new ones. We should be one of the five or six better teams." Coach Eyanson commented that the relay teams, distance runners,

pole vaulters, and shot putters are fairly strong. The sprinters raise a big question, and the high jump is a weak event with possibilities. Distance runners are expected to be especially strong this season, following a conference cross-country championship. Senior members of this group are Dave Bair, Francis Hubbs, Preston Jennings, Gary Mears, George Murphy, Rick Sanders, and Dan Talmo. Junior members are John Marquett, Barry McDaniels, Steve Sagan, and Rick Shaw.

Stoneberger, Moore capture top honors

(Continued from Page 1) Kauffman. John Kross, Kathy Kwiatkowski, Barbara Lantis, Ed LaRock, Larry Laws, James Maney, Barbara Marcinsyn, Debragh McCollum, Kathleen McElrone, Elizabeth McGonigal, Edward McGonigle, Michael Minsker, Adele Mirto, John Monaghan, Diana Myers, Karen O'Donnell, Sharon Paola, Debra Pisano, William Prestowitz, Deborah Quinn, Patricia Rash. Anita Roberts, David Robinson, Donna Roosa, Roger Sachse, Cynthia Scheibe, Kimberlee Smith, Susan Smithy, Patricia Snyder, Paul Socorso, Cathy Strawbridge, Richard Strazzella, Stephen Teuchert, Joanne Thorn, Susan Wade, Margaret Wallace, Samuel Whitaker, Lavash Wing, Karen Wrightson, Jan Zarebicki. Juniors Mende Abele, Bethann Acton, Barbara Becker, Susan Berry, Patricia Borowski, Katherine Broujos, James Brown, Joyce Collison, Nancy Cooper, Sandra Dominick, Gary Erne, Karen Faux, Lu Ann Firth, Jacqueline Fry, Danny Furness, Julie Grandell, William Greegs, Norman Grier, Frank Grier, George Grissom, Melanie Gullett. Heather Haden, John Hadfield, Chris Haislett, Wayne Hanna, Robert Hartnett, Thomas Hensley, Lesley Hindsley, Gail Hosan, James Humphrey, Jane Johnston, Barry

Kelly, Cynthia Kohler, Christine Lamborn, Louise Liddicoat, Gregory McCabe, Deborah McKeever, Sheila McKinney, Donna Mezzatesta, William Michaels, James Olivere, Norman Overby. Antoinette Palermo, Thomas Parker, Joette Pilli, Loraine Smith, Jeff Socorso, Marsha Stabnau, Kathleen Stanek, James Stewart, Connie Thorp, Ratha Tucker, Karen Ventura, Rita Renai, Dawn Reno, Stephanie Russell, Jean Sacquette, Kenneth Wilson. Rounding out the list are sophomores Gary Baker, Barbara Beckley, Dawn Bestpitch, Rosemary Callahan, Joseph Ciarlo, Susan Clark, Stephen Clark, David Culley, Sarah Culver, Debra Eisenhower, Joseph Farey, John Filipkowski, Mary Fitzsimmons, Catherine Fontana, Janet Francisco, Barbara Geist, Linda Gennusa, John Gian-

Trainyard more than hazard; lifeline for area industries

By Don Gibson
The Elsmere B & O trainyard. That dirt-laden, sooty eyesore full of noisy, smoke-belching trains. That obnoxious cause for being late to school or work in the morning. That legally insurmountable obstruction on the short-cut home. That despicable reason for losing sleep at night. That ever-present threat of accidents at railroad crossings. Sound familiar? The two and one-half miles of railroad tracks and sidings stretching between Du Pont and Centerville Roads is, however, a little more than that.



A B&O train, source of many frustrations for Conradians, gets ready to pull out of the Elsmere yard. Photo by Don Gibson.

First, the yard itself provides a steady income for some one hundred people. Secondly, nearly 4,000 jobs at the Boxwood Road General Motors plant depend on the trainyard. GM could not afford to produce automobiles without the economy of shipping parts and material by rail. In fact, of the 14 "crews" (one crew consists of one engineer and three brakemen, with one crew per train) employed in the yard, 10 are constantly handling GM-destined trains. Furthermore, Du Pont industries rely heavily on shipments of chemicals received in the Elsmere yard. Huber's and Del Campo's bakeries similarly rely on the yard for shipments of flour. The paper on which the *Morning News and Evening Journal* is printed goes through the

yard, as also do shipments of lumber, bricks, chemicals, and foodstuffs for smaller local firms. While the Elsmere trainyard renders such valuable services, it is perpetually on the receiving end of undue criticism. The popular belief that freight trains deliberately stop on railroad crossings to impede traffic is false. When the yard is notified of the approach of a train longer than the yard's span between Du Pont and Centerville Roads, it notifies the Elsmere Police 5 to 10 minutes in advance to be ready to handle traffic problems. The train is given priority upon arrival and handled (involving switching tracks and classifying cargo) as rapidly as possible. Parents' complaints of the danger to their children presented by the train yard is also unjustified. It is illegal for anyone not authorized by the yardmaster to be in or near the trainyard, as clearly explained on broadsides posted all along the tracks. Should a child playing in the trainyard unlawfully be involved in a train accident, the yard assumes no responsibility. As Baltimore and Ohio Railroad clerk Mr. Lou Trincia said, "The kid is completely at fault. As soon as he sets foot on railroad property, he is trespassing."

Mr. J. C. Tidikis. The consequences are horrible to think about. Although few complaints of noise, soot, and smoke ever reach the trainyard, they are still valid. But again the laws of economics must be held in mind. If a more efficient, cleaner, quieter locomotive could be produced economically, it would be. But until it is, members of the community will have to tolerate present conditions. Railroad men have to answer to another less justifiable problem: vandalism. Locally, vandals' work has cost the railroad thousands of dollars; national estimates run into the millions. Supplementing B & O private policing efforts, Elsmere police frequent the trainyard and neighboring roads to stop offenders. Wire grating has been installed over most cabooses' windows, as, according to Mr. Tidikis, "Not a train goes between Baltimore and Philadelphia without being stoned at least once on the way." Mentally-sick vandals bent on destruction do not stop at throwing rocks at trains. Sticks and stones have been wedged into switches, logs piled on the tracks, B-B's and .22's fired at trains, and call boxes burned. As a result of such inane actions, railroad personnel have all too frequently sustained injury, been hospitalized, or permanently blinded.

The laws to keep the yard off-limits are written only to protect the citizen, however impractical they may appear. This applies particularly to young people short-cutting across the trainyard on their way to or from school. "I've seen boys — I've seen girls — crawl under trains that were about to move . . ." said yardman

According to State Senator Anthony J. Cicione, an overpass crossing the Elsmere yard linking Du Pont Road with Elsmere is in the making. While construction may not begin until 1974, the bridge is already being considered a boon to pedestrians' safety.

Band plays at A. I. Institute, spreads Christmas cheer

Spreading Christmas spirit seems to have been the band's main objective these past few weeks. Selected band members and baton twirlers entertained at the A. I. duPont Institute with Christmas medleys and popular Walt Disney tunes December 10. By being the only band entertaining there for 12 years, Conrad band members consider their annual performance a Christmas tradition. Dr. J. Robert King will rehearse the concert band the fourth week in January in preparation for the New Castle County Band Festival. The annual festival will be at Christiana High School March 31. The band, which has received a number-one rating for ten years, will compete with other high schools by playing

music of a grade-five level, which is the next-to-the-hardest type. Mr. David Casto feels that the band can get a number-one rating this year if it is willing to devote more time to rehearsals and individual practice. The band dinner, February 15, will be for all band members and their relatives and friends. Following the dinner, movies of band camp and parades will be shown in the auditorium and awards will be presented to all junior and senior members of the band and twirling corps.

Hockey draws many competitors

The big word in intramurals is hockey, according to physical education teacher Arthur Craig. The intramural floor hockey program has drawn enough boys to form 24 teams. With so many teams, the games may have to be elimination matches. "It's tough trying to schedule that many teams," Mr. Craig added. At press time the games were just beginning, and so no results could be included here. Following Christmas vacation, the basketball and volleyball season will begin. The intramural program is open to any boy.

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Mrs. Marie Allen looks on as seniors Patty Remedio and Sandy Frankle try their hands at finger painting. This along with working with clay, bubbles, crayons and glue were some of the activities featured during the assembly December 5 in the cafeteria annex for World of Children and Working with Children classes.

Miss Mary Ann Finch, head of extension at the University of Delaware sponsored the brief program. The assembly was not only to show ways to entertain children but also ways to bring out their creativity and imagination. Photo by Don Gibson.

Santa Claus, DECA to perform in Conrad district schools

'Tis the season to be jolly, and the Conrad Chapter of DECA, with the cooperation of the choir, is exhibiting its Christmas spirit by sponsoring Santa's trip to Wilmington today. Mr. Claus will be performing with DECA and choir members at Richardson Park, Richey, and Conrad Schools.

Today also marks the last day to purchase a jacket from DECA. These jackets, which were chosen on the basis of popularity are a DECA marketing project, and, according to Mr. George Froelich, faculty adviser, the students themselves carried out all the steps of

marketing them. "We hope to sell over 100 jackets," he commented.

When the excitement of the coming holiday wears off, and the new semester begins, the 34 members of DECA will move into Phase II of the program. They, along with any other interested Conradians will each choose class instruction from the following areas: advertisements, display, marketing research, sales, and job interviews.

Then in March Conrad DECA members will compete with those from schools all over Delaware for trophies in these same categories.

These winners will go on to participate in the National Leadership Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in May.

A professional chapter meeting in the form of a luncheon December 8 at Howard Johnson's Restaurant featured a stewardess from Capital Airlines. The stewardess discussed her career and its importance with the 63 students who attended.

Other activities for DECA members included a bowling tournament with the McKean chapter December 15 and a tour of the Franklin Institute December 13.

Glenn Bleakney elected president

Ski Club plans winter trips

Glenn Bleakney is the newly elected president of the Conrad Ski Club. Other officers are Jerry Forlano, vice president; and Chris Baker, treasurer.

The Ski Club, under the supervision of Mr. Ned Landis, Mr. Charles Miller, and Mrs. Marie Stranahan, is planning five trips this season, each to a different one of Pennsylvania's leading resorts.

This year's planned trips are January 6, Big Boulder; January 20, Doe Mountain; February 5, Roundtop; February 24, Elk Mountain; and March 11, Jack Frost.

All ski trips are dependent upon the weather according to Glenn Bleakney, and all dates are therefore tentative. If the snow comes early, the trips will start early; if it comes late, the trips will start late.

Glenn also added that this year there will be more emphasis on skiing as an actual sport. For instance, starting either the third or fourth trip, a competition will be held. The competition will be in three divisions: beginner, intermediate, and advanced.

It is not certain whether prizes will be awarded, but the slalom

runs will be the main competition. Skiers will be graded on style in these runs.

"Slalom runs are timed races," commented Glenn, "where you have to make fast turns and keep up a decent speed."

"You ski between two sets of poles," he added. "If you miss a set of poles, you're disqualified. The person who makes it in the shortest time, without missing a set of poles, wins."

Skiers will have to pay for bus fare, equipment rental, and tow tickets. However, those having their own skis should exclude the rental fee. The average price for each trip, including rental, is about \$15 to \$20. Further price information is posted on the bulletin board in Room 129.

The students will have a bus ride to the resorts ranging from one and a half to four hours; Doe Mountain is the nearest and Elk Mountain, in Scranton, Pennsylvania, is the farthest away.

News in brief

New contract raises dispute

A new conflict came up last month between teachers and the Conrad Area School Board. Although round-the-clock negotiations produced a new contract and thereby ended the two-day strike in October, that agreement is now being questioned.

Teachers had understood that contract provisions dealing with salaries and fringe benefits applied only to the rest of this year. According to Mr. Leon Lilly, spokesman for the Conrad Area Federation of Teachers, negotiations were then to be reopened to determine pay rates and benefits for the 73-74 school year.

District Superintendent Leon B. Elder, however, states that this agreement depended upon whether or not the district received any new revenue. Such revenue could come about through a property reassessment or successful referendum.

At press time both sides described the situation as a "stalemate."

CONRADIANS DEBUT ON TV

Conrad became the fifth Delaware school to participate in the "Good Morning" series sponsored by Rollins Cable Vision, December 8.

Seniors Frances Stoneberger and Don Gibson served as moderators during the 15-minute Channel 5 program. Two students interviewed on the air were junior Sue Barczewski and senior Mark "Mario" Lenza.

Frances's coverage of present and upcoming news items included commentaries on the new social workers, the anticipated arrival of the "vocational" trailers, the contract disagreement between teachers and the board, and a

comprehensive listing of forthcoming Student Council activities.

Don's wrap-up of the fall sports scene included an interview with Mark who, as a basketball letterman, provided insight into the expectations of the 72-73 basketball team.

The closing minutes of the show were spent on an interview between Franny and Sue, student director of the fall play, "Pure as the Driven Snow."

RAH-RAHS TO HAVE DANCE

A dance concert featuring Colour will be sponsored by the varsity cheerleaders January 6. Proceeds will contribute to buying jackets for the squad. Chances have also been sold on a free pass to all home basketball games and wrestling matches.

The JV squad has completed making new uniforms for the busy months ahead. They earned the money themselves through money-making projects.

The 1972-73 basketball and wrestling seasons will soon be in full swing and will keep the girls busy — sometimes four nights a week.

Bake sales are among many activities planned for the future.

ROBINSON LEADS AMIGOS

Dave Robinson was elected president of the Spanish Club November 29. Other officers of the club include Karen Durham, vice-president; Carol Hughes, treasurer; and Kathy Hawes, secretary. Mrs. Jacqueline Rofel, Spanish teacher, sponsors the club.

A Christmas party, organized by the club, was held on Wednesday. The party consisted of refreshments and the breaking of a pinata.

ECOLOGISTS AWAIT SPRING

The Ecology Club has decided to go into winter hibernation until the last of March when it will renew activities.

Knowing that all area activities come to a virtual standstill in the winter and hoping that the spring season itself will turn all young minds to ecology, the members will wait before continuing with such plans as the Banning Park nature walk for elementary children.

Since club sponsor, Mr. Edward Malin, begins his personal ecology campaign in the last of the school year, the members felt that this would be the opportune time to organize their membership drive.

SENIOR PRIVILEGE DROPPED

The senior privilege of signing into school late had to be discontinued last month because of abuse and lack of responsibility.

Principal Earl Smith expressed regret in closing down the system but felt that too many students were coming to school before their regular sign-in time and simply wandering the halls.

Important notices handed out in homerooms were also not being received. In one instance, less than one fourth of the students singing in late bothered to pick up report cards within two weeks after they were issued to the rest of the enrollment.

DON GREEVER HEADS JCL

Don Greever is the newly-elected president of the Conrad Junior Classical League. Other officers are Tracy Short, vice president; Marsha Stabnau, secretary; and Linda Wilson, treasurer. All the new officers are juniors and were elected December 1.

Tracy Short and Linda Wilson attended a state JCL delegates' meeting at John Dickinson High School December 3. The purpose of this meeting was to revise the out-dated constitution of the Delaware JCL.

The next state JCL meeting will be February 4 at Caesar Rodney High School in Dover.



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Electric shop projects light up future Edisons

Do transistors turn you on? Would you like to light up your own radio tubes? All can be made possible in Room 107 where Mr. James Hubbard trains future Edisons.

Mr. Hubbard now teaches three levels of electric shop. In first-year electric shop, the students follow a regular class plan. In this class the boys learn many useful things such as how to wire a house.

The second- and third-year students meet in the same class period because there are only two students in each class. The students in this class do not follow a regular class plan. All work is on a strictly individual basis.

Senior Gene Crew and junior Jeff Bird are the second-year students. Their work consists of wiring circuit boards, using oscilloscopes to plot the waves of electric current, doing experiments such as measuring voltage, and learning about transistors.

Third-year students Bob Rozenko and Don Robertson are now constructing radios which they hope will eventually work.

Mr. Hubbard doesn't give tests. He grades the boys on how hard they work, their class participation plus the amount of notes that they take from their textbook.

Christmas singers present 'An Evening of Music'

"An Evening of Music" was presented by the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Ellen Collins, at the Christ United Methodist Church, December 10.

The evening had a mixture of popular, early American, and of course, Christmas songs.

"Hosanna" and "Everything's All Right" from the rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" were just a few of the songs that highlighted the evening.

All eyes were on Beth Holliday and Karen Hedrick as they sang their duet of "Quiet Christmas."

The girls' chorus, accompanied by flutist Kathleen Alexander, sang "O Little One Sweet."

Other accompanists were Ronald Dorsey and Connie Moore.

"The Shepherd's Chorus" from "Amahl and the Night Visitors", "And the Glory of the Lord" from "The Messiah" were also presented.

Two other performances, featuring Christmas carols, were given December 17 at the Calvary United Presbyterian and Richardson Park Methodist churches.

The choir will go caroling around the school today, instilling the Christmas cheer in everyone.