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Seniors cite rules, smoking as major concerns at Conrad

Freer discipline, a broader curriculum, and the need for a smoking lounge are foremost in the minds of Conrad seniors according to a Smoke Signal survey conducted last month.

Although only 30 per cent expressed dissatisfaction with the traditional classroom system in operation at Conrad, over half of the students favored increased experimentation with open classrooms and independent study systems.

Looking back, 90 per cent of the seniors evaluated their years at Conrad as rewarding. Only 83 per cent, however, found them interesting, all, or at least some, of the time.

Over one-fourth of the seniors found the Conrad curriculum lacking in essential courses. Among those suggested to fill this gap in the school system were advanced sciences, auto mechanics, key punch operating, data processing, and other job training courses.

Of the 225 seniors with definite post-graduation plans, only 146 acknowledged their high school years as an important aid in formulating those plans. The majority of those students listed specific job training, exposure to different areas of knowledge and interest, and general educational background as the biggest help.

Asked if they would remain at Conrad rather than attend any other public high school if possible, 65 per cent of the seniors said they would stay. Only 79 students answered negatively — the most common reasons being disagreement with certain school policies, especially discipline, and specific courses offered at other schools.

The reasons offered most often for remaining at Conrad were friends, faith in the quality of education here, and a general liking for the school.

Of the 156 seniors who have observed the operation of another high school, 95 recalled specific programs and procedures they would like to see instituted here. Among the examples given were smoking lounges, the mod system, open classrooms, and an open campus.

Asked to identify which aspect of student life has been most beneficial to them during their high school years, over half of the students surveyed cited personal experiences with students and teachers. About 30 per cent each listed sports activities and regular classes.

Over one-third of the students identified extra-curricular activities as least beneficial to them, with 30 per cent again listing sports.

Conrad teachers scored high in the survey in the areas of presenting information and taking an interest in students and school activities. Students were slightly more critical, however, with regards to fair grading practices.

Seniors were evenly divided over whether or not the administration has been sufficiently responsive to the students and faculty, but few examples were offered by the 50 per cent who answered negatively.

The acquisition of information and skills was listed most often as the most important product of three years of high school. Thirty-eight per cent of the seniors cited help in planning for the future as most important and 35 per cent responded

with valuable personal experiences.

Given the opportunity to comment on any aspect of the Conrad school system, most of the students who responded objected to strict disciplinary practices. Many pointed out the possibility of smoking lounges as a solution to current abuses of the lavatories.

Other topics mentioned were the unfairness of the new cumulative grading system and being able to leave the building during study halls.

This survey was conducted at the request of Principal Earl J. Smith to aid in evaluating the current school system and in planning future programs. Juniors and sophomores will also have the opportunity to speak out about the school before the end of the year.

Sports, art for 16 to 70

Area adults fill night classes

Adult night classes are being held at Conrad this year for the first time. Coordinator Mr. Duane Morningred believes the classes are successful "both in terms of enrollment and of fulfillment of our philosophy in establishing the program."

Mr. Morningred credits Krebs Elementary School with the idea of adult classes. "Since they were financially limited, we expanded to include the entire district with the help of the New Castle County Recreation Department."

The program began in September with the distribution of newsletters throughout the community. Courses were then chosen from suggestions submitted by residents.

DECA begins Phase II as state contest nears

Although the new semester finds many students in a post-holiday slump, DECA members have shifted into high gear to prepare for the State Conference March 25-26. A least 20 members will be competing against those from other Delaware high schools in the two-day conference at the Hotel DuPont. Outstanding students will receive awards in the various areas of marketing.

In preparation DECA has moved on to Phase II of this year's program. Students have chosen one or more of the following topics for class instruction two days a week: advertisements, display, marketing, research, sales, and job interviews.

They are also involved in individual activities which, according to Mr. George Froelich, faculty adviser, are designed to help the students get jobs.

Susan Wade, with the cooperation of Gino's, is trying to determine whether giving away free hamburgers is a successful promotional gimmick. Elsie Papili is doing research in suggestive selling, and another DECA member is comparing the effectiveness of various sales personnel.

"When you think of research, you think of science and experiments. Many people don't realize that research plays a big part in marketing," Mr. Froelich commented.

DECA is involved in a sort of community awareness project. Ellen Chappell, Debbie Barbour, Charlotte Mitchell, Dawn Crumley, and Debbie Trala taped one minute spot announcements at WILM radio station. These announcements, aimed at high school students and employers, explain some of the opportunities made available through DECA for both. They are being aired on WILM for about six weeks.

Rollins, Inc. has donated the use of three billboards to the local DECA chapters in an attempt to help make the community aware of DECA. "We get lots of cooperation from businessmen," Mr. Froelich remarked.

DECA has sold 60 Conrad jackets, this year's marketing project. This sale, unlike those of most other organizations, was designed to familiarize members with the various marketing skills, rather than to raise money. "Unfortunately the jackets didn't come in as fast as they were supposed to," Mr. Froelich commented. "This will probably cut down future sales," he added.

Student Council evaluates grading system change

The new grading system spurred a flood of complaints at the Student Council meeting January 31 in the cafeteria annex. President Jesse Jones led the meeting of 14 representatives present to solve the problems of 1430 students.

A heated discussion of the revised system aroused comments, ideas, suggestions, and complaints in an attempt to better the new grading method.

Senior Felicia Ciuffetelli stated, "Every teacher has his own grading system or his own interpretation of it!" According to Felicia, a few teachers grade according to rules, others do not for lack of understanding of the rules, and still others just prefer to utilize their own grading method. The disturbed members, after much rebuttal, concluded that the system had not been successful and agreed that a cumulative grade and a marking period grade would prove less controversial and more efficient.

Regarding a smoking lounge, the majority at the meeting opposed smoking in school, but would agree to a lounge for the sole purpose of reducing present lavatory abuse.

Student exchanges are still running full blast. An exchange with Christiana took place on February 15 and 16, and visits with St. Mark's and Salesianum are scheduled for March 29 and 30, and April 12 and 13 respectively. Any interested student may participate in the school exchanges.

A bike rack was also discussed at the meeting. Jesse reported that the rack is being made by the metal shop and, if all goes well, should be completed by or during April.

Student Council is planning a dance March 10. Although fairly definite, the dance is still being planned.

Commenting on the decline in membership of Student Council president Jesse Jones sighed, "Due to lack of people and interest, Student Council is limited in what it can accomplish."

Language, sociology classes to be added next year

Four new courses in the language, social studies, and English departments, will round out the Conrad curriculum next year.

Spanish and Spanish American Culture will be offered as an elective in place of the second or third year of that language. The course will deal with conversational Spanish, Spanish history and culture, and life in Spanish American communities in the United States.

Fantasy and science fiction fans will have the opportunity to study their favorite authors from Plato and Homer to Arthur C. Clarke in A Survey Course in Fantasy and Science Fiction. This course will discuss the difference between the two forms of literature and examine

Senior named Merit finalist

Senior Frances Stoneberger won finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship Competition earlier this month. She, along with 14,500 other student finalists nationwide, is now in the running for one of 3,000 available scholarships.

Frances was Conrad's only student named to the semifinal competition last fall.

some of the problems encountered by writers in each field.

Two half-semester courses will also be available next year in oceanography and conservation.

Oceanography will emphasize the role of the oceans in world history, man's need to know more about the marine environment, and the importance of the wise use of ocean resources. Man's effect on the oceans and political and legal problems concerning the oceans will also be discussed.

Conservation — Today, Tomorrow and Future will outline the importance of protecting the environment with emphasis on practical applications in the community. Field trips may be scheduled.



Steady as she goes

Carol Cote, president of Bulico Company, exhibits her skill on the power saw to family and friends at the Junior Achievement open house January 30.

PENSKO and Con-Craft companies held open house February 1. Guests were able to watch as JA members demonstrated the various steps in making their products. Photo by Frances Stoneberger.

Intramurals are fun for all

Conrad's intramural program is one of the most important activities now operating within the school. It provides a broad range of athletic activity for hundreds of students each year.

The program ranges from such individualized sports as archery, wrestling, and handball to sports involving teamwork such as basketball, football, and floor hockey.

Unlike varsity sports, which cater only to the best, intramurals appeal to all students. With so many to choose from there is virtually a sport for everyone.

Also, the intramural program serves mainly for recreation and the enjoyment of those involved. Although some of the team sports may become highly competitive, there are none of the intense pressures that accompany interscholastic competition.

Physical education teachers Mr. Arthur Craig, Mr. Paul Eyanson, Mrs. Marie Stranahan, and Mrs. Mary Jane Weldin have made this year's intramural program one of the best around.

Girls' intramurals, although so far not as full as the boys', have been picking up rapidly. Hopefully before the end of the year many more Conradians will benefit from this active and exhilarating program.

Can PTA be saved?

The PTA was dissolved last year due to lack of parental participation. Sadly, no substitute was established for concerned parents, who must now make special arrangements to confer with teachers.

It is indeed unfortunate that an organization as vital as the PTA should be so completely scrapped. After all, school and school work take up the largest part of a student's time for twelve years. Not only is the PTA important in giving parents essential insights into this aspect of their son's or daughter's life, but it gives teachers a similar understanding of a student's home life, thereby enabling them to work more effectively.

The main fault with the old PTA system was that for many teachers it was a waste of time—sitting in their classrooms waiting for parents who never came. This situation could be easily remedied, however, by announcing PTA meetings well in advance and requiring parents to call in and report which teachers they would like to confer with.

In this way teachers who had no parents coming in would not waste time by attending the meeting, and the PTA concept could perhaps be saved.

Should band get priority?

If band at Conrad is just another subject—credited and with a regularly scheduled class period, why then does it so often take priority over other courses?

With the many recent activities of the band some teachers have been asking this question. Many feel that band monopolizes so much of a student's time that more important subjects are slighted. Some are upset when band members are excused from work required for the rest of the students.

These are certainly valid objections. Band members are entitled to no special privileges over other students. However, teachers should consider one important fact before they are quick to criticize the band on these points.

Many teachers will remember when clubs and organizations were an integral part of Conrad, and most, hopefully, have been appalled at the sharp decline in such activities in recent years. It almost seems that any organization demanding an extra expenditure of time or effort on the part of the students is doomed. In light of this trend the continuing success of the band in developing student interest is remarkable.

The Conrad band is one activity that continues to command dedication from its members. Certainly the school would lose a great deal if anything were to dampen that spirit.

Congratulations, teams

With characteristic Redskin spirit, boys' and girls' basketball and boys' wrestling teams have once again secured high conference berths. Congratulations to those concerned and good luck especially to the girls' basketball team in finishing out an undefeated season.

School-time fun and games banish classroom blahs

By Don Gibson

When I walked into Mrs. Andrea Cassel's seventh period social problems class, I never expected the chaotic storm that struck me.

In one corner of the room, senior Jim Greenwell, shouting over the din and waving an accusing finger, stormed back and forth in front of a few disinterested classmates.

Seniors George Murphy and Preston Jennings, sitting at the receiving end of Jim's enraged speech, began singing their wordless national anthem to the tune of "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Behind a tight knot of murmuring students across the room, senior Scott DeBoda sat as lonely and forlorn as Little Bo Peep. "Hey, Scott. What are you doing?" I asked. "Shhhh!" he hissed back. "I'm a spy."

A few words with Mrs. Cassel, however, soon convinced me I wasn't really visiting Farnhurst, but witnessing a typical round of "Dangerous Parallel," one of the many educational games being instituted at Conrad.

Educational games, or edutainment as it has been informally dubbed, are particularly popular with the social studies department, especially social problems courses.

"Gaming and simulations are the latest techniques in education," explained American history teacher, Mr. Hilton Cohen. Many of the games deal with drugs, crime, racial conflicts, and other current problems of modern society.



Hearts, flowers, and capers have all been frozen in a state of hibernation this month. So graciously, the Conrad cupid is publishing all Redskin antics...

Tenseness so thick it could be cut filled the air as the band moved into the flow of the inaugural parade route. Band members were acutely aware of the importance of a good performance before the Chief. Then, as the first strains of Cherokee were sounded, junior Denise Stumpf tripped over a street fixture.

As the parade proceeded, she also found the "no hands on hat" rule to be quite a handicap. To her horror, the cold, swift Washington wind swept the red hat from her head, only to land in the arms of a clarinetist behind her. It was quickly returned, and the parade proceeded.

"Hurtlin' Bob Hutnyan" was performing at his acrobatic best on the slopes of Roundtop February 5, much to the dismay of the ski instructors. After an astounding slide-roll down the snow into one woman instructor, he re-aimed and headed towards another, but she quickly side-stepped the tumbling junior. Bob was then warned that if he didn't restrict his performance to a gym floor, he would be asked to vacate the ski resort permanently. Bob merely got up, regained his composure, and climbed-slipped back up the hill again.



Mrs. Andrea Cassel (standing), social problems teacher, debriefs students at conclusion of game of Dangerous Parallel. Left to right: seniors Rose Saienni, Betsy McGonigal, and Elaine Drozdowski. Photo by Don Gibson.

While, in Mr. Cohen's words, "a good change of pace" is one of the justifying virtues of edutainment, other instructors attach more weight onto educational games as a better way of teaching.

Mrs. Cassel maintains that students take the games more seriously than they would classwork.

"It may take longer," she said, "but the students get a better grasp of the information. It's worth the time."

A new problem facing edutainment is the repetition of games. While most of the simulations are geared for high school seniors, some

sophomores and juniors, and even ninth-graders in junior high schools, have been exposed to the same games.

Another drawback is their limited application. "Certain skills just can't be taught through games," Mr. Bonasso pointed out, "like grammar . . . or pronunciation."

Also, the need for a post-game evaluation—a debriefing of sorts—is emphasized by Mrs. Cassel. "There is no realization of learning until after the game is done," she said.

And, as for the game itself, its worth is checked by both teacher and Assistant Principal Rolfe Wenner before it is purchased. First, the game must fit into the school's general and the course's specific curricula. Then the game's educational objective and its validity are carefully appraised using the two basic questions: one, does it teach? and two, does it entertain?

"If a teacher can instruct his students better by using a simulation," Mr. Wenner stated, "fine—I say let him go ahead and use it. But, if it is a game like "Ring Toss" or "The Bomb Goes Off," whose sole purpose is to entertain, we might as well just call that class "game time" instead of "social problems."

But, with all their drawbacks taken into consideration, educational games still have one great asset over most standard teaching methods—they're fun.

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Band plays at inauguration at request of new governor

On December 22, the day before school closed for Christmas vacation, Mr. David Casto received two early Christmas presents. His first was the annual gift from the band and twirling corps; his second, a phone call from the office of Governor Sherman Tribbitt asking the band to march in the President's Inaugural parade January 20.

From that moment on the band dropped all thoughts of concert band and began practicing for their biggest trek since last April when they performed in Walt Disney World.

Before earning the honor of marching in the parade, Mr. Casto had to send a list of credits and performances the band had to its name. Other Delaware high school bands trying for the honor included Dickinson and McKean.

Along with the trip came the privilege of being filmed by Newsweek for a television feature that was shown throughout the country. Several days after the telecast, senior

Felicia Ciuffetelli received a letter from a man in Michigan. He told her that his name was also Ciuffetelli and that he wrote to her to find out if he and Felicia are related. Another short film of the band was shown on Rollins Cablevision taped by the University of Delaware's Winterim program.

The day before leaving Conrad, the band was briefed on the rules and regulations of the parade. Of the rules only one seemed to bother them: the parade committee pointed out that 112 horses would be marching in front and that this could present a problem. The committee heavily stressed that there must be no side stepping.

When the band arrived in Washington they reported to the United States Air Force Base, where all of the parade outfits had to assemble. Because of security precautions, the color guard's rifles were looked over at the base to make sure none were real.

After an hour's wait the band moved to another part of Washing-

ton to line up for their march down Pennsylvania Avenue. A 45-minute delay and the 43-degree weather with wind gusts up to 30 miles per hour, made for a long, cold wait.

While marching the parade route, preceding the Delaware float, the band played three Indian numbers — "Cherokee," "Indian Reservation," and "Hail to the Redskins." As they passed the Presidential reviewing stand, the band played "Born Free." Each member had his own thoughts as he passed the President.

Most of the band, reminded by the "Hall of Presidents" in Disney World, agreed that Mr. Nixon looked like a wax figure standing in his enclosed, bullet-proof box.

Senior Marie Sadowski felt very privileged to have had an opportunity to see him in person and be a part of history. "It was hard to believe," she commented, "that I was looking at the man who guides our nation."

Twirler captain Mary Ryan thought it was the most exciting experience of her life. "I was really surprised when I first heard we were going to play in the parade," she said. "It was hard to believe we were actually there."

Some band members became emotional over the fact of seeing the president. Seniors Debbie Dorris, Mark Schoenberg, and Kris Fletcher are representative of this group. "It was really a strange feeling to see him in person," Kris said. "When I realized who I was looking at, I started to cry."

But perhaps junior Melanie Gullett's first impressions of the President best describes what any McGovern fan might think. Marching by him she thought to herself, "Gosh, he really does have big cheeks."

After the parade the band was rushed back on the buses and escorted out of the city. For their participation in the parade each member received an Inaugural medal.

Moore, Stoneberger top semester honor roll

Junior Connie Moore and senior Frances Stoneberger again took top honors for the semester honor roll with 4.6 averages. Sophomore Evelyn Crowl followed closely with a 4.5 average.

Sophomores topped the first honor roll by placing 18 students. Juniors ran second with 13, and seniors contributed 7.

The first honor roll includes seniors Dave Bair, Ralph Boerstler, Don Gibson, Sharon Paola, Bill Prestowitz, Frances Stoneberger, and Cindy Szwed.

First honor juniors are Betsy Bove, Priscilla Goldsmith, Kathy Hawes, Sharon Hitchens, Irene Janvier, Ellen Joseph, Gail McGinnes, Connie Moore, Pat Murphy, Jerry Rosen, Stephanie Russell, Lori Smith, and Marsha Stabnau.

Sophomores include Barbara Beckely, Rosemary Callahan, Evelyn Crowl, Sarah Culver, Karen Cunningham, John Filipkowski, Linda Gennusa, Mark Grimes, Bryan Irwin, Art Lindholm, Wayne Luoma, Diane Mery, Wendy Palmer, Hope Radick, Melissa Scites, Sheree Sculoff, Janet Trost, and Christ Yost.

Senior members of the second honor roll are Jane Best, Nancy Bowers, Margie Bradley, Susan Burns, Felicia Ciuffetelli, Daniel Diemedio, Debbie Doris, Ronald Dorsey, Anna Marie Finochi, Candy Frankel, Mary Garton, Chris Goldsmith, Kathy Graham, Carol Haigh.

Philip Henderson, Martha Heninger, Carole Hickman, Linda Hitchens, Jessie Jones, Jerry Justice, John Kross, Barbara Lantis, Ed LaRock, Larry Laws, James Maney, Barbara Marcinisyn, Ruth McCallister, Debbie McCollum, Kathy McElrone, Elizabeth McGonigal, Edward McGonigle.

Linda Micucio, John Monaghan, Julie Mullins, Diana Myers, Karen O'Donnell, Bill Pendleton, Debra Pisano, Hope Quigley, Deborah Quinn, Patricia Rash, Catherine Robbins, Anita Roberts, Robin Roberts, Roger Sachse, Andrea Sarnecky, David Sheehan, Kim Smith, Susan Smithey, Patricia Snyder, Butchy Sowden, Cathy Strawbridge.

Richard Strazzella, Stephen Teuchert, Joanne Thorn, Susan Wade, Peggy Wallace, Susan Wisniewski, Karen Wrightson, Anna Zabinko, and Jan Zarebicki.

Juniors include Bethann Acton, Sandy Aiello, Linda Atkinson, Jo-

anne Baffone, Chris Baker, Barbara Becker, Cheryl Bender, Susan Berry, Patricia Borowski, James Brown, Joyce Collison, Rosann Doleba, Sandra Dominick, Karen Faux, Lu Ann Firth, Jacqueline Fry.

Danny Furness, William Gillaspie, Mary Girourard, Stanley Gorak, Debra Graham, Juli Grandell, William Greegs, Don Greever, Frank Grier, George Grisson, Melanie Gullett, Heather Haden, John Hadfield, Wayne Hanna, Robert Hartnett, Thomas Hensley.

Lesley Hindsley, Gail Hosan, Carol Hughes, James Humphrey, Jane Johnston, Barry Kelly, Cynthia Kohler, Donna Kotowski, Christine Lamborn, Louise Liddicoat, Thomas Meade, Donna Mezzatesta, Deborah Niblett, Antoinette Palermo, Thomas Parker, Joette Pilli.

Anita Smith, Jeffrey Socorso, Kathleen Stanek, James Stewart, Kathleen Tompkins, Karen Ventura, Dawn Reno, Patricia Reynolds, Jean Sacquette, Kenneth Wilson, Donald Wood.

Sophomore members are Gary Baker, Caren Cebenka, Joseph Ciarlo, Felicia Cieniewicz, Stephen Clark, Curtis Clifton, David Culley, Jeannine Cummings, John Cummings, Debra Eisenhower, Joseph Fahey, Mary Fitzsimmons.

Catherine Fontana, Barbara Geist, John Giansanti, Kevin Giles, Diane Grabowski, Richard Brzybowski, Anthony Guida, Pamela Hanna, Brian Haynie, Carol Hoffman, Diane Hugg, Beverly Jones, Cheryl Kehr, Karen Kempski, Glenda Krone, Suzanne Lebert, Michael Linen, William Loveall.

Agnes Mahoney, Scott Martin, Joan McGonigal, James McGrory, William McLaughlin, Michael Nawrocki, Joyce Nichols, Karen Onley, Linda Petrucci, Diane Pitrizzi, Elaine Pivinski, Joan Powell, Robert Prettyman, Gary Prospero, Donna Rawley, Sue Reynolds.

Joan Rosser, Loretta Saienni, Susan Santillo, Alice Schalles, Robert Schmid, Gina Sinovich, Richard Stevens, Deborah Stradley, Sharon Swain, Rose Swiatek, Diana Thorp, Carol Trykowski, Connie Vitsouk, Bonnie Wade, Jane Zolad.



Pat Khamis, exchange student from Chile, helps junior Ellen Joseph with a Spanish assignment. Photo by Paul Socorso.

Pat Khamis of Chile enjoys U.S.A. vacation

By Ed LaRock

When you say "Que pasa?" to someone, you usually get an answer of "not much." However if you should say "Que pasa?" to Pat Khamis, you may get a fast answer from her in Spanish that you won't understand.

Pat is a visiting student from Santiago, Chile. She is here at Conrad as part of an "Open Door Student Exchange" between Latin America and the United States. Pat is spending 10 weeks of her summer vacation here while staying with junior Ellen Joseph's family.

Prior to coming to stay with Ellen January 8, Pat and other exchange students spent four days touring New York City and Washington, D. C. Pat's first impression was that the United States was "pretty."

Pat likes Conrad. She attends classes with Ellen and finds the students and teachers here very nice.

"Conrad is very different from my school in Chile," Pat says. "Here you have a choice in selecting your classes, and students attend different ones. In Chile I go to an all-girl school, where you have to

wear uniforms. Students stay in one room all day with the same group of girls, while the teachers change rooms as classes change."

Pat is most impressed with our modern way of life. She says that in Chile things are very expensive and there is little variety. Also, very few mothers work in Chile as in America.

Since Pat's native language is Spanish, one would expect that she would have a communication problem here. According to Pat, however, language has been no major problem. She can usually make out what people are saying.

Pat says that social activities are somewhat different here. In Chile a boy and girl seldom go on a date alone, but usually with a group of friends. Also, in Chile there is no legal drinking age, and Pat can't understand why students have to sneak around for liquor here.

Pat hasn't been here long enough to know what memory of Conrad she will take home with her March 17. However, many Conradians will remember the "funny little phrases and words" Pat has taught them in Spanish.

Teachers union reinstated

Vice Chancellor William Marvel of the State Court of Chancery ordered February 6 the Conrad School Board to reinstate the Conrad Area Federation of Teachers as "the exclusive negotiating representative for the teachers of the Conrad School District."

The Attorney General and the attorney representing the school board, disagreeing with the judge's decision, have requested a new hearing. The final outcome of the proceedings was not available at press time.

The School Board had voted to decertify CAFT December 18, relying on Attorney General Laird Stabler's opinion that any teachers' organization participating or having participated in a strike was to be defranchised.

CAFT responded two days later with the counter-claim that the School Board was in contempt of a court order. That order, which followed an out-of-court solution to the three-day strike October 16-18, waived any punitive actions from being taken by either side as result of the strike.

Chancellor Marvel, while ordering the School Board to annul its December 18 resolution, did not apply the sanctions (e.g. daily fines and a cessation of individual contract bargaining efforts) called for by CAFT.

According to Mr. Leon Lilly, president of CAFT, the underlying cause for this recent flare-up of controversies, as well as for the strike and court proceedings in October, is the need for a supplementary, "collective, district contract" outlining teachers' rights and privileges. Previously teachers were under individual contracts with the state alone.

As a result of the strike, a new "district contract" — first of its type ever to be initiated in the Con-

rad School District — has been completely negotiated except for one clause, that pertaining to salaries and fringe benefits. CAFT wants to negotiate teachers' salaries this year.

The School Board, faced with the problem of limited funds, feels it should postpone any bargaining until passage of a tax referendum or an increase in tax revenues.

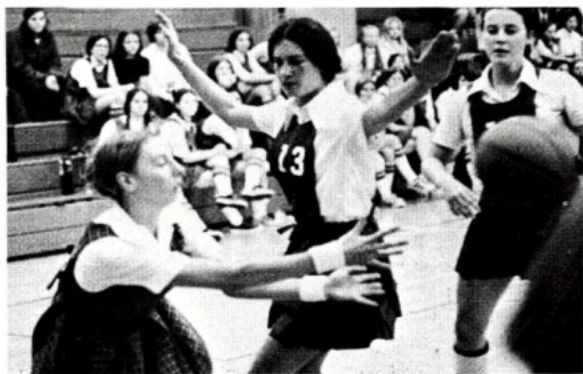
Mr. Lilly speculates the Board is apprehensive about holding any negotiating sessions, fearing another teachers' walk-out if adequate funds cannot be raised to finance salary hikes.

"I'd like to see a quick settlement," Mr. Lilly said, but reservedly admitted the negotiations could be slow.

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Senior Marcia Tjaden takes pass from teammate. Photo by Bob Dzielak.

Girls' basketball team to face Concord today

The girls' basketball team faces Concord this afternoon in the final game of the season. The team had a perfect record after defeating De La Warr last Friday. Results of Tuesday's game with Claymont were unavailable at press time. If all goes well, the girls will enter the girls' state basketball tournament February 26 with hopes of becoming the number one team in the state.

In the most crucial game of the season, the Redskins defeated Mount Pleasant 36-28 February 6. The game was vital to assure the girls a berth in the state tournament.

The Green Knights' outside shooting won them control of the first half. However, Linda Hughes and Juli Grandell rallied to outshoot the Knights during the second half. Board control by Carol Haigh, Lori Smith, and Marcia Tjaden and jump-ball snatches by Carol Hoffman assured the Redskins a victory.

Senior forwards Anita Roberts and Carol Haigh along with senior guard Linda Hughes are team captains. Junior Lori Smith, center, and junior Juli Grandell, guard, round out the starting varsity squad.

Senior Marcia Tjaden, juniors Dawn Reno, Margaret Schall, and Debbie McKeever, and sophomores Alice Shalles and Carol Hoffman, make up a strong backup for the team.

"I believe if the girls play as a team, we'll definitely go to the state tournament," stated Haigh.

Roberts added, "I think we have a really good team this year, and we can go all the way."

Mrs. Mary Jane Weldin, president of the Delaware Board of Women Officials, predicts that Conrad along with Mount Pleasant and Concord will be the first three teams of the Suburban Conference to compete in the state tournament.

Grapplers await state tourney, place second in Blue Hen

Conrad's grapplers, finishing their season with a 9-1-1 record and a second place finish under their belts, enter the second day of the Blue Hen Conference wrestling tournament today.

The top wrestlers in each weight class will then be eligible to compete in the state tourney held next Friday and Saturday at the University of Delaware.

Coach Ed Baker, who describes himself as "the eternal optimist," cited the team's biggest win as the one against William Penn. The Redskins, led by senior Don Meyer, defeated the Colonials, 25-15 January 27.

In that match, Meyer, who was forced to sit out all last year with a shoulder injury, was pitted against this year's defending state champion, Tom Colbourn. In the tough 159-pound match, Meyer edged him 5-4.

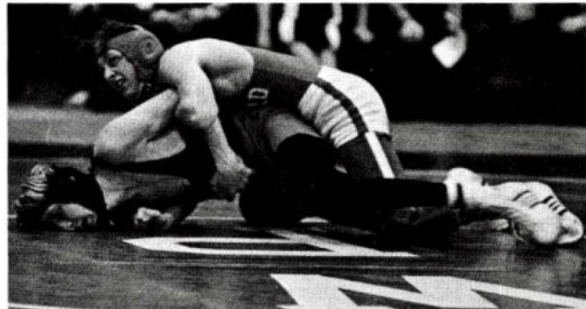
Previous to that victory, Coach Baker's squad was 6-0 with wins over Newark (43-6) January 6, McKean (31-12) January 10, Christiana (47-6) January 13, Wilmington (51-3) January 17, Brandywine (20-19) January 20, and Claymont (43-6) January 24.

January 31 was not only the final day of January, but it was also the last day for the Redskin's undefeated string.

Defeat at the hands of Mt. Pleasant's Green Knights, 23-28, ruined the perfect season.

Mr. Baker called it a "major disappointment" to the season and blamed the upset to "a combination of factors," including "over-confidence" and a "let-down" after the William Penn triumph.

The next meet, with Concord, featured Bob Crimmins, another major



Senior Butch Collazzo keeps matters under control in William Penn match. Photo by Frank Del Campo.

challenge to Meyer. Crimmins had a string of 26 consecutive dual-meet victories, and he hadn't lost since his sophomore season.

The match went to Meyer for two periods before Crimmins scored a take down in the final period to tie it at 6-6 and keep both his and Meyer's records unmarred by a loss.

Senior Tony Ferrazzo (169) wrapped up the triumph with a 7-4 decision over once-beaten Raider Carl Jones.

Coach Baker cited Ferrazzo as the "most improved" member of the team.

On February 10, Dickinson visited Conrad mats in a match that would end the season and decide the Flight A title.

A Redskin win would give them a tie, but a loss or tie would put Conrad's grapplers in second place. Before the match Coach Baker said with a "super effort"

the Redskins could take it.

The Rams were undefeated and the Redskins had one loss. The roles had switched from the football season in which Conrad was unbeaten and Dickinson had one loss.

The match opened up with junior Bob Hartnett winning the 100-pound match and senior Butch Collazzo losing a heartbreaker, 1-0.

Senior Keith Kehrer and sophomores Frank Meyer then capped victories at 132 and 138 respectively.

With the score 16-9, in Dickinson's favor, undefeated Don Meyer scored a 24-1 victory. Seniors Bill Derry and Tony Ferrazzo both won to give Conrad the lead 19-16.

But junior heavyweight Zeb Ross lost a tough match to Dickinson's Tom Spencer and the meet ended in a draw, 19-19.

Don Meyer and Bob Hartnett enter the conference meet today with unbeaten records.

Intramurals in full swing; Rangers capture hockey title

With more than four leagues and twenty-eight teams expected to participate, the intramural basketball tournament starts next week.

The hockey tournament for juniors and sophomores was still undecided at press time but the senior league was won by the New York Rangers who finished with a record of 4-1. Sparked by Keith Wargo, the Rangers defeated the Miami Screaming Eagles 4-2 February 2. The Eagles had been beaten only once previous to that game, that loss also to the Rangers.

Mr. Arthur Craig cited the Argentine Fire Ants as the most colorful team. The Fire Ants, who made their own uniforms, won convincingly in the first round but then ran into the red, white and blue clad Rangers who handed them a 6-4 loss with Wargo scoring five goals.

The league was officiated by Mr. Craig, Mr. Paul Eyanson, Mr. William Legge and seniors Dan Talmo, Tom Cekine, Keith Wargo, and Joe Ferrier, and junior Eric Burton. Mr. Craig cited them as "stellar" officials.

Following the completion of the junior and sophomore leagues the Rangers will face the winner of the game between the juniors and the sophomores.

"Conrad is the only school around that has an intramural program like this," commented Mr. Craig. "The administration has helped a lot and so have the coaches."

The program involved 963 boys last year, and Mr. Craig expects many more this year with the addition of such sports as badminton, table tennis, and gymnastics. The

unusually handsome trophies which will be awarded to the winners in each competition may also help to get boys interested in intramurals.

These three individualized sports, along with handball, wrestling, and track, add a great variety when combined with such team competition sports as football, basketball, and hockey.

Even without these new additions the intramural program is growing tremendously — in hockey alone, twice as many teams played this year as last.

Girls are also involved in the intramural sports. This year the girls were able to take part in volleyball, badminton, and archery among other things, and soon will have the chance to play basketball and hockey.



Intramural Hockey: Fun?

Girls' gymnastics club quits; no interest cited as cause

The Girls' Gymnastics Club, headed by Mrs. Tina Sandberg, disbanded January 22, due to lack of participation. The membership consisted of four regular gymnasts plus two substitutes.

Dawn Crumley, Joanne Baffore, Lynn Haney, and Grace Capodanno performed daily on the uneven parallel bars, parallel bars, the horse, balance beam, and free exercises. Debbie Stradley and Melissa Scites attended whenever possible.

Mrs. Sandberg stated that all the girls are "very enthusiastic and

promising," but there wasn't enough participation to keep the club active. Girls may still work out in the gym whenever the boys' gymnastic team is practicing, to prepare to build a larger club next year.

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Second place Redskin cagers to battle Concord Raiders

The Conrad basketball team, currently in second place, faces Concord tonight in a game which promises to be a close one. The Redskins barely managed to squeeze by the Concord team in their last meeting, winning by two points in overtime.

Posting a 8-3 record after the Wilmington High rematch last Friday, the team went up against last place Newark on Tuesday. The results of this game were not available at press time.

The Redskins suffered their second defeat at the hands of the Wilmington High Red Devils last Friday. The game, a remake of the first match-up between the two teams, was won by a narrow two-point margin, 61-59.

Coach Scott sees the season shaping up pretty much the way he thought it would. "I thought we would be in every game," he said. "The teams that make the mistakes will be the losers."

Conrad's opener against William Penn on Colonial territory December 19 was a disappointment. The Redskins held it close until the Colonials ran away in the fourth quarter to clinch it 57-43.

Spirits rose after the next game which turned into a romp of Flight B's Delcastle 66-44 December 22. This game saw four of Conrad's starters go into double figures, Sowden was high with 14, Rick Brown, 13, Mark Lenza, 12, and Skip Billips, 12.

The Redskins then went on to drop two more games in the "Christmas Tournament," December 29 - 30 and a game to Salesianum, January 2.

After this slow start, losing four of its first five games, the Redskins picked up the pace winning all but two of ten games.

Coach Vincent Scott attributes this upward trend to a change in both the offensive and defensive game. The new offense, a one guard offense, allows for four rebounders under the boards. It also puts the players in better positions when shooting.



Mark Lenza and Skip Billips (with ball) move to the basket during the Concord game. Photo by Bob Dzielak.

The success of the zone defense and the failure of the previously-used, man-to-man defense is something of a mystery. "I can't really explain it," commented Coach Scott, "but the zone defense is the type to play in Flight A this year."

"The key to the success is four rebounders," said Mr. Scott. Also the ability of Mark Lenza to fill in well in case of an injury, fatigue, or any other unforeseen occurrence is indispensable according to Coach Scott.

The Conrad cagers broke their losing streak in an upset against highly regarded Christiana 37-30. Christiana, who gave up their second conference loss in as many games in its defeat by Conrad, was referred to by Mr. Scott as one of the teams which experienced bad breaks.

Mt. Pleasant was the next contender to be shot down by the Redskin five. Led by Mike Givens with 17 points, the Redskins scored an impressive victory over the Green Knights 51-44.

The next game saw the inevitably tough matchup between Conrad and the Red Devils of Wilmington High January 12. It was one of the toughest

games, according to Mr. Scott, and when the dust had cleared, Wilmington came out ahead by a field goal. Final score 43-41.

Billips, with 25 points, led the team on to probably their most impressive victory over Newark January 15. The Redskins didn't have any noticeable trouble with the Yellowjackets and won easily 75-41.

The next game, cited as the toughest game the team managed to pull out, came against Concord January 14. The Raiders managed to tie the game up at the buzzer after two successful free throws by Skip Billips put the Redskins in the lead. Conrad went on to win in the overtime period 54-52.

The next game saw Conrad win a surprising victory over Brandywine. The victory itself was not a surprise but the spread of 15 points between the scores was. According to Coach Scott, "I didn't expect to see such big victories over any teams in Flight A; they are all so good."

The Redskins showed marked improvement in their next game against Dickinson, winning 60-55. The Conradians proved more successful in their second meeting with the Rams than in their first which they dropped 70-54.

Behind the shooting of Skip Billips and Mark Lenza, both with 13 points, the Redskins beat Christiana for the second time this season 43-37 February 2.

The Redskin five managed to work around the absence of 6'4" center Mike Givens with the moving of Glenn Taylor to center position and bringing in Mark Lenza as a starting guard.

Conrad had its second meeting with the Green Knights of Mt. Pleasant February 6. Conrad was the first team on the scoreboard, thanks to the fine aim of Skip Billips who finished with twenty for the evening, but then the Knights rolled up ten straight points. This lead didn't last for long and the Redskins went on to beat the Mt. Pleasant team 51-48.

Frostbitten trackmen Sport 2-2 record

The track team opened its season December 22 by beating McKean, 75-73. Now their record is two wins and two losses, with several dual meets remaining.

The Redskins scored many firsts in their opening meet. Junior Paul Fiore placed first in the 60-yard dash, as did seniors Preston Jennings in the mile, Fran Hubbs in the quarter-mile, and Dave Bair in the two-mile. Conrad's 880 and mile relays also won.

Conrad's second meet (against Delcastle) was termed "a disaster" by Coach Paul Eyanson. The Redskin runners were defeated by the Cougars 49-24, capturing only one first by Dave Bair in the two-mile.

The Redskin's next meet against Downton High School January 23 also ended in defeat. The Conrad runners were routed 48-33, in spite of firsts by Hubbs in the quarter-mile, Jennings in the mile, Bair in the two-mile, and senior Dan Talmo in the half-mile.

Conrad's fourth dual meet ended in victory for the Redskins 35-20.

Again McKean was the victim with Fiore, Jennings, Hubbs, Bair and junior Tony Lupinetti, and the 880 and mile relays all winning.

Conrad runners participated in the Philadelphia Track Classic January 16, 17, and 19, but didn't place.

Conrad entered runners in the qualifying meet for the state meet held at the University of Delaware January 25. Here Jennings finished third in the mile; the 880-relay placed first (tying the school record); the mile relay (Hubbs, Martin, Nichols, Lupinetti) finished third; and the shot-put relay (senior Tony Glenn and sophomore Pete Skrobot) finished second.

Coach Eyanson says that he "expects a lot from Jennings, Glenn, and Parker and the relay teams." He feels that they all have the potential to be first in the state in their events.

Coach Eyanson is in doubt about the outcome of this season. "There are a lot of loose ends," he stated. "But I think we can do it."

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Tumblers' season fades, prep for final 2 meets

Assailed by cancellations, the gymnastics team will face only two more opponents this season. Interboro High of Pennsylvania next Thursday, and Brandywine, February 28.

Having been defeated in their only two previous meets, the gymnasts, led by sophomore Dave Hall, all-around man, and senior Clifford Clark, unlimited man, look forward to a chance to prove themselves in their rematch against Brandywine and in their meeting with Interboro.

The 13-man gymnastics team competes in six events per meet. Any one team member is allowed to be in no more than three events, except for the all-around man and the unlimited man. The all-around man must compete in all six events, and the unlimited man is allowed six or less.

Being out for gymnastics is not as

easy as the uninformed person might think. The team spends five minutes each on stretching exercises and handstands at the start of each practice. The rest of the practice is usually devoted to specialization on at least three events. Their practices frequently extend to past 5 p.m.

Because only three teams in the area have gymnastics teams, there is no real conference such as the Blue Hen. But the Delaware Association of Police annually holds a statewide gymnastics meet.

All competitors are on a strictly individual basis, and membership in a school gymnastics team is not required. Coach Donald Kasner feels that both Subach on the high and parallel bars, and Clark on the floor events and the high bar, have a good chance in the annual meet.

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Welding lab nears completion

Building maintenance teacher Mr. Sherwood Shughart demonstrates new welding equipment purchased through state funds in the soon to be completed sheet metal and welding lab. All construction work and installation — excluding electrical work — was done by students in the building maintenance program. Insert shows an individual welding bench. Photo by Don Gibson.

News-in-Brief

Trailers units expected

TRAILER UNITS TO ARRIVE

Child development and foods management trailer units are now expected to be delivered and ready for classes by the fourth marking period, according to Assistant Principal Louis Ott.

State funds totaling \$18,000 have already been allotted for the two mobile classrooms next year. The money will be used to purchase cooking equipment and to build a children's playground in the area outside the drafting rooms.

One of this year's graduates with two years of courses in that area will probably be hired as a teacher's aide to the child development class.

NO SNOW HINDERS SKIERS

This year's lack of snowfall has had a damaging effect on the Conrad Ski Club, according to Mrs. Marie Stranahan, sponsor.

"But there will be snow later this year!" she said. "As long as there's the possibility of snow, we'll keep scheduling trips. We did get the first trip off well."

The ski season got off to a late start with the postponement of the Big Boulder trip for one week and the total cancellation of the Doe Mountain trip. The Roundtop trip went as scheduled February 5.

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The plans for the slalom races are still on, "but at the rate we've been going," said president Glenn Bleakney, "the ski season has been very bad."

LEADERS GO SKIING

Student Leaders enjoyed a one-day ski trip February 8.

Eighteen girls and three chaperones went on the outing to Doe Mountain in the Poconos. Although they had originally planned a week-end trip, they cut their plans to one day from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"It was too expensive to pay for everyone for a weekend," said secretary Lori Smith, "so we decided to go for a day instead of asking for extra money."

GRADUATE ON DEAN'S LIST

David Reed, a 1972 graduate of Conrad High, has been named to the Dean's List at Wesley College, Dover, for the first semester of the 1972-73 academic year. David, a Wesley freshman, is majoring in science.

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Senior Barbara Lantis picked as Betty Crocker champion

Barbara Lantis was selected as Conrad's 1973 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. Barbara was named champion after taking a written knowledge and attitude examination, open to both senior boys and girls December 5.

Conrad's winner will receive a specially designed award from General Mills, but more importantly Barbara remains eligible for state and national honors.

The State Homemaker of Tomorrow, to be chosen from all school winners in the state will receive a \$1,500 college scholarship. The second-ranking student in the state will receive a \$500 scholarship.

In late April the 51 Betty Crocker Homemakers representing every state and the District of Columbia, will gather in Washington, D. C., for an expense-paid tour of the capital city and Colonial Williamsburg.

Culminating the tour will be the announcement of the 1973 Betty Crocker All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow and three runners-up. To be selected through personal observation and interviews during the tour, they will be awarded scholarships of \$5,000, \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000.

Although Barbara feels many of the questions on the test could be answered with common sense, she feels, "Home-ec really helped me answer some of the questions."



Senior Barbara Lantis receives congratulations as Principal Earl Smith presents her with Betty Crocker Homemaker award. Photo by Don Gibson.

A total of 665,600 seniors were enrolled in this year's search, the first in which boys were eligible to participate. Since the program began

in 1954 approximately nine million students have participated. This year's scholarship awards will exceed \$2,000,000.

Conrad courses evaluated

Business, distributive education, and vocational courses were evaluated last month by supervisors from the State Department of Public Instruction.

The supervisors observed all courses currently funded through the "509" program, named after the title of the state bill to help finance vocational education. The administration will receive the results of the evaluation — a list of official recommendations for improving the 509 courses — in one or two weeks.

One change expected to result from the evaluation is that there will be a cut-back in the number of students in the building maintenance program next year.

Conradians prepare for spring trip to Italy

The familiar expression, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do," will be on the minds of 45 Conradians and their escorts when they arrive in Italy this April. The 12-day tour is sponsored by the Delaware Junior Classical League and is open to all its members, although at present, all reservations have been filled.


Participants in the tour will leave the United States aboard El-Al airlines on April 19 and return April 30. The itinerary for the trip includes such diverse activities as an audience with Pope Paul VI and a morning excursion to Pompeii. Other items of interest are sightseeing in Naples and walking tours of the Colosseum, the Forum, and the Sistine Chapel.

According to Mr. Henry A. Schaefer, trip coordinator from

Dickinson High School, these trips abroad provide the student an educational experience. Mr. Schaefer also points out that for some students this is their second or third trip.

Next year's trip will probably be to Austria and interested students are encouraged to start making plans now.

Despite the devaluation of the dollar in Europe the trip is still relatively inexpensive, costing under \$400.



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