

Vietnamese Lam Hue attends Conrad High

Lam Hue Bao is the newest member of Conrad High School's student roster. Bao, commonly known as Emily, is a seventeen-year-old Vietnamese girl who has recently moved to the United States from Saigon, South Viet Nam. She will be attending Conrad and plans to be a permanent member of the Redskin Reservation.

Emily came to America on Sunday, September 30, with her mother, father, and ten-year-old sister Lam Hue Manh. Her parents and her sister will return to Saigon shortly, and Emily will be residing in Rosemont with an aunt.

The brown-eyed, black-haired petite speaks three languages fluently; Chinese, Vietnamese, and French. She has also been studying English for three years and has mastered it quite well. "English is hard," she said, "but O.K."

"I miss Vietnamese food," Emily admits. She likes French food but has not been able to "warm-up" to American dishes. She also commented that people here seem much fatter than they are at home.

Emily added that at home her clothes were different than they are in the United States. At home she bought the material and her clothes were tailor-made. Here she finds it

strange to see so many ready-made clothes in the stores.

Her school in Vietnam differed greatly from Conrad. All the classes were taught in French except the class of Vietnamese. Each period lasted two hours. School began at 7:30 and ended at noon. Students then went home for lunch and a nap. School began again at 2:30 and lasted till 6:30. Roll was never taken. Her school was small but individual classes sometimes contained 70 people. Most students in Emily's school did not have cars. Emily herself rode a motorcycle to school. There is no age limit or license-requirement for motorcycles in Vietnam.

French, social problems, sewing, typing, English, and gym make up Emily's schedule. She finds it hard to understand English as fluently as it is spoken in Conrad classrooms. She is being tutored in English by Diane Angelini, teacher aide, and English teachers, Sherry Craft and Howard Work. Mr. Bonasso, however, has had trouble keeping up with her experienced French vocabulary.

Even with a limited English vocabulary, Emily has made many friends in the short time she has been at Conrad.

Bulico earns honors in national competition

Placing among the top 12 companies across the nation was one of the honors received by Bulico, one of Conrad's Junior Achievement companies last year.

Also included in Bulico's awards were being Delaware's Company of the Year, and placing as one of the East's two best J.A. companies. Individual awards went to senior Rita Murphey, as best safety director, and to senior Ellen Joseph, as best production vice-president.

The award for Company of the Year and the individual awards were presented during a ceremony in May at John M. Clayton Hall at the University of Delaware.

Bulico was then judged for the regional division in Boston, Massachusetts, June 29. Bulico was deemed one of the East's two best companies, the other being Uniplex of Baltimore, Maryland.

From there, Bulico sent six representatives to the National Junior Achievement Conference (NJAC), at Indiana University, Bloomington,

Indiana, from August 12 to 17.

The six representatives were alumna Carol Cote, and seniors Connie Coleman, Eileen Conway, Ellen Joseph, Rita Murphey, and Sue Thompson.

While at the conference, Ellen, Sue, and Rita were involved with individual competition for awards, while Connie, Carol and Eileen competed for Bulico itself.

Individual competition included a series of two sets of tests and interviews, with approximately 125 contenders in each of the competitions. The second set of tests was for those who made the semifinals. None of the Bulico representatives made it, but Ellen did place in the top 25 in her division.

Besides competition, there were also workshops for the students to attend. The delegations were kept busy from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., and all the representatives felt there was little time for themselves.

A total of 2,257 delegates and 300

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Diversified talents gather to enrich Conrad's faculty

A football expert sans whiskers, a basketball whiz, two Redskin graduates, a mustachioed "heartbreaker," a wrestler and an European traveler compose the septet of new teachers joining the Conrad teaching staff. And the "Magnificent Seven" plan on staying a while, too.

His five o'clock shadow and the clouds overhead may be getting darker by the time evening football practice breaks up for the day, but Coach Alex Sansosti's patience hasn't worn thin yet. After a grueling two hours of isometric exercises and agility drills, he is still energetic enough to go home and throw the ball around with friends or his seven-year-old son, Alex.

Originally drawn to Conrad by a vacancy in the business department, Mr. Sansosti is now filling the driver education post left vacant by the sudden resignation of Mr. William Legge, and of course has been appointed as head football coach after Mr. James Pletcher left for the new Glasgow High School.

Having completed his senior year in high school, Mr. Sansosti left his home in Pennsylvania with a football scholarship to Marshall University in West Virginia. He received a Bachelor's Degree in his double major of phys. ed. and business administration after having been named the leading passer in the Mid-American Conference during his senior year.

After two years at P. S. Dupont as a driver ed. teacher, he headed to Wilmington High and came out three years later with a football reputation known from Claymont to Cape Henlopen. Named "Coach of the year, 1971" after his 11-1 season with the "Red Devils," Mr. Sansosti went on to lead the Blue Team 1972 to a 13-0 victory over the Gold Team.

His retirement from Wilmington and football last year rocked the statewide papers, but the dark haired coach settled down into driver ed. again, teaching both Howard and P.S. students.

Although he would like to salvage the rest of this year's varsity season, Mr. Sansosti also feels that

successfully teaching his courses place high on his list of priorities.

"I like the kids here," he said. "I like to teach and coach. As far as this year's season goes, it's not an alibi, but it's going to take some adjustments on both sides (his and the players). Some things take time to get moving."

Another man hoping to put his athletic pointers into practice is the new basketball coach Mr. Allan Mann. He took his BS in Social Studies and Geography from West Chester State Teachers College with him through his 13 years in various Pennsylvania schools and his 8 years at Christiana. Replacing another Glasgow transfer, Mr. Vincent Scott, Mr. Mann brings his experience as the Vikings coach to the Redskins.

"I always respected the effort the Conradians put out on the floor, and I hope to put a competitive team on the floor again," he remarked.

He, too, has to institute his own new program along with the help of assistant coach Mr. Charles McVaugh. "Everybody's different. It's a new situation and the ideas are not yet in practice. To get my program in perspective for future years, I'm looking for young talent."

Sophs and seniors will always have their difference, yet Mr. James Smith, class of '68, doesn't remember being "pushed around" by Mr. Craig Martin, class of '66. Both former Conradians, Mr. Martin has returned to fill the biology vacancy left by Mr. Pletcher while Mr. Smith came back as a permanent history substitute for Mr. Poole, now at McKean.

Both students of the University of Delaware, Mr. Martin received his BAAS in biology and holds a master's degree in education. He returns to his alma mater after one year with Brandywine.

His set goals at Conrad include extracting "the raw talent" out of his biology students and the players under him as assistant football coach. "It's there — my job is to get it out."

Younger brother Scott Martin, the junior halfback on the varsity, finds

that although his older brother will point out his mistakes, made on the field at home, "there are no relatives on the field."

Mr. Smith, an avid jogger, finds Conrad has changed in the five years since his departure.

"The educational spirit and the dress code are freer, or more relaxed, but school spirit seems to have dropped."

He hopes to instill a little more spirit in his social problems class but "I leave it to them what they get out of it."

After graduating from the University of Delaware with a BA in history, Mr. Smith frequented Conrad semi-regularly last year as a substitute teacher filling in for subjects ranging from Journalism to English.

According to rumor, although several girls supposedly tried to switch into drafting after their first look at the teacher replacing Mr. Sache, Mr. Ott simply wouldn't allow it.

Mr. Greg Latzo, often taken for a student, has arrived at Conrad after his four years working for a B.A. in industrial arts at Salem College, West Virginia. A very "art-sy" person, Mr. Latzo likes to work with his hands whether it's macrame, painting, drawing or "drinking beer," he jokingly added to his list of interests.

Although his wrestling career at Ohio State University ended when he was handed his BSED in English Education, Mr. Gerald Milstead taught for two years in Ohio before making his way to Delaware.

During his first year of teaching at Conrad, Mr. Milstead says that he'll have "a great time." He admits that he would like to get into wrestling again, possibly as an assistant, but until the season picks up again this winter he will spend his time reading and playing pinocle with his wife.

Mr. Charles Hawn fills the new position of building maintenance teacher and hopes basically to give his 80 to 90 students a "good insight into the facets of electricity and

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Teacher invents sponge swimsuit



Senior Karen Marks models orange swimsuit of natural sponge, designed by Mr. Harold Follett. Photo by David Pugh.

At long last a swimsuit that belongs on the beach? So hopes Mr. Harold Follett, industrial arts teacher and free-lance inventor, who is the proud owner of United States Patent Number 3,675,245. According to the patent, his latest invention is a "novelty bathing garment which gives the bather the appearance of wearing sponges from the sea."

The swimsuit is actually made of the same foam plastic sponges that can be purchased in any supermarket. Mr. Follett wets these sponges, freezes them, and cuts them on a band saw into sheets about one-eighth inch thick. He bonds these pieces onto existing bra and panties and any design which suits his fancy.

A see-through illusion is produced in the finished product. It shines brightly when touched by rays of sunlight, and seems to whisper, "Squeeze me."

Mr. Follett originated the sponge bikini several years ago after observing that swimwear has never

really related to the ocean environment. He experimented with the "natural bathing suit," and after discarding such ideas as seashells and seaweed, hit upon sponges. Though natural sponge proved impractical — it is expensive and loses its elasticity when dry — synthetic sponge seemed to be the answer.

A vice-president and a manager from John Wanamaker and a merchandising manager from Sears, Roebuck and Company have viewed the suit with interest and encouraged its sale.

One retailer predicts that if marketed, the sponge bikini will be popular among the younger set, while a second suggests that it may even be another hula hoop.

Head majorette, Karen Marks, who modeled the suit, commented, "The sponge bikini is very comfortable. It feels really neat!"

Mr. Follett also holds a U. S. Patent for a toy hydrofoil boat marketed in 1970-71 by the Ideal Toy Company.

Spirit dies in first pep rally

When the eighth period bell sounded Friday, September 14, it announced the beginning of the last class of that week, and the end of spirit 1973. At least its peals signified the decline of school patriotism, for within a minute after the last note had died away, three-quarters of the students, gathered for the first season pep rally, swarmed down from the bleachers to the gym doors in one concentrated "group effort." The fervor they demonstrated in barging between the rows of cheerleaders must be admired, however.

The Varsity Cheerleaders do not organize rallies for their health, nor do they seek any public acclaim. But they do expect cooperation from the spectators on the sidelines. The underlying motivation of a pep rally is the reinforcement of faltering school support with one unified voice of enthusiasm, not just one row of cheerers and the band.

Even though attendance at these functions is mandatory, it should be willingly. If a student finds the one period meeting that objectionable, he should make legal plans to leave at the end of sixth period, sparing the remainder of the students the exasperation of witnessing such a rude act.

Disinterest prevails again

The start of the new year at Conrad has brought about a wide variety of changes in curriculum, school procedures, and disciplinary measures. The student finds himself adjusting to an entirely different environment — one that he is not altogether pleased with. Yet, after a long and wearisome period of whining and complaining, nothing is done, and no one is willing to do it.

Few are aware of the influence they are entitled to through the execution of Student Council activities. The governing body, whose purpose is to take an active part in school proceedings, is becoming less and less efficient due to lack of support from the student body.

The 1973 Student Council needs concerned and interested people to help make this year a successful one. Talking will no longer accomplish anything — the council needs workers.

Student Council cannot become a dying organization. Its strength is found in numbers, and only the students are capable of rekindling this strength.

Study halls become prisons?

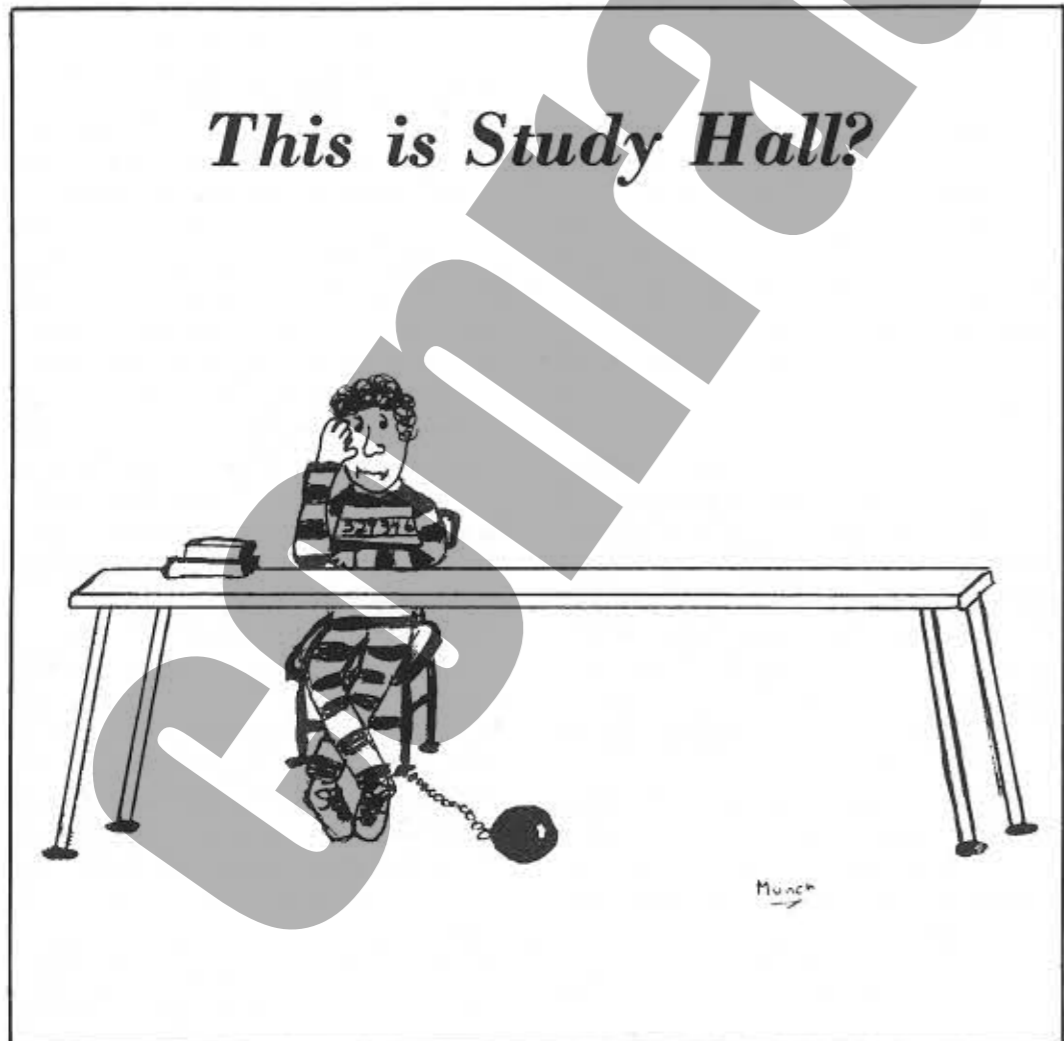
Dissatisfaction with this year's stricter study halls has increased with many Conradians lately. Yet, when the open-access system was in effect, many of those same dissatisfied students abused the privilege, until it had to be retracted.

The administration was under the impression that high school students are responsible, mature young adults, capable of handling such an adult freedom when they adopted the freer policy two years ago.

However, it turned out that quite a few students are not mature enough to be trusted with such a liberty. Too many students left the school grounds, some even being involved in accidents for which the school is responsible.

Since many students are so immature, everyone must now be accounted for in a rigid system, just like grade school children. But, high school students are not children. Many are old enough to vote, and most can drive. Why should the actions of some ruin an opportunity for all students to prove their worth and responsibility?

If students at Conrad and other schools expect to ever be treated as the young adults they are, they will have to act the role.



Marching Redskins seize camp with many varied intentions

By Karen Ventura

Just what goes on at Camp Hilltop during its annual invasion of the Conrad High School band? There's a lot more than the long hours of practice in the scorching sun of the Redskin-infested camp.

Recreational activities at Camp Hilltop include water balloon bombardments, shaving cream fights, sophomore initiation, and the creative art of playing with food at meals.

The tradition of the band during their weekend at camp is that seniors get to pick sophomore slaves to make beds, carry suitcases, and generally get picked on. This year was no exception.

Upon arrival, sophomores were ordered to unload the truck. Afterwards, we rehearsed pre-game and half-time music in the Rec Hall for what seemed like an eternity. After a well-deserved lunch break came the hours of practice on the drill field.

By four o'clock, we were turned loose to get cabins and do as we pleased until dinner. With pre-game music still ringing in our ears, some of us chose to swim, some played volleyball, but the majority collapsed.

The seniors soon began playing their roles as camp villains. Herds of sophomores were seen reluctantly making their way down to the senior cabins to begin bed-making and suitcase-carrying.

Later that night, the seniors began giving the sophomores a taste of what was to come. Perhaps one of the main instigating teams was "Don Wood and Company." With

water balloons in hand, they began what ended up being one of the soggiest nights in band camp history.

At ten-thirty lights went out, but darkness didn't halt Redskin rowdiness. The senior girls continued to sing while their neighbors, the junior boys, unknowingly gave a show to those girls interested enough to stare in the boys' windows.

Saturday is a bad word at band camp. It means practice, practice, and more practice until everyone's mouth is so sore that the band looks like an olympic lemon-eating team after a rough match. That particular Saturday was typical of all of the others.

That night after dinner, we had a short rehearsal in the Rec Hall. Somewhere during the Star Spangled Banner, senior Carol (Bozo) Hughes decided to make a sneak attack on the senior boys' cabin. (Because this cabin lies on the other side of camp, it hadn't been attacked, but since some of the rowdiest band members were senior boys, a raid was decided upon.) In a matter of seconds, "Hurricane Bozo" did more damage than any major national disaster and she soon became the camp's "Public Enemy Number One."

The rest of the night was spent doing skits in the Rec Hall. Tim Laushey, the drum instructor, displayed his natural talent for shriveling in his "imitation of a grape turning into a raisin." As a finale, Mrs. Thorp, the band association's newly appointed president, presented her version of Mama Cass singing "Dream a Little

Dream of Me." Just as the laughter faded, Tim announced that there would be a bathing suit sale outside for any girls who cared to run out and claim their suits which were at that moment flapping in the breeze atop the camp's flagpole.

Within seconds, the attentive audience became a raging stampede of wild animals storming out to the field to see the spectacle. Just as senior Gail McGinnes snatched her bathing suit from the pole, she spotted her colorful flowered underwear dangling amidst the sea of suits that were being attacked by their embarrassed owners. Apparently, one of the bathing suit smugglers felt a spark of evil while rummaging through Gail's suitcase.

Sunday morning brought us such treats as a six o'clock serenade of Cherokee played by some junior and senior boys who marched from cabin to cabin disturbing the sound sleep of the entire camp. Not only did the fine musicians bring their music door-to-door, but they also marched up the steps and through the bedrooms of the senior girls' cabin.

The remainder of the day was spent doing some field drilling, cleaning up the cabins and campsite. Seniors took some last minute pictures and they reminisced about their three years at camp while the sophomores were recovering from their rough weekend.

We boarded the buses at three thirty as scheduled and were ready to leave. As the buses drifted down the long spiral hill, the Conrad band bid farewell to Camp Hilltop ... until next year.



The Redskin Romper Room has opened up again to its 1500 seniors, juniors, and sophs. And of course, the Conrad children are up to their usual unusual playtime activities

Ever wondered about that 32 to 18 score from the game against Newark? It seems that during an evening practice a week before the game, Coach Alex Sansosti commanded his men to line up for the extra point play. While the team was getting their stance set on the two-yard line, senior Bob Jones asked, "Which way we going, coach?"

(The Smoke Signal also wishes to add a personal note for all those girls who have been crying into their "Sportsmanlike Driving" books. Coach Sansosti shaved off his mustache simply because he grew tired of the year-and-a-half old growth. Have no fear, however, for the driver education teacher may grow another in a year!)

WAKE UP WITH CONRAD

Conrad helped kick off this season's "Good Morning" series, a Rollins Cablevision enterprise, September 24.

Deca executive Elsie Papilli, senior Sharon Hitchens and Varsity quarterback Jim Olivero co-hosted the fifteen-minute channel five newscast.

The unique new classes added to Conrad's curriculum and interviews with Jim and Elsie highlighted Sharon's spot on the show; Elsie reported on the volleyball season and various club activities. The upcoming Student Council plans and insight into the 1973 football season was provided by Jim.

Homeroom 107. When Juli Grandell announced that she was going to cover her books with black wrapping paper, classmate Mary Girouard quizzed, "What's the colored paper used for?"

Until then quiet, Mr. James Hubbard glanced over his desk and supplemented nonchalantly, "Oh, for weddings and Christmas presents and other happy times."

Absentminded& Senior Eileen Conway and her trio of passengers drive into Conrad's parking lot daily without mishap. But one day she had to sit in her car for twenty minutes before she remembered what she had forgotten — friend Debbie Bourdon. Although it seemed funny at the time, Debbie wasn't laughing when she had detention for her tardiness.

Candidate for teacher of the year? Mr. Ed Malin, biology teacher, has finished his teaching plans for the school year. They are, "Open your book," "shut up!" and "The test is in June."

Fair is fair. Dr. Miller tells of an infuriated father who claims his daughter should have received an A instead of a B. It seems dr. Miller made a statement that anyone who wrote up a certain set of proofs would receive an A. The father said to Dr. Miller, "I spent nights writing those proofs!"

Viva the "Viva" shortage. Due to a shortage of paper towels in Mr. Hugh Patterson's physics lab, senior Sharon Hitchens was forced to wipe her hands on her favorite tee-shirt. Imagine her surprise, though, when her lab partner Irene Janvier grabbed the red garb to towel her own hands dry.

Is it really worth it? Diane Poland dropped a book off her desk. In her haste to retrieve it from the floor, she also dumped the rest of her books, papers, the desk, and finally, herself.

Couth — we ain't got none. During Mr. Paul Capodanno's fourth period German class, the teacher remarked upon the eliteness of his students. Looking around the room he spied the confused face of junior Bryan Lenker. Thinking that Bryan was disagreeing with him, Mr. Capodanno sought out an opinion. "Heck," Bryan replied, "I don't even know what 'elite' means."

Closing notes. A reward of ten (count 'em) free bookmarkers is being offered by the library aides to any U.S. citizen knowing the whereabouts of the Mistfers "Sylvester Garfunkle" and-or "Joseph Cool". These culprits are considered dangerous, and carry loaded pencils which they use to illegally sign their library passes with aliases.

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Versatile sophs join Conrad; Add talents to student body

Tell me seniors, are you really sure that it's Joan Malloy who has the freckle on her nose and not her sister Jane?

Hey class of '75, who really is taller — Rick or Bob Nalin?

Your turn sophomores: Is it true that no obvious disparity exists between Kay and Karen Sutton?

Confused glances, baffling questions, many seniors' wrong directions — the 1976 graduates of Henry C. Conrad have invaded our hallowed halls 517 strong. And although they may be short, they've brought with them not only three sets of identical twins, but a multitude of other talented people. Their high aspirations range from "bettering my brother's records" to "becoming homecoming queen."

Although the experience of entering high school cost a few of the former ninth graders a restless night sleep or a case of the September 5 jitters, the sophs have been gradually acclimated into the Redskin life, via erratic schedules and the usual helpful wrong directions from those "sympathetic juniors."

Despite the left turn the "sympathetic juniors" told them to make at the swimming pool, the students from nearby Richardson Park School finally made it to homeroom. The triplet of twosomes all hail from there with still another set heading to Delcastle. The Malloy twins, former students at St. Matthews for eight years, became involved in twirling and cheerleading during their only year at Park. Jane and Joan also cheered their way into Conrad junior varsity squad.

Kathy Gravatt, the only representative of R.P.S. on our baton twirling squad, was also the head of the twirling and co-captain of the cheerleaders.

If there is one comedienne on the graduating field in June 1976, it will be funny Mary Ellen Schauber. But her fellow classmates won't be laughing for long after she pushes a wheelbarrel up to the podium for her share of awards. Mary Ellen captured a number of academic awards between playing fullback on the hockey team and substituting as a twirler.

She did have to concede half of her civics award to Rene Stabnau, however. Rene managed to take a band and home economics award by herself in addition to her baton twirling and co-captaining the hockey team.

Athletic Jeff Armstrong somehow managed to work school in between his tuba playing, wrestling, soccer and baseball. He even squeezed in time enough to pick up the most athletic boy award. He presently plays guard on the Conrad Varsity Football Team.

Not to be overlooked, however, is Doug Allen. A Student Council representative, a basketball and baseball player and soccer co-captain with Jeff, Doug should prove to be one of Conrad's finer athletes.

Two writers also headed our way. Former editor of the "Spirit of the Eagle," Melody Bixler and Debby Thomas, the 1972-1973 Student Council secretary, both achieved notice for their contributions to the paper. Melody hopes to join the Smoke Signal when she becomes eligible for the course.

Krebs is known throughout the district for its athletic prowess; probably the best reasons for the "rumor" are Joe Whalen, Steve Janvier and Dave Jones. All three wrestled and played football. Joe and Dave played basketball. Joe also played shortstop on the baseball team and served as president of his ninth grade class. Dave is continuing his football career as number sixty-one on the Varsity squad.

Krebs also is releasing into Conrad several of its best officers. Mary Fedorkowicz, Student Council president; Leslie Comegys, vice president of her graduating class and a cheerleader; and Debby Bowers, Student Council secretary, are three girls who fought male chauvinism for their jobs.

If it weren't for an oversight by Tatnall, Henry C. would have lost its "genius" cross country runner Tom Sarnecky. Tom turned down his almost-total scholarship to the private school to bring his experience as a wrestler, football player, and trackman to Conrad.

Two new sophs often confused

with their former senior siblings are Debby Holliday and Steve Bair. Debby, a flag twirler now, filled the position left by older sister Beth, captained the hockey and basketball team and played clarinet in the band. Steve wrestled, played the trombone for Krebs and now for Conrad, photographed for the yearbook, ran track and runs cross country now as his older brother Dave did for the last three years.

Oak Grove is antying up their share of the stars of the class of '76. Christel Trager, Conrad flag twirler and friend Laurie Boruta, a Redskin baton twirler, both twirled at Oak Grove and played hockey. Christel also played basketball and served as the secretary of the Honor Society, while Laurie worked for the Student Council, the "Acorn", and the Honor Society.

Both Pat Capuano and Rene Ascione served on their Student Council as secretary and treasurer, respectively. Pat and Rene also shared the editorship of the school paper. While Pat played basketball and hockey, Rene was the vice-president of the Honor Society and co-captained the cheerleaders with Cindy Brown.

Erik "Tic" Grandell, a sophomore quarterback on our varsity came by his football naturally. A part of the athletic Grandell clan, he played the same position at Oak Grove along with soccer, basketball and baseball.

The three schools combined are lending much to the spirit of '76 in the presence of the band, twirling corps and cheerleading. Diane DeLillio, Donna Halpin, Ellen Stanek, Linda Stillwell, Doug Broujos, Gary Snead, and Barbara Hayes will all be getting up early Saturday mornings, lending their spirit to the Conrad football team.

From A to Z, you'd better learn to love them juniors (you have to live with them for two years).

Conservation course offered to ecology nuts

A strange and unbelievable happening takes place every day second period in room 217. Approximately seventeen guys gather in what appears to be a classroom and attempt to follow the direction of Mr. James Kaut. What is it? It's Conrad's new course created for the outdoorsman, the ecology nut, the nature lover . . . Conservation.

A new course at Conrad, conservation is a relatively unexplored phase of the 1973-74 curriculum. Mr. Kaut, being new to the field himself, says that he is learning along with his students. The future conservationists speak of erosion, the environment, crop rotation, land fills, air pollution, and the like. Class work is tied closely with current events and local problems related to the district and home life.

The future holds great opportunities for these new pioneers. Mr. Kaut has planned several outings to help his kids get "into" the course. Their first outing was a

canoeing expedition that proved to be a great success, and the second was a trip to Bombay Hook on October 1st. The class will also see Brandywine Creek State Park, and a wildlife game reserve. They'll visit the Louviers building in Newark to hear an air pollution seminar, and the DuPont Edgemore Plant for a conservation assembly on ocean dumping, water pollution, pollution control, etc.

An outdoorsman himself, Mr. Kaut enjoys the change of pace his conservation classes have added to his day. He is an avid lover of fishing, camping, and hunting, and is therefore very much concerned with the ecology of our earth. The two go hand in hand, he says.

What new concept has become the up and coming thing in our world today? What's active, crazy, different, and fun? "If anybody gets this wrong I'll punch you right in the mouth," steams Mr. Kaut. It's Conservation!

Active Teddy Torrence wins DECA's Teacher Award

Do you have the tickies? Well, if you're not sure, ask Mr. John Torrence, winner of DECA's Outstanding Educator of the Year award. He would be the only person knowing the nature of this lyrical disease, since it is his favorite all purpose word.

Not only is he a social problems teacher, but also assistant soccer coach and future head track coach. Faculty sponsor of the Junior Class Council, Student Council, and All-State Cheering Section, are among some of his extra-curricular activities.

Mr. Torrence, noted readily by his stylish attire, reveals that all of his clothes come from either Webster's in the Concord Mall, or from stores in Philadelphia. This 24 year old multi-talented man enjoys bowling and playing poker, even though he

only breaks even. Also, being married for two years, Mr. Torrence has just been honored by the addition of a new baby girl, Nichol, to his home.

DECA annually presents a Most Outstanding Educator award to the teacher whom the students feel deserves this noble title. The voting is cast by the student body, and the winner is determined by the highest total of votes. Mr. Torrence believes he received this award because he can relate to the student in a natural, easy going, way.

"Mr. Torrence has the knack for making-up interesting class activities," said student Don Greever. "He teaches so that his students are easily motivated."

The class trips to Smyrna and to court which Mr. Torrence sponsors are the envy of the social studies department. His Social Problems classes especially enjoy his simulated prison riots!

When asked if he would like to receive the title again this year, Mr. Torrence replied laughingly, "I wouldn't mind."



Mr. Torrence beams after winning award.

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"Say it with Flowers"

Harriers to face Red Devils before running in state meet

After a tough run yesterday against William Penn, the 1973 Cross-Country team won't take to its Banning Park course again until next Thursday when it meets the Wilmington Red Devils. Results of the Colonial-Redskins match were not available at press time.

The loss of last year's conference champion front line runners, complicated by the loss of several key runners this year to illness or after school scheduling difficulties, had started this year off with three shut-outs.

Perennial nemesis, Newark, led by Jim Feller, delivered the first 15-50 loss for the harriers on September 24. Feller and teammate Matt Boyer tied for first place with a time of 12:25, and were followed in by seven other Yellowjackets before Conrad placed eighth with junior Jamie Manlove and tenth with junior Ed Riley.

Dickinson, too, managed to nab the first seven places before Riley and sophomore Tom Sarnecky came in eighth and thirteenth, respectively, followed by Manlove and senior Craig Maurer in ten second splits.

The Christiana Vikings, headed by Kevin Roarty, also captured an inevitable win when their seven Varsity members crossed the finish

line, October 1. Manlove followed Roarty in 1:05 minutes later, with senior Rich Shaw coming in ninth, Sarnecky coming in tenth, and junior John Cummings coming in eleventh.

The harriers picked up momentum going into their fourth conference meet against Mt. Pleasant, October 4. Running with a "feeling of confidence," according to Coach Harry Davies, Tom Sarnecky took fifth, followed three seconds later by Shaw, sixth; Manlove, seventh; Cummings, eighth; Riley, ninth; and Maurer, eleventh. The race was a defeat, however, with a 20-35 score.

The runners snared their almost total shutout against Concord on October 8. The 17-44 score was arrived at after Manlove, Shaw, Sarnecky, and Riley breezed in one, two, three and five, with Cummings, Maurer, and junior Dave Swain in hot pursuit.

The harriers went up against Brandywine on October 11 and lost with a heartsickening 17-44 score. The Bulldogs placed first, third, fourth and had a three-way tie for second before Manlove came in fifth, followed by Shaw, Sarnecky, and Riley.

One of the problems facing the virtually inexperienced runners

was the loss of two vital weeks of team practice in late August due to the sudden switch in the coaching staff. Mr. Davies, the replacement for Mr. Bill Legge, now in the clothing business, feels that "a lot of rebuilding is necessary, but we're going to win some this year, and be a really good team next year."

The team was also plagued by a shortage of runners and the mishaps inflicted upon its eleven members — Shaw and Cummings with their pre-season illnesses; Manlove and his bad hip; Bair and his bad ankle. Conrad also lost former JV runner Carmine Balascio to a long illness while a job took 72 Varsity runner Steve Sagan away.

Steve Bair, a soph on the JV, said, "You've got to start somewhere." Preston Jennings, on a recent trip down from Widener College, remarked, "The team will work with what they have, not what they lost." Mr. Davies also pointed out to his runners that they must be willing to rebuild.

Only the St. Mark's, Wilmington, Conference and State meets remain in the season.

The JV squad, consisting of junior Tony Hunt, and sophomores Bair, Bill Balascio, and Kim Shelley, provide the depth for the team.



Linebacker Pete Skrobot smashes Newark halfback during 32-18 game. (Photo by Bill Greegs)

Redskins face Colonials on home turf tomorrow

The Redskins will take on the William Penn Colonials tomorrow at 1:30. Conrad enters tomorrow's game with a 1-4 record, with a 12-7 victory over Brandywine; and losses to Salesianum, Christiana, Newark and McKean.

Last week's game with McKean saw Conrad leading 16-0 at the half. Although Conrad dominated the statistics with 311 total yards, McKean came storming back to win 20-16.

Conrad opened its season this year with a 7-0 loss to Salesianum. On the opening kickoff Conrad fumbled, giving the ball to the Sals on Conrad's own 10-yard line. It took Sallies three plays later to score, on a one-yard plunge by Dave Figliola. Mike Wisinewski kicked the extra point which was all the Sals needed to win the game. In the third quarter Conrad recovered a fumble on its 12-yard line and drove down the field to the Sallies' 2-yard line where a fumble stopped the drive.

The second game of the season was against Christiana and it turned out to be worst than the opener. Conrad was defeated by a score of 34-7. Christiana scored twice in the first period on a one-yard run by Jerry McNeal and a 60-yard punt return by Bud Mitchell. Conrad got on the score board in the second quarter on Jim Oliviere's quarterback keeper and Pete Skrobot's extra-point kick. In the second half Christiana exploded for three touchdowns which came on a forty-yard pass, a recovered fumble, and a blocked punt.

Conrad, still without luck, lost its third straight to Newark 32-18. Newark's halfback, Pete Hudson, scored four times on five-, nine-, two-, and forty-yard runs. At half Conrad left the field losing 17-0 on two touchdowns and a field goal, but Conrad came out hot and on the first set of plays it scored on a twenty-six-yard pass from Jim Oliviere to Paul Jones. Newark struck right back with another touchdown to make it 25-6. In the fourth quarter Scott Martin scored twice on five- and three-yard runs, but another Hudson touchdown put the game out of reach.

Conrad seemed to have gotten everything together the following week and beat Brandywine by a score of 12-7. Scott Martin set up Conrad's first touchdown by recovering a fumble on the Brandywine twenty-eight-yard line and two plays later taking it to the one where Charley Duricek scored. Brandywine bounced right back and drove up the field and scored on Rick Dougherty's third yard run. In the fourth quarter Joe Scales scored on a one-yard run to make it 12-7.

Starting seniors this year are Bob Huntyan, Bob Venturena, Zeb Ross, Joe Swarter, Rick Hanna, Jim Dep-tula, Kevin McGivney, Paul Jones, Gary Parker, and Jim Oliviere.

Leading scorers are Scott Martin, Paul Jones, Jim Oliviere, Charley Duricek, Joe Scales, and Pete Skrobot.

Hockey and volleyball teams suffer from seasonal slumps

By Juli Grandell
This year's hockey team, coached by Mr. Wayne Von Stetten, got off to a good start this season by beating McKean 2-0. The team has had bad luck in losing the next 3 games by only one goal. On October 10, the team played against Brandywine and lost.

The Redskins played Newark October 12.

The starting varsity forward line players are Karen Only, Cheryl Kehrer, Marge Smith, Juli Grandell, and Lori Smith. The starting varsity defense consists of Gail Eaton, Gina Sinovich, Pat Capuana, Debbie McKeever, Alice Schalles, and Jane Johnston.

Gail Eaton, Lori Smith, and Juli Grandell tri-captain the team. This year's team will be trying for the chance to represent the Girls' Suburban Conference in the first state hockey tournament.

Ms. Tina Sandberg, this year's new volleyball coach, has big expectations for this year's team. "It seems that this year's team has all the talent, but none of the luck necessary to make a championship team," chagrined Ms. Sandberg.

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Both hockey and volleyball teams played away games at Newark on October 12, but results were not available at press time.

Kickers up against Knights in bid for undefeated season

For the first time in the history of Conrad soccer the Redskins defeated a Pennsylvania power.

The Conrad players opened their season September 24 against Pequea Valley of Pennsylvania. The Redskins defeated Pequea 5-1, with solo goals by seniors Doug Challenger, Bob Hartnett, and Bill Greegs, plus a pair by Junior Ed Schmidt.

Conrad's next adversary was Del-castle High. The Redskin booters crushed the Cougars 6-0, with a hat trick (three goals) by Challenger and single goals by seniors Glenn Taylor and Jeff Durham, and sophomore Doug Allen.

The Redskin's next opponent was Newark High School. Again Conrad prevailed 2-1, with scores by Challenger and sophomore Dave Kowalczyk.

Next on the Redskin agenda was Dickinson, the latest addition to the Blue Hen soccer conference. The Conrad squad just nipped the Rams 1-0 on a second-half goal by Challenger.

October 9 Conrad played its first away-game against William Penn on Penn's field. Again the Redskins walked away victors 1-0 on a Challenger tally.

Coaches Ned Landis and John (Ted) Torrance are very optimistic about this year's team. According to Mr. Landis, "This year's team could be the best team the Delaware Valley has ever seen, but it will take work."

The Redskins are now entering the toughest part of their season. They will face their perennial nemesis, Mount Pleasant, October 23, followed by defending state champion Concord. Even if Concord

does manage to finish out its season in the "plus wins" column, it will not be eligible for a berth in the state tournament, due to early practice

sessions. The results of the Brandywine-Conrad game were not available at press time.



Junior Jeff Moore snags another one during practice. (Photo by Bill Greegs)

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Conrad's parking lot? If the Redskin teachers don't get their numbered parking system straightened out soon, the Student Council members may have to sweep up the rubble.

Reincarnation reveals many wanton hopes and desires

Dear Buddha,
Needless to say, we, the Smoke Signal staff, were a bit awed by your letter soliciting our recommendations as to the destiny of a number of Conradians in their next existences. After we recovered from the initial shock your request generated, we decided to be as democratic as possible and contacted all the Redskins you asked about for their own suggestions. We found that:

Miss Mildred Morrison dreams of a second round on Earth as a ballet dancer, longing for the grace and ability to please, which they seem to possess.

Mr. Edgar Baker desires, quite simply, to be reincarnated as Superintendent of the Conrad Area School District.

Mr. Ed Malin would like to return as a ghost to haunt his enemies.

Senior Rennee Stewart asks to come back as a football field. She says, "How could there be any football games if there weren't any fields? I'd be important."

Unlike Rennee, Junior Diane Mery hopes to be a ceiling in her next life, so that she won't get walked on.

Another Junior, Diana Thorp, wants a chance to be a device to clean polluted air.

Senior Nancy Cooper chooses a cloud for her next form, hoping to drift about the sky at her own discretion, while junior Sheree Suloff looks to the wind for the same freedom.

We received four requests to return as trees. The most inspirational reason came from junior Art Lindholm, who said, "... I would be able to listen to the wind blow through my leaves... Witnessing beauty would be my only chore."

Junior Francis Williams would

like to be reincarnated as a piece of seaweed, sliding on rocks and exploring all the oceans, while Bob Shearer, also a junior, prefers the idea of exploring the oceans' depths as a whale. Two other Conradians hope to spend their next life in the sea; junior Mike Figun as a seal, and sophomore Barbara Hayes as a dolphin.

A bit revengefully, junior Lynne Gary asks to return as a bee to "... bring discomfort to everyone who has done so to me."

Senior Denise Stumpf envies the butterfly for its freedom, and hopes someday to live as one.

For 12 Redskins interviewed, a bird represents freedom, while five others hope more specifically to become bald eagles.

Junior George Gibison seems not to like the idea of reincarnation and asks to be a mouse with a very short life-span in order to hide for the duration of his next existence.

Junior Richard Rentoul would like to come back as a turtle so that he could move about slowly and crawl into his shell whenever he feels threatened.

Sophomore Dave Draper hopes to return as a race horse, while another junior, Linda Fleming, sees herself as a wild horse.

Eight students have requested a second life as some type of house pet, because according to junior Dawn Bestpitch, there would be nothing to do but lay around being waited on and loved.

Junior Bill Beaston likes to think of himself returning as a bear running through the woods hassling campers.

Junior Michael Naljone longs for worry-free life which he expects deer to have, while senior Marsha Stabnau longs for their grace.

Junior Bob Calhoun hopes to deserve a return to life as a cow in

India, where they are sacred.

We received an infinite number of requests to come back again in a human form, though some interesting specifications were made. Among them, junior Kathy McNamara wants to return in the past; juniors Caren Cebinka and Cindy Jaros want to be boys because, as Caren puts it, "They don't seem to have to do much of anything." Junior Len Schmid hopes to be reincarnated on another planet.

Modest Bob Crawford commented, "I'd like to come back as Bob Crawford because of his great sense of humor, and his good looks."

A more serious Redskin, senior Ray Barbic, also asked to be returned as himself in order to undo the mistakes he is making this time around.

Meanwhile junior Dave Stanek wants only to come back alive, and senior Jaci Johnson doesn't want to come back at all.

Only two Conradians who were interviewed could make no suggestions as to their destiny in their future lives. So far, after considering them both carefully, we have done our best to make appropriate recommendations. First it is our opinion that senior Bethann Acton should be reincarnated as a mink, because like a mink, she is nervous and jittery. Lastly, we would like to see senior Jimmy Stewart returned as Groucho Marx, since he has already had so much practice.

We hope that you will take our cooperation into consideration when you determine our destinies, and ask only that you keep us in mind for prominent positions on the New York Times.

Sincerely,
Gail McGinnes,
News Editor

Sluggers again claim Flight A championship

Conrad's 1972-73 baseball team earned the title of Flight A Champions for its third consecutive year. Carrying a 12-4 conference record and a 14-6 overall record, Coach Harry Davies led his men to victory ... one more time. The Redskins have taken Flight A four out of the last five years and were runners-up in the state tournament twice.

"We were surprised we won it," admitted the coach. The team was using last season to rebuild and strengthen its weak points after having lost several good seniors the previous year.

This year the Redskins are looking forward to a winning season. "They should be a good defensive and offensive team," predicts Coach Davies. Though the team has lost some strong seniors such as Rick Brown, Mark Lenza, and Sam Whitaker, there are expected to be seven returning lettermen to fill in the holes.

"It all depends on the pitchers." The year looks promising, says the coach, as long as a replacement can be found for star pitcher Rick Brown.

Fifteen returning seniors should help overcome the pitching weakness. Among the senior players on this year's Redskin team are Glenn Taylor, third base and pitcher; David Hayes, second base, third base, and pitcher; Barry Kelly, second base, third base, and pitcher; Joe Swarter, first base;

Ron Jezyk, catcher; Tom Blackson, catcher; Mike Morrison, center field; Zed Ross, outfield; Paul Jones, outfield and Chuck Sanders, out field.

Juniors who will be assets to the team are Scott Martin, short stop; Kevin Phillips, short stop and pitcher; and John Lore, pitcher and outfielder.

The Junior Varsity baseball team is under the leadership of Coach Wayne Von Stetton. "Mr. Von Stetton does an excellent job with the J.V. The kids really like him." Mr. Davies looks optimistically, also, to a successful season for the J.V. squad.

Newark, Concord, and Dickinson should be the Redskin's toughest teams, says Coach Davies. But you never can tell. Conrad's record in the last four years against state champions Claymont High School has been 4-0.

The 1973-74 Conradians look towards a winning season. "They're a tremendous bunch of kids," beamed the coach. "I've had a lot of fun coaching them."

Seven come to Conrad

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basics of wiring."

A former student at Glasboro State Teachers College with a B.A. in industrial education, Mr. Hawn lists motorcycle riding among his chief interest. He and German-born wife also enjoy traveling through Europe — a habit he picked up while serving his four enlisted years in the Navy.

Mr. Michael Lehane rejoins the staff as a science-laboratory assistant after a year long absence.

Science hungry senior devours Carolina summer

Most Conradians would prefer to spend their summer months at the beach, swimming, tanning and generally being rowdy. Not so for Sharon Hitchens.

The science-hungry senior passed three weeks of last July skimming lakes for micro-organisms, identifying proteins, and connecting electrodes to her head in an attempt to generate alpha waves from her brain.

Is she strange? No, just interested in science.

Sharon represented Delaware in the Summer Science Scholars Program at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, North Carolina. From July 2 to 20, she and 19 other selected high school students from other states attended the seminar.

Their classes and activities included IBM computer programming, doing cardiograms and E.E.G.'s, and using "paper chromatography" to identify unknown proteins.

Sharon said the chemistry and biology work she did was largely what she already had at Conrad, which gives an idea of how rough our own science courses are. Labs they performed included working with enzymes, chlorophyll spectrums, and collecting micro-organisms from the campus lakes.



Sharon Hitchens, senior, works with science equipment.

Sharon's speedy reply to the question, "What did you do in your spare time?" was quite definite. "We broke practically all the rules," she admitted. Besides that, she participated in a hypnosis session and attempted a seance with a group of friends. Sharon added, "It was a lot of fun, and I hope a lot of students go out for it next year."

Sharon's future plans include attending the University of Delaware, where she will major in chemistry

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Do seniors Ellen Joseph and Jerry Rosen resemble the cats that swallowed the canary? They have good reason to as Conrad's National Merit Scholars. Priscilla Goldsmith and Connie Moore received commendations.

Art talent attracted by WAMS' Haunted House

"Frankenstein's Laboratory" will be Mrs. Patricia Walrath's independent art class's contribution to the WAMS and Delaware Jaycees' haunted house. This initial fund drive for Multiple Sclerosis will be held in the Army barracks of the Wilmington Airport. Last year's site, the New Castle County Correctional Institute, was deemed too dangerous.

This frightful exhibit is separated into four sections, and Conrad's emporium is located near the rear of the first section. The eight seniors and one junior in the independent class have already planned and started modeling their portion of horror.

Gary Parker will be on channel five, October 22, to promote this worthy cause, under the title and make-up of "Frank N. Stein."

Mrs. Walrath's "cream of the crop artists" are assembling two dummies as the main attraction of their exhibition. One of Dr. Frankenstein, and the other, of his infamous patient lying on the operating table. "Getting everyone to work at the house at one time," is the only problem she foresees in organizing this spectacle.

This haunted menagerie will be open to the public Friday, October 26, from 7 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, October 27, 1 p.m. to midnight; Sunday from 2 p.m. to 11; and Monday 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Seniors legislate at Dover

Have you met Senator Barry Kelly, Representatives Mike Cuiffitelli and Jim Humphrey, Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Hutnyan, Attaché for the Senate Betsy Bove, and Senator Juli Grandell?

These students held these offices this summer as a part of representing Conrad at Boys' State and Girls' State.

These organizations, sponsored by the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, is a program initiated for the purpose of kindling interest in and increasing the awareness of the political aspects of Delaware state government. Each year high schools all over the state send two to five future seniors as representatives to this growing program.

The students are recommended by their social studies or history teachers, and the faculty decides by vote who will attend the week-long conference to represent Conrad. The stater are chosen not only for their scholastic ability, but also for their leadership qualities, interest in school activities, and general all-around qualities, characteristic of the ambitious student.

Delaware State College, Dover, Del., was the sight of 1973 Boys' State. The future politicians attended the week-long clinic from June 18-22. Similarly, Wesley College in Dover hosted the participants of 1973 Girls' State from June 20-25.

The all-staters were given the opportunity to be active in state pro-

News-in-Brief

DECA elects Papili president

Senior Elsie Papili has been elected president of the Conrad chapter of DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America). She served as vice president last year and is currently the state DECA officer in charge of public affairs. The other officers for 1973-74 are seniors Debbie Barbour, vice president; Kathy Baliski, treasurer; and Donna Kotowski, secretary.

DECA is a national youth organization operating through the public schools and designed to develop future leaders for marketing and distribution.

This year's first marketing project was the sale of season football tickets. Profits from the sale exceeded \$220 and were turned over to the athletic association.

'73 HOMECOMING LAUNCHED

Homecoming, the greatest fall event sponsored by Student Council, has been slated for November 10. The formal affair will be held in the gymnasium the evening following the Wilmington High School football game. The dance will don a carnival atmosphere and tickets will be sold at \$7.00 per couple.

Parking stickers are to be sold again this year by the council at 75c each. Profit from this sale will be used to finance expenses from the Homecoming dance. Also to raise money, a raffle of one free pass to all home basketball games and one free pass to all home wrestling matches is scheduled for early November.

GUIDANCE COURSE STARTS

"The world and work", a one-quarter credit pass-fail course is being initiated at Conrad this year. The class scheduled to meet once a week will emphasize attitudes and other personal factors involved in the choosing of a vocation. Attitudes and lifestyles associated with

various occupations will also be explored through the use of text books, films, field trips, and outside speakers. Mr. David Brady asks that all interested students contact him in the speech therapy room.

CHOIR VISITS NEW YORK

The choir departed June 12 for its annual class trip, destined this year for New York City. The main event of its venture was to see Christopher Plummer star in the play "Cyrano" at the Palace Theatre.

The one-day vacation began with a special guided tour through the United Nations building where the members saw many diplomats and dignitaries. Then, Central Park became the picnic area for eating lunch.

Promptly afterwards, everyone explored the exuberant Metropolitan Museum of Art for the remaining hours of the afternoon. With the dinner hour arriving, most ate at a Grecian restaurant, while others dined more domestically.

Broadway and Times Square supplied many shops and sights for the travelers to enjoy while they awaited the 7:30 show at the theatre. The vocalists enjoyed the play, "Cyrano," which received a partial standing ovation.

VETERAN JCL'S INITIATE

Redskins appeared to adopt the caste system of government, when the Junior Classical League held its annual initiation, September 20. Veteran JCL members were chosen

as gods, and those being initiated were required to kneel before them, greet each "god" with his own saying, and sing a Latin version of "Ten Little Indians."

Officers for 1973-74 are seniors Donald Greever, president; Joanne Kramer, secretary; and Marshal Stabnau, treasurer.

SALARY DISPUTE CONTINUES

The Conrad Federation of Teachers is still negotiating with the district Board of Education concerning a salary dispute over last year's new contract.

In a recent meeting, the board made three proposals to the teachers' union; first was a \$75 increase in yearly salary plus welfare benefits (\$25 per year); second was a \$125 yearly salary addition with no welfare; and third was a 5.5 percent increase annually. All three proposals were defeated. At press time, the issue still remained unresolved.

They have decided to picket their respective schools for one-half hour before and after school hours until crucial decisions have been made. This latest action began Monday, October 8th.

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National competition brings honors to Bulico

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staff members from across the nation attended the conference, including a few delegations from foreign countries. The foreign companies were fairly new this year, and wanted at least a one-person delegation for the convention. Delegates were randomly paired off with roommates and were usually total strangers at first.

The Delaware representation consisted of 16 members from area high schools, including Mount Pleasant, De la Warr, A. I. DuPont, Newark, and Christiana, besides Conrad. Only the Delaware state winners were allowed to attend the conference, all expenses paid. However, some delegations had members who paid their own way.

The delegates were taken to Philadelphia International Airport, where they boarded a T.W.A. jet and flew, nonstop, to Indiana. The J.A. foundation paid for the entire trip, using the taxes from their companies, so, therefore, the students got all their earnings back, either in profit or through the trip.

Besides having little free time, there was one other thing everyone agreed on. Connie summed up their feelings when she said, "The food was excellent! We're lucky, because one good thing about walking all that distance is that we walked off all the food we ate!"

Sue also thought there was too much walking. "Some of the dances were all right, but I didn't like the schedule. There was too much walking!" she commented.

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Social activities were also planned by the NJAC officials. They instituted a talent night, provided a jazz concert and a rock concert, and held a formal dance, the Presidential Ball.

Although the Bulico representatives knew by the second day that their company was out of the competition, they were still kept on the go. "We were really busy," added Ellen, "and had no time for fun. I met a lot of people, but in general, it was a lot of fun, and a lot of work."

The J.A. program will once again be held at Conrad. According to Jerry Kephart, one of the program advisors, a program similar to that of last year is planned, but the companies will be producing different products.

One of the 80 members needed for the formation of four companies, 67 had signed up by October 3. The program was organized with three or four companies, depending on the number of students who joined, during the first meeting October 9.

Stock sales will be discussed and officers elected during the second meeting of the individual companies. Students will begin actual production sometime near the end of October.

Conrad enrollment drops; Referendum to be approved

Despite the recent drop in the number of students in the district, firing of teachers will not be necessary, according to Mr. Leon B. Elder, district Superintendent.

This year, the district's enrollment dropped by 311 students, either because families have moved away for various reasons, or, more simply, because the post World War II "baby boom" is fading out.

The number of teachers has declined by eight, but the enrollment drop had been anticipated and the Board simply hired fewer teachers. The contracts will last for this year, so none will be fired.

Among the items passed at a recent Board meeting are a Current Expense Tax Referendum and a Major Capital Improvement

Program. Should the district's voters approve the plans, they will go into effect tentatively in February.

The Current Expense Tax Referendum involves a tax increase to help raise money for salary increases, education programs, and building maintenance. The Major Capital Improvement Program will provide part of the funding for additions to most of the district's buildings.

The additions are seen to cost approximately \$2.5 million, with \$1.5 coming from the state and the remainder from the public. The plans would involve a total tax increase of 14 cents per \$100 of assessed property value.

ceedings. A two-party system was established, party heads were chosen, and a party platform was drawn up by and appointed committee and later voted upon.

Early in the week, local and county governments were established. The politicians discussed advantages and disadvantages of various city structures and decided upon the method best suited for their individual city or group. Cities were formed carrying names of places in the past, such as Appaquimink and Pencader. The purpose was to become familiar with this nomenclature.

Later, the nationalist and the federalist parties each nominated a governor and a lieutenant governor to run on their party ticket in a mock state election. Campaigns were organized, signs and stickers appeared overnight. Campaign chairmen were appointed and an assembly was held the night before the election, where the candidates expressed their views concerning one aspect of their party platform.

This year's stater chose Dickson students for both Girls' State and Boys' State governors. The elected officers assumed their respective stations, and the action started. For the remainder of the week the would-be politicians originated and passed bills in senate sessions, held meetings in the actual Senate and house rooms in Dover, and took on the responsibilities of the officials of the state.

Governor Sherman W. Tribbit visited the group and spoke for a brief period of time. A banquet was held the last night and included entertainment such as a fashion show and medleys from the State choir.

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