

# Ellen Joseph awarded \$500 VFW scholarship

Senior Ellen Joseph, winning a first place gold medal in the "Voice of Democracy Contest," was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, in an assembly January 13 at Central Middle School, Dover.

Previously a regional winner of a \$50 savings bond, Ellen's speech on "My Responsibility as a Citizen" will now go on to national competition. The national winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

Each contestant submitted a three-to-five minute, tape-recorded speech to be judged on content, originality, and delivery. The speeches were first judged by a few officials of the contestants' respective schools.

The winners of each Delaware's four VFW districts were then judged for a district winner. Ellen's

recording was evaluated along with eight other high school winners for the district first prize of a \$50 bond.

First place in the state was chosen from the four district winners. In this competition first prize was a \$50 bond in addition to the \$300 check.

The 50 state winners will receive a five-day all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Sometime in March, to attend the national judging. In addition, each contestant will be given a sum of money to use as he wishes.

According to Ellen, her three-minute, 15-second speech consisted of three main points. She feels her responsibility as a citizen is "to obey all our laws, to feel a responsibility and an awareness of the government, and to give proper love and respect to our country."

# Three classes rotate; teachers produce films

An experiment in team-teaching will be conducted by Mr. David Pugh, Mrs. Louise Goddin, and Ms. Sherry Craft. Each one will teach his fifth period classes with his individual knowledge in filmmaking, camera direction, and script writing.

Mr. Pugh's photography class, Mrs. Goddin's communication class, and Ms. Craft's Journalism I students are participating in this experiment, in which they will spend one week with every teacher.

After the three-week period has ended, each class will make a short film, as a subject of its choice. Scripts will be written by the students, who are also the stars of the show.

The photography class will do a series of exaggerated commercials, while "Conrad Graffiti" is being produced by Mrs. Goddin's class. The Journalism I class will do a take-off from Cheech and Chong's "Miss Mary Ella Phant," a substitute teacher. Each film will be based upon humorous antics.

The student body may see these three short films if everything works out as planned.

Ms. Craft said of the venture, "Team-teaching gives teachers a chance to appreciate another's ability. It also gives students exposure to different methods of teaching and a broader subject field."

# Inflation pinches school store; athletic socks biggest sellers

Everyone has felt the pinch of inflation and the student store is no exception. Wholesale prices on virtually everything are rising and Redskins will soon see, when, for example, football jerseys currently selling for \$4.95 shoot to \$5.95. On the other hand, as paper prices skyrocket elsewhere the student store will continue to sell such products at last year's prices, according to Mr.

Joseph Froelich, DECA faculty adviser.

Athletic tube socks are being offered to the store this year, for the first time ever. The socks, which sell for \$1.25 a pair, have no heel, and are supposed therefore to wear more than twice as long. According to manager Chris Haislett, "They are the hottest selling item in the store - 15 dem sold our Sep-tember."

Although all orders have not yet been filled, 117 Conrad jackets have been purchased. The sale has become an annual venture, but Mr. Froelich admits reluctantly, "The price of these, too, can be expected to go up next year."

DECA, which sponsors the store, is designed to familiarize its members with all the aspects of business and to fail at the end of the year. Success is a part of it as competitive marketing students have discovered. For example, the winter weekend in the Pocomoc has not been cancelled due to lack of response. In retrospect Mr. Froelich commented, "The trip included more than just skiing, but that seemed to be all the students were interested in. For the most, \$52, was just too high for snow."

On the positive side, however, competitive marketing students sponsored a successful day-trip to Washington, D.C. last November, and established Santa Claus as the district elementary schools during the holiday season. DE students, their employers, and some of their parents attended an Employer-Employee Banquet last night.

Redskin DECAians are beginning to prepare for the State Career Conference slated for the end of March. This is one of several over-night affairs in which DE students are involved, and is according to Mr. Froelich "the stimulus for the entire DECA program."

Fund raisers for the year include car washes and the selling of candy in the school store.



DECA students take time-out to feed a squirrel during Washington trip.

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# "You'll never make me cry!" "Dino" stirs viewers' tears

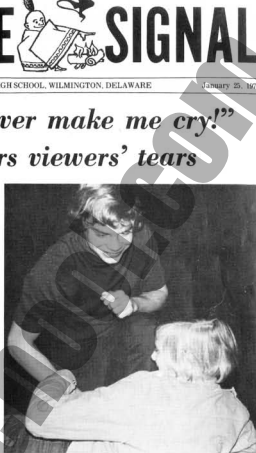
Reviewed by staff critics  
"I never cried," Dino Falacro spat these words with venom and then collapsed into a sobbing heap. His audience found themselves also reaching for tissues at last Friday night's opening of "Dino."

The play, which the undermanned Sock-N-Buskin Club chose for its annual winter production, depicts the problems encountered by a sixteen-year-old released after a four-year murder sentence in a reform school. "Dino" is similar in plot to "David and Lisa," a 1971 production.

Sophomore Joe Cronin in the title role was the very personification of author Kristen Sergal's character. A veritable ball of heated emotions, Joe travelled through the three acts as if he himself were learning to readjust to a loveless home with only the help of a shy receptionist. His own feelings had visibly merged with the character's to produce a performance which kept the audience on its toes.

Senior Mary Anne Steele, as Shirley, gave a touching portrayal of the girlfriend. Soft-toned and gentle, she slowly uncovered the warm side of the delinquent while shining out of her own shell.

A calm, cool and collected Mr. Sock-N-Buskin, as played by senior's performance, Jerry Thompson, took a back seat to Cronin's dominant forces during the intimate office scene between the two, yet,



Joe Cronin and Billy Winkelman run through their "brother to brother" scene before the curtain rises. (Photos by Sharon Hitchens)

his even performance throughout the play deserves notice. His control over Dino's hesitancy was believable, his understanding of Dino was moving.

The convincing portrayal of Jackie, a gum-chewing, telephone-talking receptionist, was undertaken by senior Ellen Joseph. Ellen never disappointed the audience with even one misplaced line or accent. Her minor part deserves major credit.

The easy moves of sophomore Billy Winkelman as Dino's kid brother, Tony, drew immediate attention. He was certainly one of the most natural of all the thespians. He, of course, fed back all the vibrations

which Sharon Hitchens and Tom Sheebrows as his parents directed his way.

Other members of the cast, including Mike Berry, as the parole officer, and Irene Janvier deserve laurels for their first-time tries.

Backstage, Mr. Frank McDermott and Anthe Anagnostou deserve high praise for the patience which they took while directing the virtually inexperienced crew. The unity of the players shined.

Again, as with "David and Lisa," the only real disappointment was to be found not with the extras, but rather with Conrad's reception of the sensitive play.

# After school activities vary; what does your teacher do?

by Joette Pihl and Kenner Ventura

Conrad students seem to know all too well what their teachers do during school hours. How many know just what they do after they head for home?

For instance, who knew that Mrs. Eleanor Dill, famous English teacher, likes to climb trees and chase squirrels? Picture it — a Conrad faculty member swinging through the limbs of an old oak! When she's not doing that, she likes to mess up lemon merange pie. (You figure it out!) Aside from those sporty activities, she enjoys reading, dancing, and going to Pocomoc Beach at dawn.

Our English department also yields Mr. James Kaut, outdoor man, who loves to camp and admits to being a part-time bartender. He instructs the new conservation course this year, and has already taken his class on a canoeing expedition from Chadds Ford to Thompson's Bridge.

Ms. Anne Dugan, who is into her second year at Conrad, can't seem

to get enough of traveling. She's been to Dallas, Mexico, and Virginia Beach. She has recently become a blue grass music fan, and camped out at a blue grass music festival in Virginia Beach. Ms. Dagan likes to sing and is presently studying the guitar. Ole, Conrad's singing sensation.

A new addition to our faculty this year is Mr. Craig Martin. The former Conradian coached the football team and wants to help coach the baseball team next spring. Most of his time is devoted to sports. In fact, he played for Donorfio, the winning team in the semi-pro division. Mr. Martin also enjoys playing the guitar and singing, attending concerts at the Spectrum, hunting and fishing. Most important, though, he likes females!

Still another member of the English department is Mr. David Owen. He regards himself as a family man, but he spends a large part of his time working with the Teacher's Union, since he is Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Owen is another of our many outdoor lovers. He enjoys

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## Redskin fortune tellers?

Madam Dora hasn't predicted that the varsity basketball players will lose their last ten games, let alone that the whole season will be a total washout; yet the students of Conrad have deemed the Cagers losers even before the first game was tapped off.

Whether or not these students are gazing into crystal balls and reading tarot cards isn't known for sure, but it is evident that they aren't "wasting" their time and money on the games. They aren't coming to games or when they do, the sole reason for coming is to meet up with friends that they're going to be drinking with after the game.

Too many Conradians have been voicing discontent with the virtually new basketball season, possibly because of a slow fall sports scene. But while brooding over the past, the students are jeopardizing the outcome of winter sports and possibly those of spring by withdrawing moral support. Poor attendance at games, and passive reactions from the spectators in the stands are capable of psyching down a team.

Honestly speaking, although 1974 may not produce as many awards as last year, the comparison should end there. Many students are greatly disappointed with this year's players simply because they compared them too often to last year's stars and All Staters. If the skeptics who put down this year's team are so accomplished with fortune telling, it should be suggested that they look only into the future, and stop dragging up the saga of Skip Billips at every game.

Spirit doesn't win a game, but confidence does: support from friends amounts to more than gossip, speculation, and Ouija board predictions.

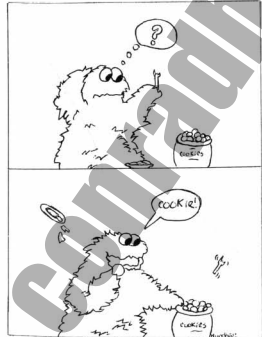
## Forks battle meat and lose

To the many students who patronize the cafeteria, just trying to eat some meals is nearly impossible, for not only has the management replaced the nostalgic metal flatware with plastic picnic-ware, but they have also impounded all knives. The knives are now left sitting idly in a drawer or on a shelf, while the students fight with a fork and spoon to cut their meat, and the meat seems to be winning.

Undoubtedly the ladies who oversee the students' lunches are concerned for their welfare, hence the conversion to plastic utensils, but how much injury can be inflicted with a plastic knife?

Imagine one's distress, after somehow managing to cut a piece of roast beef, at having a one-pronged fork which with that to eat, and at finding the remaining three prongs floating atop the gravy.

If the cafeteria is to provide Conradians with nourishing meals, students must first be able to eat them. Whether plastic, metal, or otherwise, Conradians need knives.



Without the proper utensils, what will become of Conradians' eating habits?



## 'Skins find flashlights fruitful

Courageous Redskins are braving the darkness of Daylight Saving Time, and coming to school armed with flashlights and good sense and humor, proving once again that we can tolerate any restrictions as long as we're allowed to laugh . . .

### Long hair or . . . no hair?

"When are you going to put on a dress?", physics teacher Hugh Patterson questioned senior Bill Greogs, giving him a sharp tweak on the curly locks.

Before the sounds of pain and laughter finished resounding through the room, Bill shouted, "You're just jealous because you have no hair to pull!"

### Chauvinism forever

"We shall overcome," proclaimed an enraged Jerry Ross upon learning that only the female calculus students received 5's. Jerry, accompanied by his three fellow male students, then stormed out of room 200 and sat by the entrance telling passers-by of the unfair and unequal practice. Retaliation continued the following Monday in the form of a cold war—although the guys returned to the classroom, they huddled alone in the corner with a picture of Bobby Riggs.

### And in this corner . . .

Battling Betty vs. Agg Boss—a 2-pair not quite, but an off-odds conversation held recently in one of the labs might have believed that the petite Betty Bove was about to defeat Agg Boss.

"I can't make it tonight, I'm afraid. I have a wrestling match," said the cheerleader.

"Oh yeah?" queried a voice.

## Letters to the Editor

### Students catch name-droppers

Sharon Hitchens

If you should continue printing names in the school paper, you or the person writing the article could at least have the decency to spell the names correctly. How would you feel if every time someone wrote your name in the paper, it was incorrectly spelled. We feel that you should have someone proofread all names and make sure that they are spelled correctly. Then after words put them in the paper.

Thank You,  
Concerned Students

Editors note: The above letter is printed exactly as received. All articles are proofread, however it is impossible to catch all misspellings. We are short-handed and long lists, such as the Honor Roll are time consuming. We regret the printing errors that do go through, and hope students will realize the mistakes are not intentional.

Members of the editorial staff:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the kind words which were written on my behalf in the last issue of the Smoke Signal. My decision to relinquish the coaching position was not an easy one for me to make. However, knowing that someone cares and tries to understand makes the situation seem more tolerable. Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,  
Edgar A. Baker

"What class do you wrestle?"

"Unlimited," answered a proud Betty, flexing her biceps.

The shortest distance between two points is around the triangle.

The band members in part have decided not to go to Jamaica until a bridge can be constructed from Wilmington to the island. It seems that if the musicians travel with them, they will have to cross through the "Bernuda, or Death Triangle," an uncharted area in the Atlantic where scores of ships and planes have disappeared. According to trombone player Don Wood, an alternate means of transportation, such as a bus or train, will have to be obtained.

### Confusion says

The quiet of the month award this January is being shared by senior Wayne Hanna and one anonymous Conradian. Wayne received his half of the coveted award within seconds after he uttered the immortal words, "An empty seat is better than a chair of spitting." The other picked up his share for telling Mr. Cohen to let the test go and letting the lifeguard after school.

See you see them, now you never did.

Maybe Marsha Stabnau needs her glasses more than Chris Baker needs his non-existing contact lenses. The mischievous senior called the unsuspecting girl over to ask if his "lenses" were making his eyes red. The girl replied no, and said she did see them. They looked fine. When Chris finally told Marsha that he does not own contacts, she merely replied, "You could have fooled me."

### Hamburger

When senior Ed Dule was asked to describe in one word or less what he liked the most about his manager's job at McDonald's, the immediate answer was "freebies."

### It's the thought that counts

No one knew it was Joe Swarter's birthday until it was too late, nevertheless, this didn't keep his friends from giving out belated presents. Over the weekend a few people conjured up some ideas for gifts to give him. Seeing the nicely wrapped boxes, he shook his head and refused to open them, but after persuading him to open them, everyone laughed when they saw he got a big striped lollipop and a 50¢ gift certificate.

### Hide the liquor

After Mr. Hilton Cohen and his wife recently had a baby boy, Marc Ian, his first period class was quizzing the history teacher about what a perfect father should do. One student thought he would really put Mr. Cohen to the test and asked, "What are you going to do the first night he comes in drunk?"

### Who's bugging who?

During a recent Smoke Signal staff meeting, members were suggesting ideas which could be used for the next issue of the newspaper.

One member suggested by an earlier incident, reminded that someone would call President Nixon's secretary to see about getting an interview. Miss Sherry Craft replied, "Why do we want to bug Nixon?"

Dear Editor,

Why is Conrad always one of the last schools to cancel or delay class in the event of foul weather? Frequently all of the schools in the surrounding area close, yet Conrad remains open.

Some of the roads in the Conrad area district (Richardson Park, Elkmore, Glen Berne) are just as treacherous when frozen as the roads in the districts that close.

One must also consider the plight of the teachers. This district has teachers who live all over the tri-state area. They too must drive to school and often travel over slick terrain.

Also because of the tardiness or absence of administrators and students, very little work is done. So, why take the chance? Perhaps those in charge of cancellations should consider these factors before making a choice. Maybe they should take a ride early in the morning to see what drivers have to contend with. Possibly the next morning after a winter storm, their decision will be different.

A Non-Ice Skater

Dear Editor,

Recently, Conrad had the privilege of having two music assemblies. At first, these assemblies were welcomed, but when it was discovered the bands played jazz and blue grass instead of hard rock, some students were "turned off" and became a rude audience, laughing and making fun

of these talented performers.

This rudeness reflected an ignorance and intolerance of things these students can't and won't understand.

These bands took time out of their daily routine to perform for our students, many of whom seemed unappreciative.

If only to "get out of class," Conradians look forward to assemblies. Their rudeness only makes administrators wary of approving any such classroom deviation.

Perhaps the next time there is an assembly, let the students who have the decency to listen quietly to others may enjoy the program.

Disgusted

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Senior Karen Durham (left) struggles with her snow boots. Senior Wayne Hanna (right) heads up to the top of the slopes to try again. (Photos by Sharon Hitchens)

## Snow bunny hops to the Jack Frost slope

By Sharon Hitchens  
For those of you who has not yet gotten up the nerve to join one of the Conrad Ski Club's excursions, I'll attempt to give you an idea of what to expect that first wild, wonderful time that you hit the slope, usually right side not up.

Personally, I prefer to stay up to one in the morning, packing, or rather stuffing, two pairs of dry socks, one pair of dry jeans, one snugly pair of longjohns (thermals), three cans of soda, and one soggy sub into a bag the size of a shoebag. Then I drag myself out of bed at 5 o'clock, ride a school bus for three hours and upon arriving, I see a quarter inch of snow. After waiting a good twenty minutes in the rental area of Jack Frost Mountain's Summit Lodge, I finally get all my gear.

A pleasant looking man hands me my boots and after finally getting the monstrosities buckled on, I get the courage to stand. Now I know how Frankenstein must have felt. These contraptions must weigh at least a ton.

Okay, let's see my skis. This second nice gentleman explains how the skis will come out of during certain falls, but there's a sign saying they won't always come out and that Jack Frost won't assume any responsibility for resulting injuries. Now that's encouraging! The man fur-

ther explains how to get in and out of the skis, then I'm off to get my poles.

Now that I'm loaded and nearly chickened out, Mr. Ned Landis hands me my lift ticket and I'm all set. But, first, there's the small matter of a lesson. I step out onto the top of the slopes, and the splendor of the brick mountain scene overwhelms me. It must be right out of a Currier and Ives painting—even complete with St. Bernard's (step-less) and Alaskan Huskies.

I make like the rest of the skiers and bravely don my skis. Wow, look at me! I'm skiing! Only I find out I haven't begun—I'm still on level ground.

Mr. Landis and Mrs. Marie Stronathan, director of the club, arrive and the lesson starts. Oops! Well, my first spill, and all I did was follow the leader. First lesson: how to get up properly after a fall. Skis parallel to slope, poles behind you, uphill, and push out sideways. There—oh, almost had it. Too bad I started skiing sideways.

Gee, this is kind of fun. Watch out for the patch of ice! Made a *woop!* Wow, all the way down to the bottom, and only four spills. Not bad, considering I sat on the skis all the way down.

"Well, you're on your own," says Mr. Landis, smiling. "Wait for me at the bottom." I'll show you how to ride the chair.

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# Lori Smith sits out season; heart remains with the game

The next time you see a five-foot, 10-inch, hard-eyed, athletic young man making her way down the hills on crutches, she is unmistakably Miss Lori Smith. But this Smith has not been lost in the telephone listings. She is unique.

A graduate of Oak Grove, Lori is an avid sports participant. As a junior high student, she played J.V. hockey and basketball in seventh grade, and held slots on both Varsity teams in grades eight and nine.

Not only was she a member of the undefeated basketball team in her freshman year, but Lori also received the school's girls' athletic award.

Continuing her interests in hockey and basketball in her sports career at Conrad, she played J.V. hockey in both grade nine, moving up to varsity in the '72 and '73 seasons. She received letters for her hockey participation and also for her work on the varsity basketball team in her sophomore and junior years.

However, this basketball season held a change for Lori. In a game on the varsity basketball team during a session of horseplay with the wrestling team left the Redskin crutches at the peak of her sports career. The mishap, resulting in torn knee ligaments, is kept in Lori on the bench.

During a nine-day hospital stay, an operation was performed on the damaged knee. December 1, yielding a six-inch incision. Lori hopes to have the splint cast and bandages now protecting her leg removed by January 24, after which she will spend time reconditioning.

"I was very disappointed not to play," Lori commented. "It really hit me when I went and saw them playing. I never thought I wouldn't be able to play."

Now taking academic courses with physical education credits, Lori plans to join her sister, Kim, at the University of Delaware next year, where she will probably major in physics. "At first I was going into chemistry, then math," she explained. "When I got physics, I liked it a lot better." She also intends to continue with her sports interests,

providing she has room in her schedule.

Following sports, Lori enjoys sewing and camping with her family during the summer. She has visited such places as Québec, Montreal, Maine, Vermont, and North Carolina on their yearly trips.

As for the future, Lori is still a bit uncertain. "I hope I can live a comfortable, but exciting life," she added. "I'm all confused and I don't know what's going to happen. I hope I can find what I'm looking for in life and do it."



Lori Smith takes down the statistics as they come in. (Photo by Sharon Hitchens)

## Horseburgers anyone?

# Make mine with onions, please

Food for thought—before you say you're hungry enough to eat a horse, remember, it's a possibility during a section of students at Conrad would not eat horsemeat on a bet. Of the remaining thirty-one and a half percent, 25 percent would only eat horsemeat either for money or if they were starving. Senior Sharon Hitchens would rather eat buffalo and beefsteak. Mary Girard would rather eat at all.

Since history has a habit of repeating itself, it seems logical that in the near future Americans might again be staring into the big, sad brown eyes of a possible food source—the noble beast of burden.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica describes the horse as a powerful, domestic quadruped with coarse hair. Therefore, horsemeat would simply be a few obnoxious students pointed out. "Meat derived from a horse." Some refused to view it as such and responded to the question, "What does 'horsemeat' call to mind?"

Answers ranged from, "dogfood" to several "Gino's" to "my mother's cooking." That student admitted, however, that he has not of yet come home to dinner of hoof under glass with a side dish of hay. Meanwhile, few students, juniors Wayne Laema and Richard Stevens, included, proudly said that they wouldn't mind a meal of horsemeat.

No one answering the survey in-

ferred to have tried horsemeat, and having purchased it in nearby New Jersey. (It is illegal in Delaware.) Therefore it was possibly unfair to ask if there would be a taste difference in beef and horsemeat. Yet 62 percent speculated that despite a reluctance to try the meat, there would most likely be no "defect" in the taste.

Redskin taste buds have adapted to soybeans, or rather, have trained their tongues to "discriminate." Of the 70 students who have knowingly tried a form of the bean such as flour, or as a filler in hamburgers, can distinguish between 100 percent and 90 percent beef. "Pro-soybean" biology teacher Mr. Ed Mallin testifies to the fact that the soybean causes a slightly dryer texture.

Problem number 6: you walk into the cafeteria and are handed the "mystery meat of the day" as part of your plate. After you've consumed the main course, you discover it's your (pleasure, horror) that you have devoured the better part of Secretariat. Would you, could you, eat downstairs again? If you say yes, you are handed the Scott Martin, Art Lindholm and Bob Martin and slightly over half of the others interviewed who think you shouldn't knock something because of its name once you've tried it and liked it. If on the other hand the answer was a no, you are in agreement with 46 percent and

sophomore Harry West, who all decided that not only would they not eat it again, but also "reverse the process" of having eaten it the first time.

The main point in the fight of horsemeat vs. beef is whether or not horses can be considered pets. The Delaware SPCA is firm in their position that horses are pets, and approximately 32 percent of the 138 horses are just as much of a pet as a dog; 54 percent think of a horse as a pet; 50 percent stand with the Humane Society against any laws permitting the slaughter of horses for food.

Soon more than horsemeat may be used as a real food substitute. With the projection of everything from seaweed to old tires being used in the processing of future food supplies, many Conradians are preparing their stomachs for the worst.

As junior Diane Meyer wrote on the bottom of her survey sheet, "Did you see Soylent Green?"

(Anyone for a Heston Burger?)

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1974  
By Juli Grandell

Christmas has gone with all its cheer.  
And now we are faced with another year.  
There are many challenges that need solutions.  
And can be remedied by new resolutions.  
Something which has been a very bad story.  
Is the condition of the girls' lavatory.  
Filled with butts and lots of smoky.  
That makes non-smokers gag and choke.  
And the third or last thing, please give them a treat  
No long they have come without food to eat.  
These are two main problems, that you'll agree to I'm sure  
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"Say it with Flowers"

# Basketball team begins season; "Keeps its cool" during games



Jim Blunt tries out holds during wrestling practice. (Photo by staff)

## Grapplers outclass foes, keep their eyes on title

The Conrad wrestling team opened its conference season with a 23-12 victory over Newark, January 5. The meet featured pins by senior Dan Furness and junior Gary Baker, plus victories by seniors Bob Hartnett, Tom Meade, Leo Geanopolis, Mike Chuffitelli, Zeb Ross, and juniors John Hoffman, and Mark Lindell.

The Redskins entered the McKeen Highlanders January 9, sweeping the meet 46-0 with pins by Hartnett, Hoffman, and Lindell plus victories in every weight class.

The following Saturday (January 12), Conrad met Christiana on the Redskin mats. The home wrestlers defeated the Vikings 41-18 with pins by Geanopolis, Ross, Baker, and McLaughlin plus victories by Chuffitelli, Furness, Baber, and junior Myron Korosenewsky.

Les Macraer, head wrestling coach, entered his team in the sixth

annual Perryville wrestling tournament December 14 and 15. Conrad walked away with the title, winning by more than 30 points over second place defending champion North Hartford High. Redskins placing first in their divisions were Chuffitelli, Hartnett, Furness, Geanopolis, and Meyer. The Conrad victory concluded North Hartford's five year reign as tourney champs.

The Wilmington High Red Devils suffered a cerebral defeat Wednesday night, 37-17. The score however cannot show the devils enthusiasm, characteristic of some greatly original moves and wrestling approaches. Senior Bob Hartnett and junior John Hoffman won by pin and lead the Redskin victory.

Much to the regret of the Smoke Signal staff the results of the Ironsides, and Claymont meets were not available. Press times

After tonight's home game with the Dickinson Rams, the Varsity basketball team will take a breather and wait a week before their rematch with Christiana. The Redskins' Cagers are going into their seventh conference match with a record of 1-4. Results of Tuesday's game with Brandwine were not available at press time.

Returning to this year's team are seniors Glen Taylor, Gary Parker and Jim Oliver; Taylor is the only returning starter. Juniors Steve Clark, Kevin Phillips and Joe Hatasiewicz, and sophomore Fred Swarner round out the virtually inexperienced, yet promising squad.

"We're starting from scratch now," said Coach Allan Mann. "If the guys just play the way they've been practicing, they can do all right. They just have to learn how to keep their cool and remember the right moves when those tough games are in the last quarter."

"It's a young team," commented captain Glen Taylor. "We're just rebuilding in time for next year." Taylor and Swarner have carried their team so far this year as high scorers. Oliver and Parker show plenty of hustle, creating excitement on defense.

Conrad started the season against over strong William Penn. The Redskins took a three point lead at the onset of the game, but the Colonials fought back, caught up and passed, ending Conrad six points by the half. The third quarter involved a full court press by William Penn against the Redskins. The result resulting in a 20-26 score. However, at the start of the fourth quarter Colonial mistakes became Redskin scores; yet, time ran out, leaving Conrad the short end of a 47-36 score.

Friday, December 21, the team traveled to Delcastle where they faced the Cougars. Taylor got into foul trouble in the second quarter and Delcastle took advantage of his absence to pull within one point at halftime. Early in the third period, Taylor picked up his fourth foul, and came back early in the fourth period, only to foul out. Final score was Delcastle 41, Conrad 27.

The team then headed in the direction of Dickinson H.S. for the Christmas Tournament, December 27. Conrad played host Dickinson in the second game of the night. The Redskins defense never really got together as they committed over 17 turnovers and chalked up the game as a 45-26 loss.

Taylor got untraced the second night of the tournament, scoring fourteen points and not missing a shot all evening. The Redskins head Flight B McKeen in a game which saw the Highlanders leading by six, then Conrad leading by four. The team went into overtime with Taylor tallying the only points to give a 40-38 win.

"They didn't do everything right that night," commented Mr. Mann. "But they did keep their cool."

"Salesman came to Conrad January 2 and left with a 26-31 win. The non-conference loss saw the Cagers commit 20 turnovers.

Mr. Mann then took the Redskins, looking for their first conference win to face his old Christiana team. The Vikings took an immediate 8-2 lead, but the Redskins battled back for a 12-8 deficit at the quarter. The team suddenly broke out front for a 18-12 lead early in the second, and after several more points which were evenly matched by Christiana, both teams retired to the locker room for the half with Conrad out in

front by one point. The Vikings were only allowed five points during the third quarter, but moved ahead in the fourth when Parker and Clark were fouled out. Two additional costly turnovers ruined the night. Christiana walked off with a 37-22 victory.

Perverse Coach Pleasant dealt Conrad a 72-30 blow, January 8. The Green Knights scored four times before our players got their first basket, and then wrapped up an additional 10 points before the home team had another chance to score. Most Pleasant maintained at least a thirty point lead throughout the better part of the second half.

The guys were expecting a hard fight. Coach Mann remarked after the game, "They tried as hard as they could. As long as we had just as many guys as they did on the floor, there was still a chance."

The Redskins lost a one-sided 65-23 game to Wilmington High, January 11. The Cagers took an early 2-4 lead in the first quarter but soon fell behind 20-13 at the half. Two minutes passed before the Red Devils rallied, but they still managed to outscore Conrad 20-2. The fourth was a disaster as the team committed 36 turnovers to lose, 23-36.

Fred Swarner, 12 points; and Glenn Taylor, 9 points, led the Redskins to the first conference win over Newark at the Jackets' beehive on January 11. The yellowjackets were leading by 9 at the half, but a swarming defense allowed only one basket from the floor in the second half. An intercepted pass by Swarner stalled Newark for 5 seconds to run the time and bring the Redskins out ahead, 33-32.

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## Sports Column

## Winter track valuable; standouts are honored

Despite the elimination of a formal winter track program from the sports budget, Mr. Paul Eyanson and Mr. John Torrence have organized a track club and are preparing for a January meet. Resulting of a January 17 meet at Widener College were not available.

"The interest was there, so we're going to coach without pay," Torrence said. "So far, so good, though, there have been many problems with the equipment and transportation and the kids are starting to lose their incentive."

The thirty boys originally out for the sport have dwindled in number to fifteen. "No bus could be rented for such a small group even if we had the money, which we don't."

The Conrad Board of Trustees originally cut out a few "self-supporting" sports from the schedule earlier this fall, including track and gymnastics. However, according to the participants, winter track is also being "flected."

"We'll have no shoes, commented harder Paul Clark. "Some one already decided not to buy them. The spring season is also being hurt since some guys aren't going out now and getting in shape. The Spring track team has a good reputation here, but there will be a lot of pressure this spring."

Still, Clark, shot-putter Pete Skrobot and Jim Blunt, and distance

runners Rick Shaw and Joe Sarnecky plan to enter the remaining eight meets, hoping possibly to prove that winter track is worthwhile.

Words of praise are also to be showered upon All State Soccer players Glen Taylor and Doug Challenger. Glen was named the first team, while Doug made the second team, while Doug made a banquet in late November.

The 49-20 score of the Dickinson-Conrad football game should be recorded as 42-20, according to Coach Alex Sanson. An illegal two point conversion was made during the game and brought to an official's attention later. The two point adjustment was made in favor of the Redskins.

The girls' hockey team finished its season with a 4-6-2 record.

Juli Grandell established an apparent seasonal and varsity career scoring record. She scored 15 goals this season, 6 career goals. Additional varsity goals were scored by Lori Smith, Karen Olson, Margaret Smith and Gina Sinovich.

## Girls' impressive at play day; swimmers win their division

Who says practice makes perfect? Not Mrs. Marie Stanzaban, sponsor for 15 Conrad girls who entered the Suburban League Conference Swimming Playday.

Jane Racher, Phyllis Brown, Deborah Dykes, Donna Ferrazo, Gail Gorski, Debbie Holiday, Jayne Malloy, Karen O'Leary, John Powell, Chris Renzi, Maribel Hlodak, Sue Rüter, and Donna Russell attended one practice November 28 at McKeen High School. Three days later they returned to McKeen to compete with girls from other schools.

At the playday Conrad was placed in the "B" division because it had no pool for the teams to practice. There were two divisions, "A" being those girls who attend schools with pools, "B" being the back-up team of the first girls. Conrad placed first in their division with 34 points.

Conrad not only did well in their division, but made a good showing in comparison with the "A" division teams. In the 200-meter backstroke relay, Mous Pleasant's winning time for "A" was 2:25.8, McKeen, "B" was "A", 2:28.6 and Conrad, first in "B", clocked in at 2:30.5.

The scoring at the playday was done according to time in each event. The girl with the shortest time was awarded 14 points. Ten, eight, six, four, and two points

respectively were awarded as the time increased. The scoring was done separately in each division. Most of Conrad's swimmers swim

with clubs and groups during the summer, but the girls claim November 28 was the first time they had gotten wet since summer.



Swimmers confer during lull at the playday. (Photo by Shirley Barry)

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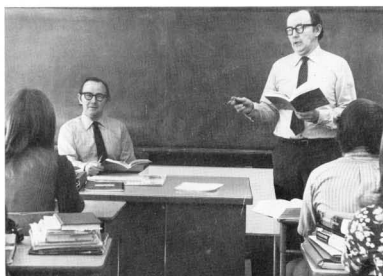
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## Conrad students ski; Jack Frost invaded

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Now for the moment of truth — the famed chair lift. Watch all the trees go by and the little people going all zig-zagged down the slope. Oh, there's a sign. What's it say, "PREPARE TO UNLOAD?" Where, straight down? About a minute later there's a little hill and a sign, "UNLOAD HERE!" Well, here goes! Oh, no, I'm stuck! Top late, I missed the exit! Stop, stop this crazy thing!!

## Sparkling holidays end, post-season blahs hit

The season to be jolly is sadly behind us now, and a sparkling new year has begun. The start of each new year lends itself to a disadvantage, however, as the once spirited and bubbling hearts of everyone are experiencing the annual epidemic, commonly known as the "post-season blahs."

The joyful noise of Christmas with all its trimmings builds and builds until the ultimate climax on Christmas Eve Day. Last minute shoppers enthusiastically run home with their treasures, spruce and scotch pine sprig up and are decorated in yuletide custom, Christmas wrappings and packages clutter living rooms warmed by burning fires. The places, the aroma of turkey and stuffing and cranberry sauce fill the air, and church bells ring in the celebratory birth of Jesus Christ. Cords are sung, blessings are said, family and friends are together bringing warmth and joy to all.

Yes, the Christmas season is incomparable to any other season. Hence is the explanation for this startling let-down. The greatest celebration of the year is followed by a month and a half of pure, everlasting, dull, and boring "nothingness." It's sorta' like climbing a mountain, reaching the top, and falling to its base again. New Year's brings about a wel-

comed pick-up. Celebrations occur everywhere, partygoers cheer themselves to wit, happiness and good fortune for the following twelve months. New Year's Day is football, and summers, and more turkey and parades, and football, and football, and there and more football. The day does with one extra celebration nightcap.

January comes. The start of the long period of the "post-season blahs." Back to work, back to school, back to college, back to day-after-day of frequent busy operas. Nothing to do, nothing in the immediate future to look forward to, just taking one day at a time. The joys of life continue.

But cheer up, my friends, for not all is lost. The future brings peace, joy, love, and victory. There are just 314 days 'til Christmas. "H!"

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## Girls break even begin to rebuild

The girls' basketball team, coached by Ms. Tina Saaborg, stood two and two at press time. Joining Juli Grandell, the only varsity starter returning from last year are sophomores Kathy Dickerson, and Mary Fedorkowicz, juniors Carol Hoffman, Alice Schaller; Shirley Barry, Chris Espinosa, Kathy Jones, and senior Debbie McKeever.

The Redskins are tri-empted by Juli, Lori Smith, and Carol, who is the first junior ever to be given a captaincy in girls basketball at Conrad. Lori Smith, who definitely would have been a starter, was injured during practice.

This season the girls opened up by losing to Christina 36-31. The Redskins came back in their second game to overcome William 26-32. They slaughtered Delaware and lost to Newark.

Four more years? Bring us together again? Students are getting restless about the Watergate case burns us. See the next issue for results of a survey of Conradians reactions to the last five and next three years of Nixon.

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## Is a diet in your future? Now's the time to decide

As the giant illuminated ball fell in Times Square, New York, and a chorus of "Auld Lang Syne" filled the air, many students made their traditional New Year's resolutions. This was the seniors' last chance to improve themselves before they become a part of either the college crowd or the working people.

When the last piece of candy was placed firmly between their jaws, near midnight, December 31, many seniors decided they needed a diet. Marsha Stabau, Debbie McKeever, and Gail McGinnis, vowed to lose weight or else, but Crystal Num put it a different way, by saying, "I'm tired of people calling me a Sherman tank!"

Homecoming Queen Debbie Dykes resolved to brush her teeth more often, and Karen Durban is going to stop biting her nails.

Many of the upperclassmen made resolutions that they would not allow to be printed, while others did not make any at all. The girls followed Mr. F. G. Mallin's philosophy, "I feel I'm perfect, so why should I change?" or Mrs. Elizabeth Tall's way of thinking when she said that nobody ever keeps his

promises past the first of January anyway. Many even promised to quit drinking, but worried that their names be mentioned. Of these, a few said that they would go to the Dickinson and Conrad dances sober. Debiho Walters wants to improve both herself, and another, by supporting a foster child. This \$12 a month fee will be personally deducted from her pay check from Excelsior DuPont Memorial Hospital. Her job will enable her to aid a small boy in such places as Vietnam or Bangladesh.

"This year is the first since 1966 that students didn't have to wish for peace, or the return of loved ones from foreign lands. Thanks to the many judicial victories, the Vietnam War's over, but the U.S. is still in the dark with the energy crisis. Ironically, hardly any seniors voted to limit their gas and electricity usage.

As everyone struggles to better himself as you go on, J.T. Edwards knows he is at the top of the ladder; so, he resolved to "do everything worse than I did it last year."

## Cagers exert pressure; Sabres win intramurals

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January 18, the Redskins battled back from a 19-8 deficit in the first period to pull within five points in the Raiders of Concord but nevertheless lost 46-41. During the second quarter the two teams matched evenly every basket laid was made.

Seven straight points before the Redskins could score put the game away for Concord in the fourth quarter. The final tally showed the Cagers on the slant end.

## HOCKEY

by P. Eyanon

Featuring a pressure offense and the tenacious goal tending of junior Scott Martin, the Sabres went 5-0 in winning the intramural hockey tournament. In their five games the Sabres outscored their opposition 15-5. Their sternest competition came from the Rangers, led by Ed Reilly. The Rangers were beaten twice during the tournament by the Sabres, both times by a 2-1 score.

Although outshot 19-14 by the Rangers in the championship game, the Sabres won it on a last-minute overtime goal.

The tournament featured outstanding goal tending. Only two games were decided by more than two goals. The last five games were won by one goal.

Intramural activity now shifts to basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, and badminton.



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## News-in-Brief

# Folk musicians perform

Blue Grass music was introduced to Redskin students as an instrumental group known as "Fertile Ground" performed a medley of songs during a recent assembly.

Music characterized as Blue Grass has greatly grown in popularity. Its ballad singing and dance tunes of banjos and fiddles originally came from the area of southern Appalachia.

Student teacher Virginia Correll, a folk lore student, is responsible for obtaining this group from the University of Delaware. She enjoys Blue Grass music and because of its growing popularity feels the high school group should be exposed to it.

The students can relate to these people especially because of their younger appearance in comparison to other Blue Grass bands.

### ALL STATE CHEERERS AGAIN

The All State Cheerleading Section, sponsored by Mr. John Torrence, plans to hit the stands soon, garbed in the new official jacket.

The group, consisting mainly of underclassmen versus alumni, has recently purchased eleven red and white jackets with matching ski

caps. The jackets will have the group name emblazoned on the back, with the individual's name and the year on the front.

Late winter dances are planned by the club to rebuild its bank account, depleted by the new purchase. Dues are being collected according to Mr. Torrence.

### DRUG COURSE INITIATED

Mr. Ed Malin has organized a Drug Information Workshop, a three week experimental program which is presently being offered to sixth period study hall students. A three week elective, the course boasts no tests or homework, is worth ½ credit, and is graded pass-fail.

"We're working in a budget", said Mr. Malin. "The course is broken up into three parts and will be comprised mainly of experiments, and a simulation game. If this program turns out okay, we'll try to run it again later this year."

### SENIOR NAMED TO 'CO-ED'

Senior Lisa Cosentino has been named Co-Ed Correspondent for the 1973-74 school year, according to an

announcement by Miss Margaret Hauser, editor of CO-ED, which is published nationally by Scholastic Magazines, Inc., for home economics students. It contains articles on fashion, food, beauty, and home furnishings, and fiction. She was appointed Correspondent by Mrs. Marie A. Allen, her home economics teacher.

Selected for qualities of leadership and enthusiasm for home economics, Lisa will serve as junior adviser to CO-ED editors. Like the other Co-Ed Correspondents throughout the United States and Canada, she will keep the editors informed of activities at her school.

### JUNIORS PLAN RING DANCE

The ring dance, which until a few years ago was an annual affair, is being re-established by this year's wealthy junior class. Class rings have already been ordered from the H. W. Case Company and will be distributed at the semi-formal dance slated for March 15, according to president Debbie Hitchcock. Carol Wertz, Karen McKee, and Eileen Schaal serve as back-up officers for the successful class.

As sophomores the class of '73 raised some \$1000 and has sponsored two profitable dances this year with hopes of more to follow.

## Center teeter-totters as treasury diminishes

Funds for the district's Youth Service Center have been seriously decreased this year and are seen to last only until February, according to Miss Siham Shahade, program director, and Mr. Leon B. Rizer, district superintendent.

The program was instituted last year to help the district's students with any problems that may be encountered. Whether a learning or attendance problem; problems with home or drugs, the center has qualified counselors to determine the type of help needed and to make the student feel at ease.

Currently operating on \$28,775 from New Castle County revenue sharing and \$3300 from the school board, the center has lost some of its workers and has reverted to training volunteers.

The center also works in cooperation with the police department to help prevent cases from being taken to court and to bring the students into further

trouble. The police bring problems to the center for help and counseling to prevent problems from recurring.

The center uses many methods to help the students with their problems. They offer a tutoring program to aid with learning difficulties, counselors for emotional problems, a big brother-big sister program for younger children, and group counseling for students and parents.

The program also tries to educate the teachers to recognize possible emotional problems in their students, and to refer them to the center.

The Center helped a total of 363 cases last year, and Miss Shahade is hopeful funds will come through to keep the program working for the rest of this year and next. "I hope there will be a chance," she commented, "to get the funds to support it. The program is really needed."

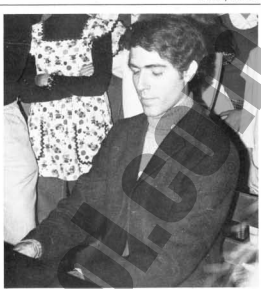


With the current energy crisis darkening each day, scenes like the one above may soon become obsolete.

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Professor-composer-performer, Lee Mitchell becomes engrossed in his music. (Photo by Jerry Nosen)

## Alumnus moves to Boll, becomes concert pianist

"Conrad High, great Alma Mater, Over all prevail! By its strength with God the Father, May that never fail."

Through the years that follow, Lee no one e'er forget, That Conrad is our Alma Mater, Greater to us yet."

With this, the Conrad Alma alumnus Lee Mitchell took a giant step in his musical career, some 12 years ago. Now, at 27, Lee resides in Boll, a Swiss village on the outskirts of Bern, and teaches piano three days a week in a Biel conservatory. Most of his 40 students, ranging in age from 15 to 27, speak only French or German. Besides teaching, Lee practices 27 hours of music each week, and spends the rest of his "free" time composing and performing. He is presently writing a piano concerto for Camerata, an 11 string orchestra. Lee claims that living in Switzerland "is an inspirational experience for anyone who creates."

This ex-Redskin, who has performed in Holland and Greece expects to give concerts in Geneva, Bern, Biel, Greece, and Portugal during the spring months.

Lee returned to the United States for a few weeks this winter to spend the Christmas holidays in Richardson Park with his parents. Before departing once again for Switzerland on January 12, he gave an impromptu recital for the band. Lee grimaced at the tone of Conrad's "once-grand piano" as he played selections by classical composers by memory. At the inquiry of band members, Lee acknowledged that his grandmother began teaching him to play the piano when he was two. As a student at Conrad he composed and directed a concert band number, "Fates and Results," in addition to the Alma Mater. As a band member he played clarinet, flute, oboe, and bassoon.

After being graduated from Conrad, Lee attended the Peabody Conservatory of Music for four years and spent two months as a student in Switzerland. After one year as music director of Hanover Presbyterian Church, Lee returned to Switzerland where he conducted extensive musical ethnological research at the University of Bern and finally became an instructor in Biel.

Lee will perform at the Brandywine Art Museum and Kendall-Longwood during the '74 Christmas holidays.

## Barry Kelly edits Conradian; successful year anticipated

Barry Kelly, editor-in-chief of the 1974 Conradian, and his sixteen-member staff are planning great changes for this year's yearbook. An entirely different cover style, a revised page layout, and seven color pages will make memories of Conrad in '73-'74 unforgettable. Mr. David Owen, yearbook advisor, adds that quotations of students and teachers will be printed throughout the book. "We're printing any honest comment about the school. Obscenities will be the only restrictions, of course."

The price increase this year of the Conradian is due to lack of funds

and rising publishing cost. "We should have a lot more money," Owen explains, "but I believe 66 stolen yearbooks were never recovered last year. If so, that put us back about \$500."

Lorstan studios is again providing film and processing for approximately 1,000 pictures, in return for senior portrait rights. The percentage of gross profit of the yearbook sale returned to the school will probably predict the editor to be given to the neediest case. This organization is usually Student Council or the senior class.

"The quality of the books is very

dependent upon how good the photography is this year. Last year's was so excellent that our book was being used as a sample of high-quality yearbooks," Mr. Owen concluded. "From what has been set to our publisher this year, he has already ordered samples again."

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