

Educators begin evaluation April 1

A team of 25 educators, in cooperation with the Middle States Association, will invade the halls of Conrad April 1 through 4 to evaluate all phases of the Redskin's educational system.

According to Principal Earl Smith, this mandatory evaluation is used as a tool to keep schools abreast of changes in the world of education. Dr. John Falzetta, professor of education at Glassboro State College in New Jersey, assisted by Mr. Patrick Lynn, Principal at Dover High School, will chair the committee.

The bus system, student activities, building maintenance, curriculum, guidance services, school facilities, educational media, and all school publications will undergo intense scrutiny during the actual evaluation period. In addition, some impromptu interviews with both faculty and students are expected, and all teachers will be observed in the classroom at least twice.

Principal Smith has instructed teachers to avoid employing films and tests as much as possible while

being evaluated, but claims that no other changes have been or will be made in preparation for the visitors.

The faculty has already participated in a self-evaluation which Principal Smith feels is the most beneficial aspect of the entire program. Each teacher is required to serve on either two of the seven main committees or the multitude of sub-committees, which have been meeting for more than a year. Their findings, along with faculty transcripts and personal records, and school objectives and philosophies will be submitted to the team, who will issue its own written report next fall. Provided that this report is favorable, Conrad will not have to be re-evaluated for ten years.

THE PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES COMMITTEE

The Philosophy and Objectives Committee began meeting last spring under the chairmanship of Mr. Duane Morningred. After revising the policy adopted ten years ago, including the standards

of the State Board of Education, and adding and reviewing new suggestions, the rough copy was drafted under the nine-person team. It was then distributed to the remainder of the faculty to be proofread. These corrections and criticisms were then added, and the final draft was adopted after two months of debate.

"The philosophy of the school had to be decided upon before the rest of the committees could act," said Mr. Morningred. "We had to work with the understanding that all the ideas drawn up would have to be general enough for all departments to adopt."

The individual needs and the growth of students are considered in the philosophy, as are the rights and responsibility of the surrounding community.

The four pages of objectives include: helping students to develop individual competence and attitude to the best of their ability; provide the opportunity for students to acquire a basic skill in both academic and vocational fields; enabling the students to become

productive, responsible citizens who will strive to improve their community, state, and country.

SCHOOL STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Mr. David Hipp chaired the School Staff and Administration Committee. The purpose of this committee was to evaluate the efficiency and competency of principals, secretaries, teachers in each department, guidance department, library staff, teacher aides and maintenance staff.

The committee found the teaching staff to be of generally high quality, as was the administrative staff.

GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

The guidance committee of the April '74 evaluation is also deep in preparation for the coming months. The purpose of this 12-member committee chaired by counselor Paul Capadonna is to evaluate the guidance services available to students, teachers, and graduates. It will also consider the facilities, equipment, budget, and material associated with this department.

Following considerable research, the committee has produced very explanatory results. Their findings included both commendable aspects and probable improvements. Among the advantages are as follows: professional preparation and experience of counselors, coordinator of career guidance and placement, youth services program, adequate referral services, adequate budget for testing and supplies and materials, support from the superintendent and administration and faculty, good publications for students, and guidance conscious students.

Many improvements were also suggested. Some of the most important follow: more area for guidance testing, telephone for guidance secretary, attendance duties taken from the hands of the guidance department, school guidance committee formed of counselors and teachers and administrators and parents, and improvement of communications between parents and students and counselors.

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Theater Arts class to present "The Stolen Prince" at festival

"The Stolen Prince," a satire on the traditional Chinese theater, will be presented by Mr. Donald Morgan's Theater Arts class for the annual Delaware Dramatic Arts Festival, March 21 and 22 at the University of Delaware, Mitchell Hall.

In addition to the performance at the play festival, the cast will

present its play in April to the district elementary schools, and for Conradians during the Evaluation, also in April.

The 30-minute fairy tale is presented by two separate casts, "to get everybody involved in some way; either in the cast, make-up, scenery, props, or whatever," commented Mr. Morgan.

"The Stolen Prince" will be performed in the traditional Chinese manner, with their colorful costumes and full Oriental make-up.

Only one cast will perform at the festival; however, the specific cast has not yet been chosen. According to Mr. Morgan, the festival is "not competitive." No one wins at the festival. "Instead, each play is evaluated, and its good and bad areas are pointed out and elaborated upon."

The members of the first cast are Senior Mike Wismer, chorus; junior Karen Cunningham, Joy; senior Donna Kotowski, Long Fo; sophomore Jamie Manlove, Property Man, senior Linda Wilson, Royal Nurse; and junior Rose Saggione, Wing Lee.

Also included in the first cast are senior Jill Meadows, Limo; senior Sue Barczewski, Hi Tee; junior Ernie Crosse, the Executioner; junior Robin Moncrief, First Soldier; and sophomore Patty Zabielski, as the Second Soldier.

Members of the second, or back up cast include, in the same respective roles, senior Sue Barczewski; sophomore Bernadette Car; sophomore Patty Zabielski; senior Donna Kotowski; senior Leslie Hindsley; sophomore Paula Dinetta; senior Jacki Fry; junior Robin Moncrief; sophomore Dave Tjaden; sophomore Gina Remedio; and sophomore Jeanne Zingale.

Senior Mary Ann Steele was appointed stage manager and prompter; senior Crystal Nunn is in charge of scenery; sophomore Carol Hamm will help with the Oriental make-up; and senior Lesley Hindsley is in charge of costume design, and will work with Carol on make-up.

The cast has been working on this production since the beginning of the second semester, combining the acting techniques it learned during the first. Mr. Morgan feels the play is "very fantastic." He added, "Costumes are based on classic Oriental styles. It's a lot of fun and the cast enjoys doing it. It appeals to a wide age group."

Maintenance classes try construction experience

The building maintenance department has undertaken a new and altogether different learning experience at 217 Delamore Place, in the city of Wilmington. Students participating in the project are in the act of renovating and improving a run-down home in need of repair.

Mr. Charles Lykens and his colleagues in the department have been in search of a home in Wilmington needing renovating to provide a type of on-the-job training for maintenance students.

The Hilltop Association, a Wilmington civic association, provided the answer. A meeting was held, a plan was developed and renovations began; a homeowner on Delamore Place provided the property, Conrad supplied the labor,

and Hilltop provided the finances.

Students in the maintenance department are now spending their three-period classes at the renovation site. They work daily without pay under the direction of Mr. Lykens as mason and plumbing instructor, Mr. Meran as heating instructor, Mr. Haun as electrical instructor, and Mr. Suggart as the "on-site" instructor.

All work, explains Mr. Lykens, must be inspected and approved by the city in the same manner as the professional work of local contractors. City representatives visiting the site feel that the program is a tremendous success and would like to see it expanded. "It's a community service project," concludes Mr. Lykens, "as well as a learning experience."

Old song lyrics never die, the melody just fades away

by Kathy Quinn

Ever sit in your room so bored to death that you decide to put on some old albums? How about the Turtles, Paul Revere and the Raiders, Jim Morrison and the Doors? As the songs are spinning you realize how many you never really listened to — those that mean something very real. Take Shades of Gray by the Monkees back in 1968.

"When the world and I were young just yesterday, life was such a simple game a child could play."

Isn't that the way it seems? You can't even draw the thin line between 'yesterday' and now. When was it that a Saturday night out began to lose its carefreeness and started to introduce challenges? Should I or shouldn't I?

"It was easy then to tell right from wrong, easy then to tell weak from strong. When a girl should stand and fight, Or just go along."

When was the first time a friend shocked you by doing something 'different'? Then when you thought twice about it, maybe a six-pack before a Dickinson Dance wouldn't hurt anyone. After all, you only live once.

"But today there is no day or night, Today there is no dark or light, Today there is no black or white, only shades of gray."

Just because it's right for you doesn't mean it's right for someone else. Is it really wrong to smoke pot just because you see movies about it in Health and Science class?

"I remember when the answer seemed so clear, We had never lived with or had tasted fear, It was easy

then to tell truth from lies, Selling out from compromise, Who to love and who to hate, The foolish from the wise."

So you're at a party, and they tell you green mesculine doesn't hurt your chromosomes. And polls tell you that a lot of high school kids have tried some kind of pills. These kids are your friends, they wouldn't lie. The right answer seems foggy, but you take a hit, have a good high, and stay awake all night. Was it worth it?

"But today there is no day or night, Today there is no dark or light, Today there is no black or white, Only shades of gray."

To be in the clique or to be your own person? To be your own happy self or to need some help — booze, jays, or pills? Is it really cool to have something to hide? Experiment, isn't that the way to find out what's right for you? Be careful, what you do tells others what kind of person you are. Two years ago, things were so clear and uncomplicated, but now ...

"It was easy then to tell what was best, When to keep and when to share, How much to protect your heart, And how much to care."

How much should you depend on your friends? Will you get let down? Your back stabbed? Take a chance. You say you think a lot about one special person. Should you risk your emotions? Tell them? Maybe they'll laugh. But maybe it's about time to stop going in circles and start going somewhere. Stop playing games and start finding yourself. That's growing up — that's life.



The 1974 Wrestling Team was a lot to cheer about. See story on page 4. (Photo by Tom Jackson)

Players need backup support

If you've ever sat on the opposing team's side at a wrestling match or basketball game, you can understand the frustration involved in cheering for your own team. This horrible emotion was felt twice a week throughout the season by the Redskin basketball team.

The coach and the team are physically and emotionally involved in the game. Competition, pressure, strategy, and team-work play an important role. "Getting-up" for a game is much harder to do than one may think. The crowd's support becomes the force behind initiative and efficiency.

Varsity basketball coach Al Mann recently explained the defeat felt when the opposing team scores — the 12 bleachers in back of you rumble you off your seat, with people screaming and yelling "yeah, Bulldogs" or "yeah, Rams" or whatever. Even more of a let-down is the total silence existing when your own boys score. It's a real depressant.

A solution to this long un-solved problem may be for Conradians to disperse themselves in the gym enough to allow some of the fans to sit behind the team and coaches, for moral support. This added support is sure to improve performance and build ego. Even though this year's season has drawn itself to a close, sit back and think how next year's spirit can be as Redskin spirit once was known state-wide.

Who knows? Maybe the long-lost all-State cheering section may show some interest and get behind our team.

Career Day lacks variety

Career day, which has been scheduled by the guidance department once again this spring, should be expanded to include a larger variety of career choices. The program, as presently conceived, is directed almost entirely toward the non-college bound students. Yet all Redskins, seniors included this year, must attend three workshops whether interested in the topics offered, or not. For anyone leaning toward a training course such as those for truck driving or airline stewardesses, Career Day can be of immeasurable aid. However, for the college bound Conradian not interested in a medical or teaching career, the program results in nothing more than a wasted morning. It is unfortunate, too, because these students need such guidance as much as any others do. Without it, many of them who have plans no more definite than "college" will undoubtedly be lost in the shuffle. Career Day is the only activity of its kind at Conrad and it is unfair to limit its effectiveness to only part of the student body. College bound students need a similar program designed with their interests more in mind.

Anti-smoking rule challenged

A while back, fifth period study hall and lunches were permitted to go outside in the parking lot to take a walk, have a cigarette, or whatever. Eventually, this privilege was revoked due to destruction of property in cars and general abuse of the idea.

Now the weather is getting warmer and many students again long for the right to roam over the school property during their free lunch time. The entertainment of this suggestion may prove tactful to the administration as well as enjoyable to the students.

Since study hall has been meeting in the auditorium, its condition has deteriorated. The chairs and walls have been riddled with graffiti, the curtain has been damaged, and some seat backs have been cracked or even torn from the cushions.

The gym entrance, now the hangout of the cigarette suckers, has seemed to become a giant ashtray with butts scattered clear up into the halls. The weed wonderland would surely give any visitor a fine impression of Conrad High.

A free fifth period would eliminate these problems as well as the punishment of students cutting study hall. After all, who enjoys suspending a student for such a minor offense?

Anyway, many students still take advantage of fifth period. Frequently people are seen strolling in the lot or leaving for lunch, and lately reports of mischief have been minimal.

If the administration is afraid of a few troublemakers again starting their antics, then have the study hall teachers take turns strolling through the lot. This would surely deter students from causing trouble.

In the long run, this plan seems more practical than the existing operation, and it probably wouldn't hurt student morale much either.

Since high morale is supposedly conducive to teaching and learning, everyone would be happier. Isn't that the whole idea of school?

Flying saucers still a mystery; Redskins have mixed emotions

The Martians are coming! The Martians are coming!

Sure, you might think. Although they may not be coming to Conrad in particular, many people feel the Earth has been visited by beings from outer space at some time or another.

The existence of any of these beings has still not been officially established. There are, however, numerous instances that cannot be rationalized away as simple meteors or as "swamp gas".

ITEM: A husband and wife are reported missing. Sometime later they return, saying they were abducted and studied aboard a spaceship. Nonsense, you say? Hypnotic sessions yielded nearly identical drawings and stories from each person. The drawings appeared in *The Interrupted Journey*.

ITEM: A group of reputable citizens sight an object in Wilmington in early 1968 appearing to be a fire, travel a path along a railroad. A meteor, right? The "meteor" then makes two 90-degree turns and disappears. Maybe swamp gas. But, city railroads are not as a rule built on swamps.

ITEM: A picture is submitted of objects hovering over Washington, D.C. The hoax is later shown to be a reflection of lights on a window, according to a study performed by *Look* magazine in 1967.

Granted, many sightings have been the work of a few imaginative pranksters, but others have never been given an explanation.

Research into this phenomenon is

close to impossible, too. For instance, in *Flying Saucers, Serious Business*, a family reports the landing of a "U.F.O.". A creature walks out and is shot at by the husband. An investigation revealed the imprint of a gigantic object on the ground, and the bullet appeared in the position reported. On the day the press was invited, no one showed. It turned out that the Army had taken the files of the case, ordered no interference by the press, and told the family not to mention the incident again.

Another intriguing thought is that of the urgent desire to land a man on the moon. Also in *Flying Saucers, Serious Business* it was stated that time of the most heavily reported U.F.O.s, the decision was made for the Apollo flights. Also around the same time, an astronomer, observing the moon, noticed what appeared to be pyramids on the surface. So astonished was he that he charted their position and checked again the following night. This time he found they had changed position, and the next night they had disappeared altogether!!

Still another Lunar "sighting", quoted in *F.S., S.B.*, was a so-called "bridge" over one of the moon's ridges. An astronomer noted the phenomenon, but passed it on as an illusion. A few days later he learned that another astronomer in the opposite hemisphere charted the same thing. It seems strange to hear that one of the first Lunar Rover expeditions took the astronauts to that very ridge. COINCIDENCE?

The findings of a recent Gallup Poll showed that 51 percent of Americans believe in this phenomenon; many Redskins included. Senior Wayne Hanna may have stated the most provocative argument in favor of beings from outer space, when he said, "It's altogether possible that if life developed here on Earth, it could have developed somewhere out there!" This same basic opinion is shared by Mr. Hugh Patterson, and sophomore Lisa Haden.

However, reluctant Dr. Gene Ziegler takes the opposite view. He doesn't believe in "flying saucers: because, 'there's no proof of them'." Seniors Betsy Bove, Kathy Hawes, and Cindy Kohler disbelieve for basically the same reasons. In the words of Betsy, "I don't believe there's life on other planets because I never saw it. Probably never will!"

Although senior Irene Janvier believes there is intelligent life in outer space, she does not believe in flying saucers, because "when people think of 'flying saucers', they think of little green men; I don't believe in little green men."

Whether green or purple, the existence of life on another planet has still not been proven. The last "rash" of sightings was fall 1973 and before that, 1970. Since the nearest star is four light years from here, that would logically make the next expected rash about 1977. If around that time you happen to notice something weird up in the clear night sky, better look twice. It's probably not one of ours!!!!!!



Spring sends 'Skins soaring

Seniors are planning the prom, juniors are deciding on their rings and a few of the brighter sophomores are still looking for the elevator to the fourth floor. Spring is here and yellow crocuses are popping up, while a young man's fancy turns to what his girlfriend thought about all year!

DO YOU, 2H₂, TAKE O₂ . . . ?

While addressing his first period chemistry class, Mr. Ed Malin said, "When several compounds are mixed together, they combine or get married." The next day with a district evaluator in the class, Mr. Malin asked during a review, "What are the remaining reactants called?" Junior Jeannie Cummings replied, "Oh, they're the groom and best man," much to the amusement of the class and the bewilderment of the guest.

HOT SHOT

Junior Scott Sowden mentioned to pal Dave Stanek that he noticed a small burnt spot on Dave's head. To his surprise, the hockey playing friend nonchalantly replied, "I knew I was pretty good on the floor yesterday, but I didn't know I was that hot!"

THE OLD SWITCHEROO

Mr. Wayne VonStetton promised to give his Oceanography class a gander at a preserved lamprey. Apparently the "Baron" brought it in in an unmarked can, and promptly confused it with somebody else's. As everyone gathered around for the grand unveiling, he pried off the lid of the can, and found only dozens of grasshoppers soaking in formaldehyde.

INSTANT REPLAY

After an eight hour session of sub-making for the band trip, weary workers returned home still smelling of onions — only to have to face a hoagie for dinner.

"Ugh" was the only repeatable remark heard in those Richardson Park kitchens.

COMMERCIAL CUTIE

Anticipating a slight argument with senior Gail McGinnes over the marking of her trigonometry test, Mr. Alvin Lewis merely wrote on the bottom of the test, "Close, but not a Weo."

"YOU KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE A BAD DAY . . .

. . . when you go in to take a shower, carrying a purse," Miss Mildred Morrison confided to her fourth period class.

BLIND MAN'S BLUFF

"Anybody see my sunglasses?" asked senior Bill Greegs. "I don't know where my seeing eye dog went," he said as he tapped the floor with a meter stick.

Pretending to hold his right eye in his hand, he went over to Sharon Hitchens and snapped, "See what you've done to me."

A few minutes earlier, Sharon had left an iron bar protruding into the aisle just before an unknowing William walked into it. Recovering almost immediately, but wishing to show classmate Sharon that safety comes first, Bill went into his five minute routine much to the horror of some of the kids who thought an accident had really occurred.

ALL ABOARD

Did you ever want to stop the world to get on? Well, seniors Chris Baker, Mark LaRock, and Bob Hutnyan decided to pull the plug on the operations of the Camelback Ski resort. It seems that in the confusion of boarding the lift, the skis of the trio became tangled in the equipment. The lift only moved a few feet, when it stopped.

"You pulled the plug!" yelled an angry operator.

DO, RE, ME . . . 36-24-36

During a sixth period discussion, Jill Meadows remarked "Some teachers can't keep their minds off sex. Even if you're talking about Bach, it ends up in a sex lecture."

"Well, after all," said Mr. John Strobel, "it's all a matter of rhythm."

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"I can see clearly now," said Mr. Nixon.

Nix on impeachment trial? Questions split opinions

by John Filipkowski

What would be your choice: inflation or depression? Over the past five years, President Nixon has given us the opportunity to decide, just as our parents had in the 30's and 40's. Gas rationing, oil shortages and raising food prices are all indications of what is to come. Is President Nixon to blame?

In a recent survey, 79.5 percent of a mixed section of students at Conrad decided "Trickie Dicky" is not running the country correctly. A majority of the Redskins said he was doing great until Watergate developed. Others said he "only does things right around election time." Finally one female slated, "I could do better myself." The remaining 20.5 percent think that the President has the country stable. This minority based their opinion on "who would be better?"

This problem can be solved by returning to the scene of the 1972 election. The majority of students would have voted for McGovern, with Nixon close behind. George Wallace, Pat Paulson, Flip Wilson, and Angela Davis were selected by others. Junior Art Lindholm would have given support to Raquel Welch.

Presently the Watergate conspiracy has caused many of Nixon's followers to turn against him. What's more antagonizing is that recently he refused to turn over the five tapes to Congressional committees. Seventy-five percent of the group felt that this alone is enough to prove that Nixon is concealing something, and they think, of course, that he is wrong to hold them from the public he represents. Some reasons why he should give them up include: "If he's innocent he can prove it"; "people have a right to know"; "it makes him look guilty"; "he's only trying to protect

himself"; and "he is undermining the federal system on which the country is founded." Several pointed out that being a citizen of the United States, our chief executive should have to abide by the same rules that all non-politicians do. The remaining 22 percent feel he does have a right to the tapes — "he has a right to his privacy, first, because he's a person, second, because he's the president. Junior Richard Stevens questioned, "Why should he incriminate himself?"

Not obeying a court order, being involved in the Watergate case, and withholding evidence from a court provide grounds for impeachment according to over half of the interviewed. First, they said he disobeyed the law and should be brought to trial. Secondly, as one sophomore pointed out, "the country could get back together if someone else took office." Still a few students believe that there is not enough evidence to bring the case to the Senate floor. "He made mistakes, but so did everybody else," Stevens stated. "I admire him. He is standing up for what he believes."

On the subject of mistakes, the polltaker than asked, "What was the biggest mistake?" The answers usually fell into the categories:

- 1) concealing the tapes
- 2) trusting Haldeman and Erlichman
- 3) the cover-up
- 4) getting caught lying
- 5) firing Cox in the "Saturday Night Massacre."

Senior Sharon Hitchens and one anonymous voice summed it up by saying, "It wasn't his mistake; it was ours."

A fill-in-the-blank game could be made with the question "What do you think of Nixon?" Write: Nixon is Then fill the blank with

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Ever wake up in the middle and not remember your dream?

by Donna Mezzatesta

Although it is said that a dream is "a wish your heart makes," your dreams aren't always satisfying. They may range from, "and they lived happily ever after," to tragedy, to "I woke up right in the middle."

Psychologists say that dreams are inner feelings conveyed by the sub-conscious mind. They feel that all hidden desires appear to the conscious mind by way of these mental movies; that when you are asleep the mind is so relaxed that the sub-conscious can reveal itself.

Repeated horrifying dreams have often led people to lose their minds or commit suicide or murder. These people are plagued with the same nightly visions that loosen their grasp on reality.

On the other hand, dreams of be-

ing able to fly or being invincible have also driven people to their end when they tested their sub-conscious powers.

Sleep walking is the sub-conscious mind controlling the muscles of the body. This also causes movements of the body while prostrate, like kicking, jumping, etc., while sleeping. These all emphasize the dream to make it seem more like reality.

Many times you dream about an event, and a few days later, this event happens, exactly the way you dreamed it would. Psychologists from schools in eastern Philadelphia attribute this to a touch of ESP, but this happens frequently to everyone. Although your sixth sense can be developed to a high degree, it is believed that everyone has ESP at different degrees.

Hypnosis has often been used to relieve people from their night stalking visions. It brings the sub-conscious mind out to where the individual can talk about what has been troubling him. In this way, psychiatrists can help them by relieving the tensions they are under.

Although so far it seems like a crime to dream, it is quite normal. The average person dreams seven times in one night. He only remembers 10 percent of his total dreams during a life time. He changes the position of his body every fifteen minutes during the night, and a minute sum of people remain one place all night.

So, whether you are a constant dreamer or not, follow the words of the rock song, . . . "Dream on."

Intrepid Redskin laments now; may have to 'hoof' it next year

by Juli Grandell

The 7:30 a.m. alarm clock awakens me and there is just enough time to eat breakfast and get dressed.

Eight a.m. Hurriedly I gather all my gym clothes, books, and lunch money, while praying I haven't missed the bus. Missing the bus would mean waking my father, who has an hour left to sleep before he has to get up to go to work. My mother has already departed for her job.

I dash for the door to see if other bus riders are waiting at the corner for the bus. Two girls are waiting and many others are approaching the sometimes cold and desolate corner. I holler upstairs to my younger brother, who is still combing his hair in the bathroom.

In harmony we both yell good-bye to our father, who emits a groan that we could interpret as good-bye. Then we both run, like Marty Li-quori and Kip Keino, to the bus stop, which is only four houses away.

Both of us make it down the street in 10 seconds and let out a deep sigh because we haven't missed the bus. We take time out to rearrange our books that have somehow been juggled around.

Then starts the daily gossip; who's going out with whom, who won the basketball game, and a discussion of the possibilities of getting a seat on the bus.

Eight-fifteen a.m. The bus riders start calling the bus driver every name imaginable.

Eight-twenty a.m. The boys start leaving the bus stop, glad the bus hasn't come and no school.

Eighty-twenty-five a.m. My toes, fingers, and nose are numb and I decide it's time to go home. I collect my books and say good-bye to my friends. Heading back home I begin to become depressed because I will

miss another day of English, which I can't afford.

Eight-thirty a.m. Just as I reach my house, the yellow school bus comes around the corner beeping its horn to tell the riders of its arrival. Once again we head for the corner. This time we don't hurry and couldn't care less if we miss it.

Eight-thirty-five a.m. While on the way to school, I think about the

car not being used sitting home in the driveway on "E." Sometimes I'm glad to be a senior. And in this case I'm really glad to be one. For all you underclassmen who ride buses here is some information. Next year you may not be so lucky. The State Board of Education has said that no one within two miles of school will be bused. Walking may become popular.



Students climb aboard the bus for one more time. Soon they'll have to "truck on home." (Photo by Tom Jackson)

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Senior Danny Furness anticipates another victory. (Photo by Tom Jackson)

Mr. Maurer and his men look on as Zeb Ross prepares to wipe an opponent off the mat. (Photo by Tom Jackson)

Maurer's "lean and mean" snag title

Conrad's halls of defeat have been invaded by twelve of the meanest men in the Blue Hen Conference. The Redskin grapplers, after several years of second best, have finally triumphed over all and have achieved the envied number one slot in conference records.

"Conrad's wrestlers have always been winners," concluded varsity coach Les Maurer, "but this year we just tried harder and came in first."

The undefeated 11-0-0 champions have made an even greater comeback than did the '73 team. Last year, the Redskins needed to defeat Dickinson to draw for first place. However, the Rams clenched a match tie which was sufficient enough to knock the red and gray into second place one more time.

No longer settling for second best, the Redskins shot for the moon.

Undefeated heavy-weight Zeb Ross, Bob Hartnett in the 100-pound weight class, and Dan Furness in the 157-pound weight class led Conrad to a perfect season. Strategic triumphs were achieved over Dickinson (30-21), a long awaited revenge, and undefeated William Penn (27-18), the toughest match of the season. The Colonials suffered a bitter defeat highlighted by Frank Meyer's upset victory over last year's second place conference winner, Tom Elgart.

Conrad traveled to Mt. Pleasant and defeated the Knights 29-14. They had no trouble in their next two matches by breezing over Concord 33-14, and Sallies 32-8. Sallies had also been undefeated before meeting the Redskins.

The Redskins swarmed to the Blue Hen Conference meets at William Penn carrying three un-

defeated champions along with John Hoffman (107), Lou Geanopulos (128), Mike Ciuffetelli (147), and Gary Baker (169) each holding only one conference loss. Other members of the team who started varsity were Tom Meade (7-3), Bill McLaughlin (4-7), Mark Lindell (3-3-2), Frank Meyer (9-2), and Myron Korzeniowsky (4-5).

The "Lean and Mean" came back to the reservation with Ross, Furness, Hoffman, and Hartnett as first place champions; Meyer as a second place champion, after losing a one point decision to Mike Anderson of Christiana; and Geanopulos as a third place champion.

Coach Maurer, the proud father, says that all the lettermen served as fantastic team leaders. Also, Hartnett and Hoffman's almost guaranteed wins gave the team that taste of

victory, that moral booster that was the motivation for continued success throughout the match.

Six returning juniors on the varsity team promises a good future for the grapplers. This year's junior varsity held a 9-1 record and will, therefore, replenish the team with greatly experienced wrestlers. Steve Janvier (9-0), Bob Sanner (9-0), and Harold Thomas (4-0) each finished with perfect records. "If we can find somebody to replace Zeb, we'll be tough again," predicts Coach Maurer.

"They're a great bunch of guys," admits the coach, "I love coaching." Mr. Maurer says that he's had six years apprenticeship under Mr. Eddie Baker, "The best coach within 100 miles of here." Mr.

Baker set up the program and it was Mr. Maurer's job only to continue it. "If we win it all, it's because Eddie gave it to me; but if we lose, I messed it up."

And so it was written that "Baker's Dozen" under the direction of Coach Maurer were the whales that swallowed the fish in Flight A.

"Mr. Maurer took a clenched position and did a fine job," reflects Blue Hen Conference champion Dan Furness.

Bill McLaughlin concludes, "He's a good coach."

So when the gym is packed with fans, people cheering, a cow bell ringing... what does one know? "Here come da studs." The lean and mean giants.

Slow start overcome

Conrad cagettes finish fourth

Due to an 8-4 record in conference play, the girls basketball team finished fourth in the Girls' Suburban Conference, falling one place short from tournament play.

The starting varsity is comprised of two seniors, Debbie McKeever and Juli Grandell, two juniors, Alice Schalles and Carol Hoffman, and one sophomore, Mary Fedorkowicz.

Debbie McKeever said, "I think this year's season went really fast! It was strange being one of only two seniors on the team. This made it easier to get along with the underclassmen, it was a must! After everything got rolling, there was a lot of fun, especially those back seat rides home." Juli Grandell commented, "I think we did pretty good this season, we ended with a 10-4 overall season record. Things could have gone better and we should have gotten into the tourney, but that's the way some things go." Coach Tina Sandberg added, "This year's basketball season was very exciting. With the help of the terrific turnout of the spectators and the cheering of the girls' sports cheerleaders, this year's squad has a better than average record. It was a learning experience."

Leading scorers this year were Juli Grandell with 234 points and Carol Hoffman with 94 points.

The J.V. squad was 4-10 but lost mainly because they were a very small team.

One highlight of the season was when every person on the team got into a varsity game. This is an experience that everyone on the team will remember.



The girls are ready to snag the ball for another basket. (Photo by Tom Jackson)

Knicks take tournament, trackmen close out season

The New York Knicks won the junior intramural basketball tournament this year. Good defense, along with Rick Igo's eight points, helped to provide the victory. Wayne Hanna had the crucial basket, though, for he hit with about twenty-six seconds remaining, providing the margin of victory.

Some of the teams competing in the tournament were the Bulls, Lakers, Bullets, and the Bucks. These teams competed every day during eighth period for three weeks with two twelve minute periods. Finally, after the frustration of defeat, the Knicks emerged the victors, with the Bulls runner-ups.

After an unusually few number of meets, the winter track club has closed out its 1974 season.

The team had only participated in two invitational meets before entering the state meet February 27. (Results of this race were not available at press time, but the relay teams and hurdler Paul Clark were expected to do well, according to coaches Paul Eyanson and John Torrence.)

The trackmen faced only the best of Delaware's runners this season. At the Widener clash, Clark pushed for a second place capture, while the 880 relay team (Jack Reineman, George Martin, Mike Monahan, and Carmine Balascio) placed fifth.

At the January 30 race at the University of Delaware, only Clark placed, with a third in the hurdles.

"There just wasn't enough time this season," Mr. Torrence explained. "Transportation was also a hassle. Hopefully by spring, the situation will be better."

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AFTER THE GAME OR DANCE					

Returning student finds school worthwhile, this time around

Writer Thomas Wolfe said you can never go back again, yet one literary-minded student has returned to high school life after an absence of nearly three years.

"It wasn't a hard decision to make," Jim Whitson, 21, admitted while peering over an edition of *Sophocles*. "I wanted to further my education and get my diploma. It would be worth it, it would help me."

Jim is returning to the alma mater he left after completing his sophomore and junior years. Due to a family move, he later transferred to Dickinson and then William Penn for his senior year. He soon deserted the Colonials for a life in the service.

"I didn't like school — not anything about it. I wasn't rowdy, I didn't bother anybody, but I just wanted to leave. The glamour of the Marine Corps had always attracted me so I joined."

But it took only two days for Jim to decide that the corps wasn't all that he had sized it up to be. "The regulations are unbelievable. Some develop responsibility, but most are petty rules created by someone close to being sadistic. The discipline was necessary, but all their false promises weren't."

"I didn't learn a trade in the Corps. I thought I would, I got good grades on the tests, but they put me in cooking school. The only thing I did was lifting big pans of water and peeling potatoes."

After a rocky two and a half years stationed in North Carolina, Private Whitson was discharged last May. A series of unforgettable experiences and jobs soon followed.

When his application to a Baltimore steel mill was accepted, Jim began a balance beam act over giant pots of molten steel. "I was up about a height of seven stories on a

small beam with a vacuum cleaner for picking up dust particles. After one night, you'd come out looking like you spent a month in the coal mine. During breaks, I'd climb down to wash my face and the supervisor would say, 'Why isn't your face dirty — haven't you been working?' So I quit."

After a job at a chemical plant where the room temperatures constantly and drastically alternated, ("I had a constant cold"), a job at WaWa, a cashier's job at Woolworth, Jim landed a job at a pornographic bookstore downtown. "I get my homework done, at least and some reading. Some weird

characters come in."

Off duty from school and the job, the senior spends a great deal of time at the Health Spa. Confessing to be a "physical fitness nut", Jim would have liked to be on the wrestling team, but the age of eligibility blocked him. Physical education is one of the fields he would like to go into at college or grade school; sociology would be another possibility.

Like a few other things, school is better the second time around. "I guess I see it differently 'cause I'm different, but it seems a lot friendlier now. People are more involved with each other."



Jim Whitson pages through his notebook before school starts. (Photo by Karen Ventura)

Next year looks better for the returning cagers

With a discouraging 1974 season, the Conrad basketball team bailed out with two wins, and sank to the cellar of the Blue Hen Conference Flight A rating.

"Next year's going to be better," Coach Allan Mann promised. "Even if we don't win one game, we're definitely going to be in every game. We'll have four starters, all who should have improved during the summer."

Brandywine High came to the Conrad gym for the seventh conference game. The cagers dominated the visitors until well into the third quarter, when the Bulldogs reeled off five straight points to tie it up at 24-24. Momentum seemed to fade throughout the rest of the game, leaving the Redskins with a 46-38 loss.

A tough Dickinson team repeated its Christmas tournament trounce of Conrad at a home game January 25. With a halftime score of 30-16, it looked as though a comeback might be made, but Fred Swarter fouled out after eight points, and Glen Taylor's 12 points were hardly enough to make up the deficit. The result was Dickinson 62, Conrad 39.

The Vikings of Christiana, whom the Redskins narrowly missed defeating in an earlier match, arrived at Conrad February 1 for a second match up. The teams stayed within points of each other throughout the four quarters with the Vikings leading, until the Redskins went out ahead 38-35. Christiana came back with 9 points while Conrad countered with two more points, leaving the score at the buzzer 44-40.

Conrad traveled to Green Knight

country and came back on the low end of a 70-28 score. Mount Pleasant's JV team and manager suited up and played during the second half.

Newark did the traveling on February 12, but didn't get off the court until two hours later. The two teams matched point for point through the first two periods, with Fred Swarter then taking the lead for Conrad in the third quarter. The Yellowjackets then took a 40-38 lead with five seconds on the clock. Swarter took over the ball and made a half court chuck just as the game ended. In both first and second overtimes, neither team connected. Conrad got two foul shots, via Steve Clark and Jim Olivere, to tie up Newark again at 42-42. After Conrad's 5 second inbounds violation, Newark got the ball with 10 seconds left to win a 44-42 score.

The raiders of Concord visited the Redskins February 15, only to take away a 63-52 game. The first quarter was fairly even as Concord took a 12-10 lead which they increased to a 48-38 lead after three periods. Taylor had 14 points each, while Clark also had eight, plus nine rebounds.

"We stand a chance in tonight's game," Coach Mann said before the February 19 meeting with Brandywine. Nevertheless, the Bulldogs managed to slip by the Redskins with a 49-45 score.

Conrad felt defeat again at the hands of Dickinson Rams, February 22. Final score for the away-game showed the Rams to be the victor with a 72-42 score, even though they were minus a player.

Nixon's head on the block according to Conradians

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jerk, sad, a crook, no good, a tired old man, money hungry, a bum, all right, too mixed up to do his work, and a liar.

75 percent went on to say that Nixon should resign. Senior Gail McGinnes said, "He's been involved in too many illegal, immoral activities to hold such an office." The other 22 percent (3 percent undecided) felt the fact that he got us out of Vietnam is a giant plus which should over-ride his pile of Watergate minuses. Some just countered back with, "Who would you put in?"

The vice-president, of course, others answered. After all, doesn't Ford have the better idea? The sixty some persons divided down the line on that question. Several students were glad that Mr. Ford is well liked by the members of Congress, and that he does take stands which oppose Nixon. Yet, many are afraid that since Ford was a Nixon choice, he will become a little "Richard Jr." Both Art Lindholm and Dave Stanek hope that this Ford runs better than his vehicular namesake.

As a final cry against corruption and deception, Kevin Giles' closing remark was, "I would like to add that he (Nixon) is the worst president we've ever had. At least (President U. S.) Grant had a personality — he was a drunk."



Mrs. Patricia Walwrath longs perhaps optimistically for the return of her Miranda camera. She has offered a \$30 reward. (Photo by Tom Jackson)

April 1, the day

Aspects of student life studied

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The student activities committee, headed by Mr. Jesse Malin, has concluded that while there are many opportunities available to all students, a lack of interest has held the program back.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Marie Stranahan, chairwoman of the School and Community committee for Evaluation will join her members in surveying school district residents for such things as the type of jobs held and what students plan to do after graduation.

According to Mrs. Stranahan, the committee will be broken down into smaller groups to gather information on drop-outs, money spent on each student per year, average student I.Q., and the length of time students have lived in the district. The statistics will then be compiled and compared to those of the 1973 graduates.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The building and grounds committee of the evaluation has possibly the broadest area of consideration. The purpose of this committee is to judge the efficiency of the physical aspects of the building such as lighting, facilities, classrooms,

equipment, cafeteria, parking lot, outside grounds, service areas, heating, etc.

The building itself is too rigid for the open classroom type of education, says committee chairman Charles Lykens. "But you can't tear it down and start over."

VISUAL AIDS & RESOURCES

In a pre-evaluation report, Miss Miriam Swayze and the members of the Visual Aids and Resources Committee are attempting to compare the library to the standards set up by the American Library Association for a learning resource center.

Pros and cons of DST debated; an hour saved - an hour gained?

by Caren Cebenka

For many of us, Daylight Savings Time is an inconvenience. First clocks are turned back an hour, then schools decide to open a half hour later. The change results in only a half hour time difference. And now the time is going back again.

Daylight Savings Time was put into effect to save time, electricity, and power. When asked, however, many students did not think the new system really conserved on any of these things.

When many students get home after school, there are usually

chores to do. After doing these, we want to sit, unwind, and relax for a while. Before that happens, dinner is served; and it is 7:30 by the time homework is started. Assuming an hour is spent on this, it is 8:30 when the assignments are finished. A half hour is then wasted watching television, listening to the radio, reading a book, or talking to a friend on the phone.

Now it's 9:00, time for a shower. However, if a family is large, much time can be spent fighting with a brother or sister over who's going to take a shower first; a waste of 20 minutes.

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News-in-brief

Conrad Family Leader named

Senior Chris Lamborn has been named Conrad's 1973-1974 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow. She is now eligible for state and national honors and will receive a specially designed award from General Mills, Inc., a sponsor of the annual education scholarship program.

State Family Leaders of Tomorrow receive a \$1,500 college scholarship while state second-place winners receive a grant of \$500. The state winner also earns for his or her school, a 20-volume reference work, "The Annals of America," from Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation.

This year 703,074 students from 14,463 schools were enrolled in the Betty Crocker Search, which was for the second year, open to senior boys. Since the program began in 1954-55, approximately nine million students have participated and scholarship awards total more than \$2 million.

SPIRIT WEEK SLATED

Spirit week has been slated for March 4-7 by Student Council members. The traditional event will feature hall competition between the sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

A pep rally is expected to be launched on Thursday, March 7, to bring Redskin spirit to a peak. A combination dance and bonfire is the probable entertainment for the evening of March 7. Plans to the date of publication were tentative.

ALL-STATE JACKET RIPPED OFF

A reward is being offered by the All State Cheering Section for the

return of one of the new jackets, recently reported missing from the boy's locker room.

Sponsor John Torrence said, "The guys had only had them two days when one of them disappeared. There are only twelve in the state, so whoever took it could never wear it without being noticed." (The red jackets carry the group's name on the back and the owner's name on the front.) "No questions will be asked."

VARIETY SHOW SCHEDULED

Varsity C is sponsoring a rock show spanning the 50's, 60's and 70's. The program will be a survey of rock hits and stars these years for interested students and teachers to take part. Participants will lip-sync their songs.

It is rumored that the Shangri-Las, The Temptations, and Elvis Presley will be played by teachers. Five entertainments will also be featured.

The date of this extravaganza is March 23. Parents and friends are invited to come. Admission will be charged.

BUS ROUTES ADJUSTED

The State Board of Education recently clarified school bus eligibility. The walking distances remain one mile for grades one through six and two miles for higher grades. The board now states that the distances will be measured from the school entrance rather than the school grounds. These distances are to be strictly enforced without taking into consideration sidewalk and street condition for walking. This new rule may mean that a student will walk while his neighbor, who is just outside the two mile line, rides a bus.

SONGSTERS SELECTED

Senior Jim Blunt was the only Conradian to be placed first seat in the All-State Chorus at Newark High School, February 23. Seniors Chris Baker, Susan Dusen, junior Ernie Crosse, and sophomore Susan Lobley were also selected to the chorus.

In other All-State news, senior Jim Humphrey was the lone Redskin successful in his bid for All-State Band.

ROCK CONCERT SPONSORED

The "Dynamic Concepts" was featured in a seventh period rock concert, sponsored by the junior class. Over 250 students doled out \$1 to hear the guest performers, January 30.



The school "trading post" sales flourished after adding tasty tidbits to its stock. (Photo by Tom Jackson)

Sitter's duties run the gamut; trials and tribulations revealed

by Gail McGinnes

"Hey Gail! Lookit what I got. They really work, too. An' I even got a key!" Jimmy, the oldest of my three "charges" bubbled as he produced a formidable looking pair of handcuffs from behind his back. "Le'me put 'em on you." The twinkle in his eyes, and his impish five-year-old grin should have put me on guard. But no, not gullible Gail. My wrists were securely fastened together before I discovered, to his delight and my dismay, that indeed there was no key.

So begins a typical day of babysitting, and I soon learned not to attempt it without the help of my "Susie-Babysitter Kit." This survival kit for substitute parents contains everything from a list of emergency phone numbers (including the suicide prevention center) to a package of red lollipops for bedtime bribery when things get really desperate.

Whenever I babysit, the dinner menu invariably includes tomato sauce. And just my luck, during the first such meal, grandma happened to drop by. There is an art to successfully feeding three pre-school age children, but I hadn't learned it yet. Everyone, myself included, was wearing a healthy serving of ravioli when the doorbell rang. A long forgotten box of ice cream had melted in a puddle on the counter, and Heather was quietly fingerprinting the refrigerator with a pale orange blend of tomato sauce and vanilla ice cream.

I seem to attract disasters like a magnet when I babysit. For example, what could be more routine than turning off a drippy faucet? Except that the whole thing came off in my hand when I did and water gushed more than three feet in the air.

This is not the only time the water escaped the safe confines of the pipes. I was just sitting down to watch All In The Family when cascades of water fell from the ceiling. I raced up the steps two at a time

and was met at the top by a small lake. Jimmy was taking a shower with the curtain outside the tub.

In addition to my plumbing prowess, I have acquired, through bitter experience, a practical knowledge of locksmithing. After banging on the unmistakably locked bedroom door for several minutes I realized that not only was the door locked, but no one was even in the room to unlock it. After my panic subsided, I was able, with the aid of my trusty screwdriver, to remove the knob and open the door. The real

trouble began when I tried to put it back together again.

One afternoon Holly tugged impatiently at my hand. "Come see, Gail. It was a 'ACCIDENT.'" She led me to her accident. A heavy black pencil line, interrupted at random by small geometric sketches, encompassed three of the bedroom walls.

But somehow all the day's adventures seem to fade away when Heather climbs up in my lap and says, "I love 'ou, 'cause I 'ou bes' frien', wite?"

Referendum set for March 16; building additions to follow

Eighteen-year-old students will be allowed to vote for or against the passage of a referendum slated for March 16. Passage of the bill will provide additional money for building constructions, and increase teachers' salaries. Failing the referendum would spare taxpayers a hike of 35 cents per hundred dollars property evaluation.

Building additions presently under consideration include a new band room, cafeteria, and three classrooms for Conrad; an elemen-

tary art room and office space will be added to Oak Grove; Krebs will benefit by the addition of a cafeteria and elementary gym; Richardson Park will get heat in the auditorium, an art room, and a gym.

With the exception of DeLaWarr, the teachers are the lowest paid in New Castle county. The six and a half cents was allotted for the raise.

Voting may be done at district schools. Proof of age is required.



Today subs, tomorrow the world? ... Senior Billy Ryan adds the finishing touches to his "creation" during Band's recent Sub Day. (Photo by Jerry Rosen)

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