

Judy Ludlow Crowned '75-'76 Queen

Saturday, the first of November, proved a winning day for many Conrad Redskins, including both the soccer and football teams, the junior class, and Judy Ludlow.

Our warriors romped on the football field, defeating Mount Pleasant's Green Knights, 14-6. Soccer defeated the Knights once again in a varsity 1-0 game and a junior varsity 3-0 win.

This year's float theme was The American Bicentennial 1776-1976. The junior float, having a replica of the Liberty Bell, swept the contest. Juniors Ronna Wadman and Jeannie Plastek, participated in the activities as minutemen on the float. Sophomores had George Washington in a boat to symbolize the historic crossing of the Delaware. Seniors displayed a birthday cake to symbolize the birthday of our country.

Judy Ludlow was crowned the 1976 Home Coming Queen. Ludlow was one of eleven girls on this year's court. Runners up included, Seniors - Debbie Holiday, Donna Ferrazzo, Kim Smith, Althea Wilson, Shelly Cooper, Rene Stabnau, Kathy Hehman, Kathy Subach, and Eilyn Staneck. The queen was escorted to the prom by Paul Blome.

Music by the Selectrons set the evening along with delicacies, such as tea sandwiches, and home made punch.

This year, Conradians enjoyed two new activities, one called "Spirit Day" and the other entitled "Home Coming Court."

Spirit Day took place October 31, followed by a pep rally and bond fire that evening. Sophomores captured first place in the days festivities. Each class had a particular color, namely, sophomores, white; juniors, blue; and seniors,



Judy Ludlow is congratulated by other members of the court. (photo by Tom Shewbrooks)

red. The concept of the day was to color and decorate the halls accordingly. Sophomores used the American flag and red, blue, and white crepe paper on the ceiling. Juniors used banners, including **Class of 77 Welcomes You**, in the main entrance and **Later, juniors, Class of 76**.

The Homecoming Court was conceived of all males with Senior Dave Lister wearing a "busty" pink bikini, and a long wig. He accepted the crown and a ten dollar consolation prize.

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Conrad MINI-MALL adds new Dimension

Our new "Mini-Mall," designed, built, and to be operated entirely by students, is located inside the old stage storage room.

Mr. Shughart's Building Maintenance III class has taken care of the designing and building stages of the mall. Students from home economics and industrial arts classes will supply goods for, and will run the mall.

The mall was first conceived by Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Buchanan, and Mrs. Wasson, home economics teachers. After obtaining administrative approval for the project they asked the building maintenance class to build the mall. A federal grant supplied the money for materials.

The mini-mall is an outlet for over 200 student's labor. Goods and services offered there include various gift, pastry and wood items, interior decorations, drapes made to order, and the custom sewing of

clothing.

Because of space problems, the mall orders will be taken during school. Each student may then pick up his or her order after school.

Building Maintenance III started construction of the mall in mid-September. The class put the finishing touches on the mall the last week of October.

Last year the class completed several projects; a guidance office addition,

a storage room in the cafeteria annex and their own classroom. The class is working on two other jobs this year other than the mall.

According to Mrs. Wasson the mall will be open for business during 6th, 7th and 8th periods on Wednesdays and Fridays. She also extends an invitation to students and people from the community to come and shop in the mall.



Mr. Shughart directs construction on mini mall. (Jack Veasey).

Co-ed Gym Classes Put Things Together

Liberated gym classes at Conrad?

No, it's just Mr. Paul Eyanson and Mr. Arthur Craig teaching co-ed gym classes this year to selected Junior students. "Because they have Ed Malin's chemistry class Mondays and Thursdays first period and the rest of the week second period, those Juniors meet first period Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday with me. The other Juniors meet second period with Craig, Tuesday's Thursday's and Friday's, for the same reason," explains Eyanson.

Last year Conrad had Co-ed classes for seniors in such fields as gymnastics, paddleball, tennis, volleyball, weight training, golf, badminton, and archery, and were taught by Craig and Eyanson. They are still available this year.

Both taught girls' classes last year, Eyanson teaching one, Craig two. "I had trouble getting the girls motivated and I don't know whether it

was because of a man teacher or that they just weren't interested in gym" remarked Eyanson. "Getting girls accustomed to the type of boy's discipline in a gym class plus their tendency to laugh when they're unable to do something made the class hard," said Craig. He added that he too had a problem of motivation among the girls.

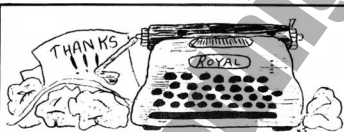
When commenting on their feelings about the classes, "I like it, it's fun," says Eyanson. Craig jokingly states that "All classes should be homogeneously grouped," having the same structure and character throughout. They both agreed, however, that sophomores should definitely not have co-ed gym because they need a year to adjust to the schedule and a year's experience. "Having a mature group certainly helps a lot," said Eyanson and Craig. This year Eyanson doesn't foresee any

problems with the girls because he feels the boys help motivate the girls and vice-versa. He added, "There isn't any problem with participation - it's 100 percent." Craig mentions, "The only problem I have is that more boys are stronger and faster and have the ability to do some things better. It's almost like teaching two distinctly different groups."

A few ideas on the co-ed classes were mentioned when some of the students commented on their feelings. Some boys remarked, "Dig it - it doesn't change anything; they're just like one of the guys," "I don't mind, they haven't bothered us yet"; "I like it better than a regular class because more people are less talented than a regular boys class." On the other side, the girls said, "I like it, he makes you work harder, but last year we just cut up and weren't as motivated." "Friendlier, a lot more help and I'm not embarrassed at all. Mr.

Craig is a good teacher and spends more time with you. He wants you to try but doesn't force you to do any one thing. Right now we are doing gymnastics and this provides the opportunity for each person to help the other and everybody helps," adds another Junior. Generally speaking, all the girls like the co-ed classes because they don't have to roll out or up any mats and Eyanson and Craig spend more time with them than a woman teacher in a girls gym class.

On the idea of co-ed sports at Conrad, Eyanson and Craig feel "It would hurt the participation in girls sports and threaten the existing girls sports." Eyanson added on the aspect of cost, "Although it may be chaper as a whole, I wonder how much it really is on an individual basis. I think we really wouldn't save that much and also you are cutting out half the girls who want to play in sports but wouldn't be able to play on a boys team."



A special thanks goes to Mr. Petrovich's fourth period typing class. Without their help the Smoke Signal could not have been nearly as successful. The following have taken time from their classes to type stories for the paper: Barbara Brokaw, Maryann Dzielak, Deborah Powell, Rose Onesi, Martha Maney, Cindy Cekine, Arlene Craig, Margret McGrory, Dawn Smith, Kathy Bader, Cindy Ballesteros, Gerri Best, Kathy Boan, Joanna Cerasari, Marianne Citro, Debbie Counts, Valerie Cox, Pat Dale, Diane Dougherty, Susan Joswick, Linda Lattanzio, Lois Lewis, Jayne Malloy, Kathy Mizgala, Angela Nastasee, Jeanne Plusch, Kathy Quinn, Cheryl Robinson, Susan Schneider, Cynthia Vanckerhoven, Romayne Andrus, Peggy McGrory, and their fearless leader.

Student Council: Active

Student Council is underway this year, and according to Elynn Stanek, President, no major problems are anticipated.

The officers include Tom Sarnecky - Vice President, Janet Veasey - Treasurer, General Secretary - Cindy Cekine and Corresponding Secretary - Bernadette Carucci. The Council has already started plans for the year, the biggest being a student exchange with St. Mark's and Claymont, with replies from other schools expected. There are others that fit into the category of possible activities, such as a beach trip to Rehoboth on a school day, a Student Government day, and a Valentine's Day dance.

But, this year's Student Council did not always work this well, according to Mr. Ted Torrence, Advisor it started with 164 students and was understandably too awkward to work with. Torrence, cut the number to a more workable 30 students. Miss Stanek mentioned that she thought the idea to reduce the number of students was a good one, since the students who remain want to work. However, she gave a personal opinion that 30 students were not enough.

When asked if the Student Council had any more major problems, Miss Stanek just smiled and said, "We all work it out together."

FRIENDS

WHO NEEDS 'EM?

When was the last time you told or showed someone thanks for being your friend?

It may be hard to say for some of us, because we're so conceited, we think our friends are pawns and that they'll do anything for us.

In some cases it may be true, if they're really "hooked", but most friends are the best thing there is for talking with when we have troubles.

Let's get back to the "kings and queens" of the world, who use us as their pawns, they don't value our opinions. They won't ask us for any help, because they know all the answers. Now, when they go home on a Saturday night, they expect us to follow their every command. But, we'll have something else to do, such as, wash our hair, do the dishes, wash our necks, and do our homework, leaving our "heroes" at home watching television and wondering why they're home.

It is my belief that friends have a way of evening out favors. In other words they give what they receive, no take, take, take. That's the problem with certain people in high schools, they all want to be chiefs and nobody wants to be indians. So friend, who needs 'em? Hey, kings and queens, you do!

GORY GLORY?

Dear Editor,

Gun control is a controversial issue after many current events including Sheila Farrell and the two recent assassination attempts of President Ford's life. It always seems we must have something drastic happen before we realize that present gun laws should and could be improved.

It should be more difficult to obtain a gun. Right now anybody can buy a gun by merely calling a number in the classified ads of any newspaper. Age is certainly not a barrier, for one can mail a check for a gun order and no one will know who or what kind of person is receiving one.

I believe if Congress would get the lead out of it's shoes and get to work on stiffening gun laws the crime rate and definitely gun related accidents would decrease. Perhaps when you bought a gun if the proprietor would make

the purchaser fill out an application, somewhat like a credit and bank loan application, this would certainly stop a lot of young children and adults from having needless weapons. Two other suggestions I have are (1) Congress and state laws may be amended and add that mandatory jail sentence would be proposed for any owner of a unregistered gun. This helps in knowing who owns the guns and is also an orderly way to keep registration correct. (2) Ban all sales and ownerships of handguns, not hunting rifles, etc., but small handguns that people keep "just as a security precaution."

I realize that this will cause many more people to loose their jobs and there would be a great loss of profit in the gun business but; which is more important a loss of money or a loss of lives.

Sincerely,
Marty J. Nagy



PHANTOM ALARMER

The Phantom strikes between classes and no one knows who he is, until we're all standing in the pouring rain or the freezing cold. It's the "Phantom Alarmer." His occupation; pulling innocent fire alarms while nobody's looking, very conveniently. It annoys everybody in the school, and just down right causes trouble. O.K., Phantom, I know you have no heart, let alone brains.

Dear Editor:

I am a senior this year, with the four Social Problems quarters. These classes require a lot of research and library work. However, when I do go into the library with some friends, Miss Swayze makes it all but impossible for us to get the work done. In one class, a bit of "brain-storming" must be done before the research, so we had a quiet discussion. Before we had anything accomplished, Miss Swayze ambushed us. She wanted to know what we were doing, and she asked to be shown the work we had done so far.

I am not the only one to complain, and not the only one who is near disgust. Can't anything be done? Is she a librarian, or a trustee officer?

Sincerely,
CEC

PHILOSOPHY

He who comes to school just to waste time; usually spends longer than he had in mind.

But listen, one of these days, somebody's going to get hurt, and you're to blame. Somebody's going to get trampled on, fall down the steps, or we're going to have a real fire and everybody is just going to get so sick of that stinking alarm, that nobody is going to pay any attention to it.

Remember the "Little Boy who cried wolf"? The farmer came to his aid twice, but when the real thing happened, the kid was standing in the field with his finger up his nose, and no sheep.

You should also remember those fire trucks on their way to your false alarm. Every time the fire fighters leave the station it costs the fire company money, money they could use for some other purpose. And even though fire trucks are emergency vehicles, somebody could possibly pull out in front of them, causing injury or death. These people are volunteers. Are you going to feed their families when their father's die?

Once or twice everybody likes a joke, but you're going too far. While the fire company is responding to your joke, some poor person's house has gone up in flames because the fire company was looking for you.

For Annual Camp

Bandsmen "March On" Camp Hilltop

by Kim Shelly

September 5, as most of Conrad's students were in their first period classes, the Conrad Band was embarking on a long trip to yet another band camp.

Conrad's marching band began their practice for the school year this date at its annual band camp. Four buses full of the redskins arrived that day at Camp Hilltop near Downingtown, PA. at approximately 10 a.m.

Almost immediately, the band began putting together its pre-game show for Conrad's away football games. At first it was mass confusion, with everyone's trying to decipher the charts that indicated each person's position on the football

field. Soon though, the band caught on and various formations began to take shape.

Sophomores, of course, were the most confused. All this was totally new to them and it seemed that the safest thing for them to do would be to follow the more experienced upperclassmen.

Band director Casto drilled the band for almost two hours before giving them a break. Some spent this time resting, while others ate a box lunch underneath some trees.

After lunch, it was back to the field for more marching, more practicing. One junior made a remark about the weather when he states, "It's too hot for marching, but just right for a set of tennis." The band practiced for two

hours or so, this time putting music together with the marching.

The afternoon session ended and the band was given a half-hour break.

Dinner was next on the agenda. Not having eaten in five hours, and marching most of that time, the band members were ravenous. One hungry trombone player asked for third helpings.

More practice followed dinner. The band rehearsed until it was too dark to do so.

As soon as Mr. Casto had dismissed the band for the evening the redskins began planning their nocturnal rampages.

Around 9 p.m. the attacks started. Activities such as water balloon throwing, shaving cream smearing and cabin

destroying occupied most of the bandsmen's time until 11 when it was lights out for the somewhat tired band members.

Saturday arrived early for the band and chaperones. The entire camp's population was awakened by the senior boys along with drummers playing the band's theme song, "Cherokee." These serenaders found this too strenuous at 4 a.m. and went back to bed after several renditions.

By breakfast time, a gentle rain was falling upon the camp. After breakfast "To the recreation hall, band" was heard from Casto. All morning the rain fell, forcing the band to practice in the recreation hall.

With afternoon came sunshine. After a half-hour break for lunch, the band once again hit the turf of the football field for more marching.

During the afternoon practice session the band tried something new. Its "Duke Ellington" halftime show (which was performed by the band on three different occasions this year).

With only a half hour respite in between afternoon practice sessions, the marching redskins welcomed a break for dinner.

Following dinner the band rehearsed until sunset. Senior Bill Lewis remarked, "Thank good-

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CONRAD'S
CAPERS

Three girls were discussing the different brands of flutes. One said Lisa Pennington had the cadillac brand. The other of the three remarked that Lisa shouldn't twirl it like a baton since it was such a good make "Well", Lisa responded, "If I knew I had a cadillac I wouldn't have twirled it."

During a recent English Class, Mr. Williams approached an unidentified junior who had just opened a window. "Say there, lad," commented Williams, "What's the big idea opening that window." "I'm hot," the surprised student replied. "You're not so hot," retorted Williams.

In Mr. Kaut's fourth period Conservation class, soil Conservation

was being discussed. Mr. Kaut asked the class for the plant that drained soil of the most minerals, meaning tobacco. Since the class gave no answer, Mr. Kaut gave a hint, "You use in the bathroom between classes." "Pea plants!" came the quick reply.

Mr. Patterson's second period physics class was discussing the metric system. Mr. Patterson asked Senior Dwayne Lenker what the difference between a yard and a meter is. Dwayne replied after a short moment of thought, "Oh about three inches."

During one brisk morning in October, Gary Snead and his assistant vigorously attempted to break into Snead's car after he locked his keys in his car. Mr. Sansosti

eyed the pair from afar.

Finally, Sansosti remarked, "Did you guys ever get that car open? You'll never steal a car."

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Coach Von Stetten discusses strategy with his team. (Photo by Jack Veasey)

Soccer Finishes Third

Conrad's soccer team finished its season with a Varsity record and a Junior Varsity record. This year a new face was on the scene, Mr. Ferrario. He has coached for three years at Richardson Park and this is his first year at Conrad.

Commenting on the attitude of the team, Ferrario says "It's an up and down attitude depending on the outcome of the game just played." He feels "this is certainly one thing that could be improved".

"Having a new coach always hurts a team. They take awhile to get used to a new coach and his ways", according to Ferrario. He feels that soccer has been hurt by having three coaches in as many years, one each year. He added "We had an excellent group of managers, including Debbie Hall, Diane Wallace and Janelle Goralski; and good ball girls, Clare Wallace and Carrie Dicrisa. Junior Varsity plays together as a team.

The team made soccer history this year by defeating Brandywine with two goals scored by Jim Aliquo and none for Brandywine.

This year's Varsity team consists of fourteen Seniors and five Juniors, including Captain, Ken Taylor, Co-captains, Doug Allen, Ed Bender, John Boyle, Harry West, Rich Green, James Aliquo,

Hockey Misses Tourney By 1

"Our hockey team finished with a good season," according to third year coach, Wayne Von Stetten.

Von Stetten did not coach last season but had coached the previous two. "Their attitude is very good and very positive. Even in moments of pressure and let down they, the team, always keep a good positive attitude," Von Stetten remarked. He feels, "That the season has been good due to the team's playing hockey aggressively and communicatively. When the players met for their first practice Von Stetten explains, "They wanted a change this season. I believe the change arose because of two things, first, they had dedicated themselves to excellence and second, their spirit."

"Conrad's spirit has been bad this year, but I think it was the hockey team, wearing the war-

paints and their uniforms to school who turned out to be the ones that conveyed the attitude of picking up the ball and putting us back on the right track," states Von Stetten.

Pat Capuano, one of this year's tri-captains feels, "The team is young and very good. We have four starting sophomores, and play together well as a team." Ms. Capuano added, "The war paint has helped us a lot for our spirit," and she feels that Von Stetten is a great coach. "The ladies of the team have responded well to a man coach," explains Ms. Capuano. He made us more determined and as a result we have done much better this season." According to Ms. Capuano, "Von Stetten respects us and treats us as athletes."

Ms. Capuano wishes to say special thanks to Mr. Morgan for the war paints and best wishes to Junior

Cathy Jackson who will be out for the rest of the season with mononucleosis. "Cathy plays varsity forward and is a great asset to the team, as was goalie, Lisa Haden," remarked Ms. Capuano.

Dianne McKeever, another one of the tri-captains feels, "The team is 200 percent better than last year and this is because of the good relationships that they carry on and off the field."

Donna Ferrazzo, the team's final tri-captain, agrees with Ms. Capuano, "that Von Stetten is a great coach and that they are responsible for picking up school spirit." She added, "we have a really great team, good starters, and tremendous

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CONRAD FOOTBALL

by Rich Falkowski

Small but mighty could easily define the slogan for this year's Conrad Varsity Football Team. Although we don't exactly have a team that makes one tremble when one sees them run on the field, what our team lacks in process according to the coaches, we make up for in spirit, execution, quickness and hard work. The biggest body on the starting team is only about 185 to 195 pounds, so as one can see, we won't outsize too many teams.

Even though our Redskins had a fine 2-1-0 preseason with two impressive wins over A.I. and P.S. DuPont, our Conrad team was a heavy underdog to a supposedly strong Wilmington team. As it turned out, the Red Devils were lucky to get out of Redskin country with their scalps. For the second straight year, the final score was 14-14. And once again Wilmington used the big play to score their two touchdowns. Their first touchdown came on a 40 yard bomb from quarterback Brock to Rick Snow, their speedy receiver. Conrad came right back and scored on a punt by Al Roop, and Bob Jamison picked it up and ran it in, but the kick failed, giving Wilmington a 7-6 lead. The score remained the same until Jamison scored another touchdown from one yard out. This time Conrad went for two points and got it when Paul Blome swept around right end and dove into the end zone to give us a short lived 14-7 lead. Two plays after the ensuing kick-off Wilmington's Vic Jefferson went over the right side for a 62-yard touch-

down that tied the score at 14-14. Conrad threatened several times but couldn't cash in. Wilmington never seriously threatened. Then the game came



down in the last few seconds and the Redskins lined up for a field goal but it just went wide and Conrad had themselves a 14-14 tie when they were supposed to get whipped.

The next week, after the impressive showing against Wilmington, Conrad travelled to Newark for a Monday game. The game was scheduled for Saturday but heavy rains cancelled it. The delay had an effect on Conrad because our team just didn't play well. Newark's first score came on a Conrad mistake. On a pass the ball was fumbled in the end zone by Newark's defense for a 7-0 Newark lead. Conrad threatened at the end of the half but was stopped at the one-yard line and the half ended 7-0 Newark. In the second half, Conrad stayed in the game on tough defense until Newark's offense got rolling and rolled on down for an insurance TD that took the remaining wind out of the Conrad sails. They had to go home with a disappointing 13-0 loss.

Next came a mud bath at our field with only a shadow of last year's mighty Christiana team and again Conrad was the underdog.

defensive tackle, Gary Bonds, picked it off and ran 23 yds. for the TD giving Conrad an early 14-0 lead. The Redskins almost blew it because on the following kick-off, the Bulldog's Hugh Dougherty went 82 yds. to cut the lead to 14-6. It remained this way until the final 10 seconds of the half, when Blome capped an impressive drive sneaking over on a 4th and goal situation putting Conrad in the lead 21-7 at half-time.

In the second half, the teams traded touchdowns. Conrad's TD being yd. pass. Brandywine came back and scored their's on a 30 yd. run by Dougherty. So, Conrad had its second straight win, 28-14, going into their match with the Sals.

After a hard week of practice, a confident team traveled to the wind blown, rainy, cold Baynard Stadium. The two teams played even until Jay Faulkner broke away for a 84 yd. run and a 7-0 lead for Sals. Conrad's tough defense set up our first score by causing a fumble recovered by Mike 'Boz-zo giving Redskins the ball on the Sals 40 yd. line.

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However, Conrad soon proved itself the better team, for on Conrad's first series Blome hit Randy Bacot for an 8-yard scoring pass, and remained on top through the rest of the game. Blome to Bacot set up the next score too, a 1-yard dive by Bob Jamison. Then, Blome went around end to make the score 19-0. Jamison scored one more time to give the Redskins a 25-0 halftime lead. In the second half Conrad extended its lead to 31-0 on a keeper by Blome. With the Redskin's second line defense, Christiana scored two 4th quarter TD's to make the final score Conrad 31, Christiana 12.

As the season continued, so did the rain. Next came Brandywine and an instant replay of the quagmire. Conrad struck first when tye Redskins blocked Brandywine's punt and recovered it on the Bulldog's 2 yd. line. Jamison took the ball in Conrad lead 7-0. On Brandywine's next series they tried a screen pass, but



Marty Nagy crosses bridge at Banning Park Course. (Photo by Rich Really)

Harriers Had Season Slump

by Steve Mackey

Our cross country team ended it's season with 2 wins, 7 losses and no ties. Coach John Naughton explained "the team was not as good as it should have been but they did their best."

They started off the season with a damp outlook with the St. Marks meet being postponed three times due to rain. The next three meets against Newark, Delcastle, and Christiana ended in defeat with scores of 15-48, 20-23, and 22-33. Despite a bad beginning the runners came back in the next two meets with Mt. Pleasant 26-29 and Concord 23-33,

but lost to Brandywine 15-49, William Penn 23-32, Salesianum 15-50, and Dickinson 19-40.

"The team was only having a tough year and will hopefully make it up next year. We have many talented runners who will be coming back next year, plus the sophomores we will be getting," stated Naughton.

This year's team consists of seniors Steve Bair, Bill Balascio, Steve Mackey, Mark Cubeta, and Rick Watts. Juniors Joe Manlove, Rick Carter, Marty Nagy and Paul Powell and sophomores Chuck Lackford, Victor Holveck and Tom Davis.

Spikers overlooked by Student Body

by Monica Marshall

"Next year we will be untouchable", stated Coach Froelich, "So far our record is 7 wins, 5 losses and we've played most of the tough games."

The girls have been practicing since August 25, and "They have improved a lot since then, especially in bumping and serving", commented Froelich. The coach claims he has enjoyed working with the team and that he "Eats, drinks, and sleeps volleyball."

Some of the outstanding players include Joanne Tjaden and Patty Stewart in the area of spiking and Terry Schmidt and Sylvia Gallo in the area of setting.

Froelich also mentioned that most of the players are from Oak

Grove. Maybe next year he will allow ninth graders to practice with the team, so there would be a larger turn out from the other Jr. Highs.

The only goal he wants to reach this year, is to see the girls enjoy volleyball and to find it worthwhile, rewarding and stimulating.

The team members this year include Senior: Maribeth Riofski, juniors: Joanne Tjaden, Terry Schmidt, Sylvia Gallo, Ronna Wadman, Patti Stewart, Leslie Murphy, Linda Womer, and Faith Randow, sophomores: Sue Knecht, Paula Russel, Karen Larson, Donna Cote, Anita Losse, Mary Prospero, Karla Jones, Monica Marshall, and Terry Skibicki.

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ness they don't have lights on that field or we'd be out here all night."

Around 9 p.m. it was time for the annual show put on by band members, alumni and chaparones in the recreation hall. This year's show contained acts such as: "Euell Gibbons", "Conrad Alumni Band", a rabbit from a drumcase, "Conrad Twirling Corps", and "Senior Dummy." The act that drew the most applause was the members of the twirling corps displaying their singing talents.

During the show it was time for some unknown redskins to carry out one of band camp's traditions, the panty raid. The various items of clothing confiscated in the raid were displayed on the camp's flagpole. Unsuspecting sophomore girls were the most embarrassed by this annual activity.

Cabin raids and attacks with water balloons followed the panty raid and lasted until midnight.

Sunday morning arrived as Saturday morning had, with 4 A.M. playing of Cherokee. This time it was the Sophomore and Junior girls who were the early morning minstrels.

After a hardy breakfast in the mess hall the band practiced the Ellington' show. Rehearsal lasted until lunchtime.

Following lunch the band gave a performance of its pre-game and Ellington' shows to parents who had come to visit.

One final item on the agenda was the cleaning up of the camp grounds and gathering up of belongings from cabins.

As the band loaded buses to take them home, seniors took one last look at Camp Hilltop.

The Band will return there next year for its 25th annual bandcamp.



Franklin, Jefferson and FOOT?

This being a bicentennial year, so many of us take for granted the invention of the "exit sign." So, I'm going to tell you about it on its 200th anniversary.

It was invented by Icabob Foot in the year 1775 on November 21 this very date. Getting interested?

Now, Foot was a lonely Italian newspaper publisher in Turnover, Massachusetts, the apple capital of the world, (that's right, apple Turnover), he did all of his work in his small one room, one door wooden building on the crust, I mean edge of Turnover.

Foot lived and worked in the poor section of town. His shop was only identified by his small sign, "Foot Prints Co."

When people would enter his shop, he would serve them, and they would leave by the same door. This made Foot uncomfortable, because he had a fetish about people leaving by the same door they entered.

Foot worked the night hours away, trying to figure out a way to satisfy his conscience. One day, Foot decided he would install windows opposite his only shop door. He tried this for more than a month, then discontinued the practice. For he almost filed bankruptcy, when he spent a small fortune buying new window panes to replace the broken ones.

Meanwhile, back at the drawing board Foot worked on a new idea. By replacing the window with another door he would save trouble and money. He drew up the plans and started to work on the project the next day.

The building experience ran into a short delay, when Foot discovered that the power saw had not been invented yet. However, after a few minutes of hard

labor, it was completed.

As fate would have it, people still used the same door to leaving as entering. He posted a sign, "walk this way," all he got was a lot of funny walks. He tried a finger on the wall, pointing the way out, but all he heard were comments about not seeing a men's room.

Finally, an earthquake

shook the land where Foot lived. The chicken farms in the area saw their eggs head for Turnover. The eggs went in the front door of the printing shop and out the other.

Foot, speaking in broken english before the town council, claimed, "The eggs it cumma down froma da mountin, ina the

fronta door and outa da backa door."

Then he realized, "eggs it", the perfect word to get people to leave by the other door.

It soon caught on, and the entire nation now used the word "EXIT" in all public places. It's not in the history books, but remember you heard it here first.

RETURNING STUDENTS VALUE SHEEPSKINS

by Jeff Mezzatesta

Many students, throughout the nation, quit high school this year, never giving a thought to returning. Although, some find out the value of the diploma before they learn the hard way.

Beverly Janvier, 23, is one person who decided to finish her education before it was too late. She quit in her senior year to get married.

A former member of the "class of 70", Mrs. Janvier now, has two kids, both of school age, and a goal in life.

"I would just go home and take care of the kids," says Mrs. Janvier, "now that they are in school, I can go to school and take care of them. Night school was tough, because it's hard to get a babysitter."

Mr. Harry Davies arranged her schedule which includes two credits, one in English, and the other in History, plus a quarter-credit in gym for her to get that "good job after high school."

"It was my idea to return, but my husband was all in favor of the idea," continued Mrs. Janvier, "I had no thoughts of college, now I'm taking courses in something I might be interested in after I get the diploma, that the University of Delaware offers."

Although she lives in New Castle and goes to

Conrad, Mrs. Janvier noted a few changes. "I didn't feel like a complete stranger, I knew some teachers. Teachers aren't as strict as they used to be."

A dress-code existed then, including pants for girls and short dresses were out of the question.

Mrs. Janvier also noted that, although the other students knew of her situation, they attitude never changed toward her. She added, "I was a bit surprised that they treated me just like an 18-year old senior."

Bob Neel, 20, a former member of the 73 class, has also returned to finish his education. He now worked on the "line" at the General Motors plant.

"I came back to get my diploma to get a chance to go to Del Tech. I'm not going to spend the rest of my life working in a factory, I'm going to make something of myself," states Neel.

Neel made up two fall

credits in summer school this past year, where the kids started to ride him about his decision.

"It was hard to take at first, but I got used to it and it didn't bother me at all." He now takes two credits toward his graduation goal.

His reason for quitting? He mentions, "Well, I cut all my classes my last year, I thought I didn't need the classes or high school, so I just fooled around. My mother, grandmother and girlfriend pressed me to go back, I just kept saying, yeah, I'll go, I'll go, until I finally decided to return."

Neel comments on his new student body, "The kids just hang around, just scroungier people to me. They're too young for what they do."

It's too bad more dropouts don't know the value of the high school education. The **Smoke Signal** staff invites any comments or opinions about the preceding matter. — Ed.



Mrs. Beverly Janvier, she came back! (Photo by Tom Shewbrooks)



Hungry Redskins Go To Marguerite

What would you do if some little green man came down from Mars, while you were munching on a peanut butter sandwich, and he asked you, "Who is in charge of this cafeteria?"

Our new head of the cafeteria is Marguerite Martin. This is her first year of being manager of personnel. She currently holds the record of twenty years working in the building.

Some of the duties that Mrs. Martin has to perform and carry out as a good manager include making up the menus and substituting for one of her members if she is unable to show up some day. In all greatness Mrs. Martin has to make sure everything is running smoothly and on schedule.

She replied, "I enjoy working here very much, and the majority of the students here are very polite and nice." Mrs. Martin does not like to see any of the students at lunch time go hungry, but she got orders not to have

lunches put on credit anymore.

This is Mrs. Martin's first time of every being interviewed, and she was very happy to hear that she was going to be in the SMOKE SIGNAL.

She was born and raised here in Wilmington and lives in Cranston Heights. Her interests are cooking, camping and she loves her grandchildren very much.

When asked about the Golden Age Club, Mrs. Martin remarked, "We don't have that many people left in the Club, because they go over to Richardson Park for a recreation program." They have approximately 5 or 6 people left in the Club.

Mrs. Martin plans to have a good school year. So everyone can help her out, by cracking a few smiling faces to the staff once in a while.

Ann Latourney quotes, "Marguerite has a lot to contend with, and she is a great person. Alcinda Wanros quotes, "She is a wonderful manager, and has a terrific personality."

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Thanks, old man
Signed,
Joe Cool

Dear Joe,

Firstly, what gives you the idea that the "answer person" is male? Secondly, cut the John Wayne movie "How" bit. Thirdly, this column is no place for your boasts, and lastly, when you sincerely desire help write in to me, but until then - forget it.

WI

Dear Wooden Indian,

I am wounded. But then, I'm always wounded. I mean the halls in this school are terrible. So far this year, I've been, crushed, trampled, punched, pushed, kicked and bruised many, many times. Can anything be done?

Signed,
Near Death

Dear Death,
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WI



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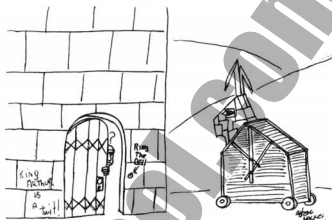
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MOVIE REVIEW

Monty Python and the Holy Grail

The legend of King Arthur gets a well deserved swipe in what may be the comedy film of the decade or at least the week. British comedy team "Monty Python," C. Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones and Michael Palin concoct a smorgasbord of sight gags, puns, black humor, and satire that reduces Camelot to a madhouse populated by senile wizards, man-eating rabbits, cowardly knights, ef-

feminate giants, socialistic serfs, modern day paddy wagons and Holy Hand grenades (blessed by Rome no doubt). The comedy pace is faster than the Marx Brothers ever dreamed of and the humor is cerebral enough to make Woody Allen wince. If you enjoy laughing, drooling, or sticking your finger up your nose and making funny noises, you will owe it to yourself to see this film as opposed to listening to it which would be fairly silly on your part.



The TRROJAN RABBIT?

News-In-Brief

DECA Exemplifies All Purpose Club

Attention, Attention, for all you Conrad students who do not know that DECA is really all about. Tune your eyes into this news.

The purpose of this program is to develop leaders and managers for a business.

This provides a pool for competition. Some of the goals of DECA include improving one's leadership qualities, vocational understanding, civic consciousness and social intelligence.

DECA members will be visiting some historic places this year. There are other students from various states who have also been invited.

Nick Martinez is the chairman of DECA.

"DECA is a great program to get into. This class can give you the confidence that you once didn't have in yourself," explains Martinez.

Our officers for the 1975-76 school year are, President Jo Ellen Collins, Vice-President Richard Crumley, Secretary Mary Archie, and Treasurer John Sweeney. And the top man, Mr. Joseph Froelich acts as the advisor.

YEARBOOK

Mr. David Owen, the man in charge of the Conrad yearbook, says that this year's selling price will be the same as last year's, \$10. "Mr. Smith wants to keep it at \$10 for as long as we can," commented Owen. Owen mentioned being pleased with 13 staff members and 3 photographers compared to last year's 19 staff members and 12 photographers. "I had the very best staff last year and this year is just as good." When asked if the 1976 yearbook was going to be any bigger, he

stated, "We can't afford to do a bigger yearbook." Compared to last year's sellings of 672 yearbooks, Owen is uncertain as to how many will be sold this year.

SMOKE SIGNAL

Senior Jeff Mezzatesta heads this year's Smoke Signal Staff of sixteen. Mezzatesta commented that "things will work out fine this year."

"We just have to get the newspaper on it's feet, and I want to win in the Spring Convention," he added.

"It's great being editor. In my opinion, the Smoke Signal is one of the states' best papers. It's almost an honor to be editor of this paper."

This year the Feature Editor's job is held by Debbie Grace, while Melody Bixler handles the position of Business editor and News of the

publication. Marty Nagy leads the editorial writers as Editor. Kim Shelly and Steve Mackey share the spotlight as Sports co-editors.

Mr. John Naughton, advisor, commented, "This year's staff shows much potential and they seem eager to look for ways to improve our newspaper. I look forward to working with them this year."

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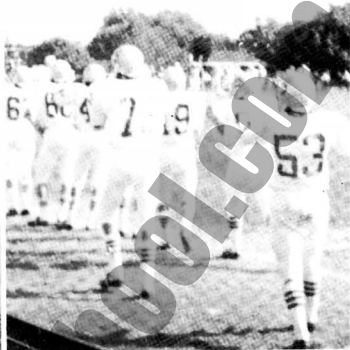
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A DAY AT THE FOOTBALL GAME



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Hockey misses tourney

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sophomores."

This year's J.V. captains Celeste Czajkowski and Terry Lane feel, "The team overall had a strong; good spirit."

This year's top three scorers include Ms. Ferrazzo with 12, Margie Smith with 8, and Ms. McKeever with 5. Ms. Ferrazzo now holds the record of 6 goals in a game.

Conrad can anticipate "a good season because of six returning lettermen plus a good young team," according to both Ms. Capuano and Von Stetton.

This year's 75-76 hockey team consist of thirteen varsity players and fourteen junior varsity players. The managers were Jo Ellen Collins, Kim Janavier, and Robin Hovians.

A new program sponsored by Von Stetton and Mary Jane Weldin will soon be adopted by the school board "with not much anticipated trouble," says Von Stetton.

SHOTS ON GOAL

Conrad's varsity and junior varsity hockey teams beat Brandywine High for the first time in twelve years.

Junior Varsity again finished a successful year with a 10-0-2 record and varsity ended the season with a 7-3-2 record.

by Karen Jones

Intramurals are already underway at Conrad this year. Paddleball will be one of the first to be started. Among some of the ones that will be started before Christmas are floor hockey, handball,

The new program CAWA Conrad Association of Women Athletes met October 21st and elected the following officers: President, Ms. Ferrazzo; V.P., Ms. Smith; Sec., Ms. McKeever; treasurer, Sandy Ardis, and Sergeant of Arms, Ms. Capuano.

The only requirement is that you must have one varsity letter.

Ms. Capuano explains, "That although it is patterned after the boys varsity 'C' Club our main goal is that girls compete on the same level as boys and should receive the same recognition for it. It is not a take off of Varsity C." "The club would be supporting girls sports by dances, bake sales, etc., according to Ms. Capuano.

VARSITY "C"

Conrad's Varsity 'C' club is one of the several service clubs at Conrad. The club consists of boys who have earned one or more varsity letters in sports.

Under the guidance of faculty sponsor Mr. Jesse Malin, the members provide many services during the school year such as: taking donations for programs at home football games, selling refreshments at home basketball games and wrestling matches, setting up chairs for graduation, and sponsoring dances.

Ken Taylor is this year's Varsity 'C' president. Other officers include Doug Allen (vice president), Mike Wisniewski (secretary), Joe Whalen (treasurer), and Al Roop (sergeant at arms).

FOOTBALL

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The offense, lead by Blome, marched down to the 7 yd. line where Blome took the ball in to tie the score at 7-7 after Jeff Armstrong's conversion. The score remained unchanged at half-time.

In the second-half, the rain started to really come down and the Sals began to roll. The Sals scored on a 4 yd. scoring pass from Tom Sillicato to Conlin that

gave the Sals a 14-7 lead. Conrad was stifled, but looked like they might have a chance. They forced Sallies to punt with 7 minutes left, but were called for ruffing the kicker and the Sals kept the ball and killed any Conrad hopes for a tie or win by taking the ball in for TD by T. Fernandez on a 24 yd. run. The final score of the wet, but well played game was Sallies 21, Conrad 7.

Conrad Begins Fall Intramural Schedule

bowling, volleyball, and basketball.

In the spring, golf and tennis tournament will get things rolling. Among

some of the others is included a co-ed 2 on 2 basketball tournament. For more details consult your gym teachers.

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John Balaguer, Bob Challenger, Dave Lister, Don Wilson, Dave Kowalczyk, Joe Prosceno, Mike Wisniewski, Tom Dykes, Gregg Jones, Roy Kirchner, Walter Ruth, and Dan Swain.

Junior Varsity is made up of thirteen players, seven Juniors and six Sophomores. They'll include Mike Horgan, Jack Sarnecky, Joe Kachmar, Mark Lukaszewski, Marty Poffenberger, Dennis Swain, Tim Onley and Joe Brannock, John Jolly, Chris Markland, Philip Morabito, Jacob Stoner, Paul Wisniewski.

Conrad, now, advances to the State tourney, against St. Andrews. Results were not known at press time.

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