

Powerful Players Prepare Production

Do Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers dance through your dreams? Do you ever wish that you could be Gene Kelly's umbrella? Cheer up. Your chance is here. In keeping with the Bicentennial, an up-dated version of the George M. Cohen musical, **Yankee Doodle Dandy**, will be presented February 26, 27, and 28. The new version is called **The Yankee Doodle** and it includes several major plot changes. Duke, the male lead, is indecisive, being confronted by

everyone else's plans for him. His girlfriend, Mary, is fiercely patriotic and wants him to go to West Point, while Carol, a conceited actress, assisted by Audrey Stone, an actors agent, try frantically to get him to continue in his career as a rock musician. The play revolves around this conflict, with a secondary theme of these, and other characters trying to present a traditional fourth of July play. But if the plot is changed, the beloved songs of George M. Cohen are not, as the

music and lyrics remain as he originally wrote them. This play includes such favorites as **Give My Regards to Broadway**, **Forty-Five Minutes From Broadway**, **So Long, Mary**, **You're A Grand Old Name**, **Mary's A Grand Old Name**, and of course, **A Yankee Doodle Boy**.

Members of the cast of this light hearted musical include many Theatre Arts I and II students, some members of the re-organized Sock'n Buskin drama club and others.

Exact results of the try-outs were not known at press time.



December 14 the Conrad band performed at the annual Christmas party given for the children at the Alfred I. DuPont Institute. Approximately 50 children were entertained by 60 band members along with 10 majorettes. The band rendered such tunes as "White Christmas," "Parade of Carols," and "The Brighter Side of Christmas." The bandsmen also played selections from its repertoire of football pep music.

Director Mr. Casto and the band have made this annual visit for the past 15 years. According to Casto, transportation and refreshments have always been provided by the "Square Club" of the Du Pont company.

The band will not be idle in the next few months. Dr. King from the University of Delaware will be at Conrad sometime in mid-January to offer his annual clinic to the bandsmen. In February, a group from the band will provide the music for the musical "Yankee Doodle." In March the concert band will attend the annual county band festival and play in a bicentennial parade. The concert band will give a concert in early May.

Casto, in a recent interview, said he hopes that two or three band members will try out for all-state band. He also remarked "It promises to be a good year."

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Newport Dedicates WW II Gun

"I think this is a great affair. This makes me optimistic about our country since there are such large crowds at these celebrations. It also shows that people still care for their nation," commented Senator William V. Roth at a recent gun dedication in Newport.

November ninth was the date, a 5 inch, 38 caliber navy deck attachment was dedicated to the soldiers who fought in the foreign war of the Newport area. Mr. Carl Simpson, principal of Krebs Elementary, discovered that the gun was just being stored and not seen. After pursuing the situation further, Simpson made it possible for the gun to be relocated in the park, next to St. James Episcopal Church. This small town was also granted a bicentennial flag from Washington in honor of this ceremony. Jack Hanna, mayor of

Newport stated that "Wwre really excited about this and I feel fortunate that so many were here."

Some of the other participants were Krebs Elementary chorus and Jr. High Band, who provided the appropriate patriotic music and color guards

from the marine corp and Navy.

Residents dressed in Bicentennial costumes including revolutionary and civil war troops; Wilmer F. Williams, Master of Ceremonies and Reverend Henderson who presented invocation and closing prayer.



The new attraction brings smiles to observers.
(Photo by Tom Shewbrooks)

Conradians Contribute Thoughts and Ideas

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT by Debbie Grace

A wax figure stood on a pedestal,
His body was perfect and whole.
Not a single defect could one see . . .
but the figure had no soul.

His face was bright and shining
and the people bowed and prayed
to the figure on the pedestal,
the figure that they had made.

One man stood afar off
apart from the crowd, and sighed.
When asked to worship the figure,
he bowed his head and cried.

"I can not pray to that figure,
nor can I praise it." the people were told.
"I will not kneel down and worship
a dead thing without a soul."

A gasp went up from the people
"Who are you to call our God dead?"
The man listened to them in silence
then, "I am your King," he said.

"Now, turn away from your idol -
your honor you should pay to me.
After all, it's in my likeness the figure is made
And now, I shall set you free."

But the people turned away.
They didn't believe their King
They had worshipped the idol for so long,
The refused to accept the real thing.

Do you think the people were foolish
not to accept their King?
Why, when Christmas time arrives
We do the very same thing.

We don't love the little Christ child
We don't even think or pause -
we'd rather worship a bright tree,
or a myth called Santa Claus.

Please can you help me find
out who I am.
Each day I walk through darkened
hallways wandering into strange
classrooms filled with the empty
chatter of lecture words and home
work assignments to interrupt the
solitude and tranquility of
thinking and feeling of
who I might
be.
Really, what else is there to
know at my age?
Maybe,
all of these schoolroom facts and figures
are aiding my search into myself;
but time travels so slowly when
I am here in
school.
Editor please,
what can I do?
Each day passes me by.
Am I early or late?
Am I here or there?
Am I you or me?
Who are you?
Who am I?

Anonymous

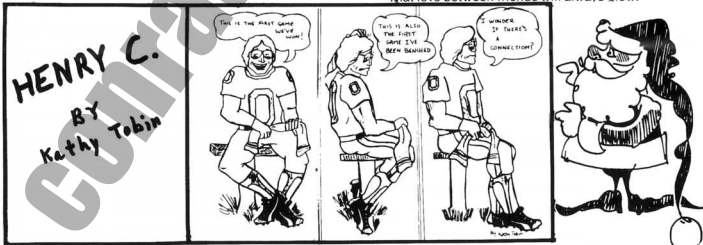
My Friend by Nancy Abel

To my friend who's always neat,
She's nice and kind, always sweet,
Shall you drop me, I'll be sad,
And remember all the good times we had.

For friends are friends no matter how they act,
Friends are for keeps, and that's a fact,
Your friend is a person you'll always cherish,
And your lifelong friendship will never perish.

Friendship is strong,
When you both get along,
And you compare your heart, feelings, and mind,
Then you have something that is one combined.

It's called friendship between friends,
When your heart that's broken always mends,
And the love between friends will always grow,
And that love of friends will always show,
That love between friends will always glow.



Huffing and Puffing

Students' Voices Go Up In Smoke

I am a 17 year old student at Conrad High School. There aren't too many things that bother me here, except how some of the students don't care about keeping their school clean. Don't get me wrong, I am not a "clean freak," but I can't stand it when people that you have to go to school with are so dirty. I don't mean dirty physically, but to the point where you can't even walk into the rest rooms and almost choke because of all the cigarette smoke. Then, you almost slip on the cigarette butts. The people who smoke can have the decency to put their cigarettes out in the proper place.

Other little things that upset me very much include, when the students request smoking areas. After finally obtaining them, they don't take care of them properly and the next thing you know, they got them taken away. It's their own fault. If the kids are mature enough to smoke, they should be mature enough to take care of things they want most. We here at Conrad, had a "pretzel eating habit, about two weeks ago. We could buy the long pretzels when the store was opened, but now they can't sell them anymore. Why, You Ask? Some of the teachers found them crushed up in the halls, so we are not allowed to have pretzels anymore. These are some of the things that really upset and bother me. It's pure "laziness." I wish something would be done about this, it's getting worse. When you put all your effort and work into something you make at school, like a newspaper, and then you find it on

the floors in the school, that can really be heart breaking.

D.C.
Wilmington, Del.
SMOKE SMELLS

Most private, parochial and some public schools have smoking lounges.

Because of the destructive damage done by some students to the third floor boys bathroom, it has been closed.

The only possible boys bathroom as of now, is the main floor or basement floor. Whenever I walk into the main floor bathroom the smoke is enough to make you croak. If this doesn't work, the new game called "leapfrog" will certainly do the job. The rules are very simple; pile into a bathroom, light up a smoke, and watch a kid try to get through to use a facility.

The smoke and smell isn't confined just to the bathrooms but travels into the halls, making an unpleasant odor. If you have a sore throat or despise cigarettes, the smoke really bothers you. Smoking is fine, and you

can't blame one particular person or group, but it's gone too far. The stench smell and garbage all over the floors and jammed down into the facilities is down right ignorant and disgusting.

These reasons are why perhaps Conrad doesn't have a smoking lounge and highly unlikely it will

have one in the future years.

Some of the other problems that may occur are where would it be, who would use it, would kids destroy it or go their to bag? Judging from the previews of what I've seen it would probably end up just being a clean sesspool instead of a dirty one like the lavatories.

I'm not just picking on the boys lavatories because most girls are un-describable. The main hall girls room and third floor room are of the two worse of any mentioned previously. I've seen girls play the game "leapfrog" too, although the rules are a little different. They all walk in and comb their hair and catch a smoke so, not only do girls dodge people for a facility, they also must beware of gagging on large masses of hair as the "ladies" clean their brushes.

Well, I don't have anymore to add and I don't have any solution 'butt' to let everything just go up in a puff of smoke, (hopefully asking for help from our redskins!) Sincerely,
Marty J. Nagy



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Dear Editor:

I'm a non-smoker, but I feel that there should be a smoking area for the smokers. I'm sick and tired of going into a filthy, crowded, and smokey bathroom. The smoking area doesn't have to be anything fancy or anything like that just some part of the building or maybe outside, where they can smoke.

Smockey
DS

Redskins Voice Their Opinions

Dear Editor,

I am fed up with waiting in cafeteria lunch lines for nearly fifteen minutes every day.

The faculty and the vice-principals don't seem to want to resolve this problem so I decided to write to you.

The problem referred to is this: People who have fifth period class on other side of the building from the cafeteria are always the last in line for lunch. Then, when they get in line, the line stays at a literal standstill. This is caused by people who keep letting their friends into the line, and by other people just jumping into the line whenever they please. Some "five finger discounting" also goes on while faculty members and the vice-president stand idly by.

By the time I and/or other students who wait their turn get to the food it is all gone or nearly all gone. Also, when and if I get my lunch, there is not sufficient time left in the lunch period for me to eat it.

I believe I have a legitimate complaint, and I would like to see something done about it. Could there be a vice-principal or a faculty member assigned to monitor the lunch lines? In my mind, this is the only way to remedy the situation.

Sincerely,
Kim Shelly

Dear Editor,

I wish to respond to the letter in your last issue about Miss Swayze. "CEC" asked if Miss Swayze was "a librarian or a truant officer." "CEC" doesn't know what he or she is talking about. Miss Swayze gave 40 years of her life to this school, as an English teacher, and in her present capacity, as

Librarian.

I am, like "CEC," a senior and I am thankful to have someone like Miss Swayze concerned and dedicated, to help me. And I'd like to say, "CEC," shut up! And, Miss Swayze, thank you very much. Sincerely,
S.F.I.

Dear Editor:

Would open study halls be successful in a school such as ours?

Although Mr. Smith mentioned that he thought he would have tried it, unfortunate problems have caused him to feel this isn't the time for open study halls.

They have tried open study halls three other times, and they haven't worked out before although Smith always hoped students would accept responsibilities. The ones who don't accept the responsibility cause other students not to get privileges.

Smith thinks the majority of the students would accept the responsibility for open study halls if we had one. Unfortunately, the rebellious minority spoils freedom for everyone.

Karen Jones

Dear Editor:

Conrad High is lacking spirit desperately! Being a member of the volleyball team I can testify to this. The only sport that gets support is football. I'm not putting down the team but certainly some of the other teams deserve some fans.

For example, the soccer team made it to the

tournament. I don't think they could have made it without spectators at their games.

On "spirit day" I was beginning to have some faith in this school. But before fifth period was over 50 percent of the decorations were torn down! Is this school spirit?

Spirit Seeker



During one of the recent fire alarms, a group of students remained in school and didn't bother going out. Mr. Ott angrily walks up to them and said, "What's wrong, are all of you deaf, didn't you hear the alarm go off?" One brilliant student replied, "What?"

Mrs. Rofel, after asking for just ten minutes of her student's time to explain the lesson took ten minutes to ask. When she was done and proceeded to explain the lesson, one intelligent student jumped up and said, "Mrs. Rofel, your time is up."

CONRAD CAPERS

At the Newark vs. Ceaser Rodney State Championship football game at Wm. Penn. the public address announcer said "Would the owner of a green oldsmobile with a black vinyl top check your car, your lights are on."

In the next breath he continued "Die Hard batteries are on sale in the school lobby."

Marty Nagy was in Algebra II class with Mr. Wozniak, student teacher for Mr. Lewis, and was seeking help on a test. Mr. Wozniak, his usually helpful self, walked over and replied, "Marty, I just showed you the exact same problem last night on the board. You know you have a memory span of a penguin, 11 seconds." As I laughed, Wozniak proceeded, "didn't you know that when penguins are in a group and as a predator approaches they push one in the water or hole and eleven seconds later they'll forget and push in another, etc., etc., until the last one forgets and dives in. Well, I replied "see ya later Mr. Wozniak (in the water)."



He Wasn't first But, He's The Last

It's Christmas time again, folks and in a few days we'll be opening presents such as belts, shirts and tie sets, and handkerchief sets. But, who bought them?

It is accepted that St. Nicholas, Santa Claus, or Kris Kringle brings the gifts to our homes and puts them under the tree. Rumor has it, but this is wrong.

One of Santa's helpers, Carroll O'Boy, is the real deliverer of gifts on Christmas Eve. He has the job of making sure all the little kiddies in the world have TV Magic Cards to play with.

O'Boy is an Irish farmer who lives on the West side of Dublin. Every December 24th, about 5p.m., after the Three Stooges conclude, he rises out of the potato patch to make the run, and gives presents away, too.

As the story goes, many many years ago Santa delivered the toys to only a few children. Now, since the toy business has grown, Santa sits in his office all day as president of Claus Enterprises. Like all presidents, he doesn't budge. So, someone had to do the rounds. S.C. (as he is known to his employees) held a contest to find his replacement. Along with O'Boy were, Jingle Bell, Loraine Deer, Pinocchio, and Ebenezer Scrooge.

All the contestants had to compete in the Santa's suit competition, belly laughing, reindeer roping, and chimney crawling.

After the first round, Bell and Deer were eliminated. Bell is out because he already has a job on the sleigh and Deer because of an illness in the family. Her Aunt Lee is home for Christmas with overdone chestnuts. (Remember, Folks, this story is only a rumor).

Following the second round, Pinocchio dropped out. His reasoning was that he heard that there was a shortage of Christmas trees this year, so he had to go into hiding. Just Scrooge and O'Boy were left.

The roping contest was an even draw. Then, O'Boy pulled away in the final round, chimney crawling, when Scrooge forgot he had a baby grand piano in his back pocket.

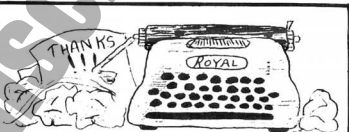
O'Boy was crowned Santa for a day (not to be confused with queen for a day) and was told he had to choose nine tiny reindeer. He posted bulletins around the north pole, and chose, Moe, Larry, Curly, Shemp, Groucho, Harpo, Chico, Henny and Dino, to lead the sleigh. Later, their names were changed to Rudolf, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Blitzen, Comet, Cupid, Dunder and.....eh! ah! On with the story, Nixon, now, OK., O'Boy was all set to make his first delivery, except he didn't have elves. He called the employment agency and they sent over the Milwaukee Bucks; (I could of used the Boston Celtics, but the Bucks are more in the Christmas spirit, think about it. Remember, folks, it's only a rumor.)

Now, he finally left to make his rounds. (Vixen! that's the other darn-reindeer). He delivered to all the houses but one, because some guy was stuck in the chimney with a piano in his pocket.

Here is proof that O'Boy is the true giver of gifts at Christmas time. When you open a package, you don't say Santa Claus, you say O'Boy, you don't sing Kringles, you sing Carols. In closing, leave some potatoes and Irish Whiskey instead of cookies and milk, just to make him feel at home.



The Seniors Decoration of the Main Hall.
(Photo by Jack Veasey)



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Shapiro at Work.

(Photo by Tom Shewbrooks)

Groovy Teacher Makes the Scene

by Debbie Smith

Mr. Shapiro was born in Wilmington, Delaware, May 17, 1950. Ron is an English teacher who taught seventh grade English at Wilmer E. Shue Middle School. This is his first year of teaching at Conrad. "I hope to teach here longer. I like working her," he mentioned with a smile.

When he was going to college, he took a year off and spent nine months in India, trying to learn about the different lifestyles. He likes to listen to records, writing poetry and enjoys reading. He also plans to start a literary magazine.

"I would like to get some students interest in creative writing so they can develop their talent."

"I also believe that the students of Conrad should be given a chance to prove themselves, by accepting some new responsibilities such as, unsupervised study hall and a smoking area. They have to learn to accept responsibility."

"I don't think of myself as just a teacher, but I try to trust the students."

"I especially like teaching a student who likes to learn. Everyone has the ability to succeed in class and in life. Yes, that's my philosophy."

Answers From:

Dear Wooden Indian,
Welcome to my letter, welcome to my note. Yes, I'm the one responsible, but I don't want to gloat. I've got a little problem, everything I say comes out in rhyme and rhythm in every single way. I really want to stop, can you help at all? Can I do anything to stop my funny rhyming jaw?

Anonymous

Dear Anon:

Keep your cool. Take it slow. Take it easy. Don't you know rhymes are nice, rhythm is great lines in meter really rate. Go in to business, help your friends like now, Anon, what rhymes with friends?

Dear Wooden Indian,

Everyday, after lunch I have a very dull class with a teacher who speaks in a monotone. You guessed it, I fall asleep, continually. I get eight hours of sleep every night, yet after lunch in that boring class I cut the Z's. Help!

Signed,
Sleeping Student

Dear "Sleeper",

This is a common problem so the Wooden Indian has a number of suggestions. 1) at lunchtime, put some Geritol in your milk. 2) tell your



teacher his or her room is planned to be used for the next Hiroshima test. If that doesn't work then put the Geritol in his milk.

Der Wooden Indian,

I am senyour and I want spel. I talked to som teachers and they wont help me Can you?

Sined,
Spelin Student

Dear "Spelin",

Wow, that's a tough problem. If you really sincerely desire help, ask your teachers again and look around for tutoring you might make use of. Maybe you'll graduite-oh graduate after all. Good luck.

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Taylor Earns Honors; Gridders Finish Third

SOCCER

Conrad's soccer team wrapped up its seasonal play this year with a 10-4 record. Under the guidance of Coach Ferrario, the team succeeded to make it to the state tournament, being defeated by Dickinson 2-0 in the first round.

"It's definitely a reward to get into the playoffs; I'm pleased we got that

far," stated Ferrario.

This year's team members have achieved several honors. Team Captain Ken Taylor has earned a place on First Team All-State and First Team All-Conference. Foward Doug Allen was chosen for Second Team All-State and Second Team All-Conference. Goalie Mike Wisniewski was selected for Third Team All-

Conference and received All-Conference honorable mention.

The soccer team has had three different coaches in as many years. When asked if he will be coaching next year Ferrario offered a definite "Yes."

FOOTBALL

On a cold, cloudy day, the Redskins ended a successful season on a sour

note. Arch-rival and playoff bound Dickinson visited Conrad's happy hunting grounds and ended the Redskin's unbeaten season on their home reservation. Dickinson won 27-6 on two touchdown runs by Matt Douthit, a 5 yd. run by Tim Garvy and a 4 yd. run by Tom Lloyd. The two bright spots for Conrad were Randy Bacot's 27 yd. pass touchdown from Paul Blome and a blocked extra point by Jeff Armstrong.

Conrad finished with overall record of 5-4-1 and Conference record 5-2-1 good enough for third best in Flight A.

Hockey Has "Net" Results

As you walk by the gym 8th period just about everyday, you'll hear the moans of pain, the sound of wood hitting wood, or loud crashes against the bleachers followed by screams of excruciating pain and an occasionally, "SCORE." These scores can be easily explained but I can't explain them. You see, Intramural Hockey has started for Seniors.

There are five teams in the league. They are: Sabres, Raiders, Islanders, Bruins and Flyers. It is a double-elimination tournament. This is a tournament in which you keep playing until you lose two games. The winner will play the winner of the Junior and Sophomore playoffs.

Each team has 7 or 8 people on a team. There can only be 6 people from each team on the floor at once. After the face-off three forwards can go across the half court line and cannot come back across it or they will be called "off-sides." The forwards are the offensive players. In addition to the forwards, each team has two defensemen and 1 goalie.

Mr. Eyanson and Mr. Craig referee the games. They are played after school and start about 2:40 and end at 3:10. The

Juniors and Sophomores start playing after Christmas. The winning student team will play the "Over

the Hill Gang," other wise known as the faculty. The winner receives the prestigious Henry Cup.

Girls Look Forward to Victory

This years girls' basketball team is being coached by Miss R. Lajoie, a physical education teacher from Krebs Junior High. When asked what her goal was for the season she replied, "To score alot, play tough defense and TO WIN!!" The team commented, "We're going to have a great season!"

Team members for this year consist of: Pat Capuano, Mary Fedorkowicz, Joanne Tjaden, Pat Stewart, Leslie Murphy, Cathy Jackson, Maryann Dzielak, Michele Moore,

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Maurer's Men Plan Protection of "A" Crown

"We're not giving up to the conference championship unless they take it off of us!"

This is the attitude of the '75-'76 Conrad wrestling squad. Coaches Lester Maurer and Gerald Milsted are in the midst of preparing this year's edition for a third consecutive Flight A championship. "Last year's team was the first to win two championships in a row and this year's team has a chance to be the first to win three in a row," explains Maurer.

Planning to take one match at a time, Maurer believes, "The regular season will be tough, everybody around the league will be tougher because of experience but, we're not going to give any matches away."

December 12-13 was the first test of the team, at Perryville. Against Pennsylvania and Maryland wrestling teams like, Perryville, Havre de Grace, North Harford, Saverna Park, Avon Grove, Oxford

and new entry DelCastle.

The results were, Conrad finished third, behind Saverna Park and North Harford. The only winner was Mack Lobley (100). David Jones, Steve Janvier, and Gabe Dominelli finished second and Rick Rubick, Lonnie Hartnett, and Burt Reen ended fourth.

Seniors Jones (167) and Rubick (105) are the two returning full time varsity matmen. Including part-times Jay Townsend (121), Rich Watts (126), Shawn Filliben (147) and Dan Remedio, Maurer concludes, "We have a fine six."

The regular season varsity is not yet decided. The individual weight classes are as follows: 100 lbs. Lobley and Hector Cruz, 105 lbs., Rubick, John Monigle, and Joe Powell. At 114 lbs., Dominelli, Tom Zimmerman, Dan Swain and Bill Morgan and at 121 lbs., Townsend, Remedio, Bill Paoli, Bob McElrone, and senior Dave Draer.

For Maurer at 126 is Watts.

Wrestling at 134, Bob Sanders, Dennis Filliben, Dave Whelihan and Mark Dycio. The 140 lb. class has Reen, Hartnett, Tom Davis and John Troiani. 147 lbs. includes, Filliben, Mike Bozzo, Eric Russell, Ed Grace, Willie Katron and Larry Deery.

At 155, Mark Combs, Pat Duran, and Tom Hutchinson. In the 167 class is Jones, Maro Barbic, Chuck Cebenka, and Dennis Hanby. At 188 is Janvier and Jeff Walter and the heavyweights are Mike Jacobi and Dan Bacon.

"The new guys know it's for real, it's different from junior high. Their biggest asset is that they wrestle for Conrad, Conrad goes out on the mat to win and Conrad is a winner. We're not as strong as we were last year, or the year before." Sanders and Janvier, besides Rubick and Jones, are working the hardest, they really stand

out," adds Maurer, "I like to see a couple of them make State Champions."

"This year's team is really decent. Our strongest part of the team is in the upper weights. Janvier (188) worked out the past months with the University of Delaware, so he should help us," says Jones.

Boys B'ball

Dec. 16	Concord - A
Dec. 19	Mt. Pleasant - A
Dec. 23	McKean - A
Dec. 30	Salesianum - H
Jan. 6	Wm. Penn - H
Jan. 9	Dickinson - A
Jan. 13	Christiana - A
Jan. 16	Wilmington - H
Jan. 20	Newark - A
Jan. 23	Del Castle - H
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Jan. 30	Mt. Pleasant - H
Feb. 3	Wm. Penn - A
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There are several ways to display your spirit for the upcoming bicentennial celebration. "Conrad's basketball team will be showing their spirit by wearing red, white, and blue shoes and uniforms," exclaims Coach Chuck McVaugh.

The new appearance is indicative of the upcoming season and attitude of the team towards playing basketball," according to McVaugh. "This is a season of change, for along with the re-conditioned uniforms the team will be playing more man to man defense and will run with the ball more than last year," McVaugh remarked.

There are nine seniors on this year's squad McVaugh said, "They all have good size;" Doug Allen 6'-1", Fred Swarter 6'-4", Pete Lasavage 6'-3", Rick Jones and Bob Warrington, both 6'-3", are some of the starting line. "Joe Becker, John Roberts, Bruce Jones, Bob Warrington are the only starters who don't have the varsity experience of some three

year veterans," retorted McVaugh.

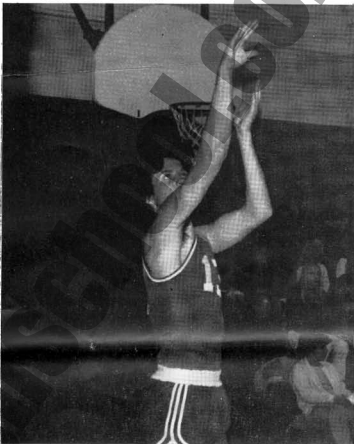
The Varsity boys basketball team consists of nine seniors, Pete Lasavage, Fred Swarter, Ed Bender, Doug Allen, John Roberts, Paul Blome, Rick Jones, Joe Whalen, and Steve Webb, four juniors, Joe Becker, Bob Warrington, Bruce Jones, and Victor Padovani. McVaugh added, "One thing that discouraged me was the number of sophomores which tried out for the team. Only ten tried out and six are on the J.V. team."

Junior Varsity Coach Bob Hayes and McVaugh are optimistic and feel it will be a good competitive season. McVaugh mentioned, "there is a good team spirit and attitude which the boys have established between them." Hayes added "that he has a lot of quick players and is looking forward to coaching along with McVaugh.

This year's Junior Varsity squad is made up of seven juniors, Jim Hurnyan, Ron Ratasiewicz,

Rich Falkowski, Albert Distefano, Angelo Griffith, Rich Cilia, Rap Joyce, and six sophomores; Jerry

McLaughlin, Bob Igo, Steve Horgan, Pete Bradshaw, Keith Reiter, and Wayne Kempczynski.



Co-Captain Fred Swarter watches his shot from corner.

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News-Its-Brief**Yearbook Gaining National Attention**

Hey Redskin! Another year is going by, and the Conradians will be in process before the end of the school year. On Tuesday, Dec. 9, the students had a chance to order their Owen Yearbook from Mr. Owen. For those of you who didn't get to order one, there are going to be re-orders on Wednesday, Dec. 17.

The 3 editors of the Conradian include, Sheila Soukiasian, Sue Rutter, and Diane McKeever whom are all seniors. Owen feels that the seniors have the privilege of having their names on the yearbook for \$1.00 extra.

Owen has been the advisor of the Conradian for 9 years. He implied, "There is no exact date to when the yearbook will be distributed to the students."

An advisor of the Conradian, Owen estimated that \$8,000.00 a year is spent for the yearbook. This is by far the biggest program in the school.

Owen explained, "for the past 3 years the Publishing Company uses samples of our yearbook."

For all that didn't know about the magazine, "Taylor Talk," it is a National Yearbook Magazine. There is going to be a write-up and a picture of Conrad in the

magazine. This magazine should be out by February.

SKI CLUB

Conradians will be donning warm clothing and hitting the slopes as the Conrad Ski Club plans another active skiing season this winter.

The club, 100 strong, is organized by Mr. Landis, Mr. Miller and Mr. Moran. Its members include Conrad students, teachers, parents of students, and alumni.

The club plans day trips this winter to Big Boulder, Elk Mountains and Camelback all in the Pocono Mountains. Two weekend trips to Killington, Vermont, one in January, one in March are also planned.

When asked how the officers and members of the club are working so far this year, Landis replied, "They are cooperating tremendously, especially on publicity projects." Steve Bair is this year's club president. Other office holders include Jim Peckham (Vice-President), Lisa Haden (Secretary) and Kathy Hoffman (Treasurer).

According to Landis, skiing is a "sport for everybody" and that one third of the members are beginners. He also stated that the Ski Club is probably the most active

club in Conrad.

For more information pertaining to the Ski Club or about ski trip prices, refer to the bulletin board in room 207.

SPANISH CLUB

A December 16th Christmas fiesta is planned for the Spanish Club.

This year's club is made up of President - Janet Veasey, Secretario - Hope Scites, Vice-President - Donna Ferrazzo and Treasurer - Bernadette Carucce and about 70 spanish interested Algonos de Conrad. Music will be provided by several band members.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

No, they're not elves working at Conrad on Tuesday and Thursday nights, they're junior achievers. J.A. is an organization made up of high school kids who form their own business and run it accordingly.

On Saturday, December 6, a junior achievement trade fair was held at Tri-State Mall. Some of the merchandise was: Declaration plaques, leather crafts, decorated flower pots, sand

terrariums and other creative items.

So if your interested in J.A. it's not too late to join, just contact someone in J.A.

JUNIOR RING DANCE

The Junior Ring Dance was held on Saturday, December 6, 8:00-12:00 p.m. One hundred and thirty people attended the event. "Next to the prom this is the biggest dance," Kathy Janczewski, one of the chairmans, commented. She continued with "We had a buffet. There was cheese, meat, cole slaw, punch, lunch meat, and even more. We've been preparing this dance since the beginning of November." The Selectrons was the group that played at the dance.

This dance was semi-formal and made some profit. Some attractions were picture taking and the buffet. "All in all, the dance was a success," Kathy commented.

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