

# PROM OFFICERS WARN

# 'It's Up to You'

It's up to you, the seniors. Is the class of 1977 going to be the first in the history of Conrad not to have a prom?

"I'm threatening to have the Senior class prom in the gym if we don't have enough money," cautioned Senior Class Treasurer Joanne Kosinski.

The minimum cost is \$3,500 to have the dance and there is \$750 in the treasury, less than one quarter the amount needed.

Class council claims they have run out of original ideas for fund raising. There are still 24 cases left over from the popcorn sale which didn't make a profit.

Senior Vickie Murphy commented on the senior popcorn sale, stating, "It really should have been cooked popcorn that we sold. The sale just didn't go over big with the student body. We should strive to sell more practical items."

Even if all seniors were



Senior Kosinski gives Prom warning

to pay their dues, according to the officers, there would still only be \$2,400 in the treasury. Vice-President John Beckley confirmed, "People are interested in the prom, but they are too lazy to pay."

According to reports, the senior class isn't the only group that hasn't been paying class dues. Juniors and Sophomores haven't turned in that much money either.

Class leaders em-

phasized that if dues are not turned in, prices on caps, gowns, and prom tickets will double later. When asked if she thought the students would wait until the very end and then pay, Senior Kathy Janeczowski stated, "They don't care, and there is a lack of interest."

The council would appreciate anyone who could come to the meetings, to do so, offering ideas for fund raising.

## CONRAD CHEERS FOR CHARITY

Conrad's Varsity Cheerleading Squad attended a fund raising affair for leukemia sponsored by the Eaglettes at Vets Stadium on December 4.

Eaglettes are those cheerleaders for the Philadelphia Eagles Football team.

Conrad's squad was the only Delaware groups which was recognized at the competition with the other schools from Philadelphia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.

Each competitor did one cheer, for there were approximately 800 girls in 80 different teams.

One winner was picked from a Junior High, Senior High, and College. The winners are to participate at Eagle's, Sunday, December 12 game as professional cheerleaders.

The entire day was spent on the field. At the conclusion of the competition, the winners were an-

nounced and an explanation was given as to why they were picked. According to Mary Sobkow, "too much emphasis was placed on the entertainment aspect rather than the cheering aspect of cheerleaders."

Sandy Hollingsworth added, "We are 'cheer' leaders' not entertainers and if we were judged by N.C.A. (National Cheerleading Association) standards, we would have done very well." All the cheerleaders agreed it was for a worthy cause and \$3200. was realized.

Junior Varsity Cheerleading squad attended an all day Cheerleading Clinic at Saint Elizabeth's High School, December 4.

This was a N.C.A. sponsored affair and according to Co-Captain, Linda McQueen, "We were really surprised! The squad did great in evaluation and our spirit was highly commended."

# SMOKE SIGNAL



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## REDSKINS CROSS TRACKS OF TROUBLE

Channel 6's November 29 evening news broadcast informed residents of various school districts, including Conrad, that any crossing of railroad tracks enroute to school is now considered illegal.

"I really think it's stupid," implied Conrad Sophomore Nancy Skibicki nine out of ten students were unaware of the change in law. Nancy wondered why announcements

had not been made informing them.

"I had no idea of this law; this is news to me!" stated Conrad Vice-Principal Jay L. Hinnerschetz.

According to Captain Shreve, of railroad police, the man who rides up and down patrolling the railroad, in the yellow and white truck, is Sergeant Hayes.

"It is illegal to go on private property. There are signs all over stating that it

is trespassing," Shreve commented. He also continued, "The first time one is caught crossing the tracks, he will be warned. For the second offense he will be taken home to his parents. Arrest will result from the third offense," he added.

According to authorities, if someone is caught crossing by Elsmere police, he will be taken in until they find out if the railroad wishes to prosecute or not.

Movies are being taken to different schools and railroad police are going to schools to try and warn students of the danger and of the law.



## DETENTIONERS CROSS TRACKS ON RAINY DAY

(photo by Kathy Tobin)

FOR HONOR ROLL

## 33 STUDENTS HIT 3.8

Thirty-three students, all receiving grade point averages of 3.8 or better, comprise this year's first marking period's first honor roll.

Seniors making first honors include Thomas Golden, Daniel Griffith, Catherine Kuzepski, Marie Lattomus, Richard Leonik, Michele Lisowski, Melanie Martin, Jeremiah McElrone, Carol Potts, Traci Russell, Patrick Ryan, Sally Storm, and Robert Veldin.

Junior members include Jeffery Downes, Sheri Edmanson, Teresa Immediato, Dina Lafazia, Tammy Mergenthaler, Linda Padovani, and Kevin

Sisson. Members of the sophomore class are Shirley Andrews, Lee Austin, Carla Calfo, Joe Chucho, Mary Clark, Patricia Drozdowski, Richard Greyson, Robin Huntington, William Jack, Judith Krafchick, Mary Lowry, Marie Nawrocki, Lynda Woodward.

Calfo, maintaining a 4.61 overall average, heads the list of students with an average over 4.0. A total of 19 people received an average over 4.0.

The second honor roll consists of 247 students averaging a 3.0 grade level or higher.

## OCTOBER, NOVEMBER BRING SPECIAL EVENTS

The month of October held a surprise for senior Connie Burns as well as entertainment for others while November hosted the Junior Ring Dance.

Burns was named this year's Homecoming Queen at the October 30 football game against Delcastle. During half-time, if homecoming court paraded around the field with their escorts and last year's Queen Judy Ludlow, was honored with a bouquet of red roses.

Other game festivities included the annual float contest. The seniors captured the prize with their Cinderella theme but the juniors had already won spirit week, decorating their hall with scenes from various fairy tales.

Jim Hutnyan and his escort Kathy Smith took first place in the mock homecoming contest. Runner-up on the Miss America type competition was Tim

Onley escorted by Michele Barbour.

Later that evening Connie and her escort, Jay Roop, were honored at the Homecoming Dance held from 8 PM to midnight. The homecoming court and other seniors danced to the music of "J. B. Express and The Beginnings."

November 20, the

juniors celebrated their annual ring dance. The dance was sponsored by the Student Council and made possible through the help of Mr. John Torrence and Miss Lucy Kendikian. The dance was highlighted by the music of the Selections, from eight to 12 o'clock.



Homecoming Queen Connie Burns is congratulated by friends after ceremonies. (photo by Kathy Tobin)

# SMOKE SIGNAL



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## C.B. OR NOT C.B. THAT IS THE QUESTION?



*Pro by Monica Marshall*

"Breaker Channel 10, break break 10". This sounds familiar to many people especially C.B.'ers. C.B.'s are the new craze that has hit the United States and is growing stronger everyday.

I feel that they can be very useful sometimes and purely enjoyable at other times. But a lot of people are against them, because they may interfere with T.V. or stereo systems and some people just think they're a waste of time. If these people simply took some time out to listen to a C.B. radio and ignore some of the consistent "Ratchet Jaws", they'd see the light.

Suppose you were a motorist riding by the scene of an accident in the middle of nowhere or you suddenly ran out of gas.

In both situations C.B.'s come in very handy. You could either contact someone on your home channel or break on Channel 10. Channel 10 is the designated emergency channel and is monitored by either Police or Tri-State Road.

Besides emergencies,

many small businesses use C.B.'s and some people even have organized Community Watches.

So if you think truckers are the only ones who use C.B.'s, you're wrong. C.B.'s can be used by anyone but it's even better when you have a purpose. To all you anti-C.B.'ers out there, "lemons", cause we know where the good life is!

*Con by Marty Nagy*

Citizen Band Radios were basically used in trucks, and then became widespread to cars, homes, and virtually every place thinkable.

They served a useful purpose for truckers and it was assumed that the same purpose could be served among friends in their cars or homes.

The C.B.'s, the nickname to which they are referred, are used mainly if one is in trouble or needs emergency help or if a trucker is lonely and needs someone to talk to.

Well, an increasingly large amount of young people, generally in the 15-

22 age group, are purchasing these C.B.'s, for they are part of the new fad.

It's funny, now that the sport is increasing, so is the price. The old supply and demand act is in effect, in which the manufacturer is the likely one to get the better end of the deal.

Although that is one problem, the other, in my opinion, is that ever annoying breaker 9 breaker 9. When one is listening to the radio or television, C.B.'ers claim that they are too close to their stations and suggest they buy a filter. This is awfully nice of them, one may agree - but it doesn't always work, for some C.B.'s are illegal in the sense that they can be doctored and are reaching beyond their normal zone. This gives the C.B. more power to interrupt and break into stereos or televisions.

This problem isn't new but with the growing number of C.B.'s it is becoming increasingly alarming.

The C.B.'s are useful, but as one would say, "Even too much of a good thing is bad for you."

### by L. McQueen

Recently, I was among many other students involved in the annual state tests given by the school. Subjects ranged from a separate reading test to optional examinations which tested students on basic subjects.

After ten years of these "aptitude" tests, I now question whether their accuracy is in our favor and if they benefit or hinder us. Computer scoring is not 100 per cent correct and mistakes may be made which can easily slip by unnoticed.

Computers don't know or record conditions under which tests were taken. Several factors such as sickness or nervousness, which most of us experience, could easily throw off entire scoring

results. There are also those students who intentionally make mistakes for the sake of being put into lower classes or just a plain lack of interest of what the outcome will be.

It has been proven that some words and concepts used on state examinations are biased and unfair. For example, a word to a child living in a rural area may be completely different than one living in the city. The child who was never taught the "correct" way is downgraded.

Nevertheless, these scores do go on our school records and have some impact on an individual's future. Until educators can devise a more accurate and fair way of testing, we will have to still take them. How long will we have to put up with this system?

### Reservation Rap

Dear Editor,

Desegregation is a word with which everyone is familiar. No longer is it a "maybe" but a clear "definite" for students and faculty throughout the state.

Parents, teachers, and other interested people are meeting and searching for the best answers to many busing problems. Some may be solved but there will be others which will never be.

What will be like going to another school and competing in various sports and clubs against old friends? People with whom you had worked, hoping to improve your school, will then be scattered among others. Coaches who spent time coaching various athletes, hoping to see them lead the school to victory, will see the faces as rivals instead of part of "their team".

School spirit, which is an important goal in each high school, will rapidly decrease because of the distance the school is from home. Extra-curricular ac-

## Letters to the Editor

tivities may be canceled, but even if they are continued, there will not be as much interest.

Desegregation is supposed to solve many problems within the education system. But, instead of creating a better environment, it will further decrease an interest in school, which presently is not a very large one.

As a student of Conrad High, I protest the new schedule this year. I don't understand why the day was extended, anyway. And, if the day has to be made longer, why add time to classes? I think it would be better if we had more time between classes, longer lunches, or more time to get to your bus. I find myself almost running

to get to classes on time, and that's quite difficult when there are 1200 people in the hall. At lunch time, it seems that after I get through the line, I have only a few minutes to eat

hurriedly and rush back to class. In the afternoon, you have to really hurry to your locker and get to your bus.

You practically have to be an olympic sprinter! I think it would be much better if we got more time between classes, to eat lunch, and to get to our buses rather than have time added to our classes.

*by Patti Carilli*

## "THE LONER"

by Marty Nagy

I'm going to tell you a story of a man who had fame and glory.

He was a cool dude born on the wrong side of the tracks and made his living shooting craps.

This man had plenty of drive and always talked with his own kind of lingo.

The will of him was his way and the way was his will. But, first, he must conquer the chill.

His name was common and like him, didn't fit. For, he never wore dungarees while working the night shift.

He did what he did to get by. This meant changing his living and selling an instant high.

It wasn't uncommon for a man of 19 to do what he did it didn't not mean.

But, the will of him was his way and the way was his will. But first he must conquer the chill.

By 25, he was building skyscrapers to the sky but he was the one who was always high.

He had it made in the shade but a hurricane came and knocked him away.

The man wasn't crude and insisted he wasn't hooked. But, idly stated, "Why does my life always seem like a closed book?"

However, the will of him was his way and the way was his will. But first he must conquer the chill.

By 50, he did what he did best with the best of them, but has nothing to show except twelve buildings which are his friends.

He now lives in his own world by the sea and his life will always be a mystery.

Pretty soon, his beach was no longer made of white grains of sand and the chill finally killed the man.

The will of him was his way and this way was his will. You might have just read this and don't understand the meaning. But don't read the words - read the feelings.





One day Mr. Strobel questioned his second period class, "How many people would like to work in groups of five!" There was no response. "How

many people would rather work in groups of six!" Again, there was no response. "How many people really don't care! Everyone's hand went up.

In the library, fifth period, Mrs. Kline asked the students, for the second time, to keep quiet. "At least keep it down to a low roar," she asked. At that, the students replied, "Grrrrrrrrr"

Mr. Maurer's chemistry classes sometimes perform lab experiments which involve chemicals that give off odors such as that of rotten eggs. Maurer complains very little about those smells, however, after smelling the fruit flavored lip gloss that several of his students wear, he remarked, "That stuff smells bad enough to gag a maggot!"

A student teacher was patiently explaining the complications of "Four Term Polynomials" to the fourth period Algebra class when she found it necessary to write an example on the board. Pointing to one section of the problem, she asked the class what it was called. After several moments of careful consideration, Sue Knecht answered, "A mess!"

Recently, in Mrs. Fisher's sixth period notebook class, senior Lorie Hemmer was having a problem translating a sentence. She mistakenly read, "It is also evident that there is no use in remembering all the booze." Mrs. Fisher quickly responded, "No, that's essential."

Junior Kevin Sisson was complaining one day about the problems he was encountering in memorizing facts for a test. "I just can't do it," he stated adamantly. His puzzled teacher inquired, "How in the world do you ever remember all those plays on the football field?" Sisson answered, "I don't."

During one of Miss Helen Dougherty's geometry classes she asked the students, "What does coincide mean!" Her class didn't seem to know so Dougherty explained, "When it rains, you go inside."

While in Health class, Andy Hedden asked permission to go to the bathroom. Mr. Hayes gave him the usual one minute limit and sent him on his way. As Andy walked down the hall, he started to bounce a golf ball. Mr. Hayes ran after him and snatched the ball from his hand. When asked why he took it, Mr. Hayes bluntly replied, "He gets me teed off."

Recently in an English class, a sophomore student with a slightly southern drawl commented, "I need an aspirin." An apparently intelligent student commented "Go sit on the heater!"

Mr. Work recently left Mr. Naughton a note on his blackboard following his third period class. The message read "Mr. Naughton, please return the desks you borrowed this morning to Room 234. One erasure later the note read, "Mr. Naughton, please return to room 234. By the end of the day and several erasures later, the message read, "Naughton, return room 234."



OH, NUTS - I LOST THE ELECTION!  
(by Kathy Tobin)

## Ford, Carter Put to Music

**Reporter:** Mr. Carter, who are you considering for Secretary of State?

**Carter:** The Rubberband Man.

**Reporter:** Mr. Carter, what did Rosalynn say when she heard you won?

**Carter:** If You Leave Me Now.

**Reporter:** Pres. Ford, how would you describe your relationship with Mr. Carter?

**Ford:** Muskrat Love.

**Reporter:** Mr. Carter, what does Amy think about living in the White House?

**Carter:** We All Live In A Yellow Submarine.

**Reporter:** President Ford, what do you have to say about the way the country stands now?

**Ford:** Happy Days.

**Reporter:** Mr. Carter, what do you have to say about that situation?

**Carter:** Thank God I'm A Country Boy.

**Reporter:** Mr. Carter, what is your personal opinion of Gerald Ford?

**Carter:** Baby Face.

As the school year begins, so does a new Smoke Signal Staff. We will be selling our first issue for 10c per copy. We, the Staff, are slightly annoyed about the way the papers are kicked around and discarded. Hopefully through selling it, the paper will be appreciated more.

Thank you,  
Smoke Signal Staff

**Reporter:** President Ford, where can Mrs. Ford be contacted after the inauguration?

**Ford:** On The Hotline.

**Reporter:** Mr. Carter, do you entertain your daughter?

**Carter:** Do You Boogie With Your Baby?

**Reporter:** Do either of you have anything to say to the public?

**Ford:** Sorry Seems To Be The Hardest Word.

**Carter:** You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet.

### TYPISTS

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- Debra Bryson
- Donna Austin
- Denise Dryden
- Linda Mann
- Christine Zakutny
- Maryann Panaccione
- Janice Valenti
- Nancy Walls
- Harden Silva
- Linda-Meren
- Billy Shermate
- Kari Plattner
- Regina Lore
- Deborah Szubielski
- Kathy Murphy
- Susan Bowdle
- Lisa Pennington
- Carol Abrams
- Robert McCready
- Maryann Campbell



## DIFFERENT BITES FOR DIFFERENT LIKES

## The Pur-r-rect Pet Purrs

(Editor's Note - Bungi Taylor, the six-year-old lioness from Matthes Avenue in Richardson Park, was recently interviewed by *Smoke Signal* reporters, resulting in this account from her point of view),  
by Debbie Smith

"I enjoy eating boiled potatoes with butter, heart, brain, chicken neck, and spaghetti," the lioness roared. "I also never eat my meat raw. It's always well done. I am declawed but have every one of my teeth," Bungi Taylor warned.

"The Taylors have had me since I was three months old; I am now six years old," she added.

"Many people ask questions about me. As a matter of fact, I've been on television, and have had an interview written about me many times," the lioness bragged.

When asked why they chose her for a pet, she replied, "Let me answer you this way. Why do people have children? People have children because they want and like them. Well, that is the reason why the Taylors got me. They say that they love me very much."



How would you like to have a pet like this up a tree in your back yard?

"Other than myself, the Taylors have two Saint Bernards and several horses. They keep the horses on 24 acres of land that they own on Porter Road. Eventually, and hopefully soon, they hope to get me there also," she growled.

"My mother tells me that I'm hard to keep in the

house, though. Sometimes I get too rough, unintentionally, of course," Bungi admitted. "They are afraid that I might hurt some furniture or one of them."

"Bungi is a very lovable pet, if you care a lot for animals," Ken Petrucci stated smiling.

One neighbor, Darinyan Petrucci, told, "We moved here three years ago. One of our friends told us that we were going to live next to a lioness. After hearing this, we went to the real estate personnel and asked if this was true. The lady laughingly answered, 'Yes,' she continued.

"I don't feel scared or funny living next to a lioness. My friends are afraid of her, though, especially my nephew. He thinks that there is a monster living next door," Petrucci continued. "He won't even come over to our house because of this."

"The Taylors are supposed to move to Bear, Delaware, with their lioness, of course," she furthered. "My personal opinion of Mrs. Taylor, is that she is a good hearted person, although she gets along with animals much better than people."

Ed Blanco, a junior at Delcastle, commented, "The Taylors don't like people at their house. She's afraid that someone is going to let the lioness loose," he ended.

"People think that my owners are 'crazy' for owning a lioness, but, it is a fact; I'm not lyn'."

(Mrs. Taylor recently requested in a telephone interview that no one comes to their house or contacts them, because the lion has been harassed in the past. When asked, the two reporters who did the story said it was a real bite.

## FEMALES WANT PRIVACY TIME

Where can one young girl go if she is running from a teacher, needs a smoke, is bagging class or is merely going to meet a friend? Why, the girls' lavatory of course!

"If we had a smoking lounge we could smoke in there, and then the bathrooms would be clean," stated Junior Liz Krchnavi.

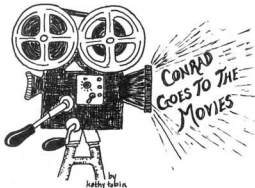
put up curtains and a door with a lock on the inside."

Mornings and between every class are the favorite times to linger in the lavatory. But, according to the Conrad students, who wished to remain anonymous, four minutes is not enough time between classes. When asked how much time they should have, answers ranged from six to eight minutes. "I think it's wrong. We should have at least eight minutes between classes," said Junior Maryann Mahan. The most controversial

issue and a real "no no" according to the girls, is the fact that the Vice-Principals can walk in some lavatories whenever they want. "I feel that they are breaking the privacy of the girl students of Conrad," added Mahan.

Some of the regulars include Cheryl Harnett, Jill Harnett, Tracy Russell, Susan Naughton, Paula Vogelsong, Judy Vogelsong, Kathy Stevens, Donna Millis and Helen Barr, all known as the "bathroom gals."

Brian De Palma's spine-tingling tale of a girl with



Most of the girls we talked to said that they'd rather have a smoking lounge, provided the people would keep it clean and not mess it up. However, the bathroom gang commented, "if they let us fix up the lavatory and let us sit in here, we'd

## STUDENTS: ANSWER THESE FOR \$5 PRIZE

## FIRST CORRECT WINS

1. What State Capital lies farther south than any other?
2. When was the last year the Phillies won the pennant?
3. Who is associated with "The Fountain of Youth"?
4. What American actress has won more Oscars than any other?
5. What is Gerald R. Ford's middle name?
6. What is a prime number?

7. Mention two men who were never presidents whose portraits appear on paper money.
8. Name the Seven Dwarfs.
9. What singing group has had more best-selling albums than any other in history?
10. What is the exact address of the lion that lives in the Conrad District.
11. Which teachers and secretaries are alumni of Conrad?
12. What is myrrh?

telekinetic powers is likely to scare the pants off you.

Sissy Spacек, who played a midwestern teenager that went on a shooting spree in *Badlands*, gives great dimensions to Carrie White in her recent film *Carrie*. According to *TIME MAGAZINE*, Spacек's range as an actress has never been better demonstrated than in *Carrie's* split-second transformation from radiant prom queen to blood drenched avenger.

De Palma's direction has potential for other box office hits estimating from the popularity of *Carrie*. His unique style is apparent

when one views *Carrie*. De Palma blends sensitivity with anger and the net result is devastating.

The unsuspecting last ten seconds of the film will leave everyone "screaming for more," quotes *NEWSWEEK*.

John Travolta gives a good performance as the boyfriend who aids in the planning of the prom episode.

One special feature one should watch for is Spacек's eyes. As Al Pacino of *Dog Day Afternoon* Spacек, too, has expressive eyes which include everyone of you into her nightmare.

9-3-3 season

## Hockey Scores Good Season

by Patti Corilland  
by Kathy Tobin

This year's hockey team, which consisted of 14 varsity and 14 junior varsity players, produced a 9-3-3 record, and won more games in a season than any other Conrad hockey team.

Coach Wayne VonStetten, affectionately known as "Baron" by the team, named several "outstanding" team members who helped lead the team to its best season yet. The team's high scorer was Junior Celeste Czajkowski who made nine goals. He called senior team captain Cathy Jackson a "consistent player" that supported the team with her "excellent stickwork."

The other varsity captain, Dianne Morrison, a junior known as "Dirt" by her teammates, boosted the team with her "great hustle and aggressiveness." Defensively, Senior Connie Burns allowed only one goal all season, while Junior Michele Moore helped the team with her

"super defense" and "many game saving plays."

When asked who was the most improved player, the coach responded, "Dina LaFazia. I never thought she would start varsity as a junior, but she learned three different positions and became a starter. Her stick skills and overall speed and ability improved, making her extremely valuable to the team."

For the first time, the team had an assistant coach, Ms. Ruth Kadlecik, who was fondly nicknamed "K" by the girls. VonStetten commented, "Having an assistant coach made a great difference, especially one of the calibre of Coach Kadlecik. She made a great contribution this season." Jackson added, "I feel our Assistant J.V. coach, Kadlecik, deserves a lot of credit. She devoted her time and effort to us. She was a great help in lending a hand."

In girls field hockey, a male coach is somewhat unusual. According to Ms.

Moore, "Some teams thought it was weird to have a man coach. They didn't think a man would know anything about field hockey." However, the girls stated that they had no trouble relating to VonStetten. "He's a great coach with two main philosophies: win and, most of all, have fun; we did both. We're grateful and we also love him," Moore added.

VonStetten feels that the two major highlights of the season include when Jackson scored the winning goal against Newark, gaining Conrad's ticket to the tournament, and when Morrison scored her game winning goal against Concord in the state playoffs. Jackson stated, "I feel that our main highlight came in the playoff game against Concord. We knew we would do it! After Dianne scored, we knew we made it. That was the greatest feeling of all, beating Concord."

Another achievement on VonStetten's list is the fact that they are the only Conrad hockey team ever to get a berth in a state tournament. They are also the second girls' team in Conrad's history to make a state tournament.

When asked about what made the team so successful, Morrison replied, "Baron" and "K" and the team's willingness to work for a good season." Jackson added, "Mr. VonStetten was the spark to our success. He stuck by us and never let us get

### Coogan is season hopeful

The Redskin Swim Team "dives" into the season with the opening meet against Glasgow, January 11 at home.

Under the direction of Coach Hank Charleton an Oak Grove instructor, the twelve member team practices at the Boys' Club in Elsmere, Monday through Thursday. The Boys' Club also serves for all of Conrad's home meets.

Competition includes timed races involving the backstroke, breaststroke, free style, and butterfly.



Dianne Morrison shows "aggressiveness" against Newark

down on ourselves. This year's team was more of a unit. We played together. We never got on each other about what we did wrong - we helped each other to better our team work."

Both coach and team feel that team spirit is important. VonStetten explained, "Spirit is the factor which enables a team to play above its level consistently and also serves to unite a team." Morrison commented, "Everyone had a lot of spirit on and off the field. But I have to say Cathy Jackson had the most spirit. She kept us up when we were down."

The Redskin team had new uniforms to boost their spirit, but they insisted on keeping a part of their old uniform - war paint. LaFazia explained the team's feelings when she said, "We feel that the war paint helped us to get where we got."

When asked what he

thought about the team, VonStetten responded, "This group of young athletes is the finest group of young people I have ever had the privilege to coach. They dedicated themselves totally to their purpose and stuck to their standards. They were always able to hold their heads high, even in defeat and they were unified like no other team I've ever had. They cared about each other on and off the field and showed respect to both authority and their leadership. These traits are not so easy to find these days and I was lucky to have the chance to work with such a great team."

When asked for predictions concerning next year's teams, Jackson replied, "I feel the whole team will be outstanding. They all have a high quality of ability which will lead them to the top." Moore warned, "Watch out Blue Hen Conference, the Mighty Redskins are going to be on the warpath!"

### '76 season

man, Leslie Gray, Susan Swain; juniors - Coogan; seniors - Barbara Boyd, Phyllis Brown, Chris Cook, Kathy Gibson, ; ori Hemmer, Kathy Mahoney, June Sidwell, and Terry Scout.

Sophomore Alison Forman reflects, "I think we're going to have a good team and a good time!"

### Volleyball Spikes off Fine Season

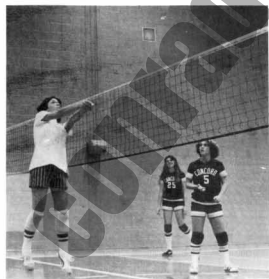
With help from a new assistant coach, Paul Eyanson, the volleyball team pulled off a 7-7 season. This was Conrad's second best year which put us eighth in the Flight A Blue Hen Conference. Coach Joseph Froelich stated "This is the best year I've seen," although he thinks the squad could have done better.

Jo Anne Tjaden was voted the most outstanding player. Froelich feels that along with Tjaden, Sylvia Gallo, Frannie Valenti, and Kathy Gibson, are going to be missed.

The volleyball team is about 8 years old, and Froelich thinks it's getting better every year. They also get, what he considers to be "fine support, financially from the school district."

Froelich would like to see more people go out for volleyball, because he feels that it's a "good, experience" and "give good team work."

In closing, Froelich remarked that "you become good by building yourself up, not by tearing the other person down."



Ann Masule bumps Concord in Volleyball Match

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# Football kicks off Up and Down season

by Rich Falkowski

"This season was better than the record showed. We played three tough teams at the beginning, that's no excuse for losing. If we would have played at the beginning like we did at the end, we would have had a shot at the tournament," commented team captain Joe Becker about the football season.

Conrad's first three games were against A.I. DuPont, Brandywine, and Newark, all on the road. They resulted in three defeats for our warriors. Coach Alex Sansosti stated, "Our biggest difficulty was getting off to a slow start due to the lack of offense." In the first three games the Redskin offense only put six points on the board.

The Redskins achieved their first victory in a squeaker over Glasgow 14-8. It was a last-second touchdown pass to tight-end Bob Warrington, from Steve Horgan, that gave Conrad its heart-stopping triumph.

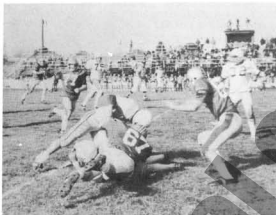
After the team had experienced the taste of victory on its homefield, it was back on the road again for a contest against the Colonials of William Penn. The Redskins took a 12-7 advantage into the locker room at half-time on the strength of two Burt Reen plunges. The Colonials, however, came back in the fourth quarter to score the go ahead touchdown. William Penn beat back a last minute Conrad attack and eked out a 13-12 decision over our warriors. Coach Sansosti called this game, "Our biggest disappointment."

Concord was next on the agenda. With Conrad back on its happy hunting grounds and the memory of the last time the two tangled, (the Raiders won 41-0), the Redskins soundly whipped the Raiders 24-0. The combination of Horgan to Warrington clicked for two more touchdown passes and Bob Jamison contributed a 36 yard touchdown run as Conrad's offense finally asserted itself. According to Sansosti, "Our win over Concord was our most impressive game."

The next week's game more closely resembled the 4th of July rather than a

fall afternoon because Steve Horgan filled the air with bombs as the Redskins delighted the homecoming crowd by clubbing Delcastle, 46-8. Horgan riddled the Cougar pass defense to the tune of 268 yards and two touchdown passes to tight-end Bob Warrington. Vic Padovani and Bob Jamison provided the ground attack by scoring two and one touchdowns respectively. Defensive tackle Eddie Testa recovered a fumble in the end-zone for the final touchdown. Bruce Jones scored four two point conversions and Horgan added another.

Hoping to continue their perfect record at home, Conrad took on downstate power, Dover. The Redskins looked impressive as they marched down the field and scored on their first possession. Padovani went over for the touchdown and added the two point conversion and our team was off to a quick 8-0 lead. However, the offense went limp after that and



CONRAD'S DEFENSE SWARMS OVER CONCORD.

Dover came back to post a 14-8 victory over Conrad.

Playing at home for the last time the veteran Conrad squad rose up to swallow the Green Knights from Mt. Pleasant 26-3. The Redskin offense was non-existent in the first half as the Knights led 3-0 at the half. In the second half, Steve Horgan's aerial cir-

cus kicked it in gear and the Junior quarterback hit new target Bill Perillo on three touchdown strikes, plus a two point conversion to lead the onslaught. Bob Jamison showed the team could score on the ground too, as he carried for the other touchdown.

For the final game of the

## CROSS COUNTRY SPRINTS THEIR WAY TO AN EVEN SEASON

This year's cross-country team, co-captained by seniors Rick Carter and Joe Manlove, compiled an overall record of 7-7, finishing in the middle of the standings.

Manlove, finishing in award-winning tenth place in the Tournament Division II competition, led his teammates to a place showing among the 16 schools participating.

Coach John Naughton

remarked, "I am pleased with the outcome of the season. Many of the closest contests I've ever seen occurred this year." He continued, "Our one point victory over Claymont has to be one of the true highlights of the season. With this win, a 5 of a second edge over the opponent, we realized that we could break even in the standings."

Conrad's 18 man squad,

including three girls, is the largest the school has had in more than three years. Junior Cindi Williams mentioned, "Cross-Country is giving us good preparation for the girls' spring track team." Other female team members include seniors Teresa Lodge and Darlyn Green.

Three-year veteran runner, Marty Nagy summarized his experience with the team stating, "I

up and down season our gridironers traveled into hostile territory to renew their rivalry with the Dickinson Rams. But, as has been the case of late, the Rams beat the Redskins by a score of 26-8. The offense had rough sledding and Conrad didn't get on the scoreboard until late in the 4th quarter when captain Joey Becker scooped up a fumble and motored 74 yards down the sideline for our lone touchdown.

The team finished the year with a record of 4 and 6, 4 and 4 conference. Conrad had some stickout players exemplified by the fact that Larry Zeccola was selected to 1st Team All-Conference at defensive tackle with teammates Joey Becker and Bill Perillo being named to the 2nd team defensive unit and Bob Warrington being tabbed as second team offensive end. Rich Falkowski was an Honorable Mention at offensive tackle.

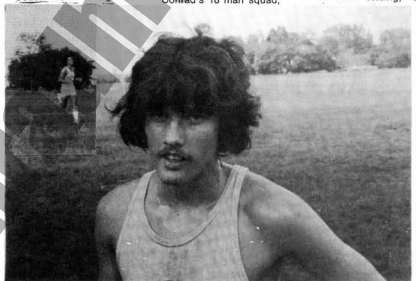
According to Coach Sansosti, next year's team will

have enjoyed my association with this group and wish them luck in future years." Nagy added, "Our good showing this year is undoubtedly due to long, hard practices on the part of many. I didn't think we lost any match due to lack of preparation, spirit or attitude."

In addition to those mentioned, this year's harriers include seniors Mark Nicoll, Dave Withers, Paul Powell and Jim Hutnyan. Tom Davis and Pat Carney comprise the junior squad. Sophomore representatives are Gary Peacock, Craig Hall and Bill Cousins. Junior Joanne Poole managed the group.

Naughton commented that, although spectator attendance did improve this year, it still leaves much to be desired. "We realize we're competing with more glamorous sports during the fall season, but we strive to make the best of it. Our unique closeness and spirit and a couple pair of lungs keep us going."

Recently, the squad secretly voted for team awards including Best Effort. These results will be announced at a team get-together, December 18.



Senior Joe Manlove sprints and rests following tenth place State Run

(photo by Owen)

### CONRAD

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|----|--------------|----|
| 6  | A.I. DuPont  | 7  |
| 0  | Brandywine   | 14 |
| 0  | Newark       | 27 |
| 14 | Glasgow      | 8  |
| 12 | William Penn | 13 |

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| 8  | Dover        | 14 |
| 8  | Mt. Pleasant | 3  |
| 2  | Dickinson    | 27 |

Conrad's soccer team concluded the season with a 1-10-1 record including a defeat over Glasgow, 3-0, and a scoreless match against William Penn.

In the opinion of Coach Pete Ferrario and a few players, the Brandywine game was "the toughest one we played. Even though Conrad lost that match with a score of 1-0, we put up a fight and exerted great effort." Both teams played an ever game," stated Ferrario.

"Brandywine was the hardest game we ever played," commented senior Jack Sarnecky; "We always wanted to beat them." The Redskins ran into a problem in that game with some calls made by the officials. Sarnecky expressed, "I wasn't happy about the calls in Newark, Brandywine, and Dickinson games." Player Mike Cutrona states, "The refs were inconsistent. They called only half of the fouls that occurred."

When questioned about the officials decision Ferrario remarked, "In some specific cases I felt better judgment could have been used." Player Mike

Horgan had one criticism concerning the refs. "The officials were decent," he said, "except for protecting the goalies."

During the seventh game of the season with Newark, Conrad ran into some bad luck. In a scoreless first half with the Yellow Jackets, Conrads' goalie Mike Horgan was taken out of the game due to an injury which resulted in his absence in the games that followed. Paul Wisniewski filled in as goalie in the Newark game and after a brief delay the teams were struggling for a win but all attempts to overcome the Yellow Jackets proved futile. Conrad was defeated 0-4.

Ferrario thought that one of the team's biggest disadvantages was "inexperience." He stated, "Although only two or three players had any Varsity background at all, I feel optimistic toward next year."

According to Ferrario, some of the exceptionally good players from this season include Danny Swain, Jerry McLaughlin, Jack Sarnecky and Mike Horgan. "They gave the most effort. They con-



Roy Kirchner bumps the ball while Mark Lukaszewicz backs him up. (photo by Dave Owen)

tributed generally to the game."

The J.V. record this year was three wins, six losses and two ties. Although the team didn't win a majority of the games, Coach Craig Martin mentioned he is pleased with the way they performed.

When asked what he

thought was the Redskins best game, Martin commented, "Glasgow was a good win for us in a couple of respects. It was our first win, and the team played well. It also gave us a boost for the upcoming Dickinson game and even though we lost that one 0-2 we did a good job and played well as a unit. The team never gave up. Even at the end,

Victor Holveck, our goalie, made two great saves."

There are a number of players moving up from J.V. including Joe Callahan, Eddie Gardner, Ed Owens, Dave Dereck and Gary Lister. Ferrario commented, "They are the players Mr. Martin and I are counting on to play Varsity next year."

### SPECIAL THANKS TO DAVE OWEN, MS. VIDAS AND DAVE HUMPHRIES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS



This junior seems highly engrossed in her seventh period class. She's the winner of the First Conrad Cnadid photo award. Watch out - you may be next!



## News-in-brief

### by L. McQueen

Skiling their way down the slopes, the 1976-77 Conrad Ski Club opens their season this year with the trip to Big Boulder December 27.

"The Ski Club at Conrad seems to be continuously growing," commented senior Rick Carter, president. Approximately 150 students as well as parents, teachers, and alumni plan to show their "talents" on the slopes this year.

Several day trips as well as evening ones will be offered throughout January and February to places such as Shawnee, Doe Mountain and Spring Mountain. Three week-end ski adventures to Killington, Vermont are also planned this season.

Prices vary according to each trip, but included is bus fare, use of the lodge, ski instructions, ski lift, and equipment rentals.

Leading the Ski Club are officers: Rick Carter (president), John Beckley (vice-president), Barbara Boyd (secretary), and Pat Ryan (treasurer) as well as advisors Mr. Ned Landis, Mr. Tom Moran, and Mr. Chuck Miller.

The Ski Club welcomes any interested people to come out and have some fun! Carter explains, "Contrary to public opinion, skiling is a safe sport as long as one takes a responsible attitude." For any further information, refer to the bulletin board in room 207.

### Students Dance

Saturday, December 18, the Senior class is holding a Christmas dance at 8 to 11 in Conrad's avm.

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### Harriers Begin Season

The Polar Bear Club is open to any able-bodied person who would like to start running or continue running.

The club will start after Christmas, and run on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays on Conrad track and at Banning Park until March 15, when the track season begins.

Club head Michael Reilly, the girl's track coach, commented, "We will start at one mile and hopefully work up to three to five miles. The mile at first may be a walk-run combination."

### Redskins Ring It Up

Thirty-two Conrad students recently completed a one week cash register program. It took them 4-5 after school hours to complete the program.

The program consisted of learning the mechanics involved in being a salesperson. The program made it possible for the students to get jobs working at Almart during the Christmas holiday as cashiers, and salespeople. According to reports, some of them are doing so well that they have been asked to stay longer.

### Hikers Trek Trails

The trail club hikes are open to all Conrad students and trail club alumni.

According to club head Joseph Froelich, the trips

have been successful. Froelich commented, "Since the first activity in '75, approximately 50 students have hiked some or all of 100 plus miles logged by the club."

Past trips include French Creek State Park, Shenandoah National Park, and Appalachian Trail in Michaux State Forest. Future trips include a backpack along Billy Goat Trail in Maryland and one to New Jersey Pine Barrens. Although the spring schedule is not complete, an activity is planned for the last weekend of each month with a possible canoe trip over Easter vacation.

### J.C.L. Jets to Spain

Delaware Junior Classical League's 15th annual trip to Europe will take place this Easter from April 7-17.

Nearly half a dozen Conradians have already signed up along with students from other high schools in the New Castle County Area, Dickinson High School being the center for J.C.L.

Students, teachers and chaperones plan to land in Madrid and tour for six or more days. They will then move on to Barcelona for the remainder of their stay. Anyone interested in the trip should contact Mrs. Jacqueline Rofel immediately for additional information.

### Actors Perform

A Christmas Program, organized by Mr. Donald Morgan, will be presented to the student body on December 21.

Morgan's second period

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advanced theatre arts class, will present a short play, entitled "The Tale That Wagged the Dog," under the direction of Kathy Janczewski and Morgan.

Also included in the one hour presentation, will be the choir singing several Christmas melodies and the Conrad Band playing a few selections.

Recently, students from Mr. Morgan's advanced theatre arts class and Mr. Naughton's theatre arts class had the opportunity to attend workshops on related subjects at the University of Delaware.

Approximately 35 students from Conrad went on the trip. Following an initiation session, they attended workshops such as: Designing "Candide," Costumes and Make-up for "Candide," Basic Movement, Mime, Basic Improvisation, Community Theatre, Theatre in the School, and others. The workshops were taught by teachers from various Delaware schools.

After attending two workshops, students from many different public and

private Delaware schools enjoyed "Candide," a musical comedy which was performed by University of Delaware theatre students. Senior Joanne Kosinski remarked, "I thought the play was great. It was very impressive and most professionally done."

## Football (continued)

be, "Extremely young and extremely inexperienced. We have to rely on our ability to throw the ball." It looks like it will be more of Horgan's Airmail for next year.

Coach Sansosti would like to extend a special thanks to all students and faculty members who supported the team. Also to Mrs. Ann McVaugh who filmed all the team's games. Managers Kathy Merrill, Chris Talley, Mary Murphy and Carol Faedtk did a tremendous job helping the team in every way possible.

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