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*A Grand Lady Retires*



# Budget Cuts Faculty Short

By Debbie Smith

"The seniority system does not consider whether a teacher is good or not, it only judges their performance on years of teaching experience. This idea is a fallacy as anyone, either teacher or student in this school can readily recognize," Ronnie Shapiro expressed as he explains about the termination and transferring of teachers.

When asked if he thinks that he was terminated justly, he replied, "No. Most people tell me that Mr. Lilly will never be back at Conrad."

According to Shapiro, bitterness only comes between teachers when "they are selfish and/or close-minded or on an ego trip."

Shapiro expresses that he has some good friends staying, but there is no bitterness between them.

Shapiro's plans for the future as of now, are "to get another teaching position in Delaware or another state."

"If I have no job by the fall, perhaps school or some traveling will be in order," he concludes.

Among some others, Chuck Miller will be transferred to Oak Grove Junior High to teach at the eighth grade level.

"It was my ambition to teach at the high school level, but at the junior high level, they are more curious about science," Miller continued.

Miller has taught for a little over 5 years.

Science teacher Miller continued, "The teacher of whom I will take place of, would not be returning to school in the fall for then she shall have a small child to watch."

"In my teaching, I consider most important, getting to know each other and learning to express our thoughts and ideals to

one another. I try to leave some time each day for discussion --- which is an opportunity to exchange ideas," he concluded.

"I have been working under a temporary contract since Ms. Walrath has been out on a pregnancy leave," Lynn Cox stated.

"Although she has sent in her letter of resignation, I suspected that due to a drop in enrollment and the probable reorganizing of schools as a result of desegregation, I would be rified," she continued.

"I have no definite plans as of yet. I am taking a course in production processes and will try to get a portfolio together this summer so that maybe I can do some commercial art," she revealed.

Greg Latzo will be going to Richardson Park to teach Junior High Shops. He is looking at being transferred to teach junior high students as an "experience".

Among the terminated and transferred are MS. Joanne Vidas, Denise Edwards, and Mr. John Torrence.

Chuck Mc Vaughn mentioned that he will be teaching at Richardson Park. He is among some that think it was determined justly--but he didn't think that he would be transferred because he had a seniority in English.



(photos by Patti Carilli and Kathy Tobin)

# Week Of Terror

## Theatre Students Go Big Time

By Susan Regan

When spring break arrives, 11 college girls decide to vacation in an old, vacant house. One by one each goes crazy as the curse of the building possesses them.

*Week of Terror*, a movie prepared by student teacher Jon Miller and the advanced theatre arts class, is scheduled to be shown sometime before senior graduation.

"They definitely have put in a lot of work planning, rehearsing, and getting the shots right," complimented Miller. A full script was written and all shots were planned before the actual filming began. Authors of the original horror story include Marty Nagy, Wade Carey, Patti Carilli, Greta Dorsey, Marty Pottenberger, and Miller.

The half hour, black and white, silent film was financed by the school. Exterior shots were filmed in Newark and Longwood Gardens. Christina Towers at the University of Delaware was used for the opening of the picture and interior scenes were filmed in Odessa.

Kathy Janczewski, Lorraine Netta, Chris Cook, Vicki Dolson, Cheryl Brown, Joanne Kosinski, Carol Faedtke, Carrie DiCrisca, Sue Grimes, Robert Boyer, Sue Nagle, Carey, Nagy, Carilli, Dorsey, Pottenberger and Miller comprise the cast.

"It was a good experience. We all enjoyed making it. It was a team effort and everyone did their best, including Mr. Miller who did a good filming and editing job," stated Janczewski.

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## Musicians Meet Mickey

by Monica Marshall

While most of us sweltered in Delaware humidity recently, 137 individuals were basking, marching and playing in good old Florida sunshine.

David Casto has been band director here for 18 years, and this was the fifth major trip taken since he's been here. From 11:00 A.M. Wednesday morning to midnight that night, the band enjoyed activities including, visiting Disney World, a pool side picnic and swimming and/or dancing. "The band did an excellent job and I'm proud to be a twirling advisor," commented Carol Owens.

Early Thursday morning, May 12th, Conradians boarded a bus, back to Disney World, to parade and visit once again, following this they had a pizza and coke party at the hotel. "It was a great experience for the band because we got to be part of the parade, and also we got to go backstage and see the Disney characters without costumes, but Florida has the worst pizza!" mentioned senior, Mary Barba.

They were off to Sea World, the next day, to

put on a show and later traveled to the New Smyrna Beach, for sun bathing, swimming and a beach barbecue. Castro recalls, "I enjoyed Sea World, especially the killer whale and the dolphin, they were fantastic; and also when Michele Barbour got kissed by the whale!"

Saturday, their last day of the southern spree, they spent most of the day at Circus World, and then returned home. "I was proud of the kids, the way they behaved and the way they performed. I've never had a Conrad

Band let me down on a thing like this," stated Casto, and added with a smile, "It was an honor for us to perform on Main Street, during the parade, because not everybody is given that honor."

The band was chosen after they sent a tape, group pictures, and a resume including credits, and the groups activities within the last two years.

Senior Bob Custin summarizes, "Disney World's a fantastic place to visit but I wouldn't want to live there."

## Graduates Bid Farewell

It's that time of year again, folks. Once again the upperclassmen of Conrad High are being set loose to go their separate ways into the cruel and bitter world.

Commencement exercises will be held Tuesday, June 14, in the school stadium, weather permitting. In the event of rain, exercises will be held in the auditorium. Reverend Arley B. Golden of Christ United Methodist Church will be present at the ceremony.

Principal Earl J. Smith commented on the graduating class stating, "It's been a good class, very active, and it's good to see them move on into the future. Best wishes for all future endeavors."

Four class members, chosen from a group of nine individuals, will deliver the commencement orations. These include seniors Dave Baumgarten, Joanne Kosinski, Kathy Kuzepski and Kathy Morris. Titles of presentations were unavailable at press time.

Administration and guidance were not able to determine exactly who would be the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the class. This is the result of extremely close grade points averages currently held by three seniors; the decision had not yet been made at press time.



## Trailer Tantalizes Teacher's Tastebuds

Why is it we never hear the faculty members of Conrad complain about the cafeteria lunches? Maybe it's because while the student body are eating sloppy joes in the cafeteria, the teachers are feasting on the likes of Polynesian Chicken, The Rachel Sandwich, and Whipped Apricot Delight in the food trailer.

The food trailer, which is located in Conrad's parking lot, has been in operation approximately four years. It is run by forty to fifty students and is headed up by Mrs. Ellen Brown who thought of the original idea of a trailer-restaurant. There are three classes of undergraduates and 14 seniors involved in this credit receiving program.

You must have completed two years of a home economics course, such as chefs class, before coming out to the trailer.

A certain amount of money from the home economics department



Senior Tom Williams at work in the trailer (photo by Kathy Tobin)

is reserved for the operation of the trailer.

This eating facility also has an income since they charge from fifty-five cents for a Chef's Salad to one dollar for Ron's Fruit Salad Platter which is named after it's creator, senior Ron Ratasiewicz. All desserts are a quarter and beverages range in price from ten to forty cents.

Some of the more popular meals from the food trailer are lasagna, chicken dishes, chocolate fudge cake, cheese cake, and senior

Joe Becker's home-made ravioli.

The food trailer is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 to 1:15. Only faculty and citizens from the Conrad district are allowed to eat in the trailer-restaurant. Students aren't served because the trailer cannot compete with the cafeteria in serving lunches. On Fridays the trailer makes take-home dinners for anyone who orders before hand. The menus, which are continually renewed, are put

out on the days of business.

Although it is not open to students, the ones who work in the trailer eat their lunches there. For this reason alone there are never any leftovers. Says Brown, "By the time each of the classes has eaten lunch or sampled what was cooked that day, there is little food, if any at all, left."

Tips, left by customers, are added up at the end of the year and divided among the students involved in it's operation. This year \$278.28 worth of tips are to be divided among them.

The atmosphere in the food trailer is informal and friendly. Everyone seems to get along together and the workers all know each other. Might I add, they are also flexible. I did mention that students aren't supposed to be served in the food trailer, but here is one senior who was. The Dutch Salad Platter was excellent!

## Pleasant Memories Remain With Powell

The following article is an interview with Business Teacher Miss Powell who plans on retiring at the end of this school year.

QUESTION: How long have you taught at Conrad?

ANSWER: I have taught at Conrad for 38 years.

QUESTION: Are there any teachers at Conrad now who were here when you first came.

ANSWER: There are no other teachers at Conrad now who were here when I first came.

QUESTION: Was it your first teaching job?

ANSWER: No. At the time I received my A.B. Degree at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia (having majored in Latin), teaching jobs were very scarce. So after not finding a position teaching Latin, I enrolled at what was formerly Beacom College in a course for college graduates who were in the same 'boat' as I — without a job. Business teachers were in demand, as schools were expanding business education programs. After completing the course, I taught at Beacom three years prior to coming to Conrad.

QUESTION: What was your starting salary?

ANSWER: The beginning salary at Conrad was \$1,200 yearly!

QUESTION: What were the students at Conrad like during each decade at which was your favorite decade?

ANSWER: It is impossible to attribute different qualities to the students of the different decades of my teaching experience. Times have changed and all of us, youth and adults, have changed them. Sometimes I feel as though I have taught two different worlds. In the 40's and 50's and early 60's the life of most students was centered around school-related activities. The young people did not have access to transportation of their own as they have today. They were more interested in getting an education than a part-time job. And they did not have television. There were many activities other than sports that brought honor for one to be elected by his homeroom to the Student Council or to the Class Executive Committee. And it was an honor to "make" the staff of the Conradian or Smoke Signal. Weekly dances sponsored by different clubs were "the" place to go (no police needed!). Sports events entertained capacity crowds. Students were truly enthusiastic and eager for Conrad to excel in every way.

QUESTION: What were your most memorable

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# INNER SPACE Reveals Student's Talent

*Students express  
inner thoughts and feelings*

"Who, me, ME read poems? Nah! You've heard your friends say that before and you've probably said it yourself, but now something has happened that could very well change your mind about poetry. It's called INNER SPACE.

INNERSPACE is an anthology of student writing compiled by tenth grade English teacher Ron Shapiro after his 1 1/2 years of teaching at Conrad. The selections used in his magazine are "the best" responses to ideas that he suggested in class. Shapiro and his co-editor, Senior Dale Russ, had to choose from over 400 different pieces of writing in order to arrive at the 100 selections that appeared in INNER SPACE.

"I chose Dale Russ to be my co-editor because of her writing ability as well as her enthusiastic response to my idea of a writing magazine containing student writing", said Shapiro. "Without Dale's suggestions and

criticisms, INNER SPACE would not have possibly ever been finished. Her co-editing was very responsibly and seriously done", he added.

Shapiro spent his entire Easter vacation working on the typing, stencils, and selection order of INNER SPACE. Many other interested students and faculty members assisted him as well.

"I want to make it 100 percent clear that the kids in my classes are the primary reason for the publication of INNER SPACE. It is due to their openness with me that has created a kind of magical-trusting relationship between us", stated Shapiro. The original idea of putting together a magazine of student writing was the brain child of Shapiro and Russ.

What does the title INNER SPACE mean? Shapiro explained, "INNER SPACE is a place existing within each person's head. Some people call it "imagination" but I tend to like the contrast between Outer Space,

(Physical reality), with INNER SPACE, (inner thoughts and feelings)."

The interesting picture of the open door on the cover of INNER SPACE could mean that the magazine is an invitation for you to take a close look at poetry, but I'd rather think that it's an invitation to learn about the feelings and dreams that are in the minds of the people you see everyday.

INNER SPACE is being distributed free on a first come, first-serve basis. Shapiro explained, "I did not want to prevent someone from enjoying the magazine due to a lack of money. Anyway, it's hard to even think of a price for INNER SPACE. This publication has become a close part of myself over the past several months, and I am really unable to attach any type of monetary value to it.

When you get your own copy of INNER SPACE and read several of the poems, I think you will be pleasantly surprised to discover that some of the

writings describe your own thoughts. You will find that you have a lot in common with the INNER SPACE writers.

"My one hope in putting together and distributing INNER SPACE throughout the school is to show the teachers as well as students that there exists within each individual thoughts and feelings that can be reached with patience and understanding," said Shapiro. "Also, I hope it 'blows some peoples' minds' about the people in our school. In other words, INNER SPACE exists as a reflection of what is really going on inside the kids' minds, to share their thoughts and feelings with you, the reader!"

Various types of poetry are found in INNER SPACE, as well as several drawings, and the writings cover subjects ranging from the future to animals. Everything is written with descriptiveness and sensitivity, forcing the reader to use his sense and imagination.

## TRIVIA TIDBITS

1. Who was the host of the T.V. program "The Dating Game"?

a. Jim Lang b. Bob Eubanks c. Chuck Barris

2. What was the lowest body temperature ever survived by a human?

a. 84.3° b. 60.8° c. 57.1°

3. How much did the heaviest normal baby weigh at birth?

a. 14 lbs. b. 16 lbs. 2 ozs. c. 24 lbs. 4 ozs.

4. A girl in Miami set this record in 155 days. What was it?

a. Longest sneezing fit  
b. Longest period lived under ground  
c. Longest time spent in the shower

5. How long was the shortest recorded reign by a king?

a. 1 hr. 22 min. b. 15 min. c. 3 days

6. How much does the largest seed in the world weigh?

a. 161 lbs. b. 40 lbs. c. 23 lbs.

7. How long did the shortest war on record last?

a. 24 hrs. b. 1 hr. 25 min. c. 38 min.

8. Which is the most venomous snake?

a. Tiger Snake b. Sea Snake c. King Cobra

9. What was the fastest rate per second measured for any tap dancer?

a. 32 taps b. 24 taps c. 13 taps

10. How much does the world's most expensive hotel room rent for a day?

a. \$950 b. \$1,020 c. \$2,500

11. How long is the longest sword ever swallowed?

a. 27" b. 15" c. 33"

12. What was the highest bicycle speed ever reached?

a. 120 m.p.h. b. 140.5 m.p.h. c. 98.5 m.p.h.

13. The "most-leafed" clover ever found had how many leaves?

a. 10 b. 7 c. 18

14. The shortest regularly scheduled commercial flight takes how long?

a. 37 min. b. 2 min. c. 1 hr.

15. It measures 76 feet long and has 121 seats.

a. Largest Canoe b. Longest bus  
c. Largest steam bath

# It Could Happen to You!

By Kathy Tobin

Wednesday, June first, at eight o'clock, a lecture about rape was given by guest speaker Jean Lloyd from the New Castle County Police Department. The Ladies Auxiliary sponsored the lecture and, although the weather left much to be desired, approximately 80 women, young and old, were present.

Ms. Lloyd began the lecture by asking the audience several questions about the subject. "There's so many misunderstandings and misinterpretations about rape," she said, telling the audience the reason for the need of a lecture. She pointed out that a big myth is that women bring rape upon themselves by the way they act or dress.

"That's just not true, if a man wants to rape, he will usually rape the first woman he comes to," she said. Another popular myth is that a woman has to be certain age in order to be a victim. "Who's the youngest person to be raped in Delaware? A four month old baby," she stated. The audience gasped. "The oldest—a 97 year old woman," The reason? "Men don't rape for sexual gratification, they rape to humiliate women," said Ms. Lloyd. She explained that rapists usually feel that women are above them and, in order to get women on their level, they rape for the purpose of humiliating the woman. Rapists have usually been put down by women in such a way that they become emotionally disturbed and become dangerously frustrated and angry.

After her introduction and brief talk, she showed a film, "How to Say No to a Rapist and Survive." The film took over where Ms. Lloyd left off, with lecturer Frederick Storaska speaking to a college audience about rape.

Storaska began his lecture by speaking about weapons as a defence tactic against rape. He said that a lot of women carry hairpins, etc: "But where do they carry them? In their purse! So, what do you do when you're about to be raped? say "wait a minute" and open your purse?" So, unless you have a bazooka or a hand grenade, you're out of luck. And you might as well forget about tear gas unless there's no breeze. (chances are that you'd get it back in your face). How about screaming and struggling? "That only works 50 percent of the time... the other 50 percent of the time the victim gets stabbed". Or worse. So, if you can't fight rape with weapons or screaming and struggling, what can you do?

Storaska explained that screaming and struggling will only annoy the attacker into stifling you with his hands, or more likely, with a knife or gun. One of the best things to do is to pretend that you've fainted. The main thing is to stay calm enough to use your wits. Storaska used a story to illustrate his point. As I remember it a girl was at a dance on campus, and she went out to get some fresh air. A guy came up to her and said "You're getting into my car right now," and grabbed her arm. She didn't know how to react, but remembered Storaska's lecture and didn't lose her head. Thinking fast, she said, "Great! Didn't I see you inside?" He didn't know what to do, he wasn't expecting to get that kind of reaction. But, she still had to get his grip off of her arm, so she continued, "I'll just go inside, get my purse and tell my roommate that I'll be a little late."

Knowing that she had to be convincing, she used all the acting talent she had and got close enough

to kiss him, saying, "I followed you out." With that, she ran off to safety. How many rapists would expect a positive reaction?

If you're really at the point where you are forced to defend your life, Storaska recommends that you gouge one of the attacker's eyes out by sticking your thumb in the corner of his eye. Another method is to find the attacker's groin area and squeeze a testicle as hard as you can.

"Both of these methods I guarantee to work, they aren't nice, but you're defending your life... I've seen a 12 year old girl after a gang of boys raped her and what I saw wasn't pretty either," said Storaska.

"But remember, a rapist is just a person, he's emotionally disturbed, but still, a person, so use your head and you'll live," Storaska emphasized. And he should know, he has studied rape for eight years. He also added, "If you're really in a hurry to get raped, hitch-hike, it's the best way."

According to Storaska, getting raped on a date happens frequently too, because "whether she knows it or not, a woman teases a great deal. Men get sexually excited faster than women." The best way to avoid being raped on a date is to know your date and tell him what your limit is. Storaska added, "No matter how unmercifully a woman teases, no man in our society has the right to take what he wants".

The film was excellent and should be seen. It is

available through the New Castle County Police by calling 366-7974 for an appointment. It won't be available during the month of August but any other time during the summer is a good time. Storaska also has written a book, "How to Say No to a Rapist and Survive," available through Random House Publishers.

Ms. Lloyd ended the lecture with a question and answer session. During that time she explained that the police in Delaware have come a long way in the methods of handling rape victims. "Everything is done as compassionately as possible... no one is going to make a spectacle out of you like they did with Elizabeth Montgomery on T.V." she explained. She also stressed that rape victims go to the police immediately. "If you don't, he'll do it again. You can compare it to a small child who gets his first candy bar and likes it, he'll want more".

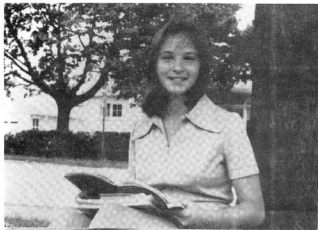
Rape victims are treated with privacy, and are taken to a special section of the Wilmington General Hospital that is exclusively for rape victims. "They'll explain everything to you and your family, you aren't going to be dealing with amateurs," said Ms. Lloyd.

"The police will try to get all the evidence possible for a strong case against the rapist and your past sexual history doesn't apply in the case. Delaware also has an encouraging 96 percent conviction rate" concluded Ms. Lloyd.



Jean Lloyd explains the myths about rape.

# Majo Presents: Before and After



The summer is almost here and with it brings new looks in fashion, especially hair. So, the Smoke Signal thought it would be fun to transform two redskins into summer beauties! With the help from Joe and Madeline Cannatelli of **Majo Hair Studios**, who exhibited their talents and came up with two great new hairstyles.

## Ruth

"I'd like a cut that doesn't have to be bothered with too much or always falling in my face," explained Sophomore Ruth McDowell.

Because she is an avid gymnast, dancer and tennis player, she was in need of a hairstyle that wouldn't only look great but also tame enough to stay in place. Joe recommended starting off with a body perm to give Ruth's hair direction, firmness, and to keep it from flopping about. He then suggested a bi-lateral cut leaving it bouncy and versatile.

The body perm consisted of rolling the hair, administering solution, and a heat cap for about 20 minutes. A rinse followed and then a neutralizer was applied for another five minutes to relax stop the action of the perm. Joe then cut and blew dry the hair.

"When a customer is undecided just how they want their hair cut, I study their face and needs. Is their face wide, narrow or triangular? You can't violate the rules of thumb, you just deal and make best with what you have," Joe explained.

"This cut isn't totally maintenance free, but it's easy to blow dry and a curling iron can be optional."

Ruth, an active member of the tennis team and student council, enjoys the outdoors and hopes someday to become a veterinarian. Algebra and biology are considered her "most interesting" classes.

Because Ruth would rather follow "her own trend" she expressed her opinion of the cut as, "I like it! It doesn't flop in my face and it's pretty original compared to the ones I've seen"

## Kathy

Librarian, Kathy Kline, said that she was too active for fuss and wanted "something brushing the shoulders and more of a shaping to my hair."

"Kathy's got great color which makes it good for highlighting. Her face isn't quite completely round, but is an asset because she can wear just about any hairstyle," commented Madeline.



Madeline suggested a shoulder angle cut (semi-blunt) and a conditioner to soften the hair from continuous blow-drying effects. She felt that Kathy had enough body to her hair so a perm was omitted.

"Most people with long hair take too long to get it cut. You do need periodic trimming. Now is the time while the Farrah Fawcett-Majors cut is popular to get the long hair cut," Madeline suggested.

Kathy keeps active by sewing, most of her own clothes, knitting, following wrestling, and being the leader of a Cadet Girls Scout Troop. Other than being a librarian, she has a math degree and considers herself as being "a part-time math teacher". She once taught math at Conrad before but she still teaches it in a way due to all the help and tutoring she gives in the library.

"A lot of people don't think of librarians as "teachers"—but we are. There's more to it than being in charge of a study hall or just stamping out books," she informed.

After the wash and cut, Madeline blow dried the hair and showed Kathy several variations to the style. She recommended a good moisturizer and a few make-up hints. Then in a few weeks, she plans to come back for a frosting.

"I love it! It's cooler, takes less time to wash

and dry, and is more comfortable. I intend to keep it " announced the happy customer.

## Majo

Majo is a unique hair-cutting studio located at 2419 Kirkwood Highway catering to both women and men on a 60 percent to 40 percent basis. When asked why the unisex salons are more popular at present, Joe commented, "The evolution actually took place outside of the salons. In the dawn of the working woman, people have changed and are leaning more towards easy cuts without a trip to the hairdresser every week."

Other than haircutting and styling, **Majo** offers perms, coloring, frosting, highlighting and nails. As Madeline explains, "The nails are actually artificial acrylic nails painted on using no glue. There is a choice of painted or white tipped and the nails are considered permanent. Every two weeks the gap (where the cuticle is) is refilled due to the nails growing pretty fast."

The hairstyles are never restricted—but those that are among the most popular are the wedges, bi-laterals, gatsby, and the nova which is modern and adaptable to facial features. Henna is becoming a very popular way to color the hair. As far as men's styles go,

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## 'It can't Be Done!'

by John Beckley

When a student enters Conrad High School he is at a final point—that last chance—that pinnacle of public education. He enters with mixed emotions—fear of failure—promise of future. Having missed it is when he hears his first "It can't be done!"

For the previous nine years there has been a building—a patient stone upon stone laying of a foundation—academically, socially, and emotionally. And then instead of building doorways, the student enters high school and finds walls. Instead of openings, there develops a masonry of negativism that permeates the very educational temple where expansion should be.

A schedule change—it can't be done.

A new course offering—it can't be done.

An open study hall—it can't be done.

For twelve years we have been the recipients of the questions. Now, I have my questions for you—Why can't it be done? You can't blame us—we are a captive audience. We are here to be molded and melted. Can it be that you, the adults, and we the student, have not cared enough to make it able to be done? Apathy is a contagious, cancerous disease that usually begins with laziness and is always blamed on the other guy. When there is no one to

blame, then we point to the almighty dollar and say that it is the reason things cannot be done.

God bless some of us graduates with stick-to-it-iveness, perseverance and downright stubbornness. We are going to do things in life. We are going to show you that it—no matter what it may be—can be done. The support of a few of the faculty and the love and interest of our parents let us know that within ourselves lies the "CAN DO ITS" in life.

You are looking upon an assembly of young educated adults: If we are not educated, is it because it could not be done—or because it would not be done? If you are not pleased with the product, who is to blame? Have you allowed us to become unruly, manipulative and dominating? We are teenagers—what have you done to make us into adults?

Don't tell me—I know the answer—"IT COULDN'T BE DONE!!"

Somebody said that it couldn't be done, but he, with a chuckle replied,

That maybe it couldn't, but he would be one Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.

So he buckled right in

with a trace of a grin  
On his face. If he worried,

they tend to be shorter now but not as short as they have been before.

**Majo** feels very strongly that a customer's hair shouldn't be cut in a style that won't suit them, even if they really want that particular style. Also, some have the misconception that one cut is all that's needed for a particular style. It may need more planning and another cut or two before the style is "finished"

When asked how both like **Majo** Kathy summed it up best as, "They're fantastic! They make you feel very comfortable and relaxed. I have total confidence in them!"

Ed. Note:  
The Smoke Signal would like to thank Madeline and Joe of **Majo** for their time and talents in making this story a success.

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experiences concerning your years at Conrad?  
ANSWER: The students' spirit was contagious, and as a teacher I became totally involved: faculty business advisor for Conrad, co-sponsor of an active business education club, and for 14 years active business education club, and for 14 years chief senior class sponsor. Perhaps those are my most memorable years, as I enjoyed the close working relationship with so many fine students outside the classroom as well as in the classroom.

QUESTION: What are your feelings concerning the school, faculty, and students?

ANSWER: I have been very lucky throughout my career at Conrad to have had the pleasure of working with wonderful teachers, students, and administrators. I cannot praise highly enough the business teachers with whom I have been associated.

QUESTION: Do you have any activities you enjoy outside of school?

ANSWER: My very favorite hobby for many years has been traveling, both in the U.S. and in foreign countries. The contacts I have had with the cultures and people of Europe, Russia, and Southeast Asia have not only broadened my interests and knowledge, but also have given me a greater appreciation of what our own country had to offer. Other hobbies include reading, antiquing, attending the theatre, and watching sports events on T.V.

QUESTION: What are your future plans?

ANSWER: I hope to continue to explore new places, but plans for the next trip are not yet finalized.

he hid it.  
He started to sing, as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done,  
and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;  
At least no one ever has done it."

But he took off his coat  
and he took off his hat  
And the first thing we knew, he'd begun it  
With a lift of his chin, and a big of a grin  
Without any doubting or "quit it,"

He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done,  
and he did it.

There are thousands  
who'll tell us it cannot be done

There are thousands who'll prophesy failure:  
There are thousands to point out to us, one by one  
The dangers that wait to assail us.

But just buckle right in  
with a trace of a grin  
Just take off your coat  
and go to it  
Just start to sing as you tackle that thing  
That "cannot be done"  
and you'll do it.

# Softball Bats Up Winning Season

Plastik leads team

by Rich Falkowski

Conrad's Girls' softball team has finished another winning season. This year's record was 11-6, good for a third place finish in the Blue Hen

Flight A Conference.

It was a successful season but they just fell short of their goal, a State Tournament berth. Only the first two teams in the Conference go to the tournament.

The offense this year

was led by the hitting of Karen Carter who hit a robust .400 for the year. Carter also hit with quite a bit of power as she also led the team in home runs, slamming six during the course of the year. "That is quite good especially for a shortstop," commented Coach Mary Jane Weldin on Carter's home run output.

Sophomore Lynda Woodward led the team in the category of R.B.I.'s with 30. Holding the honor of most doubles for the team was Senior Joanne "Gumby" Tjaden with four. Woodward also was team leader in triples with six three-baggers.

Ninety percent of baseball is supposed to be pitching and for Conrad this year the Mound Maidens were Jr. Linda Pitrizzi Seniors Faith Randow and Donna Baker.

All good teams have leaders and this year Conrad had two captains to keep the team going, Seniors Sandy McGaha and Terry Schmidt. It's written in the Baseball Journals that catchers are the field generals of a baseball or softball

team and according to Weldin, Jr. Jean Plastik filled the bill perfectly. Plastik, in Weldin's eyes,

was the team's most valuable player.

"I enjoyed the season very much and enjoyed working with the kids. The attitudes were just great. They all did more than they had to do," were the words Weldin used to express her feelings toward her Redskins of '77.

The prospects for continued success for the softball team appears to be almost assured because of the interest the girls have in the game. "A lot of girls who graduate go on to play slow pitch in the summer. I hope these girls will too," stated Weldin. Next year the team will be in good shape with 6 underclass women returning who have lettered.

This year was good but next year should be better as Conrad's girls continue the Redskins softball winning tradition.



Linda Pitrizzi displays her pitching form.

(photo by Kathy Tobin)

## BOYS SERVE BETTER SEASON

This year's boys' tennis team had a 3-10 record, which according to coach Dave Hipp, is an improvement from last year.

Junior Chris Golebiowski, is the number one seeded player, followed by his brother, senior Mike Golebiowski, number two seeded player, and junior Gerry Gouge, number three seeded.

The number one seeded doubles team is Senior Mike Cutrona, the team captain, and junior Steve Cousins, who have the best record of the team. Senior Tom Nawrocki and junior Bill Conners are the number two seeded doubles team.

Highlights of the year included the team beating McKean, and coming back from a 2-0

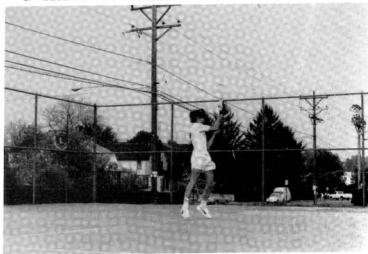
score the last match against Wilmington to win 3-2.

According to Hipp, the most improved player on the team is Conners.

Hipp remarked, "Bill came out with very little experience, he hustled a lot and became stronger as the season progressed."

When asked to comment about the team, Hipp replied, "They gave 100% for the whole season and they were very competitive, more so than the record showed. I am looking forward to having a better record and the juniors back next year."

The manager this year was Barbara Boyd, who was assisted by the girls' managers, Kathy Morris and Sharon Muncy.



Jerry Gouge concentrates on return.

(phot by Kathy Tobin)

## Donna Brown Wins State Championship



Donna Brown Shows winning form in the shot put  
(photo by Patti Carilli)

What sports team has just completed its first Varsity season here at Conrad? Why, it's Coach Mike Reilly's girls' track team, assisted by Alex Sansosti.

Actually, this was their second season of existence but it was their first as a varsity sport. Their overall record this year was 2-10 and 2-6 in the conference.

This year's team consisted of 20 young ladies with Jenny Peterson acting as the team captain. "We didn't win very often. It was worthwhile, though because everybody put in a lot of sweat and time into trying something we didn't know we could accomplish until it was done," stated Peterson about her team.

Despite the losing record, Sansosti said the

team spirit of the girls was "very good." According to Sansosti, the high points of the season were, "Winning two meets." It was nice having so many people place in the state meet."

Girls who placed in the state meet were the following: Janice Valenti, Donna Brown and Sheri Edmanson. Brown placed first in the discus and sixth in the shot. Valenti had a second and a third place finish in the long and high jump respectively. Edmanson came in fifth in the high jump.

"I enjoy working with kids. I've always considered myself a track person," commented Reilly, when asked how he got involved with the girls' track team.

## Baseball Scores Even Season

Conrad has a winning tradition in baseball and this year's entry in the Blue Hen Flight A Conference was very representative. Until a late season collapse the team was in the thick of the title chase.

According to Head Coach Harry Davies the 1977 Redskins team one of his favorite groups of young men to coach. They never conceded a game to the other team until the last out was made. Two games in particular bare this out.

One was an early season contest between Conrad and Concord. Going into the last inning the team was down 7-3 when they erupted for five runs to take an 8-7 lead. Some mistakes in the field, however, in Concord's turn at bat gave the Raiders the 9-8 victory.

Another comeback by the Redskins resulted in a victory over arch rival Wm. Penn. Down by a score of 3-1, in the last inning staged a late two out rally and captured a 4-3 squeaker over the Colonials.

"We played some nearly perfect baseball in the first half of the season

which allowed us to tie for the conference lead. Unfortunately the second half of the season had to come," stated tri-captain Rich Falowski.

The second half of the season saw the team fall from the head of the pack to the middle of it in a matter of two weeks. The first half record in the conference was 6-2 but the second half was just the opposite as the team could win only two of eight games.

It was not a matter of the team not hustling, it was just simply the lack of breaks according to tri-captain Joe Becker. "In the second half of the season everything that went out way in the first half went wrong at the end of the season," added tri-captain Vic Padovani.

The team finished with a 8-8 conference record and a 9-9 overall record.

Even though the team didn't repeat as conference champs there were several outstanding players on the team according to Davies. "Bruce Jones (Senior) was my most pleasant pitching surprise in my nine years of coaching here," commented Davies. Jones in



Bruce Jones pitches his way to victory.

(photo by Kathy Tobin)

his first full season on varsity compiled a 5-3 record and was 5-0 at one stage. Seniors Bill Perillo, Falkowski and Rich Cilia stroked the ball at .429, .352 and .338 clips respectively. Padovani stole 15 bases and scored 18 runs. Becker, an "outstanding" Defensive catcher, gunned down all but three runners

trying to steal.

Davies feels that the team spirit was good and adds, "Anybody can be a good winner, it takes a special person who can lose in such a way that it doesn't reflect on his coach, his school and most importantly on himself.

## Redskin Squaws Show Equal Effort

By Patti Carilli

Senior captain Cathy Jackson led this year's girls' tennis team to a 6-6 record and a 5th place ranking in the conference.

Jackson had a 9-3 record and is ranked 3rd in the conference.

Coach Mary Ann Sley commented, "For a player who only started three years ago, and has filled the number one spot for two years, every recognition should be given to C.J. She is a dedicated athlete in every aspect of the work."

Along with Jackson, many other team members also proved "outstanding". Kathy Gibson, the number two ranked player with a 6-6 record, was the only Conrad player to advance to the quarterfinals in the State Tournament.

Number three ranked player, Doris Korzenewsky, had a 3-6 record. Sley remarked, "This was a position in constant change until Doris fairly filled it. As



LaFazia tricks opponent with sly shot. (photo by Kathy Tobin)

a sophomore, the team should be proud of the job Doris did this season. New at the competition and pressures to succeed, Doris handled it well!"

The number one ranked doubles team is Carrie DiCriscia and Sylvia Gallo, who were both new to the team this year, each having 4-7 records.

The number two ranked doubles team, Dina LaFazia and K.C.

Riley, had a 2-6 record. "Both girls were new to the team this year. In several matches Dina and K.C. were the deciding factor in winning the match for the team," Sley stated.

Junior Tammy Mergenthaler was the substitute player. Sley said, "Tammy has been the versatile member of the team. Without her help to fill in, we would have had to forfeit the match."

Highlights of the season include: Jackson's beating the number one player from Concord, the first time this had been done in three years; Conrad's beating Newark and McKean for the first time in three years, and Korenewsky being the only Conrad player to win her match against A.I. DuPont.

This year's managers include Sharon Muncey and Kathy Morris who, according to Sley, gave the team "fine service".

In closing, Sley commented on this year's team with these words, "This year I had the nicest group of people to work with as compared with other years. Each team member worked toward the support of the team. Even the girls who were not always able to play, gave their support through keeping score during matches for the girls actually playing. Finally, thanks to all the girls who came out and gave up their free time in order to be on the tennis team."

## Trekkers Display Devotion

The boys' eighteen man track team, which was coached by David Williams and Lucy Kendrickian, didn't win any meets, but several of the members proved "outstanding".

Jim Hutnyan, a captain, was the top scorer in most meets. Joe Manlove, also a captain, is the top distance runner on the team, winning races from 880 yards to two miles. Bob Kahn was a consistent winner in both sprints while his teammate, Pierce, proved consistent in getting points.

All of the above contributed to the team

with their athletic ability, but there are other things - like dedication.

According to Williams, the most dedicated member of the team was Randy Morris. Williams commented "Randall 'Tiger' Morris displayed a pertinacity above and beyond the call of duty. He was determined to improve his time in every race and usually did. He never missed a day's practice."

When asked for highlights of the year, Williams replied, "The most important thing to me was the fact of team morale, which, despite repeated losses, remained high."



Spectators witness high steppin' ability

(photo by Patti Carilli)

## GOLF TEES OFF!

"It was a rebuilding year," stated Coach Patterson in reference to his year's golf team. They finished with a 5-10 Win-Loss record. They were victorious over Christiana, W. m. Penn, Delcastle, Glasgow and Claymont.

The golfers practice and play their home matches at Hercules Country Club. The players don't have to pay for their golfing, because the privilege of using the course was a gift from Hercules.

The team used led by

# Killer exposes; 'Crime does pay.'

by Linda McQueen

"Killer" is an inside look at today's Mafia through the eyes of an anonymous hit man known as "Joey". He tells of his personal experiences through the past 25 years as a bookie, loan shark, smuggler, and most of all a professional killer.

Joey was more a "Privateer" in syndicated crime than part of a particular family. Although he killed for a living, he honestly felt that it wasn't murder—"To me it's a way of making a living. It's a job. It's my profession."

He started in crime at

11 and as he puts it "If I live, I live; if I die: I die." From that time he grew into a cunning businessman, knowing all the ins and outs of betting to murder. He is a loyal friend to the people whom he knows, and isn't really a blood-thirsty

'shark in search of his prey.

Some of the surprising aspects of the book were times when he spoke of the "family" and how it was run. Most of the time the families fought among themselves, each wanting more power. They have ways of making people comply with them—even the stubbornist. After the Godfather came out—Joey said everyone got a big laugh out of it.

To this day, Joey has 38 hits, 35 for money and three for revenge, all being members of the organization. He doesn't have to beg for work, there is always enough around. He says it all in three words, "Crime does pay."

I found this book to be not only interesting but shocking. Until now, I never knew how much the Mafia controlled almost "everything" and how much power they really have.

## Golf Con't.

Sophomore John Ewasko who Patterson called his best golfer. The other

people who made up the team were: Seniors

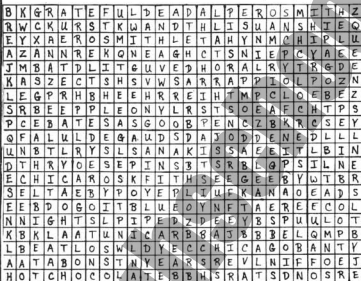
Mario Barbic, Tom Dykes, Ricky Myers, Junior Kevin Fogarty and Sophomores Steve Valenti, Sean Hynson, and Charles Malizia

Patterson said that this year was the first year that there was little interest. "Once they came out there was great interest but getting them out was hard."

When asked why he got into coaching golf Patterson said, "Golf is a game you can play all your life and I want to get young people interested in it and help them play a reasonable game."

Next year should be a good year with four of this year's golfers returning. According to Patterson he's hoping for some girls to try out for the team next year.

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