

Students Voice Opinion In School Life Survey

What contributes most to a student's enjoyment of a class? "Classmates" was the reply of 460 students in a recent survey conducted by the *Smoke Signal* concerning school life. The other three answers (teacher, subject matter, and class atmosphere) tallied about 350 votes each.

Another question which received an overwhelming amount of agreement concerned what would be done with the free time if a more flexible schedule were installed. A good 40 per cent of the students answered that the time would be filled with extra curricular activities. About 30 per cent agreed that they would do homework.

One surprising outcome of the survey came in the answers of students concerning their favored type of grading system. Over 60 per cent of the responses voted for either the present grading system, or the system of curving grades, which many of the teachers do employ. Very few students favored the pass-fall grading, and even fewer went for the notion of no grades at all.

According to 567 students, the

greatest fault among teachers is their teaching techniques. Excess assignments, however, received over 330 votes.

Disinterest was the reason attributed to the lack of student participation in class, said 42 per cent of the replies. Shyness on the student's part was also considered a contributing factor.

On the question concerning the relevancy of specified subjects, the irrelevant, according to the most students, is a foreign language. Social studies and science also rated in "unpopularity," only twenty votes behind.

Students, 684 of them, categorized their general attitude toward homework as sometimes worth while and sometimes just busy-work. The remaining 40 per cent of the replies were distributed evenly among the other choices: beneficial, useless, and excessive.

Concerning school activities, student disinterest was selected as the most common problem. Sponsor disinterest, however, received the least amount of votes.

Ideas referring to various systems of school dress rounded out

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County Program Offers Weekend Recreation

The New Castle County recreational program will be celebrating its third birthday this January. The 1970 phase of the program will start the first Saturday morning in January and will continue for a 10-week period.

Mr. Stanley Krzywicki, area director, feels that the program is an excellent way for boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 14 to enjoy athletics as well as cultural activities.

The program is under the direction of members of the Parks and Recreation committee and is offered free of charge. Along

with the county workers, Mr. Vincent Scott, Mr. James Hagan, and Mr. James Pletcher will help, as they did last year, with the physical education program.

Physical education, arts and crafts, sewing, tap and ballet dancing, baton twirling, cheerleading, music and drama are offered.

On Monday evenings the program is offered to adults in the community. Physical education, sewing, and typing are offered.

"The program has been a success thus far," Mr. Krzywicki says. "I hope the sponsor interest keeps up."

Drama Class Performs At Elementary Schools

"He's dead! Smaug's dead! Thorin the Great has slain the dragon!"

With this triumphant cry the curtain closed and another performance of "There and Back Again" had ended. This adaptation by Jayne Stoneberger of a well-known novel was chosen by the theater arts class as this year's children's play.

The story is centered around Bilbo Baggins, the hobbit, and Gandalf the Wizard. The duo join forces with a band of dwarfs in an attempt to recover stolen treasure from a fiendish dragon called Smaug.

Goblins, trolls, and a grotesque underground creature named Gollum are a few of the unusual enemies encountered by the band

on their mysterious journey.

Jayne Stoneberger captured the main role as Bilbo Baggins. Richard Snead portrayed Gandalf and Dave Wetzler led the dwarf pack as Thorin.

Dwarfs included Jan Wilhide, Melinda Neal, Vicki Parise, Peggy Battaglia, and Cathy Carney. Linda Law, Don Mears, and Doug Walls were trolls.

Grotesque goblins were played by Judy Linen, Bill Russell, and Reese Robinson.

Smaug and Gollum were portrayed by Liga Lidums and Reese Robinson.

A performance was presented at Conrad December 9. The troupe, accompanied by Mrs. Louise Goddin, toured elementary schools in the area last week.



Juniors Cathy Carney and Peggy Battaglia portray dwarfs in the children's play. Photo by Debbie Dzielak.

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District Promotes 3 Teachers To Assistant Principal Posts

In keeping with the Conrad Area District policy of promoting from within, three teachers have been named to assistant principal positions.

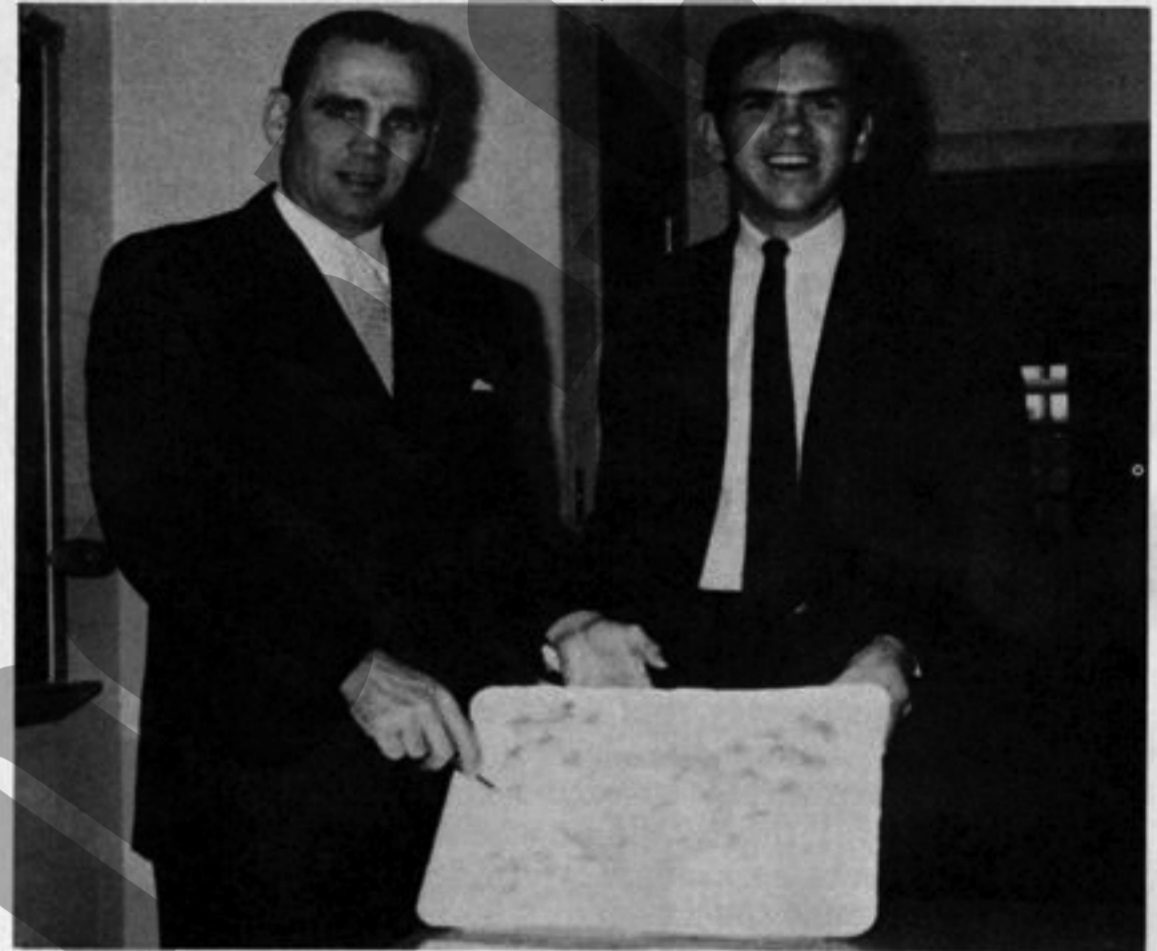
Mr. Louis Ott and Mr. James Hagan, both long-time teachers at Conrad, will become the third assistant principal at Conrad and the first assistant principal at Oak Grove, respectively. Mr. Willard Hunsinger will move from a math teaching position at Krebs to an assistant principalship at Richardson Park School.

Mr. Hagan has already assumed his position at Oak Grove. He has been in charge of discipline there since December 1, but has continued to return each evening to coach the Conrad basketball team. The agreement to move to the new position included the provision that Mr. Hagan continue coaching this year.

"I have mixed emotions about it," Mr. Hagan confided before his transfer. But, explaining afterward, "I think you have to give yourself a chance to see if you like it. I was afraid the opportunity might pass me by. I was really happy the opportunity was in the Conrad district."

Speaking on his first week of work as assistant principal, he said: "The one big problem is this job is forcing me to be a disciplinarian. I've never talked as a disciplinarian, and it is sort of hard to fit it. I have to learn to be a dual personality."

Mr. Louis Ott, math teacher, will also assume a newly established assistant principal position in September of 1970. The new post will establish Mr. Ott as head of curriculum for the science, math, industrial arts and business de-



Mr. James Hagan, recently appointed as assistant principal at Oak Grove School, shares his going-away cake with Mr. George Poole, who has taken over Mr. Hagan's social studies classes. Photo by Jim Dykes.

partments.

"I'm basically unsure of my particular duties at this moment, since they have not been officially delegated," said Mr. Ott.

Mr. George Poole, a '63 graduate of the University of Delaware, has replaced Mr. Hagan in the social studies department. Before coming to Conrad, Mr. Poole did his student teaching at McKean High School. He also taught courses in the Air Force. He is striving for

more group activities and oral participation in his classroom teaching. "I'd like to get into some extra-curricular activities here," said Mr. Poole. "Maybe work with the Student Council, the yearbook, or the *Smoke Signal*."

Openings for five new faculty positions for next year have been announced, including a guidance counselor, science teacher, two math instructors, and a business ed teacher.

Teachers Visit Houston, Attend NCSS Conference

Mrs. Marjory Mabrey and Mr. Rolfe Wenner attended the National Council for Social Studies Convention in Houston, Texas, November 23-29.

Mrs. Mabrey, representing the Conrad Social Studies Department, attended sessions in the area of "slow learners: priorities, materials, and teaching strategies" for four days of the convention.

For another three days she attended Dr. Ted Parson's Guided Self Analysis Research Training Project. In this system, used in some New York City schools last year, a video tape is made of part of the class session.

The teacher then analyzes it himself and changes his teaching method accordingly.

Later she attended the National Council for Social Studies Delegates Assembly, a sort of legislative body. During their sessions the

assembly passed resolutions dealing with their position on such matters as school desegregation and the Vietnam War.

Mr. Wenner, who represented the district, was looking for programs that could be used in the district social studies program.

In general Mr. Wenner said the two basic themes he found in his areas were the inquiry method of teaching, where a student draws his own conclusions based on given information, and the relevancy of today's social studies courses to life.

Two new ideas in the relevancy area he is interested in are the mini-course and the community research idea.

The mini-courses are short courses which the student will choose for himself and which deal with today's problems. In the community research program a student will go into the community to learn about problems such as water pollution, which aren't really learned in the classroom.

Mr. Wenner said the most valuable part was "just talking to people from other areas."

Uncle Sam Summons 10 In Recent Draft Lottery

Ten Conrad boys were affected by the recent draft lottery. A consensus of those affected seems to indicate that the lottery is fairer than the previous system.

One Conrad student's number appeared very near the top. Ralph Rogers, whose birthday is January 19, was placed number 58 on the draft list. "It doesn't really bother me because I would be going anyway," said Ralph. "I do think it's a lot fairer than the old system because everybody has the same odds of being called, and there's now only one year in sweat." He plans to join the National Guard.

Joseph Di Michele plans to enlist in the Navy. "I don't want to sit around and wait to be drafted," Joe's birthday is March 19, and his number is 200.

"It's a fair way to do it," said

Mike Morine. "It's better than sweating it out for eight years. Now, you have to worry about only one." Mike's birthday, September 28, was placed number 257.

Jim Edler, who will be 20 on February 9, drew the number 338. "I won't be affected," he remarked. "I'm way down the list. I'm satisfied with it. It's a pretty fair way of doing things. I'm not knocking the draft, but it needed some changes and they made them."

"It's all right; you have a better chance than in the last one," replied Paul Grant, number 79, whose birthday is October 31.

Other Conrad students affected by the new draft call are Bruce Workman, No. 328; Gerald Butler, No. 110; Robert Carter, No. 20; Richard Holman, No. 68; and Raymond Moore, No. 80.

Mr. Reist Has Major Surgery

Mr. Earl Reist, industrial arts teacher, is presently recovering from a serious operation. He is expected back at Conrad after Christmas. His illness has caused a shifting of classes in the industrial arts area. According to Mr. Earl J. Smith, principal, the problem is that it is difficult to find a qualified substitute. "The other teachers have been very cooperative," remarked Mr. Smith. "Sometimes they alternate days between the teaching of their own classes and those of Mr. Reist."

Council Must Set Objectives

High school student councils (Conrad's included) are, in general, a group of students with the special abilities to organize and get things done. Usually these abilities get channeled into projects such as homecoming, dances, trips, and pep rallies. This is all well and good, but there are things that the Council can work for besides just recreation.

Bill Graham, president of the University of Delaware's Student Government Association, recently outlined six goals of his administration to a group of honor students. Included in these goals were the end of racism on campus, the increase of services available to students, and student participation in course selection and content.

Granted, high school and college are different places; and we are not suggesting the exact goals described above. What we are suggesting is that the Council make some attempt to find out what the students want in terms of school dress, a student lounge, student conduct and punishment, course selection, library hours, etc. The Council could then make some attempt to implement those desires. These are the areas in which the Council, if successful, can achieve the greatest respect and prestige. The sad fact is that most student councils are uninclined to try.

Staff Commends Faculty

Ever since first grade students have always thought of the cafeteria lunch line as a daily battle to see who has the most cunning, skill, height or persuasion to get to the front of the line. Presumably this must relate back to our prehistoric ancestors where the dominant males were supposed to eat first and thereby keep the species strong.

At any rate, this strange phenomenon has made its way into the twentieth century American high school; and taking into account the actions of 80 per cent of the faculty, the trait also seems to have made its way through college. This is rather weird, especially considering the fact that higher education should make it plainly obvious that there is no nutritional advantage to getting served first. Cafeterias are notorious for absolutely uniform servings.

Back to our point. Several more teachers this year have come to the conclusion that making an extra line for faculty members is about as ridiculous as trying to put two corks in one bottle. Accordingly, more of them are now using the regular line and have won the respect of a great number of students for it. We congratulate them. It takes courage to stem millions of years of rat-race tradition.

Burdens Borne By Few

Too often during the course of the school year the burdens of Conrad functions fall upon the shoulders of a few chosen individuals. Many Conradians already hold concurrent offices in several organizations, while the vast majority of students remain unassociated with an extracurricular activity. Although not all people can be leaders, too many students are content to pay their class dues and act as spectators for the remainder of the year.

Students can serve to promote a successful school program in numerous ways, from holding a class office to making posters for dances. The shifting of responsibility from the heads of a few to a broader base of the students would go far to increase Conrad spirit and unity while producing greater effectiveness in student organizations.

Student of the Month

Drag Racing Attracts Senior Ric Snead

By Jim Dykes

Diversity seems to be the key word for Ric Snead, this month's student of the month.

The blond senior laughingly describes himself as "a person with many interests and not enough time to do them all." He has but to point to his many activities to prove his point.

During this past summer, Ric spent most of his time combining a hobby with a profession in his drag racing. Ric drove professionally along the East Coast at such tracks as Cecil County, Mason-Dixon, Yorktown, and National Speedway. He had been driving as a co-driver for some time when the regular driver quit because of a better offer. "So the owner asked me to step up, and I've been driving professionally ever since," he stated with a smile. In this role, Ric can proudly boast of being one of the youngest drivers on the East

Coast in a sport where experience is an important asset.

However, age seemed to have little effect as Ric won almost half of the races he entered in his Chrysler powered 426 Henry J. Ford, which he says, "looks like an egg." His best time for the quarter mile was 10.8 seconds, approximately 128 miles per hour.

His experiences included a "close call," when he had to scramble from his burning car. Speaking of the incident, Ric recalls, "I was coming off the line when a vacuum leak developed in the fuel injection system and the whole car caught on fire. It was pretty frightening." He fortunately escaped with nothing more than a mild redness of the skin.

Now that the racing season has ended, Ric still finds himself test driving in Atco, New Jersey, and drawing up blueprints for his 1955 Chevy. In describing his racing interests, he explains, "Racing is

more or less a hobby. I couldn't see doing it for a living. It's too undependable. There is always somebody coming along who is better."

Because of racing's uncertainty, Ric has decided to turn to another hobby for his life's profession. Because of his keen interest in painting and art, he has decided to go to the University of Delaware, major in art and become an art teacher. Every chance he gets, he enjoys painting. "I paint mostly scenery and symbolism, which is a lot like abstract except that it suggests real objects." Still along artistic lines, Ric enjoys listening to folk-rock music. He describes his interests as "anything from Blood, Sweat, and Tears to Crosby, Stills and Nash."

Recently, along with other members of the Theater Arts Class, Ric was busy preparing "The Hobbitt," a play designed for children, in which he had a lead-

ing role. The play was given at Conrad, the surrounding elementary schools, and at Alfred I. DuPont Institute. Besides this and his other activities, Ric is employed at Almart's where he works after school, nights, and weekends.

To him Conrad is an ideal high school. "I like the way the students think things over logically before jumping to conclusions and acting rashly," he said in reference to the difficulties encountered by some high schools. On the other hand, he gets irritated at the handful of students who do not appreciate Conrad and who, in his opinion "should go to another school and see what it is like. Then maybe they could appreciate their own."

As a final analysis, Ric likes to describe himself as "the quiet man on the scene." He explains, "If I am not fully informed or positively sure about something, I would rather keep my mouth closed."

Blind Sophomore Proves Abilities In Various Fields

By Debbie Dzielak

Sophomore JoAnne Cox is quite an active person, probably more so than a lot of her fellow classmates. "Well, so what!" many might say, "There's a number of students at Conrad who lead anything but dull lives." The difference is — JoAnne is blind. But the difference stops right there.

A former student of P. S. DuPont School, JoAnne enrolled in Conrad as the first blind student. "I like Conrad," she smiles. "It's quite a change from P. S. The teachers here don't spend as much time on discipline." JoAnne also commented on the friendliness of both the students and teachers at Conrad. "You get to know everyone as real people, especially the teachers."

JoAnne obviously possesses a knack for music. She plays the organ, sings, is a former member of the All-City Choir, and is presently a member of the Conrad chorus. She is also active in Sock and Buskin.

Confessing to be an "A" student JoAnne has her school books written in braille, the same books that the rest of her classmates use. Two different typewriters, one regular and one braille, have been provided for JoAnne when she does her work in school.

She first learned to type braille in first grade when she attended Lore School; then in fourth grade at Shortledge Schools she learned to type regularly. JoAnne types her homework twice, once for class in regular type and again in braille to tell the difference.

JoAnne's hobbies include records, kick ball, and playing with her pet gerbil, Rachel. Liver and teacher's pets head her list of pet peeves. She describes her best quality as "listening to two sides of an argument," but she admits that she "never sides with her sister."

JoAnne's one wish is "to change the racial disorder in the city. It's hard to raise children in conditions such as those present."



Sophomore JoAnne Cox completes her homework on a Braille typewriter. Photo by Debbie Dzielak.

Substitutes Enjoy Challenge Of On - The - Spot Teaching

By Mary Ann Jackson

The traveling journeyman, armed with only a plan book for defense, arises to the telephone's beckoning ring to set out upon another adventure whether it be mountains to climb or giants to slay.

The giant killer and mountain climber in this case is the substitute teacher. Although every student has undoubtedly come across one, few have ever viewed them in the mountain-climber or giant-killer sense.

Among the seven substitute teachers interviewed, the majority reported that they usually are not aware of their destination until 7 a.m. or after. They have no idea of the subject matter until they arrive at school.

Substitute teachers have only the teacher's plan book, their own educational background, and their inner resourcefulness on which to rely. Mrs. Miriam Priebe, Conrad substitute, remarked, "When these things do not work, I have to either improvise or give a study hall."

Regarding the complexity of the work, Mrs. Mary Stevens, Conrad substitute, termed it "difficult because you don't know the kids." Others were of the opinion that because of their college education it was not "too difficult."

Sometimes the substitute teachers can rely on the students for help. The majority were in agreement that senior high students are usually polite and helpful.

All were united on their opinion of junior high substitutions. Summing up the overall response, Mrs.

Stevens laughed, "You need eyes in the back of your head."

The foremost reason given for choosing this line of work was the convenience of not having to work everyday. "There's no paper work or meetings," added Mrs. Stevens.

Mr. Donald Morris, Archmere replacement, substitutes during the day while he works at another job at night. A substitute teacher, wishing to remain anonymous, finds that this kind of work allows her the time to take further college courses.

All but one of the substitute teachers interviewed were former full-time teachers. The overall comparison between full-time and part-time teaching centered around the difference in student relationships.

Substitute teachers first apply at the Dover office and then contact the school districts where they would like to work. Their average

working week is about three days.

Substitute teachers are placed into three classes. Class A indicates former full-time teachers; class B specifies college graduates not holding a full time license; and class C signifies only two years of college.

Mrs. Carrie Rowe, Conrad secretary, handles the contacts between teachers calling in sick and their replacements. Mrs. Priebe, commenting on the shortage of substitute teachers, reported that she often receives one or two calls every day.

Some substitute teachers will specify only certain subjects, while the majority will go wherever they may be needed.

After hearing the classes some of the substitute teachers were assigned to, it is no wonder they la-

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Shocked Student Traces Missing Car To Police

By Beverly Bove

Getting your car towed away really isn't all that bad. The initial shock of not finding your car where you parked it is the worst part about the whole situation. The rest may even be classified as "funny."

The first step you take in retrieving your car is to go to City Hall. When you have ascended the marble steps and have found the

correct window for your particular complaint, the next problem is how to phrase your question. Should you say, "Where's my car?" or "Do you have my car?" or "Have you seen my car?"

After you have asked your somewhat ridiculous question, the employee will ask to see your driver's license. After a short question and answer period, comes shock number two, "You can pick up your car at the lot. That will be \$20".

Then if you have only 57 cents and a Sunoco credit card, you get to call your parents! When you have explained your experience through the giggles of your friends, you get to sit on a wooden bench and wait for your father to bring the \$20.

While you wait, you notice a number of other drivers who don't notice signs that read, "No parking after 4 p.m."*

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Miss Lucy Kendikian, social studies teacher, has traveled in Europe, Mexico, and Canada. Photo by Dave Gibson.

Miss Lucy Kendikian Enjoys Reading, Writing, Traveling

By Mary Ann Jackson

"Reading, writing, and going places" occupies the spare time of Miss Lucy Kendikian, new addition to Conrad's social studies department.

At the time of this Journalism 1 class interview, Miss Kendikian was reading the last book in a series concerning ethnology (the study of behavior patterns). "I'll read practically anything," she said.

Inspired by a professor and a creative writing course in college, she keeps a journal of her writings. She cited essays and editorials as her favorite reading and writing areas. Regarding publication, she laughed, "I don't think my writing's good enough to expose to the world."

Describing herself as a "bug about history", Miss Kendikian said, "History gives you the desire to see the places you read about." Having already traveled to Europe, Mexico, and Canada, she

now yearns to see the pyramids in Egypt.

Born in Mexico, Miss Kendikian came to the United States when she was 2 years old. A naturalized citizen, she resides in Drexel Hill just outside of Philadelphia.

Miss Kendikian received her BA degree from Immaculata College, a small liberal arts college for women, located just outside of Paoli, Pennsylvania. She describes it as "isolated from the world at large" and "strongly academic."

"I wanted to go to Georgetown," she said while brushing a dark wavy lock away from her face, "but my mother felt her fledgling should not leave the nest unprepared for the world." She later went on to Villanova for her MA degree.

At present Miss Kendikian is teaching two United States history courses and the rest world history courses, which she prefers to call world culture courses, as they were called at her previous

teaching assignment at Wilmington High School.

"Eleventh grade boredom," replied Miss Kendikian, regarding her greatest teaching problem. She has found that students think they know all about United States history just because they have had it before.

Desiring a complete overhaul of classroom time, she would like to spend less time on the preliminaries and more time in overall application. "We can't always cut out all the dead wood though," she added.

Miss Kendikian has very definite views on her religion. She describes herself as a "Catholic who shudders at the thought of working in a world without a God."

Miss Kendikian replied concerning her best quality, "I'm a hard worker." With time running out, she hastily added, "I talk too much; not my worst quality—but the worst one I'll mention in public."

Skiing, Relatives, and Travel

Teachers Plan Yuletide Trips

Stateside trips and some long-awaited loafing, along with a host of "ifs and maybes" await Conrad's yuletide-spirited teachers.

Mrs. Ethelbert Ott, anxiously awaits a trip back home to New Orleans, Louisiana. After visiting relatives, she hopes to find some time to reminisce with her "old army friends."

Other travelers to the sunny South include Mrs. Andrea Cassel and Mrs. Edith Fisher, planning vacations to Tennessee and Fort Lauderdale, Florida, respectively.

Mrs. Florence Riggs will spend one week in Mexico.

At the other end of the map, Mrs. Diana Smith and Mr. Ned Landis are planning on New England skiing jaunts. Mr. Bernard Geaghan will encounter this same area without skis.

Scattering throughout neighbor-

ing Pennsylvania, five Conradian teachers will call on hosting relatives. Mr. Thomas Coder, Mr. David Hipp, Mr. William Legge, Mr. Duane Morningred, and Mr. David Williams will be carrying their season's greetings along with them. Mrs. Marie Stranahan will spend Christmas vacation skiing and vacationing in Vermont.

On the receiving end, Mrs. Louise Goddin and Mrs. Ellen Brown will remain home in order to host their visiting relatives.

In preparation for the upcoming seasons, Mr. James Hagan and Mr. Vincent Scott will be busy coaching the basketball practice sessions, as will be Mr. Edgar Baker and Mr. Lester Mauer with wrestling practices.

Mixing work with pleasure, Dr. Isabel Miller plans to attend a math

convention in Philadelphia December 29 to 31. Mrs. Marjorie Mabrey is going to write a manual concerning archeology for secondary-school use.

If Mrs. Eva Milbouer can persuade her husband, they will go off to a trip to New York for the holidays. New York and California rank as vacation possibilities for Miss Lucy Kendikian, while Florida appears as a maybe trip for Miss Maureen Thackery.

Mrs. Jean Barnett will visit her in-laws in Illinois.

Examples of the loafing group, Mr. Charles Lykens and Mr. Edward Malin plan to relax with their families. Mr. David Owen is looking forward to his New Year's gift — an empty room and a television, so that he can watch bowl games all day.

ACLU Not A Political Group Says Chapter President

by Dave Gibson

"I think there is a misconception by many people of the American Civil Liberties Union as simply another NAACP or something."

Thus began an interview with Mr. Thomas G. Hughes in his fourth floor office at the Beneficial Building. Mr. Hughes is president of the Delaware Chapter branch of the Philadelphia ACLU. Explaining right off that the ACLU is primarily concerned with the individual's rights, Mr. Hughes denied any overall political program. "We are specifically oriented toward the Bill of Rights," he said. "Where we differ with the so-called conservative groups is that we feel it protects areas that they don't feel it protects—students' long hair, for instance."

"I don't consider—although many people disagree with me—that we

are a liberal, or radical, or left organization. I think we're conservative in the sense that we want to conserve the Bill of Rights," he said.

"I might say," he continued, "that basically we react rather than act. We are a totally voluntary organization in Delaware; and just as a matter of time we don't go out looking for issues. People have to come to us with a specific problem involving a constitutional issue."

Among people calling the Delaware ACLU have been a disproportionate number of students. Commenting on the recent blasphemy case involving a Mt. Pleasant senior, Mr. Hughes said with a chuckle, "We thought it was sort of a funny case, that anyone in 1970 would actually raise such an issue."

He elaborated in a more serious

tone that since the State dropped charges, the law still remains; and, though conviction is probably unconstitutional, any person can still be arrested under it.

"I think it's a dead letter, but then I thought it was a dead letter before the case. It should be removed but we're not a lobbying group. Somebody would have to go to Dover and suggest it.

In other student-oriented action the ACLU Delaware Chapter has advised students in reference to school publications and haircuts. In response to the reported ban on black armbands in the New Castle School District the ACLU has delivered a letter.

Mr. Hughes explained: "We attempted to point out to them the recent Supreme Court case over a similar issue in Nebraska in which it was held that students could, in fact, wear armbands."

Currently pegged at around 250, Delaware Chapter membership includes only about 25 lawyers.

Students Visit Library To Read, Study, Browse

By Sandy Leisey

Why do students go to the library during study halls? To read? To research for reports? To study?

According to a recent survey conducted by the librarians many other reasons were given, ranging from "We love you" to "No comment to be given at this time."

"Habit," was Janice Armento's answer.

"The cafeteria doesn't have a homely atmosphere," replied Paul Sekscinski.

"Periodicals blow my mind. I really like reading the May 3, 1927, issue of Cosmopolitan. I also like Miss Swayze," answered Steve Mashington. (Incidentally the library doesn't have the Cosmopolitan.)

"Keep up on current events," was Mike Webb's answer.

"I love to read," replied Carmen Maiorano.

"I dig the library. It's quieter here. I also like the ringing of your voice and the signing of passes," answered Joe Hogentogler.

"Peace and quiet," replied Peggy Murphy.

"Browse," answered Geoff Martin.

"I like the surroundings better," was Charmayne Huber's reply.

"Because I use the library to enrich my studies in school and to help make me a better person," answered John Czerwinski.

"I dig the New York Times, the comics, and the classified ads," replied Mike Lynn.

"It's too hard to write in the auditorium. The auditorium is too dark," answered Mary Ann Colicchio.

"I have come to fulfill a mission that is vital to my scholastic career. Mainly, the subject concerns physics," replied Bob Wykowski.

"Because there is a constant availability of reference and materials for recreational enjoyment. There is also a lively atmosphere contributed mostly by Miss Swayze's and Mrs. Rigg's repeated warnings. I find this amusing and puts me in the right frame of mind for my work. Over all, you're so nice to us," said John Shaw.

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Substitutes Enjoy Challenge

(Continued from Page 3) beled their work as challenging and interesting. After a few interviews it was not uncommon to find a woman substituting in a boys' gym class.

Mrs. Priebe has filled in for drafting, while Mrs. Stevens once took over metal shop. She also had the pleasure of leading a plumbing class at Brown Vocational School.

Mr. Morris, the lone male interviewee, had the privilege of heading a girls' home economics and a driver education class. Other mismatches ranged from chemistry

to psychology.

The substitute teacher while learning a lot also has had some memorable experiences. Mr. Morris remembers the unfortunate experience of getting into a severe argument with whom he thought at the time to be a disillusioned parent; instead, his antagonist turned out to be the principal.

My anonymous interviewee learned all about wrestling while filling in at a boys' gym class. Regarding discipline and teaching technique, she told them, "I'll come into the locker room, if you don't behave."

Gridders Rewrite Football History

By Jim Dykes

"The Year of the Redskin," 1969, is the year Conrad took the wrestling, basketball, and baseball championships and then topped their sweep with a perfect 10-0 football record and Conrad athletic history.

Only once in the school's history (1935) had a squad gone undefeated (8-0) and never had a Redskin football team taken a championship since the formation of the Blue Hen Conference in 1959. How was this athletic laurel added to the Redskin trophy case? Let us remember the season.

SUMMER SESSIONS OPEN

On August 25 under the burning summer sun, Coach James Pletcher welcomed returning starters plus a number of hopefuls to practice. The predominant feeling during summer sessions was one of optimism. Everyone felt that this was going to be the year to go all the way.

Their optimism seemed to be well founded. The defensive squad boasted eight returning starters from last year's 7-3 team.

But the offense had only two returnees and a lot of "ifs."

Even with their uncertain offense, the Redskins were rated highly throughout the conference. A pre-season newspaper article implied that Conrad "might take the cake."

Football fans throughout the county were speculating on the Redskin's chances against the perennial champions—Newark. But over at Woodcrest loyal Redskin rooters gracefully accepted Newark's role as the favorite for the fourth year in a row, and sat back to let the Yellowjackets have the limelight, at least until October 11.

TEAM OPENS WITH SALS

Classes resumed and Conradians were once again caught up in the whirlwind of activities that make up a student's life at Conrad. The cheerleaders began practicing yells and cheers to build up spirit. The baton and flag twirlers started work on their halftime and pre-

game routines, while the band sharpened their marching skills, all in preparation for the upcoming season.

For the first time since the late 1950's the Redskins were scheduled to meet Salesianum, an always powerful independent team. Public opinion seemed to be divided on the game with one newspaper picking the Redskins to win, and the other picking Sallies.

Game night, September 19, arrived. While 6,000 fans streamed through the gates at Baynard Stadium, excitement seemed to bubble through the Conrad stands. The novelty of night-time football added to the already animated atmosphere of opening night.

The Redskins wasted no time in demonstrating their indifference to the new playing environment as they marched 35 yards in eight plays and a 6-0 advantage the first time they touched the ball. Quarterback Jerry McNesby, an "if" at the beginning of the season, capped the drive with a two-yard sneak over center, thus becoming the first Redskin to score in the just-born season.

The Sals and Redskins then settled down to a defensive struggle which lasted until the fourth quarter when senior Mickey Valenti returned a punt 63 yards to the Sals 17-yard line. Three plays later McNesby rolled to his right and fired a touchdown into the end zone to tight end Chris Walker.

The next time Sallies surrendered the ball, the Redskins took off again. For the second time McNesby hit Walker, this time for 18 yards and another score. The extra point play failed leaving the score Conrad 20, Salesianum 0.

If this game was supposed to be a key test for the Redskin offense, it certainly revealed a lot. To supplement their rock-wall defense, Conrad now had jelled 11 players into a potent offense, boasting balanced scoring potential. The hopes of Conrad fans soared.

The Vikings of Christiana provided the opposition in the Blue Hen Conference opener for both teams the next Saturday at Conrad. Coach James Pletcher rated the Vikings highly because they had lost very little from their 1968 squad. However, the Redskins found them to be very little trouble, as the defense again sparked and the offense piled 30 points for another shutout.

Offensively, laurels went to converted flanker now halfback Jim Reilly who gained 224 yards in 25 carries, almost nine yards per carry, and ran for two touchdowns, one an 80-yard scamper down the home sidelines. Reilly's run came on a swing pass engineered by Jerry McNesby, who ran his two-game passing total to 8 for 15. Mickey Valenti scored on an eight-yard run and Jerry Downes added another score, taking a 15-yard pass from McNesby.

DE LA WARR FAILS

The De La Warr Lions, led by quarterback Larry Healey and showing glaring weaknesses both offensively and defensively, entertained the Redskins in their tune-up for the next week's crucial test against Newark.

The Redskins, showing that they were not looking too far ahead, demolished the Lions behind the passing and play-calling of Jerry McNesby and the running of substitute halfback Joe Pacchioli, who replaced the slightly injured Jim Reilly.

McNesby passed for two touchdowns, a 27-yarder to fullback Jim Mensinger and a 17-yard strike to flanker Len Zabinko. Pacchioli, only a junior, picked up his touchdowns on runs of three and six yards.

As the shutout victory ended, word came over the loudspeaker that Newark had added number 35 to their streak with a 36-6 massacre of Mount Pleasant. This set the stage for the winner-take-all game the next Saturday with both teams possessing 2-0 records.

The game, billed as the "game of the year," attracted radio coverage from three stations and resulted in a mammoth pre-game ticket sale at both high schools.

Thursday night, the Redskins discovered that they had been rated a six-point underdog, which was nothing out of the ordinary since the newspapers had picked Newark three straight years. Friday was a wasted day, academically, as players, coaches, teachers, and students felt the butterflies begin.

YELLOWJACKETS STUNG

The Future Nurses, with their sticky apples, the band, hawking their band candy and the Senior Class, selling balloons proclaiming "Conrad Redskins" were on hand early to take advantage of the huge crowd, numbering almost 6,000, who began streaming to the stands at 11:30 a.m., some two hours before game time.

The two teams, each protecting important streaks, lined up for the kickoff knowing that one of those skeins would be ended in approximately 48 minutes. The crowds lined both sides of the field, straining to see, expecting a thriller to the final whistle. They didn't get what they expected.



Junior Fullback Mike Nardo (32) blasts through line and gains short yardage against William Penn. Mike Webb (63) moves in to block. Photo by Dave Gibson.

Returning Starters Spark Defending Blue Hen Champs

The Conrad basketball team, defending champions of the Blue Hen Conference, open their 1970 season January 2 against William Penn at home.

The Redskins, boasting three returning starters and one of the best sixth men in the league, look forward to another successful season under Coach James Hagan.

With starters Chuck Haney, Mickey Kelley, and Denny Cline, plus Jim Logullo, who Coach Hagan last year called "the best substitute in the league," returning, the Redskins have the necessary experience for a top-notch team.

"But," warns Coach Hagan, "we will find the going a little tougher this year. I really feel we have a better ball club than last year, but the conference is full of strong teams." He sees Mt. Pleasant, De La Warr, Christiana, and Conrad all battling for the top spot.

In addition to the four returning varsity players, Coach Hagan has a large crop of seniors, who last year played J.V., to choose from. The talent is so plentiful that Coach Hagan will keep ten seniors on the squad because, in his words, "I wouldn't know whom to cut. They have all been play-

ing good ball." These seniors include Alan Rappaport, Roy Peacock, Alton Coleman, Jerry Downes, Bob Beatty, and George Schmidt. Coach Hagan calls his bench, "the best depth I ever had here."

The starting lineup has not yet been decided upon. "We are still experimenting to find the best combination and the five players who will work the best together."

In summing up his team's chances this year, Coach Hagan predicts, "Our chances are as good as any other team's. I feel that on any given night we will have the team to beat any other team."



Halfback Jim Reilly (21) eludes Dickinson defender and cuts down field while Paul Sekcinski (75) and Joe Hogentogler (50) provide the blocking. Photo by Dave Gibson.

bered all too well how, after a good effort against Newark, the Redskins had been stunned by the Red Devils last year. Their vengeance showed through as they decimated Wilmington 50-0 en route to their fifth straight shutout.

The offense directed by Jerry McNesby, functioned like a steamroller, piling up 411 total yards. The depth and bench strength of the Redskins was also evident as seven different players scored, with reserves and JV's playing most of the second half.

Jim Reilly turned in another sparkling performance with 124 yards picked up from just 9 carries. Jerry McNesby attempted nine passes, completed six, and had a hand in five scoring plays.

Meanwhile, William Penn killed McKean 39-0 thus keeping themselves in a tie for first place with the Redskins. The two teams, on a collision course, would not meet until November 15.

Football fans became more and more aware of the fantastic streak being piled up by the Conrad defense which had now shutout five straight opponents. Could it last? Coach Pletcher reminded all that the Redskins couldn't possibly go through the season unscored upon.


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Gridders Record Perfect Season

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So was the case against the Mount Pleasant Green Knights. Although the Redskin offense didn't get rolling as in previous games, the defense was again faultless, blanking the Knights 12-0. So strong was the Conrad defensive line, that the secondary was attributed with only two tackles all afternoon, en route to their sixth straight shutout.

Even though the Redskins were held to their lowest offensive output of the season by a gritty Mt. Pleasant defense, they managed to score twice. Jerry Downes hauled down a Jerry McNesby pass of seven yards for the first score, and Jim Reilly tallied his 38th point of the season with a one-yard blast. The victory kept Conrad and William Penn, who beat Dickinson 28-13, deadlocked in the top spot of the Blue Hen Conference.

SHUTOUT STREAK ENDED

The Bulldogs of Brandywine, who had last year tied with the Redskins for the runner-up spot behind Newark, provided the opposition on November 1, as the football season turned the corner into its final month.

The Redskins refound their scoring punch and exhibited it early with two scores in the first period. Quarterback Jerry McNesby went deep to Jerry Downes for a 35-yard scoring play, and Jim Reilly traveled four yards for the second tally before the Bulldogs were even loosened up.

The Redskins scored again in the second quarter with Jerry McNesby keeping the ball on an option play and going 16 yards for another six pointer. But just then, when the game looked like another breeze, disaster struck.

The Bulldogs had the ball, second down—eight yards to go, deep on their own 19-yard line. Quarterback Jim Dougherty called for a pass play in the huddle, calling for speedy halfback Luther Hearn to come out of the backfield. The center crouched over the ball, snapped it back, and the Redskin line lurched forward.

But Dougherty took a few re-treating steps and hit Hearn perfectly as he swung out from his halfback slot. A groan went up from the Conrad stands as Hearn sidestepped Redskin defenders and scampered 81 yards to accomplish what dozens of other backs had dreamed of, to score on the heralded Redskin defense.

SHUTOUT STREAK ENDS

Just like that, the shutout streak was gone. But also gone was a lot of the pressure that went along with being perfect. However, the Bulldogs showed a little more speed with two more touchdowns before the half.

The defense held in the second half, permitting only one more score while the offense struck twice. The game ended with the score 36-26 and the Brandywine rooters chanting, "We scored!" However, they didn't score enough as the Redskins went to the locker-room, still undefeated and still tied with William Penn at 6-0.

The next week the Redskins rolled over McKean 46-6, experiencing no difficulties in the process. The erratic Highlander offense scored once, late in the game, against Conrad substitutes. Running back Jim Reilly scored 14 points and quarterback Jerry McNesby passed for three touchdowns and two P.A.T.'s.

William Penn had earlier defeated Christiana 26-8 thus setting up the second big game for the Redskins in one season. Beating Newark was, of course, a thrill, but in order to have a perfect season, it would be necessary to elimi-



Conrad, along with Middletown, dominated the All-State selection with first team members; left to right: Don Robison, Jim Reilly, Mike Dougherty, and Paul Sekcinski. Photo by Debbie Dzielak.

nate William Penn, with its potent scoring attack. As Coach Pletcher pointed out, there is a lot of difference between a 9-1 and a 10-0 season.

Homecoming day dawned crisp, clear, and cold with a tinge of snow. As the traditional Homecoming parade pulled into the parking lot after marching through Woodcrest, a crowd of 7,500, including many returning alumni, sat shivering in 30 degree temperature, waiting for the kickoff.

Homecoming festivities took a backseat to the struggle taking place in the winner-take-all match on the field, the only place not completely covered by human bodies. The first quarter ended scoreless, neither team being able to mount an offense because of the frigid weather.

But the Redskins wasted no time in the second quarter as fullback Mike Nardo was sprung loose for long yardage, going inside the William Penn five-yard line. Two plays later, with guard Mike Webb clearing the way, Nardo went in for the score.

The Redskins added two more scores before the halftime Homecoming show, with Jerry Downes taking a 20-yard pass from Jerry McNesby and Mickey Valenti speeding 50 yards for another score.

During halftime, while the band and twirlers valiantly braved the freezing temperatures to play "Oh, You Beautiful Doll," Beverly Bove was crowned Homecoming Queen, receiving her crown from last year's queen, Joann Pickel.

The court and band then quickly retreated to the warmth of the school or cars as the two teams came out for the second half. The final quarters produced no change in the score, and the game ended just like that, 20-0.

The Redskins, tired of listening how slow they were, had literally run the Colonials into the ground while clinching at least a tie for the conference championship. Sub-fullback Mike Nardo blasted for a total of 147 yards, and Jim Reilly, cutting, twisting and turning on the frozen field, added 127 more yards.

McNESBY STARS

Jerry McNesby, who had often times been overshadowed by the talent around him, and played down by the papers in favor of Wayne Gregg, had directed his team brilliantly and even played a great game as a replacement in the defensive secondary while they chalked up their seventh shutout of the season. The Redskins left very little doubt as to who was number 1.

During the week that followed, the Redskins proved their superiority by dominating the All-Conference team with seven players selected on the offensive and defensive squads. On the offensive teams, end Jerry Downes, tackle Paul Sekcinski, center Don Robison, guard Mike Dougherty, and half back Jim Reilly joined other Flight A stars to comprise the first team.

On defense, tackle Chris Soligo and Dave Mis joined the both-way

selectees, Mike Dougherty and Jerry Downes. Players receiving honorable mention were quarterback Jerry McNesby and full-back Mike Nardo. Defensively, Paul Sekcinski, Don Robison, and Mike Nardo also received honorable mention.

REDSKINS RIP RAMS

On Thanksgiving Day, Conrad traveled away to meet the Rams and to secure their undefeated season. The Rams, vastly improved, were led by bruising running back, and an All-Conference selection, Kenny Norris. Norris turned in a fine performance, including three touchdowns, but he and his teammates, sporting helmets labeled "Desire," were no match for the fired up "Skins."

Jerry McNesby's pin-point passing, coupled with two long-scoring runs, provided the difference as the Rams fell 42-26. However, they matched the highest number of points scored against the Conrad defense-26. Senior Jim Reilly, playing in his last game as a Redskin, ran for 142 yards including an 85-yard scoring scamper.

The turkey-day battle, watched by 5,500 fans, was riddled with penalties due to the extremely hard hitting. The victory boosted Conrad's Thanksgiving record to 8-2 against Dickinson who finished the season at 4-4-2.

FOUR MAKE ALL-STATE

In the week that followed, speculation was high as to who would be named to the All-State team, selected by Wilmington area sportswriters and sportscasters. When the team was named on Friday, no doubt remained as to the superiority of the Redskins.

Conrad, along with Middletown, dominated the team with four players being selected. Named were Redskin standouts Jim Reilly, Mike Dougherty, Paul Sekcinski and Don Robison. Reilly, the shifty halfback, gained 1,239 total yards during the season, breaking the previous Conrad record for total rushing. Quarterback Jerry McNesby and end Jerry Downes received second team selections.

So it all ended, as perfectly as it started. Conrad had ended its season undefeated. Conrad had smashed Newark's 35-game winning streak. Conrad had shut out seven opponents and scored a blistering 31-point average per game. Congratulations poured in as football fans throughout the state recognized the Redskins as Number 1.

And so it's now over. It is now history. Conradians will now turn their sights toward basketball and wrestling season, but the memories of a magnificent team and a magnificent year linger on, not to be forgotten for a long time to come.

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Redskins Grapple Sals At Home Tomorrow

The 1970 Conrad wrestling team debuts in their first practice match tomorrow morning against Salesianum at home at 10:30 a.m.

Returning lettermen include Bruce Watson, third in the conference and third in the state at 95 pounds; Daryl Andrus, Gary Hoskins, Bob DelCampo, and Mark Grandell. Senior Don Robison, who was injured early last season, is also being counted on.

"We have a good chance of repeating as conference champs," commented head coach Mr. Edgar Baker. Coach Baker sees William Penn, Newark, Brandywine, and McKean as the teams that should be tough in the Flight "A" conference.

Eliminations to see who will wrestle in the Salesianum scrimmage match will be held tonight after school. The final tune-up will be against Smyrna December 29 at 10:30 a.m. in the gym.

"Our middle weights will be our strong point," emphasized Coach Baker. "Our lower weights will be inexperienced," he added.

The first conference match will be held January 3 against Christiana at home. J. V. match will start at 1:00 p.m. with the varsity match to follow. All Saturday matches will be held in the afternoon this year.

New weight classes for this year will be 98, 106, 115, 123, 130, 137, 145, 155, 165, 175, 185, and unlimited. Coach Baker feels the raising of the 95-pound class to 98-pounds will make it a little easier for those boys to make weight.

Boys from last year's varsity that will be fighting for varsity positions this year are Blaine Barni, Bill Brian, Tom Dixon, Dave Hosan, Ed Janvier, David O'Neil, George Wilkens, and Joe McGinness.

Major Rebuilding Faces 1970 Gymnastics Team

Gymnastics Coach Donald Kasner faces a major rebuilding job this season, as only three lettermen return from last year's squad. Adding to Mr. Kasner's difficulties is a disappointing sophomore turnout in the first two weeks of practice.

Seniors Mike Kwiatkowski, Tim O'Connell, and John Baron are the returning lettermen. Juniors Ken Kehrer, Chuck Rhoads, Larry Kelly, and Mike Singles are expected to fill some of the gaps, but Mr. Kasner will be uncertain about the team's strength unless more sophomores get interested.

"So far only three or four have come out," said Mr. Kasner, "but

the sophomore gym classes are just now starting gymnastics, so we're hopeful of getting some more by Christmas.

He is not too worried about the seven-meet schedule to begin in January, however; "All of the schools we'll be playing also were badly weakened by graduation, so we'll still be on even terms with them," he added.

He expects Valley Forge Military Academy to be the toughest opponent. Only two Delaware schools, Brandywine and Mt. Pleasant, are on the schedule; there are no other high-school gymnastics teams in the state.

North Carolina Captures Intramural Championship

Led by captain Alan Rapaport, North Carolina swept past Virginia 37-17 to claim the touch football championship in this year's intramural program. Chuck Haney, Bob Benson, Joe Palermo, Willie Durnall, and John Biscoe rounded out the remainder of the team.

Earlier The Vanilla Fudge, Behind Mike Vanella, Mark Palmer, Kevin Poore, and Mike Szymanski, defeated the Bullets 2-1 and 1-0 for the soccer title. The bullets were led by Harry Nicholson, the league's leading scorer.

According to Mr. Paul Eyanson, who along with Mr. Arthur Craig, organizes the intramural activities, the eighth period is a major fac-

tor in creating interest. "It allows the boys to go out and play but still get home at the same time," stated Mr. Eyanson.

Currently in the planning is an extensive basketball program with a league for sophomores and another for juniors and seniors.

Ping pong, softball, handball, and tennis intramurals will be conducted later in the year.



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Mr. James Hubbard, electric shop teacher, explains his organization of the audio-visual department to Mrs. Andrea Cassell. Photo by Debbie Dzielak.

New Audio-Visual Head Strives For Standards

Mr. James Hubbard, Conrad's one-man audio-visual department, is striving to set up the framework for the department by standards written by the National Education Administration's Department of Audio-Visual Instruction and the American Library Association.

The new department, which was organized in September, will be similar in structure to the one Mr. Hubbard organized for the Coast Guard Reserve in the summer.

As Mr. Hubbard sees it, there are five phases to his work. He must be the administrator for the department. Producing transparencies and slides, both originals and

copies, takes some of his time. Maintenance of the equipment and inventories of stock, spare parts, and repair manuals take another share of his time. In the distribution phase, Mr. Hubbard is busy building up his files and supplying teachers with materials. Before the system can be of value, Mr. Hubbard believes that he must advise teachers in the workings of the department, its facilities, and its equipment.

In spite of all the details he must attend to, Mr. Hubbard still enjoys his job. His genuine interest in this field and the variety within the field overcome the time and energy required.

Mr. Wenner Cites Relevancy As Most Important To Students

Mr. Rolfe Wenner, Conrad's new assistant principal, discussed his major duties with the Journalism I class. His areas of responsibility, he explained, are threefold: evaluation and development of new programs in the English, social studies, foreign language, and art departments; representation of the school at a district level; and evaluation of first and second year teachers.

Generally, however, his main interest concerns the overall curriculum of the school. Since Conrad offers 141 courses, the highest offered in the New Castle County, Mr. Wenner feels that its curriculum is adequate.

The former assistant principal of De La Warr High School commented on the problem of school drop-outs, citing the scheduling of courses relevant to the student's needs as one major difficulty faced by educators. "A class has more meaning to the students if it is relevant to them and their time," he stated.

According to Mr. Wenner, one of the advantages of the new consolidation program is the K-12 plan, which he supports strongly. The kindergarten through twelfth grade plan is a new step-by-step approach to teaching which is developed as the years in school increase.

A major problem faced in the area of curriculum is the various ways of "rating" a student. With the three junior high schools in the district merging into one large high school, conflicts arise in the evaluation of student achievement. A new curriculum council headed by Mr. Jack Caum, formerly of Krebs, has been introduced to combat this problem.



Mr. Rolfe Wenner, assistant principal, discusses his duties at Conrad. Photo by Beverly Bove.

Cronshaw, Shauber Win Band Candy Prizes

Top prizes of \$200 and a portable television set will help to brighten the Christmases of Linda Cronshaw and Bill Shauber, who were the top prize winners in the band's annual all-school candy sale.

Other winners were John Sparco, Lynda Webster, Margaret Combs,

Don Mears, Judy Woodward, George Higley, Donna Combs, Dale Johnston, Jean Boyd, Kathy Ross, Ellen Jeanes, and Cheryl Jones.

Winner of the \$50 drawing was Barbara Schalles with the five \$10 prizes going to Rick Fernandes, Linda Hurst, Kathy Ross, Jean Schofield, and Terry Robino.

All-State Band auditions will be held January 16. Members of the Conrad band planning to try out are Margaret Combs, Jon Fletcher, and Ray Knehnetsky.

Mr. David Casto, band director, attended the Convention of the American School Band Director's Association in Hot Springs, Arkansas, December 3-8.

Clubs Dissolve; Lack Interest

It appears that several clubs were not down at the docks when the "CHS Activity" set sail in September. This year a total of ten clubs have been listed as either closed or questionable.

Clubs definitely canceled are FTA, Art Club, Investment Club, Novel Club, Math Club, and Science Club. Groups on the questionable column are German Club, French Club, Spanish Club, and AOW.

No one definite reason had been cited for the status of these clubs. The general reason given is the new eighth-period system. With this system meetings often do overlap.

The burden cannot be placed all on the eighth-period. Lack of sponsor and student interest apply in some cases.

Mystery Solved

H. C. Conrad's Past Unveiled

By Lauren Russell

"Love and honor to old Conrad" are the words beaten into the hearts and minds of every loyal Conradian. But how many really know anything about "old Conrad." The original Henry C. that is?

As an inquisitive reporter, I set out to answer this question.

Fearlessly I entered the temporary facilities of the Wilmington Free Library located at Tenth and King Streets downtown. Proceeding to the massive card catalogue, I began the search. Conrad, Barnasky . . . Conrad, Ferdinand . . . ah, Conrad, Henry C.. After 30 minutes and several trips to the reference desk, the only things I had gained were frustration and the knowledge that Henry's middle name was Clay.

One of the patient librarians then directed me to another card catalogue labeled "Delawareana," where I pursued Mr. Conrad again.

This time I felt lucky, for here I found several biographies of my elusive foe.

But when I reported my search for the book futile, the librarian informed me that the books I wanted were those kept in storage—not for public circulation.

While she tried to uncover my treasures, I filled out a slip of paper promising to return them unharmed.

Laden with dust my loyal aide returned and handed over at least 10 pounds of print and cobwebs. Turning to the nearest desk I dropped my newfound valuables and hurriedly opened the first book, continuing my search for the ghost's identity.

Born Henry Clay Conrad on April 25, 1852, "old Conrad" was a Harvard University graduate and a very distinguished Wilmington lawyer.

Following in his father's footsteps, Henry indulged in his

favorite pastime—holding office; he held over seven in his lifetime including city solicitor, chairman of the executive committee of the World's Fair Managers of Delaware, and librarian for the Historical Society of Delaware.

After two years as a successful editor of the *Morning News*, Mr. Conrad ran as the Republican candidate for mayor in 1885 but was defeated. Yet he was probably most renowned in his own time for his persuasive speeches.

Now when I sing "love and honor to old Conrad" following the next touchdown or basket, I will remember my guest and the dedicated man for whom our school is named.

School Life

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the questionnaire, as 474 students supported complete casual dress; while the present code of dress satisfied 348 students. The suggestion of a casual dress day once a month only drew up 232 supporters.

One question asked the students if there were any activities that they would like to see initiated. Fifty suggestions for various clubs or activities resulted. The most popular of the suggestions were swimming club, pep club, girls' football team, bowling club, and numerous ideas ranging from a student lounge to studio band five times a day.

JA Makes Xmas Gifts; Conradians Take Part

Conrad's three participants in J.A. have been busy this month getting into fall production to meet the Christmas buying season.

Junior Kevin McDaniel was elected vice-president of sales by his company, Delajun, sponsored by DuPont Film. "We're making pot scrubbers from a new type of nylon

webbing," reports Kevin. "They're orange and sell 2 for 50 cents or 5 for \$1. We're thinking about having another product besides this one."

Seniors Debbie Huff, personnel director, and Sandie Leisey, president, spend their Thursday nights manufacturing two products for their company, Totyle, sponsored by Container Corporation of America. A carry-all bag made from different patterned fabrics sells for \$2. The other product is a decoration for the home, called a matchbox tile tray selling for \$1.25.

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