

# Dearborn 'Cleaned': Open House Nears

"What did you think of her?" "What did he say?" "Did she talk about me?"

These and other questions about their teachers will probably be asked by Dearborn High students after their fathers and mothers attend the DHS Open House next Tuesday at 6:45 p. m.

Students' parents will be wandering around the halls (like the little sophomores did) trying to find their sons or daughters classes. They will receive their schedules, which were filled out by the students through the mail.

This year's Chariman of the Open House Committee is Mrs. L. Mary Olsen, of the science department.

"We (the teachers) would like the Open House to be more of a social-type hour than a kind of teacher consultation," Mrs. Olsen commented. "We just want the parents to meet their sons' and daughters' teachers."

After a hectic time following students' programs, parents will be able to relax and have refreshments in the cafeteria.

# Open House Due for Change

BY LINDA RICHTER

Curriculum changes, new methods of teaching, and opportunities to meet the teachers are the major reasons for holding open house. The affair, considered an important factor in maintaining a parent-faculty relationship at Dearborn High, should take place each semester to keep pace with the rapid changes in education.

Originally, openhouse celebrated American Education Week. On a specified night, parents were invited to visit the school and talk with teachers about problems and new developments in education.

Eight years ago this system was changed following a decision that parents might benefit more if they were to follow the same schedule as the students. This enables them to be placed in an actual classroom situation and form their own opinions of the teachers. In each class, they receive a brief outline of the curriculum being studied and how it is taught. Psychology teacher Dill King, feels that little is gained from this method because parents hardly have time to sit down before they must leave for another class.

Why is open house--good or bad--held only in the fall semester? If it is beneficial it should also take place in the spring because most students have a totally new schedule of courses each semester. If it has no value than even once a year is a waste of teacher and parent time.

Mr. Gordon Breckenkamp, math teacher, is one who feels positively toward the idea of two open houses. His reason? "I enjoy meeting the parents of my students and feel that open house is beneficial to me."

When questioned about the possibility of holding an open house each semester at Dearborn High, Principal Leonard Mazur commented, "I personally am in favor of this. Attendance is usually quite high, which shows the parents are interested. However, preparation for this requires extra time and work on the part of the teachers. Many are already involved in extra duties such as faculty meetings, departmental meetings, parent-faculty meetings, and are often needed to attend sports events, dances, and other student activities."

Two years ago the faculty also expressed their opinion when they voted down a twice-a-year proposal 37-19.

Since then, however, many changes have taken place. Among them are curriculum revisions, new courses offered in various departments, and a trial pass-fail system that will go into effect in some classes next semester. These could generate even more interest on the part of the parents and make two open houses well worthwhile.

If teachers were given a set time when they could prepare for open house such as dismissing students at 2:30 on a given day, perhaps the group would react positively to a twice-a-year meeting with the parents.

Dear Parents,

You are cordially invited to Dearborn High School's Open House at 6:45 P.M., Tuesday, November 11, 1969. Below is your student's program which you are requested to follow. Refreshments will follow in the cafeteria.

Leonard H. Mazur, Principal

Time	Hour	Subject	Teacher	Room
7:00-7:10	H.R.	Homeroom	Marshall	C213
✓ 7:15-7:25	1	Al Trig	Bridges	C213
7:30-7:40	2	Graphic Arts	Kurmas	E1
7:45-7:55	3	U.S. For. Policy	Essayan	B7
✓ 8:00-8:10	4	Phys. Ed.	Muldowny	Boys Gym
✓ 8:15-8:25	5	English	Otis	A14
8:30-8:40	6 or 0	Drafting	Kurts	E3

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Time	Hour	Subject	Teacher	Room
7:00-7:10	H.R.	Homeroom	Marshall	C205
7:15-7:25	1	Study Hall	<del>Marshall</del>	B17
7:30-7:40	2	Comp. Geo.	Marshall	C205
7:45-7:55	3	Social Studies	Navarre-Page	B4
8:00-8:10	4	English	Beesley	A4
8:15-8:25	5	Chemistry	Giest	B14
8:30-8:40	6 or 0	Spanish	Stanjar	B17

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