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PRACTICING for the Jazz Show tonight are (l. to r.) Leland Boone, 11B, Mark Wagner, 11B, Matt Assenmacher, 12B, and Mike Milewski, 11B.

## Swing and Sway At Jazz Show

Participating members of the fourth annual Jazz Show now are prepared for tonight's performance in the auditorium.

The show, beginning at 8 p. m., will consist of the 20-piece band, under the direction of Mr. Anthony Russo; the jazz ensemble, led by Mr. Phillip Mark; and ten other acts performed by various students.

"It is a new, bigger, and more exciting jazz show than any of the shows in recent years," said Mr. Russo. "And a capacity audience is expected as in past years."

At 9:30 p. m. the action will move from the auditorium into the Redwood Room where a dance will be held until 11:30 p. m. Music will be played by the Dearborn High Jazz Band. A turkey raffle will also be held during this time.

Tickets will be on sale today at lunch by delegated members of the Varsity Club for \$1 with an activity ticket and \$1.25 without. Tickets will also be sold at the door. All Dearborn High parents are invited.

Proceeds from the show will be divided between the Band Department and the Varsity Club.

# The Observer

Dearborn High School Dearborn, Michigan November 22, 1968

## Ph. D. Supports Anti-Drug Stand; Says Hallucinogenics Don't Work

Dr. Allen Y. Cohen, graduate of Harvard University, for a while, lived what might be considered, by a confirmed acid-head, the ultimate life. Dr. Cohen, together with a number of other adventurers, including Dr. Timothy Leary, took a hallucinogenic refuge in upper New York State. Their goal was to be the vanguard in experimental work with mind-expanding drugs. A large supply of LSD was available for their use. Cohen experienced 30 trips during his stay.

After a while the experimental Utopia dissolved. Leary moved deeper into the mystical realm of drugs while Cohen did an about face and took a stand against hallucinogenic stimulants.

Now, Cohen, after receiving his Ph. D. at the age of 29, is travel-

students of his experiences with and feelings toward drugs. Earlier this month, he appeared at Wayne State.

Dr. Cohen doesn't confine himself around the country telling solely to LSD, heroin, and the other hard narcotics. He also delves into the drugs that many use--caffeine in coffee, nicotine in cigarettes, and aspirin.

"Drugs don't work. They distort your mind temporarily, but you're still in the same old bag," Dr. Cohen contends. In his opinion, the youth of today must look for new frontiers to expand in, that they must leave drugs and pursue new courses of understanding. He hints that the Indian spiritualist movement, headed by

Meher Baba, might be the beginning of answers to the questions that plague our world.

## Apple-Polishing for Favorite Son Mr. Valentine

Last week THE DETROIT NEWS announced a contest in which teachers can win a trip around the world or a trip to Hawaii.

In order to win one of these prizes, the students, parents, and friends must clip an apple-shaped ballot from the daily or Sunday NEWS and vote for their favorite teacher.

*REMINDER*

The Redwood Room will host the "girl-bring-boy," Sponge Dance, Friday, Dec. 13. Dress will be Sunday-best, and all girls are urged to invite the victim of their choice.

Mr. Bill Valentine, speech teacher, has been proclaimed by many as their favorite teacher. Students are now trying hard to show their ambition for winning a large sum of money to add to the Bill Valentine Fund.

Thinking of a better use for the prize, Cathy Alderman, junior, called the paper to investigate the possibilities of having the trip changed into money which could be added to the BV Fund. The NEWS representative Cathy talked with said she was

sure this could be arranged if DHS could muster enough votes to cop the prize.

Cathy and some of her friends are visiting homerooms to publicize the contest and to inform the students of their intentions. A shoe box has also been placed in the central office so that students can bring their ballots to school. The ballots in the box will be sent to the NEWS every day.

To win for Mr. Valentine, students must diligently clip the entry blanks daily and deposit them in the shoe box. There will be many schools entering, so students must act quickly.

## Students Compete In Contest; Math Team Added This Year

Having won two of the top 92 places in 1967, DHS math students are hoping for a repeat of last year's performance in the State Mathematics Contest. Pencils were sharpened last Wednesday as 131 participated in Part I of the 1968 contest.

This statewide mathematics competition is intended to encourage a wider interest in mathematics and to bring attention to the necessity for mathematical training in most professions and trades.

Last year, more than 25,000 students in Michigan took Part I of the test. Only two per cent qualified to take Part II. Eight of the 660 who qualified were from DHS. They included seniors Tom Knauss, Jim Lestock, Peggy Pullum, Ken Rietz, and Jim Roosevelt and Ralph Blasier, all 1968 grads. Roger Crisman and Bob Hair,

juniors in last year's competition, competed in the contest again this year as seniors.

A new addition in the contest was the math team. Three seniors, Ray Kurz, Sue Picard and Cliff Walker were chosen by the Math Club as the DHS math team. The scores of the three seniors were recorded as a team to compete with similar math teams in the State. The schools in which all three members of the team qualify for Part II will enter the second round of competition.

Dearborn High students, percentage-wise, fared better than most. Statewide, only 44 per cent of the 25,000 had more than six correct out of a possible 30. At DHS, 64 per cent had more than six correct.

Two DHS students were among the top 92 last year. They were Tom Knauss, 29th, and Ken Rietz, 6th, both '68 grads.

Results of Part I of the Math Contest will not be known until December. The few who survive Part I will be taking Part II on Jan. 8.



Should the present grading system be abolished and only passing and failing marks be given?

Yes, because then parents wouldn't be on your back all the time. There is too much competition now.

Sandi Sullivan, 12B  
As it is now, students work for the grade, not for the education.

Donna Sapulski, 11B  
I think the present grading system should be abolished. However, in parentheses on your report card, a grade should be given so each person would know where they stand. The grade would not go on your record, though.

Nancy Gamrath, 12B  
No, it would be quite easy to get into college, then, and I think only those students with the highest of grades should get into college.

Janice Arcy, 10B  
I think a pass or fail mark would be a lot better. It would be less work for the teachers, and less pressure on the students.

Don Bedwell, 12B  
I think counselors should write to the colleges and explain the person's potential and say if the student is working up to it. Specific grades are not that important.

Diane Bean, 12B  
Grading should be abolished because a person's ability cannot be measured accurately and fairly by a simple letter mark.

Nancy Lenhart, 11B  
Yes, using only pass or fail marks would be a lot easier.

Bob Anderson, 12B  
No, because then there wouldn't be any meaning in a high school diploma. They would be too easy to get.

Sue Halwachs, 10B  
No, there is a finer graduation with letter grades.  
Victor Kowchak, 12B

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# Sex And The Single Student A Topic For Deep Discussion

We are faced with a revolution the likes of which the world has never seen before. The sexual revolution affects our generation so deeply that it cannot go unnoticed any longer.

Sex practices by teenagers must no longer be overlooked. It exists, and not only among college students.

As a University of Wisconsin student points out in a published study of pill usage, "There have always been girls who slept with boys out of wedlock. And not all of them have been at college. Our society, generally holds that sleeping---or as the legal terms it, "fornicating"--is a moral as well as a legal question.

But using birth-control devices is a good and wise thing to do if you are already situated where pregnancy is at stake. To get into bed is an ethical question. But once you're there, the decision to be safe has nothing to do with morals."

The revolution is about to explode into a major catastrophe. The "bomb" is not atomic, but rather chemical, and it does not kill, but only prevents birth. Without going into the moral aspects of the pill, still the impact on our generation remains to be discussed.

Since it is girls who are directly involved, perhaps this editorial should be directed toward them, for they are the ones who must make the big decision. For those who have not ruled themselves out of pre-marital sex, the question now becomes: "Do I want to take the pill OR risk pregnancy?"

The "love" game to many seems amusing and innocent, and, because of the pill, quite safe.

However, if the girl who decides not to take the pill becomes pregnant, problems mount. Girls must at this point ask themselves, "Could I with-

stand the psychological terrors of a pregnancy out of wedlock?" Most cases on record reveal that they can't, one of the reasons perhaps for the astonishing abortion rate.

Marriage, many times, is also not the answer, because the divorce rate for teenage marriages is three times higher than those in the 21-25 age bracket. Still 80 per cent of teenage brides are pregnant when they reach the altar!

Sex is fast becoming an open topic in everyone's discussions. This is good, for it helps to air teenagers' problems and questions concerning sex. To benefit from these conversations however, teens must first be knowledgeable about the topic. Education is again the answer.

Through education, starting at first grade and not tenth, students can become fully aware of what they are dealing with. Therefore, there should be no excuses from anyone about ignorance concerning sexual relations.

The question then arises as to who can teach it? Few teachers at DHS could give authoritative information concerning the whole area of sexuality without special training.

However, this should not stop the progress of sex education. The School Board should see that teachers become prepared, and proceed with a sex education program. Sex is a part of life and should not be degraded. But, teenagers must learn that to appreciate sex, it must first be understood.

As Henry David Thoreau said more than a century ago, "I lose my respect for the man who can make the mystery of sex the subject of a coarse jest, yet, when you speak earnestly and seriously on the subject, is silent."

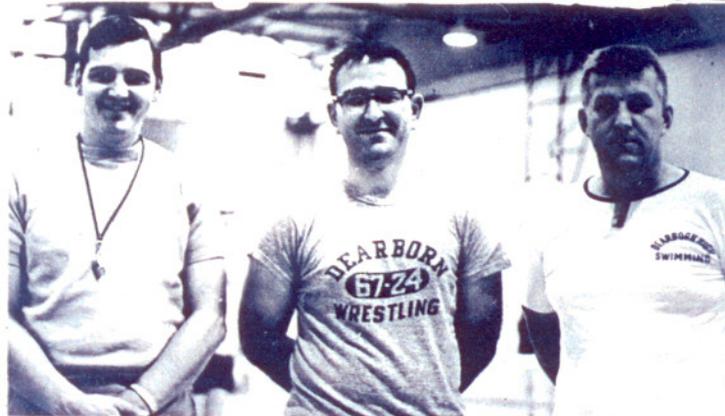


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DETERMINATION, effort, and the hopes of following in Coach David Frye's winning footsteps are displayed by the winter sports coaches, l. to r., Bill Rice, basketball; Ed Lanzi, wrestling; and Jack Johnson, swimming.

# Winter Sports Begin Practice; Attempt to Maintain Reputation

Optimism is the key word in winter sports at Dearborn High this year. Coaches and players feel that the coming season could be the most exciting ever seen here.

The wrestling team, coached by Mr. Ed Lanzi, began workouts in preparation for the first home meet on Dec. 10, against Livonia Franklin. Although the wrestling team does not have captains for the entire season, some of the boys to watch are seniors, Brent Bierwirth, Charles Calhoun, Chris Ford, Bill Young, Jim Zinnbauer, and juniors Dave Nichol and Dan Secrest. Mr. Lanzi regrets that the schools do not expose the boys to wrestling before they reach high school because he is forced to teach rather than coach and work with individuals. Mr. Lanzi feels that with the return of many of his good wrestlers, the help of Mr. Alan Harris, social studies teacher, and the modification of the wrestling room, this

year's team can maintain the reputation already established by our football and cross country teams.

This year's first swimming meet is Dec. 5 at Thurston against Thurston and Grand Blanc. Coach Jack Johnson feels that this year's team, captained by seniors Jon Goyert, Jerry Muske, and Eric Meyer, will do even better than last year's team. Dearborn will swim in the Royal Oak Relays Dec. 7, and at Ypsilanti Dec. 12. The Edsel Ford meet, which is at home this year, is Dec. 19.

Dearborn's first basketball game will be at Grosse Pointe Dec. 6. Due to the recent illness of Mr. James Vanderhull, Mr. William Rice, last year's J.V. coach, will coach the Varsity. Mr. David Frye will take over the Junior Varsity. Dearborn will witness its first home game Dec. 10 when the Pioneers play host to Waterford Mott.

# Teachers Pass Time Creatively With Hobbies

As hard as it may be to believe, teachers are human beings too. Teachers at DHS eat, sleep, work, and play, just like everyone else.

Some of the hobbies that can be found among teachers are a little unusual though. Herpetology, covered bridges, ham radios--- these are a few of the past times in which they indulge.

As one walks down the hall into room B-12, there is a fairly large green box on the desk covered with a wire top. On the side of the box a sign reads, "baby rattlers."

If a person has enough courage to look inside the box, he would find two small toys called rattles. This practical joke is a sample of Mr. Matthew Godfrey's sense of humor.

Mr. Godfrey, a biology teacher, is a herpetologist. However, he is intrigued by those long, slithering creatures called snakes.

Having visited places across the country which display snakes, he has also been on several expeditions for the purpose of catching snakes.

"I've been interested in snakes as long as I can remember," says Mr. Godfrey.

While walking down B-hall, a student may hear a strange rat-a-tat-tat. One may think the noise is a one idea Mr. Godfrey stresses is that most snakes are harmless and do more good than bad.

woodpecker, but there is no need to worry. It is only Mr. Gordon Bremenkamp, a ham radio operator practicing his Morse code.

Mr. Bremenkamp, a math and science teacher, has operated a ham radio since the age of 15, when he passed an examination and received

a license from the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C.

"The way I became interested in ham radios is rather funny. When I was young, I lived with my grandmother and listened to a short wave radio she had. The same four persons always talked back and forth, and I soon became interested in them. I wanted to talk to them, so I looked for someone who could help me become a ham radio operator."

Throughout the years, Mr. Bremenkamp has talked to people, by Morse code and microphone in 58 countries and all 50 states. He has spoken with such people as entertainment figure, Arthur Godfrey, and the operator of a ship which was passing through the Panama Canal.

Mr. Bremenkamp owns a piece of equipment called a phone patch. This gadget, when connected from the ham radio to the telephone, enables the operator to connect parents and relatives with their son or nephew who is in the service in some country as far away as Germany.



STUDENT Council President, Grant Hyatt, supervises Council members voting and their accomplishments, in the library, at the General Assembly last Thursday, Nov. 14.

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