

Novice Debaters Very Active, Alive and Winning at DHS

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Thanksgiving Baskets Huge Success: Confusion Arises Out of Contests

Baskets filled with vegetables, candy, staples, and turkey made 20 tables an awesome sight for deprived persons in the Dearborn area on Thanksgiving Day. DHS students were the generous contributors.

One day after the campaign for bringing in food was announced by the Red Cross, Liz Bryan, 12B Red Cross president from Mr. Robert Bridges' homeroom, traveled to Room 201, the Student Council homeroom. There she challenged Grant Hyatt, president, and his homeroom to a contest as to which room could collect the most food.

Nov. 27, the day all food was turned in, finally came, and the Student Council members brought their boxes filled with goodies down to Mr.

Bridges' room for an item count. BUT, Mr. Bridges, unaware of the contest, had already sent his boxes down to the Receiving Room.

Upon arriving back at their room, the boys found many students from all over the school, piling their boxes in front of Mr. Bridges' door.

Why? Well, the custodians, misunderstanding the boys' intentions, thought that all boxes were to be sent to the new "receiving room" and directed students to do just that.

Amidst all the confusion, the winner of the contest between the two rivals was never decided. However, Mr. Bridges thought differently, and was quick to paste letters on his door reading, "Still #1".

"The whole situation was really funny," President Grant Hyatt commented.

Another contest among students was executed between the homerooms of Mrs. Marie Mitchell and Mr. Frank Navarre under the direction of student teachers Mrs. Nancy Schieve and Mr. Bill Page. Controversy arose the day of decision, though, even with students from the two rooms counting each other's items.

Mrs. Mitchell's homeroom, coming out about 100 items ahead, was accused of various violations, one being that her homeroom received donations from a store. (This was true, although Mrs. Mitchell's students don't see anything illegal about that! Carolyn Alley and Elizabeth Alcamo, both seniors, obtained a number of items from Westborn's Kroger market, but the students insist that the items didn't come near to numbering 100.)

However, after the air had cooled a bit, Mrs. Mitchell's homeroom was proclaimed the winner, and the prize of a party will soon be awarded them by Mr. Navarre's students.

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QUESTION: How do you feel about inter-racial marriage?

I think that it's the cruelest thing you can do to children, because it displaces them from both races.

Kathy Chobot, junior
It's not my place to decide for any one else. Steve Bird, sophomore

I don't believe society would accept it.
Doug Koegn, sophomore
It's a bad idea because you get gray kids.
Gary Martin, junior

pulled to support those ideas which the debater puts forth. The object of a debate is to use the techniques of reasoning and analysis to prove one's stand.

Novice debaters' season lasts from October to December. They debate the same topic all season. This year's topic was, "Resolved: That the United States should establish a system of compulsory service for all citizens."



Photo by Bill Gardner

Preparing for their next debate are (l. to r.) Marsha McGraw, 10B, Mike Kirk, 11B, Cathy Copp and Martha Martini, both 10Bs.

Larry Bryk Leads Double Life; Has Joined Two Swim Groups

Larry Bryk, 12B, does two unusual things. One is being a member of the Synchronettes. The other is putting out a newspaper.

Joining Synchronettes was no problem--all he did was ask. He decided to join the otherwise all-girl group because "swimming is a clean sport, and it increased the amount of time I could be in the pool." Larry hopes to have an act in the year-end program put on by the Synchronized swimming group. He will definitely be in the opening and finale numbers.

Participating in synchronized swimming gives Larry, a member of the swim team, more practice time in the pool. Miss Johanna Hoover, sponsor of Synchronettes, appoints someone to teach Larry a few tricks.

If he performs well, Larry says, "They let me wander down to the other side of the pool to practice my flip turns."

Practicing flip turns has helped Larry on the swim team. He competes in distance freestyle and 15 flip turns are used per race.

What does Miss Hoover think of a boy in Synchronettes? "Great, it's just great!!"

Asked what he does during his spare time, Larry replies, "What spare time?" However, somehow he finds time to put out a paper, the MATHOM SUN. A mathom, Larry explains, is something you don't have any use for, but don't want to throw away. The MATHOM SUN has been published nine times, first starting in June of 1968. The latest edition was 25 pages long and sold for a quarter.

Every issue always has a pin-up dragon. Why a dragon? "I like 'em," replies Larry. Poetry, short stories, and several herblore stories have been included. Herblore is the study of herbs. Articles about this interesting topic have included, "How berries are gathered" and "Edible types of mushrooms."

Because Larry has so little time to spare, MATHOM SUN may not be seen for a time. But Larry has other bigger and better (?) ideas. He has plans to publish a comic book soon. It will be called, "The Adventures of El Brick."

Much is said about the experienced debaters, but little is said about the beginners. These novice debate members are the ones who go on to the Junior and Varsity teams.

Novice debaters are those who have had limited experience in the process of debate; some have never debated previous to this year.

Two mornings per week, from 7:45 to 8:30, the practicing debaters meet. There are no credits earned towards graduation by coming in on these two mornings. The only reward gained is a greater skill in the art of debate.

Debating is not a simple process. One must know his subject, and be able to back up his statements with evidence he keeps on cards.

A problem must first be stated, and then the process of debate begins. The problem or statement is resolved by having two sides, affirmative and negative, politely argue or debate. Evidence cards are

Mistletoe Sets Mood For Sponge Dance

Christmas will come to the Redwood Room tonight as Y-Teens present "The Night Before Christmas", their annual sponge dance.

Santa Claus will meet couples at the door and present the girls with favors from his bag of toys. Christmas trees and mistletoe will help set the mood, as couples in semi-formal dress, dance to the music of the Unrestricted, the band chosen for the occasion.

Refreshments will follow the theme of the dance as snow-cones and Christmas cookies will be served.

Festivities will start at 8:30. At 11:30 couples will head for their favorite restaurants with the boys awaiting their free dinners, as tonight is "Dutch" treat.

During lunch and after school today are the last chances to buy tickets. The cost is \$2.50 per couple.

Black Friday Holds Superstitions; Helpful Hints To Avoid Bad Luck

It's Friday the 13th again! Time of misery and woe to those who believe in superstition. Black cats and walking under ladders? Pshaw! That's oldstuff. Here are a few new superstitions to make your day more miserable.

If you trip on something, it is a sign of bad luck. The best thing to do in such a case is to get back and trip over it again.

When a ring on a finger has been wished on or was placed there by somebody else, it will bring bad luck if you allow it to be moved. In this case, it would be well to buy a ring several sizes too small so that the ring won't fall off. After the finger begins to swell and the finger must be cut off, remember at least it wasn't removed from the finger so bad luck won't come your way.

A good way to get rid of freckles is to go to a brook, catch a frog, and rub him on your face.

Eat poison ivy and it will never poison you afterwards. Needless to say, poison ivy can't poison a person after he's dead.

Carry an onion in your pocket and you will never have fits. Of course, you'll never have friends either.

Wear a tarred string around your neck to keep from catching contagious diseases and ever having a clean neck.

To get rid of a wart, steal a bean, split it, rub the wart with it, and throw it over your shoulder. At the same time say "Go art!", and the wart will leave you.

Follow these helpful hints faithfully and your Friday the 13th is guaranteed to be the best you've ever endured.



MAINTAINING a lead that brought him first place, is agile, DHS "butterfly", Jon Goyert, senior. Trying to close the gap is a Grand Blanc man, second, followed by a Thurston swimmer. DHS strokers followed suit by capturing the meet from both teams.

Cafe Mess Unnecessary Nuisance; Solution: New Growth of Maturity

Amidst the popping of milk cartons and the rumbling chants of the junior "men", the DHS student body feast upon its lunches. Second lunch hour victims spend time brushing off crumbs, throwing away milk cartons, and looking for a decent table to eat on. Third hour lunchers give up and add their trays and cartons to the piles already established. After an hour and a half the cafeteria is in utter shambles. Why? Is it necessary?

We had one chance to patrol ourselves, but it looks as though teacher supervision will be practiced again. Teachers are being paid to help us obtain knowledge, now show us how to clean up after ourselves. Maybe if students had to pay for these maid services, we would be more careful about where sandwiches, cartons, and trays are placed.

Schools all over Dearborn have these same lunch-room problems, but not as severely as we do.

Fordson has two teachers supervising the luncheon area, and they are pleased with this system.

Edsel Ford has five teachers patrolling their cafeteria. If the number of teachers seems excessive, so does the number of students who are dining. With only two lunch hours, 800 to 900 students are eating at one time. Litterbugs are punished by two weeks of "clean up" duty.

Why should teenagers leave their tables in shambles? Why should teachers be equipped with rags and mops to clean up the mess we've left?

No system is going to solve this messy situation, including teacher monitoring, unless DHS students decide to grow up and become mature men and women. Until this occurs, the battle to survive lunch hour will remain. Maybe we can perfect the art of dodging apples, grapes, and

milk cartons that are consistently flying through the air. A method for falling unharmed after slipping on sandwiches, banana peels, and spill milk, would come in handy also.

All I can say is... good luck fellow victims and curses, you spineless slops!

Staff Members See Red ; Finish Painting Little Room

"Black!"
 "Plaid!"
 "Checkered!"
 "Red... with yellow flames!" and the journalism students are creating again. Yes, the staff of that popular student publication, THE OBSERVER, decided that the little room next to A-1 where the paper is assembled was dull; too dull to provide them with the inspiration they needed. So under the supervision of Mrs. Marie "Don't paint the ceiling... not on the typewriter... you need more newspapers!" Mitchell, journalism teacher, the room is assuming a bright red color.

Why is the staff painting the room? "It was just too blah the other way," editor Chris Pawlik stated simply. "Besides, the staff is full of weirdos, and when we get together and get an idea, who knows what'll happen next?"

Hardly an hour goes by when somebody isn't sticking his head into the "red room" asking, "What is it?" The response is usually something like, "We're painting it in blood," but occasionally, one of the more helpful staff members takes the time to explain, "We're painting the room red."

Another new feature of the room, added to provide a atmosphere, is piped-in music, provided by Room A-1's own Sixth Hour Debate Class

Pool Dwellers Stroke To Winners' Circle

Enemy swim teams beware, for if the outcome of the initial DHS swimming meet is any indication of the rest of the season, Coach Jack Johnson's crew will levy havoc on many a school before the year has ended.

Last Thursday the Dearborn tankers, with a final tally of 66 points, bettered both Grand Blanc High School, with 60 points, and Thurston High School, with 42 points.

Pacing the team with firsts in butterfly, backstroke, and breaststroke were, respectively, seniors Jon Goyert, with a time of 58.8 seconds, and Jerry Muske, also with 58.8 seconds, and junior Steve Bachorik, with 108 seconds.

The medley relay squad, consisting of juniors Pete Davis, Dan O'Brien, Bachorik, and senior Goyert, also captured first place with a time of 1:49.4 seconds.

Two days later, the swimming team journeyed to Royal Oak to partake in the Royal Oak relays. DHS ended in a respectful eight place out of the 24 schools participating.

Although Dearborn took four firsts, it required the key finishes of Dean Breest, 11B, and Tim Ponta, 12B, to clinch the victory. Breest came in second in the butterfly while Ponta took third in the breaststroke giving Dearborn the winning margin.

JV Grinds Up Grosse Pointe; Varsity Cagers Look Ahead

There was no joy in Dearborn last Friday as the Pioneers opened their basketball season with an 85-50 loss to Grosse Pointe's Blue Devils. The Blue Devils opened the scoring on a free throw three minutes into the first quarter and continued to lead throughout the game. High scorer for DHS was junior Jack Lorente with 13 points.

In a fairly close contest, the Pioneers edged Waterford Mott last Tuesday by a score of 65-49.

Dearborn drew the first blood in this closely-knit contest on a short jump shot by junior Mark Packer.

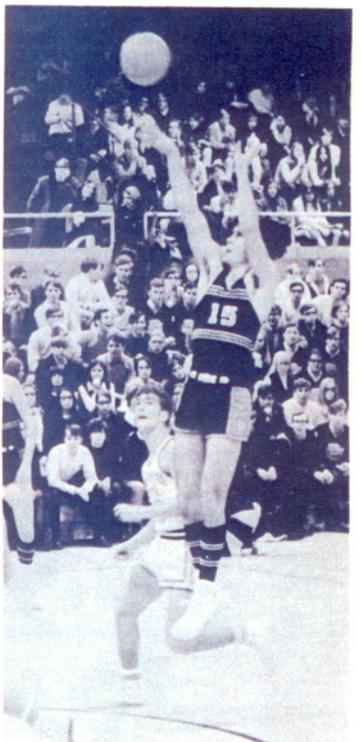
After a series of fumbles by Dearborn, Waterford Mott gained on the Pioneers to lead 18-16. From then

on, it was a game of give-and-take basketball, as the two teams traded basket for basket, foul shot for foul shot. With less than 30 seconds left in the half, Dearborn went ahead by one point and the score at the half was 25-24.

The third quarter proceeded much like the second, as the two teams continued to keep the fans on the edge of their seats.

The Pioneers stayed hot throughout the last quarter and ended the game by handing Waterford a 65-49 defeat. High scorer was again Lorente, this time with a total of 27 points.

Tonight the Pioneers will play Ypsilanti in their first league contest. At Ypsilanti, the JV game will start at 6:30 pm and the Varsity at 8 pm.



JUNIOR Jack (two-point) Lorente adds more points to the DHS score. Despite Jack's tremendous scoring power, the Pioneer cagers handed Grosse Pointe the game.