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Teachers Discuss Scheduling; Shorter Classes a Possibility

Modular scheduling and the reorganization of the school day was discussed at the Dec. 9 faculty meeting.

Mr. Lionel Guregian, chairman of the Social Studies Department, introduced several propositions for comment by the teachers. Presented for consideration were:

- 45-minute classes
- 5 classes and curriculum time for teachers
- 6 or possibly 7 classes for the students--not all classes to meet every day
- Non-professional duties not done by teachers. Hire additional personnel to cover duties.
- Day arranged so all departments have one hour per day when teachers in that department are free to meet together
- Homerooms become a part of one hour
- Independent study time a possibility for some students

"The 55-minute classes were originally employed so that the last 15 minutes of each class could be devoted to homework," said Mr. Guregian.

"Soon after this was established, however, it was clear that students could not get set up and settled down to work in that short time."

Mr. Guregian suggested that the extra hours would provide students with an extra elective and teachers with more planning time.

Although an extra elective for students would probably be added, no additional credits would be required to graduate.

"These classes will be added so that students can take classes they have always wanted, but never had time to take," Mr. Guregian commented.

Also, everyone, if they wished, could have a study hall.

Considering modular scheduling, several points were made by the faculty.

Mr. Leonard Mazur, principal, noted that with this system, students would have spare time which would necessitate provisions for types of activity, research, or relaxation.

At the end of the discussion, Mr. Elden Lossing, math teacher, suggested that each department discuss the proposals and bring any decisions to the January faculty meeting. The

rest of the staff agreed that this was a good idea.

Thus, any progress won't be known until next month.



Christmas Spirit Helps Others; Many Clubs Give Their Time

Many of the clubs at DHS show Christmas spirit with a service project. The projects range from caroling in nearby neighborhoods to giving parties at various institutions in the Dearborn area.

The American Field Service was the first DHS club to give a Christmas party. It was held Monday, Dec. 9 as 15 members and Santa Claus went to the Martin School for retarded children. AFS decided to have the Christmas project at the Martin School because four of its members, Katy Whiting and Carol Stribrny, 11B's, Marcia Brandenburg, and Suzy Valladares, 12B's, worked there last summer.

The club entertained about 30 children. The party lasted one hour. During the first half-hour, "Duck, Duck, Goose" was played in the activity room. The children went to a classroom where they enjoyed cookies and punch.

Gustavo Novillo, exchange student from Germany, sang and played his guitar for the children. While the children were eating, Christmas Carol (Carol Stribrny) announced Santa Claus (Dave Mincher, 11B) had arrived! Santa, who had a hearty "Ho ho ho" for everyone, gave each child a candy cane.

Health Careers Club is going caroling, as they did last year, at the Rehabilitation Center in Detroit. They will entertain patients of all ages, many of whom are victims of car ac-



Photo by Bill Gardner

SPREADING the Christmas cheer to nearby neighbors are Spanish Club members (l-r) Chris King, 11B, Gustavo Novillo, Suzy Valladares, Marcia Brandenburg, all 12Bs, Donna Pirek, 11B, Scott Askins, 12B, Lois O'Donahue, 12B, Jeff Pepper, 11B, and Barb Sproule, 11B.

Action Toys for Teens

Super Ideas Explode for Holiday

Today toy companies are booming with fantastic ideas and producing some of the most unusual and unbelievable toys ever. This Christmas Santa Claus will be putting under Christmas trees toys that put the usual "do-nothing" toys of the past out

of style. Toy makers this year have turned to automation as their "geared-up" machine-like dolls, and building kits with thousands of engineering parts and motors stack up high on the shelves in the toy stores.

The manufacturers are selling dolls that walk, roller skate, ride bikes, and talk; thingmakers that make all kinds of things from creepy people to flowers made from something called plastigoop; and slot car sets that can outrace and outstunt any previous models. Then, of course, there still is Barbie, that sexy teenager, and her boyfriend Ken, who still are the most popular dolls and the best sellers.

Teenagers are also getting in on the action by wandering through toy departments thrilled by the new creations. They peer into boxes and buy such "new fads" as yo-yos, frisbees, Super-Stuff, and skate boards.

New and exciting games this year are also "hooking" the adults. Monopoly is still a favorite, but the intriguing new war games, mystery games played in the dark, and electrical football and hockey games have gained avid fans.

Also very popular this year are the large games, like Twister, played by a group of people at adult parties and teen get-togethers.

This new era of toys has come a long way since the first handmade toys were put on the market. From The great competition of manufacturers, the toys will get even more spectacular by next year's Christmas.

cidents. Thespians will again be entertaining under-privileged children. They will present the same "Charlie Brown Christmas" as seen by Dearborn High students Dec. 18. Yesterday "Charlie Brown's Christmas" was performed in the kindergarten room at Salina School. Tomorrow they will again perform the play at the Evangelical Children's Home.



Mr. James Gamboe, auto shop teacher, is moving to Florida Dec. 20 and will not be able to complete the semester at DHS.

The senior class paper drive starts Jan. 3 and will continue through Jan. 10.

The Thespian's made \$120 on their Candy Cane Sale.

SENIOR CLASS COUNTDOWN

104 MORE DAYS

TO GO!!!!

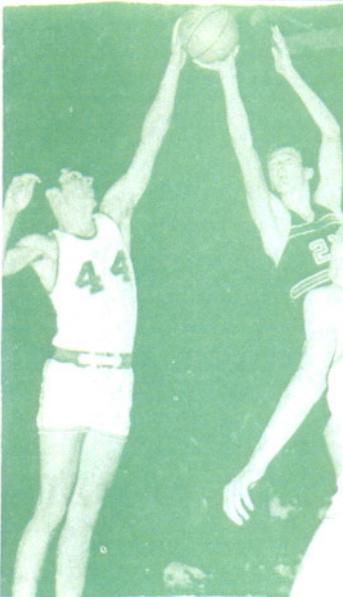


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LEAPING for the jump ball at the Ypsi game is DHS player no. 21, Bob Hasse, senior. Although the Pioneers seem to have control of the ball, they lost the game 41-74.

Sexy Hangers?

Sexy Hangers Indicate New Ideas in Gift Giving

Upon opening some of the presents under your Christmas tree this year, don't be surprised if clever old Santa Claus doesn't leave you with some gift gimmicks to brighten your Christmas spirit. Maybe a rag doll that really wets, or the new hip flip to make you the life of the party.

The subject of drinking and the role of the bartender are often good gift gimmicks.

For the man who is always serving drinks, buy him a bar on wheels equipped with a small car, shot glasses and his favorite type of liquor.

Present the traveling drinker the travel bar. Compacted into a small suitcase, it's the perfect thing for the man on the move.

Another gift gimmick idea would be a big glass that daringly says, "I bet you can't."

An ash tray with a man standing in a bar saying, "I have not bowled in years but my wife doesn't know it," is the perfect gift for the smoker -

bowler in the family.

Be different this year and buy unusual things for your family. But what to buy the teenager? Buy the male teen the sexy hangers guaranteed to turn them on or embarrass them in front of their girl friends. Be mean, buy a brother, who could care less about the Detroit Tigers, a sweat shirt that has American League

Champs written on it.

Know any hippies? Want to help them come back to the clean cut look? Give them a Schick retractable.

Are you the Scrooge type who tries to make someone unhappy over Christmas gifts? Wrap a piece of coal or some twigs in a box and write on it from Santa, and present it to your victim. If this does not make them mad nothing will.

Wondering what to give your mom or dad? Be different and chip in with the rest of the family and give dad a pool table so you can use it. Buy mom a Vedgeomatic so you can have french fries.

Christmas is for giving, so if you are ever desperate, give something little. If you are really desperate give someone \$5 and ask for \$1 change.

Grappling Meet Proves Success

"If these guys beat us, it's going to be a long year." With these words, wrestling coach Ed Lanzi sent his group of grapplers to the mats. If the results of Tuesday's meet provide an even near-accurate foreshadowing of the season, it indeed promises to be a quick one.

Although the victory over Franklin was anticipated, winning nine of the 12 matches on Dec. 10 was not. Credit for this conquest must be at least partially attributed to Coach Lanzi's ten-year experience as DHS wrestling coach. Lanzi does not practice milksop tactics and has never been known to mollycoddle the team, wrestlers point out.

The exhausting finish brought about the conclusive statistics, Dearborn 42, Franklin 8.

Our team went to the Garden City invitationals last weekend and met Wayne and Stevenson in away games on Dec. 17 and 19 respectively. They are also scheduled to appear at the HFCC Christmas invitationals on Dec. 23.



EMBARRASSMENT is dropping your Virginia Slims in the boys john.

SURPRISE is finding Quasimoto in your bell bottoms.

MISERY is your meat loaf breathing.

TERROR is hearing your dentist scream.

MISERY is finding out you are the establishment.



W. C. Fields once said that any man who hates dogs and small children can't be all bad. Pooh pondered this point and decided that W. C. was not exactly right--some of Pooh's best friends are dogs. But it's not the dogs that concern him so much, it's the children.

With the generation gap greater than ever, Pooh feels that if W. C. were alive today (may he rest in peace) he would have many friends. After a lengthy consultation with Pooh Corner's leading authority on children, Rabbit, Pooh thinks he has the solution: He would set up a world-wide agency known as Rabbit's Rent-A-Human. This agency would serve many purposes, the first being a solution for the generation gap.

If parents wanted children, they would simply go to the nearest Rabbit's Rent-A-Human and pick out a beautiful, cuddly, little child.

However, as we all know, children have the habit of growing up. As we also know, once children grow up, they become grown-up children, i.e. teenagers. At this stage in life, these children are often called "obnoxious" or termed "hippies".

Pooh suggests that parents quit having children (touchy subject) and take advantage of Rabbit's Rent-A-Human. Then, if the cuddly, little babies become obnoxious hippies, all you would have to do is take them back for a trade-in.

Rabbit's Rent-A-Human would specialize in Get-It-Here, Leave-It-There service. This will come in handy on vacations, because of the expense. If you decided to take a child on a vacation, and then found yourself short on cash, you'd just drop him off at the nearest rental agency.

Pooh supposes you're wondering what happens to all the obnoxious hippies. Well, Pooh has the answer for that one, too, by cracky. Once parents turn in their children for trade-ins, the obnoxious hippies are rehabilitated and turned into decent members of the affluent society.

Now, Pooh asks the musical question: Have you ever moved into a new neighborhood or gotten a new boss and needed some way to impress them? Well, friends, Pooh has the answer. You would once more take advantage of

Rabbit's Rent-A-Human. The first step is to plan a party. The second step is to distinguish what kind of party you want. For example, if you live in the Haight-Ashbury district and you are a middle-aged fogey, you would want to impress the people who live around you. So, you would go to RRAH and rent 25 screaming, passionate traded-in hippies from the Obnoxious Hippie Department, run by Bill Joe Rabbit--more simply OHD of Billy Joe. You'll be surprised how impressed your neighbors will be.

On the other hand, if you're a hippie or a bum and need middle-aged fogies and members of the affluent society for the same purpose, you can rent them. To keep up with the gimmicks, RRAH will throw in one bottle of champagne free with every five fogies.

Pooh hopes he has enlightened your thinking and also wishes everyone, everywhere, a merry and peaceful Christmas.

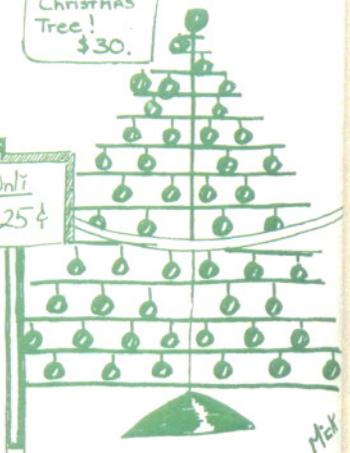
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