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Participating in the Dearborn High an' Detroit Northwestern High ex- change day sponsored by DECA, Jan. 16 are Jan Bethman, DHS senior, and Brenda Washington, Northwestern junior.

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## Bachman, Jones Commended For Outstanding Achievement

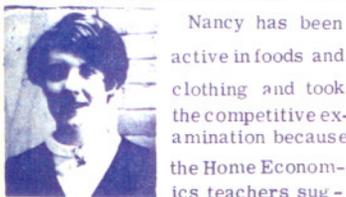
Titles of Outstanding Y-teen in Western Wayne County and Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow became honors two weeks ago for Sue Bachman and Nancy Jones, both seniors.

Sue Bachman, winner of the Outstanding Y-teen Award, first became interested in Y-teens as a sophomore.

Sue was selected by a panel of judges who evaluated her through her application. It included information about her activities in her church, school, scholastic achievement, and YWCA.

Points were given for each section of her entry. Sue, being the only girl to receive at least 130 points, received the award Jan. 21 at the annual Y-teens meeting.

Also emerging as a winner, Nancy Jones was chosen Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow from DHS.



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Nancy has been active in foods and clothing and took the competitive examination because the Home Economics teachers suggested that all seniors do so, in the hopes of having a state winner from DHS.

The test not only deals with cooking and sewing terms but practically every area of home management.

Now, Nancy will compete for the state-wide contest. Each state winner receives a \$1,500 scholarship and an expense paid tour of the east-

ern United States. Should Nancy win again, she would continue her competition for the national scholarship.

### George Goes to Cuba

## Plane Taking Foreign Students to Miami Hijacked

"Please fasten your seatbelt" flashed on as the jetliner was pulling into the Miami airport Jan. 11. Suddenly the plane lifted into the sky again. The airplane was filled mostly with Youth For Understanding students who were coming to spend some time in the United States with an American family. One member of the group on the airplane was Jorge (George) Lopez whose destination was Dearborn High. The plane flew up, for it was being hijacked.

George and the others sitting in the rear of the plane, however, did not realize that the plane was being hijacked. Therefore, he was a little surprised to see that "Miami" (actually Havana) had so few tall buildings and looked so poor. Still, George thought, the airport might be some distance from Miami.

There was a sign at the airport saying 'hello' in Spanish and English. George thought it was very nice of the "Americans" to put up the sign welcoming the YFUers. (Youth For Understanding students.) Then George saw the next part of the sign. It read "to Cuba", and it was then he realized the plane had been hijacked.

One of the first things George noticed was the large number of soldiers at the airport. Cuban authorities told the group they would not be able to leave Cuba that night since the Havana airport was too small for the plane to take off safely. The group

# Narcotics Concern Intensifies As Drug Education Develops

Programs are being planned by school officials and faculty members to enable discussion concerning the mounting drug usage among DHS students.

The first of many programs planned by school officials was the Jan. 14 teachers' meeting. School was dismissed at 2:30 p. m. so that teachers could discuss the effects of narcotics and reasons for their increasing availability and usage.

The teachers' meeting was highlighted by a lecture by Dr. Clyde Simpson, a psychiatrist from Lafayette Clinic in Detroit.

Other speakers included Dearborn Chief of Police John O'Reilly, a sergeant from the Dearborn Police Narcotics Bureau, a pharmacist, and Dr. Marie Skodak, director of psychological services for the Dearborn Schools.

Teachers were given time to ask questions of all speakers.

Teachers will not be the only people involved in drug programs. Miss Johanna Bielecki, DHS social worker, described three facets of

the educational programs presently being planned.

"The first step in curbing the mounting number of drug users is to educate all students and to help

all those already involved," she commented. "Committees have been formed to initiate programs for teachers, parents, and students. We are hoping students will help in planning these."

A session for students, later this month will feature pharmaceutical students from Wayne State University.

After gathering in the auditorium, students will break up into seminar groups with the WSU students. No teachers will be present at the seminars.



Applications are still being accepted for the Southeastern Michigan Golden Gloves Tournament. For complete information contact Art Mahlebashian at 894-2950.

DHS will present its annual winter concert this Sunday. The concert band and symphony orchestra will be featured at the 4 p. m. performance. Admission is 50 cents.

would leave from the airport at Varadero the next morning. During the time the YFUers were in Cuba, they were taken on a tour of Havana.

After getting off the plane, the students were given sandwiches and cigarets. After they were finished eating, four busses were waiting to take the group on a tour of Havana.

What impressed George the most was the University. "It was very modern," he remarked. While at the University, student guides gave the YFUers a tour of the University and then invited them to ask questions about Cuba.

This was a frustrating time for George and his group since it was hard to get a straight answer to a question. George complained, "The answers we got did not answer the questions we asked." Some of the questions which the YFUers never got a satisfactory answer for were,

"Why doesn't the government allow people to leave Cuba freely?" and "Why do people want to leave Cuba?"

After the group left the university, they took a four hour bus ride through parts of Havana and then along the sea to Varadero. George thought the bus trip was "very nice, but I could not see too much because it was dark and it was raining."

The airport was located at Varadero, and the group spent the night there. The hotel was "very comfortable", and the students slept three in a room. They ate dinner and breakfast at the hotel. During dinner, the Youth For Understanding students saw a show put on for them complete with singers and dancers.

The next morning the students left Cuba after breakfast. This time the plane landed safely in Miami. George then boarded a plane which brought him to Dearborn and a home with the Herbert Andrew family.



After receiving a warm welcome in Havana, Cuba YFU students board a plane bound for the United States.

# DHS Defeated by No. 1 Ypsi In Best Performance of Season

Warning! Beware, Edsel Ford, the Pioneers are out to get revenge! Not only will the Pioneers be out to trounce the T-Birds but tonight will travel to Melvindale and try to repeat an earlier victory against the Cards.

Behind the support of a large Parents Day crowd last Friday, the Pioneers put together their best per-

formance of the 68-69 campaign but lost a hard fought game 72-62 to the number one high school team in the state, Ypsilanti.

At first, it appeared that it just wasn't going to be Dearborn's night to shine. The basketball players had trouble pinning the corsages on their mothers' who had boldly sacrificed a night at bridge to watch their sons play. Also, junior Jack Lorente gathered the attention of the whole team and crowd by losing a contact lens. There was a mass search before the lens was found.

But the Pioneers put things together and came back from a 38-26 half time deficiency to come within six points in the fourth quarter before bowing to the strong Ypsilanti team.

In a home game two weeks ago, the Pioneers rallied to dispose of Wayne Memorial 65-61 in overtime. Jack Lorente was again high scorer for the Pioneers with 21 points. But it was senior Tom Reeser who added four crucial points in overtime that was the difference in the outcome of this "must" game for Coach Bill Rice's crew.

"Would everyone please move to the center of the stands. There are more people who would like to get in and see this game," explained the P. A. announcer. People were sitting on each others laps, on the gym floor, and jammed altogether just to see the Pioneers and T-Birds play basketball three weeks ago in the Edsel gym. The Pioneers might choose to forget this game, as the T-Birds trimmed Dearborn 67-62. All the noise and racket along with Edsel's center Ken Cornell were too much for the Pioneers to tangle with. Junior Jack Lorente scored more than half of Dearborn's points in leading all scorers with 33 points.

## Changes Needed Now!

# Dearborn's "Standstill" Curriculum Studied

"The Dearborn school system used to be known for advanced experimentation and innovation in the curriculum, but today it seems that these advances have slowed to a standstill," said Grant Hyatt, chairman of the newly-founded curriculum study group.

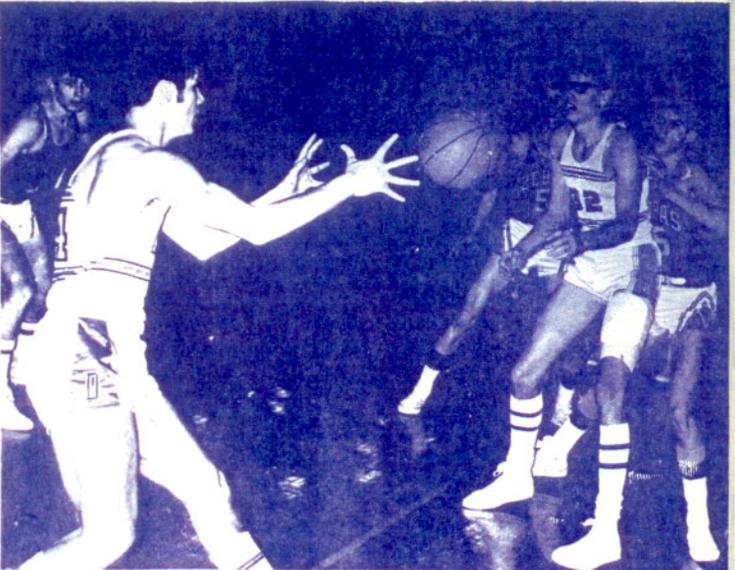


Photo by Dave Jones

PASSING the ball to Mark Packer #32 is Jack Lorente #14 in the victorious defeat of Wayne, 65-61, Jan. 24, at Dearborn. DHS is now 2-3 in the Sauk Trail League after losing to Ypsi.

# Club Hopes to Promote Racial Understanding

"Most students in our club are really concerned with improving inter-racial understanding," said Mark Eastman, president of the Racial Club which was formed last month.

An outgrowth of a Student Council committee that undertook the Negro problem, the 15-member Racial Club, is striving to further expand the initial work of the Student Council. Members feel that clarifying the Negro's role in society introducing supplementary material in history courses on the Negro can best be accomplished through a separate, more specialized group such as theirs.

These goals, along with promotion of exchange days and reduction of discrimination in Dearborn, are

large undertakings, but President Mark Eastman, Vice-President Lee Wolak, Secretary Val McNay, and Treasurer Teresa Raftary feel confident that it will only be a matter of time and hard work before they can be attained.

The initiative of the Racial Club is further exemplified in the fact that it has not confined itself to concern merely on a local level. It has made it its business to attend Tuesday evening meetings of the Students Organized Against Racism (SOAR), hoping to learn more.

Mark further emphasized that the purpose of the club was not to preach or force integration but rather to further an understanding of the inter-racial problems.

# Light Show Beams Happening at DHS

Lights turned off. Students turned on. The floor vibrated. The Commercial Art Light Show and Happening had begun.

Under the guidance of Mr. Jack Martin and Miss Jeri Collins, the Commercial Art classes combined films with music. One film was a massive view of color set to the computer music of "Switched On Bach". Other films ranged from "Eat The Bun Bar" to "Frog" to deer in the forest with a ranger--the music from Beatles to Bach.

Using overhead projectors, a huge picture of Jimi Hendrix was spotlighted on the auditorium walls. The Beatles, as they appeared in "Yellow Submarine", also danced across the walls on a cloud of Love.

Lights turned off for a few seconds, then the Past Blues band came on. The entire auditorium vibrated with their music. As they played, lights and films zoomed across the stage.

Now it was time for softness. Two talented DHS folk singers, Carol Burkhardt, senior, and Cecilia Martin, junior, sang. Films of wild colors danced around them. More vibrations, more lights, then darkness.

Also participating in this "Happening" were Mrs. Joanne Kraft's drama students. They performed a skit called "The Leader", in which the main emphasis was placed on audience participation. The actors were waiting for the "leader" to come. "The Leader is coming! The Leader is coming!", they would shout across the stage, the audience also. When the leader finally did come, he was headless.

Lights, music, films, audience participation--that's what made the "Light Show and Happening" happen at DHS on Jan. 22.



Photo by Mark Lein

TUNING their amps at the Light Show, Jan. 22, l. to r. are Keith Browne, Rick Brooks, Gary Shalagian and Paul Waldecker, juniors, of "The Past



EATING soup with chopsticks.  
BEING mugged by an old lady.  
HAVING your brand new Rolls-Royce being smashed by a VW.  
PUTTING a dime in the apple machine, only to get a raisin.

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