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## Two Seniors Receive Awards From DAR and Optimist Club

Recently honored for patriotism and personal achievement were Betsy Todd and Bill Young, both seniors

Betsy was informed by her counselor that she had been selected by



to represent Dearborn High for the Daughters of the American Revolution award. The award is based on

good citizenship and patriotism. Also taken into consideration are respect for school rules and the law.

Betsy was asked to fill out a questionnaire, similar to a government test, and combined with a test on the American Revolution. She had no time to study and found that many questions required knowledge of world leaders.

Bill, co-captain of the wrestling team, member of Student Council and National Honor Society, was named by the Optimist Club of Dearborn to receive an award for personal

#### Staff Accommodates **Enlarging Interests**

As the interests of Dearborn High expand so must the news coverage. With these interests in mind, The OBSERVER will feature its new fourpage edition for the first time on Feb. 21. This edition will be published once a month and the usual two-page edition the rest of the

The paper will consist of news, editorial, features, and sports. To the relief of the sports department, a whole page of sports will appear in the editions. Another added attraction will be an area set aside for letters to the editor. The policy for these letters will be as follows:

May deal with issues the writer feels strongly about.

• Must be signed (names will be with-

held on request). •Must be no longer than 300 words,

and all letters may be cut. •Must be received by the OBSERVER

staff (Via Mrs. Marie Mitchell's box) no later than Monday before the issue it is intended to appear in.

Because of limited printing facilities at DHS, the OBSERVER'S fourpage edition will be set up at Dearborn and then sent to Fordson High School where the plate-making and offset printing will be completed.

achievement. The awards climaxed Youth Appreciation Week which commends youth for its activities at home, school, and church. The Optimist Club

works closely with



BILL

youth and presented seven awards. Assistant Principal Thomas Mc-Lennan was Bill's teacher sponsor and was on hand when Bill received his citation. Among the other schools whose students received awards were Divine Child, Edsel Ford, and Sacred Heart.

dents at the last dance. The dance and exciting experience for all DHS will last from 8:30 p. m. to ll:30 p. m. students and others with a guest in the Redwood Room. Jan Gaiefsky Portrays Blind Girl In Production of "Miracle Worker"

Lil Abner Hosts Saturday Fling

March 27, 28, and 29, are the dates set for this years' all school play, "The Miracle Worker".

Two dances, one tonight and one tomorrow night, will brighten the

Playing at tonight's dance is "Noah". Many stickers have been

appearing around school pertaining

A light show will also be featured

at the dance costing 50 cents with an

to put on this first holiday dance of

the new year. Proceeds will be split

between the two clubs for future club

Tickets will be sold at the door

due to the good conduct of the stu-

activity ticket and \$1 without. A FS and Red Cross will join efforts

weekend at DHS

to the group.

projects.

The true story of Annie Sullivan's struggle to get through to the blind and deaf Helen Keller, this year's play should prove to be an unusually exciting one.

Jan Gaiefsky, junior, has been

cast in the role of Helen Keller. Betsy Todd, senior, will play her teacher, Annie Sullivan. Both girls are observing blind and deaf children to help them with their roles. Betsyl and Jan are also learning the hand sign language of the deaf.

On Saturday evening the male stu-

dents of DHS can sit back and watch

the girls struggle with the tedious

preparations of the date. The longawaited Sadie Hawkins Dance will

start at 8:30 p.m. and last until ll:30 p.m.

will be sold after school and at the

YWCA on Monroe, where the dance

The "Hollow Ground" will be fea-

The occasion, calling for sports

tured. It is expected that there will

be a large turnout as previous years

dress, could turn out to be a new

have shown.

Tickets are \$1.50 per couple and

The part of Helen Keller will be extremely difficult as Jan must condition herself to be "blind" with her eyes open, and not to hear an sudden noises that could cause her to turn her head.

Captain Keller will be played by Grant Hyatt, senior, and Sue Hahn, senior, will play his wife, Katie Keller. Their son, James Keller, will be played by Tom Mead, junior.

Supporting roles will be played by Nancy Niparko, Fred Shelly, Chris Petix, Andy Kokas, and Mark Jansma, all iuniors.

The set for the play will be unusual as a real water pump is needed on stage. The set will be two stories

Tickets will be sold by members of the cast during school and at the Tickets will be \$1 with an activity ticket and \$1.50 without.

## National Honor Society Expands; Thirty Join "Veteran" Members

Dearborn High's Chapter of the National Honor Society has selected 30 new senior members.

To become a member of the Society, the student must have a good academic record (3.00 and higher) and must be active in school events. The 33 veteran members of the Society were chosen as 11A's. Each semester 5 percent of the IIA, 12B and 12A classes are invited to join the society.

Four Society members, initiated as 11A's, are finalists for the National Honor Society Scholarships. They include William Black, Peter Carlton, Debra DeBoer and Christine Norden, all seniors. In previous years, DHS has had only two finalists for the scholarships. Four is the highest number Dearborn has had.

Newest Society members include William Black, William Bretz, Leslie Caddy, Patricia Caldwell, Margaret Celeskey, James Curtiss, Michael Flegle, Robert Hasse, Fred Hoadley and William Jacob.

More are Betty Jacobs, Janine Jenkins, Nancy Jones, William Kaempfer, Gary Kuch, Fred Morga, Brad Mortz, Elizabeth Newberg, Susan Pichette, Betsey Price, Alice Reith, and Lynn Rupe.

Others include Cynthia Sartor, Sharon Savchetz, Alexis Smith, Baiba Steppe, Donald Stinar, William Valentine, William Youmans and William Young.



Photo by Dave Jones

WAITING their turn to sign this year's National Honor Society scroll are (left to right) Cynthia Sartor, Bob Hasse, Fred Morga, and Margaret Celeskey, all seniors.

### Questions Initiate New Drug Column

Coming soon! Future issues of the OBSERVER will feature a question and answer column dealing with drugs, their uses, effects and "moral" and legal implications, among other things.

This is how it works. Anybody may submit any legitimate question about drugs to the specially marked box in the general office. Those deemed the most relevant or informative will be printed and answered in certain editions of the paper.

Helping to provide answers will be Johanna Bielecki, social worker, Shirley Mongiat, school nurse, and Sgt. Harry Hahn from the narcotics squad of the Dearborn Police Depart-

All

# Level of Education Weakened; Students, Faculty Beg for Space

You don't have to go to Appalachia to see kids being deprived of the education they deserve, or to Detroit's Inner City to see overcrowded class-rooms and students being refused admission to classes they want because of lack of space. Look around you. Students and teachers alike are

feeling impact of the 325 "extra" people at DHS. Originally planned for , 200 when it was built in 1958, DHS became "overcrowded within two years after it opened," according to Mr. Richard Welch, chairman of the science department.

The School Board talked and stu-lied...and studied and talked. inally in 1963, a new wing was added, increasing the school's capacity to 1,675. It helped some, but was hardly adequate for an evergrowing student body.

Today, Dearborn High's capacity is still 1,675. Yet they manage to pack nearly 2,000 of us in

It's unfortunate that a person has to write a theme in English class



Pooh, on a recent trip to the northern part of Scandinavia, met several new friends. These new friends were small, furry, and slightly insane, which made Pooh all the more excited about meeting them. These little animals are called lemmings.

Lemmings live in the northern regions of our world, and are covered with white fur. Every few years these lemmings run toward the sea, jump off the cliffs and drown. Pooh was fascinated with this new pastime. However, when the silly bear tried it, he only floated.

Pooh, after losing all his newfound friends to the tide, hurried hometotell all his old friends about his experience. Pooh thought nothing more of the strange race to the sea, but Piglet immediately formulated a plan, which he will present as a money-raising project for the Student

On one fine summery day, when the wind is not too strong, members of the student body could dress up like lemmings and meet on the hill overlooking the baseball diamond. On signal, the pseudo-lemmings could race toward the Rouge.

The first lemming to reach the surging tide would win an official lemming life raft. The second prize would be a lemming snorkel, and the rest would get what they deserve.

This race would have many longrange effects

First of all, it would solve the pressing problem of overcrowded

Secondly, there seems to be some doubt as to how many students are potheads at DHS. Pooh feels a race of this sort would clear up any sus-

Pooh hopes the Student Council will be able to use Piglet's idea, and anyone who is interested in a race such as this, may put his name and grade in the Pooh Bear Lounge.

using a bumpy, wobbly music stand for a desk (the teacher has no desk at all.) But somewhere along the line they ran out of English rooms, so the band room is having to do for a while.

Science facilities are sadly lack-Science teachers need science rooms for lesson preparation involv-ing experiments and demonstrations. Yet, there is not one hour of the day that a science room is vacant for that purpose.

We'd like to have a room where students could do individual science studies, "says Mr. Welch, "But as It is now, we teachers don't even have an open science room for our prepperiod, much less an open room for the students."

Suffering most from the over crowded conditions at DHS along with the Science Department are the Art Department, the Homemaking Department and the Industrial Arts Department partment. "Art is a good example." explains Principal Leonard Mazur. "Twelve art classes per day should be allowed for the facilities--six hours, two classes per hour. This semester we have 21."

He added that art is one of the most frequently requested classes at DHS. Counselors must refuse many students requesting it because all art courses are full.

Let's schedule zero hour classes and perhaps some 7th hour (3:30-4:30) classes. We have the time, and at those hours, we even have the room.

Talking and studying helps, but we need action. Perhaps if members of the School Board could come to DHS for a day and be squashed and shoved and trampled with the rest of us-maybe write a theme or two on a music stand and assemble a physics demonstration in a stuffy, crowded storage room--maybe then we'd get

Talk and study can suggest a million remedies, but action is what is needed! As Mr. Arthur Brown, physics teacher (taxpayer and parent, too), puts it simply, "Do it! Do it!

The Pioneers are angry. They're

starving for victory--and you can

believe it'll show against Edsel Ford

next Friday night as the DHS Cagers

seek to chew up the T-Birds, keep-

ing in mind an earlier season loss

But the Pioneers have further

cause to be eager. They have suffer-

ed upset defeats in their last two

games, losing both by five points or

Against Melvindale last Friday, the

Pioneers grabbed an early 8-2 lead,

and by surrending the lead only once

throughout the game, appeared to

control the entire contest. But with

only 20 seconds remaining, the Cards

stole the ball and tied the score,

A series of fouls by both teams

caused the score to seesaw. First,

Jack Lorente, a junior, sank the shot

he was awarded, to make the score

Next a Melvindale man netted both

of his free throws to put the Cards

56-55. Dearborn.

in front, 57-56.

to them.



MAN against man; Pioneer wrestler Gary Kolhaas, senior, and Edsel Forthe U Matman Dennis Abraham match strength. duced

#### Poor Turnouts Dismay Coaches Control Grapplers Need School Supportiz at

"Sit on him!"

"Roll out!"

"Hold him!"

"Pin, pin, pin, pin, ..."

The roar of the crowd is deafening as they watch the two wrestlers struggling in deep combat.

"Three, two, one..." The buzzer sounds, indicating the end of that period, and the boys untangle themselves, ready for another go.

This was just a fraction of some of the action that went on at the wrestling match between Dearborn High and Edsel Ford High on Thursday, Feb. 6. Yet, Edsel's turnout far exceeded any turnout that Dearborn has had for this entire season, according to senior Charlie Callison.

"I'm disappointed," said Mr. Al Harris, social studies teacher. "I think with a little school spirit we could have a good team." Although

Ten seconds showed on the clock.

Lorente dribbled downcourt, and

with only four seconds left, was a-

gain fouled. and awarded one shot.

A tie would throw the game into over-

time, giving the Pioneers three more

Lorente missed. But Tom Reeser

grabbed the rebound and sunk it for a

58-57 win -- or did he? Over the

clamor of the crowd, no buzzer was

heard. It appeared to be a Dearborn

victory, for both referees called the

basket good! Because the scoreboard

remained 57-56, Melvindale, while

refs were still signaling the Dear-

born basket good, both Pioneer and

Cardinal fans became heaped in con-

After a long discussion between the

refs and the timers, the game was

decided in favor of Melvindale. It was

established that Reeser's basket had

come after the buzzer. As a result,

Tuesday, Dearborn was defeated

Although a well matched game, the

Pioneers were plagued by late game

Dearborn lost the game, 57-56.

fusion. Who had won?

by Stevenson, 77-72.

minutes to win.

birth Mr. Harris is a voluntary coach holde he comes to every meet to he per c Coach Ed Lanzi encourage our grapa star plers to victory.

Both Coach Lanzi and Mr. Harriannus agree that the team could be muc better. "They're all fine kids," sai a seat Coach Lanzi, "but we have no bione-t kids. Although I'd have to give the cards an 'A' for effort, our weights ar honor inexperienced."

"Wrestling is not a glory sporline here," said Mr. Harris. "At Ypsi has se people would rather wrestle than pla Wind basketball. We have to generate in terest first before we can produce In good team. The right kids just aren hawk coming out," he continued. "Ther has to be interest before you ca and s itseli create excellence.

Dearborn lost to Edsel in the Feb. Flight match by a score of 25-17. And Kokas, junior, made the only pin for some DHS in a time of 1:31. Callison score Fligh eight individual points, the highes on the team.

Other team scorers were Dan Sec rest, Ric Rhodes, and Dave Nichol

## Double Defeat Upsets Cagers; Seek Revenge Against Edsel!

last Thursday, Dearborn tanker the p put up a proud fight, but bowed to Only Edsel Ford in a close knit struggle they;

the pace in the first part of the meel were Jon Goyert, senior, Pete Davis and Steve Bachorik, juniors, and Ewalt Schultz, sophomore. Their time for the 200-yd. medley relay was 1:47.6 seconds.

other first for the Dearborn squad in the 100-yd. backstroke with a time of 102:2 seconds, followed by Davis with a time of 103:9 seconds.

In diving, Dearborn fell to third and fourth places under a team of Ross Mainwaring, junior, and Mike

Another Pioneer first was made by Eric Meyer, senior, in the 50-yd. freestyle event with a winning time of 24.3 seconds.

The next home meet is tonight against Trenton.

### DHS Starts Well: Succumbs to Edsel

Swimming before a capacity crowd

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