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Presenting their motto, 'Up With People', the International Sing-Out group this un-performed March 4 for DHS students in the auditorium. The purpose of the program was to better the world and all people through positive demonstra -

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As Curriculum Widens Scope have a wide variety of classes to

choose from when planning their next semester's schedules.

Courses have been added and still more are being planned.

The former Social Studies III course required of all 10th grade students has been dropped to junior high level. However, one semester of social studies is still required in senior high.

Incoming 10th graders will be able to choose among U.S. Cultural History, U.S. Foreign Policy, U.S. in Perspective, and Geography.

Sociology and Personal Living, a more specialized course in family living than Sociology, are also avail-

New 11th grade students may choose the survey courses offered now. There are two semesters of required llth grade social studies, and if one chooses one survey course, he must choose the other.

Other courses available to juniors are U.S. Cultural History, U.S.

spective.

Social Studies Classes Added

Required still for seniors are Economics and Government.

Besides taking the required classes, students in all grades may elect any of those courses listed above under the 10th grade. Seniors may also elect Psychology.

The U.S. Cultural History course will center around the theme, "The Worth and Dignity of Mankind". Such topics as civil rights, protest movements, social reforms, and penal institutions will be studied.

Starting with the War of 1812 through the Cold War today with Vietnam, students choosing the U.S. Foreign Policy course will learn how the American government for med its policies and carried on relations with other countries.

U.S. in Perspective will deal with the Impact on Society of such things as immigration, industrial development, creative art, labor, and science and technology.

In the future, four more classes will be offered as electives in the social studies field. These are Great Men of U.S. History, Contemporary U.S. Problems in a World Setting, History of Minorities, and Urban Affairs.



Start saving your old clothes! Spanish Club will be collecting clothes for needy families in Mexico. For more information contact Spanish Club President Alexis Smith or any Spanish Club member.

Seven or eight students from Senior Honor's English classes will be going to New York City March 14-16 to see "The Canterbury Tales". A few of the students will also view the Broadway play "Hair".

Miss Linda Wood of Wayne and a senior at Central Michigan University, is student teaching for Mrs. Marianna Fisk in the English department.

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For a change, Dearborn High and Edsel Ford will team together in a group effort. DHS and Edsel will combine with other area high schools in a service project to supply clothing for Vietnamese orphans.

Competing for National Merit Scholarships are finalists Rick Dickieson, Debbie Deboer, and Jim Curtiss, all seniors. Winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, renewable for four years.

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Fifteen thousand finalists are competing for 1,000 scholarships.

Dearborn High School **Boundary Change Possible**

Solution Sought For Enrollment Problem

out their Asmall but concerned group gathbecome ered in the O. L. Smith School audiat DHS. torium on March 4. The crisis of ms to be over-enrollment currently tacing ing. His DHS and Edsel Ford was discussed.

in fact, Mr. John Romanow, area III admember ministrator, told of his recommenstraight dation. The goal of his plan is to of the equalize the enrollment between DHS and last and Edsel Ford. This would be ao Inter. chieved through a boundary change affecting 76 students from Smith

Junior Chosen For Girls State

ving the When summer vacation begins this appear- June, Nancy Lenhart, junior, will be school? on her way to the University of Michi-3 of our gan, in Ann Arbor, to attend Girls at's in- State to learn about the functions of matters government.

Nancy was unanimously chosen by Student Council to represent Dearborn High at the week long semi-

The purpose of Girls State is to teach girls from all over the state about different levels of government and to give them a chance to set up actual local,



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state, and national governments. Delegates will study the structure, and then a ctually experience such

things as running for an office, elections, and carrying out the duties in their respective offices.

Nancy was surprised when she was nominated, but she is looking forward to it with great enthusiasm.

Last year DHS was represented by Chris LaBeau, senior.

Junior High. These 76 students will attend Edsel Ford rather than Dear-

The new boundary would be Oxford Avenue. Those living north and on Oxford would attend DHS. Those on the south side would go to Edsel Ford. Currently, the northern boundary is Union Street.

This recommendation was considered at a meeting Monday of the Board of Education. However, it will not be acted upon until the Board meets on March 24.

Mr. Romanow, Principal Len Mazur, and Edsel Ford Principal Fred Schrieber outlined some of the complications.

- There are about 125 more students at DHS this year than at Edsel Ford.
- This imbalance will increase next
- ·Dearborn High is already using

more "marginal classroom space."

- The capacity of DHS is about 75 students less than that of Edsel
- The problem of those living in the affected area who have students in one of the two high schools already.

Mr. Romanow pointed out that his recommendation does not include the construction of portable classrooms. Heacknowledges, though, that the mere boundary change will not solve the overcrowding of the high school.

DHS has received a greater influx of parochial school students than Edsel Ford. But once again this is something that cannot be predicted for the future.

Mr. Romanow summed up the feelings of the administrators and the wishes of most parents, "We want to upset families as little as possible.'

Historical Highlights Head Show; Synchronettes Set Back in Time

Synchronettes will present their interpretation of history at "Splash Back In H2istOry" on May 7, 8, and 9 in the DHS pool.

Noah's ark with a "silly ol' unicorn", the Trojan War along with Greek gods and godesses, and American History including the popular showboat are some highlights of history that will be featured.

To set the time periods for the various acts, a gigantic time machine has been constructed.

Two of the thirteen acts are solos. Carol Dacko and Debbie Norton, juniors, are soloists.

Along with 12 girls are seniors Larry Bryk and Pat Nowak performing in a comedy number. This is the first time boys will appear in the water show.

President, Sue Paulina; Vice-President, Carol Dacko; Secretary, Kris Van Ranst; Treasurer, Roberta Frankie and Coordinator of committees, Chris King are especially busy at this time. Although club sponsor Miss Johanna Hoover is kept busy by Synchronettes, most of the work is done by the girls.

They spend most of their time practicing. As Synchronette members, a great deal of effort is put forth by each girl.

Tickets will be 75 cents and can be purchased at the door. The time machine will be plugged in promptly at 8 p. m.

DHS Spring Sports Begin Training This Month for Victory

Cracking bats and whirling balls will soon be seen and heard as the baseball team begins its spring season.

As last year's league champs, the team will be out for repeat performance beginning April 3 against Bentlev. The team members are out to better last year's impressive 12-4

This years team will be composed of many of the same players lead by co-captains Mike Kovachevich and Dick Gass. Returning lettermen at many positions should provide the team with a solid background.

Although the loss of two varsity pitchers may prove troublesome, Coach Herb Schroeter believes he has good material in last year's reserve team. He also is expecting some help from new candidates this season.

"I expect they will do well, but I do so every year.

These inspiring words of encouragement come from 23 years of experience in coaching tennis from Coach Thomas Muldowney.

As soon as gym space is available (probably Monday, March 10) tennis players will be hitting against the wall trying to groove their strokes in preparation for their first match late in March.

An abundance of 50 tennis candidates will try out for the team with only 24 making it; 12 Varsity and 12 Reserves.

With apparent "sound team" led by two senior co-captains Bill Hammond and Jim Curtiss, the tennis team will face such obstacles as Edsel, Wayne, the March wind, and cracked tennis courts in seeking to repeat as Sauk Trail League champions.

"It will be a tough job to keep up with our past accomplishments, but I know the members of Dearborn High's track team have the deter-

mination to sustain our reputation as a top track power, "forecasts Mr. Robert Bridges, head DHS track

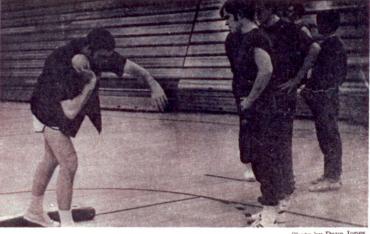


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Demonstrating the finer points of shot-put is Mr. George Arrick, a member of the track staff. Ron Elwell, junior, left and George Zemnickas, sophomore, right, pick up the fundamentals.

Led by co-captains Bob May and Matt Assenmacher, the 1969 squad is faced with an arduous task. Last season our Olympians were city, league, and regional champions and attained a commendable fifth place in the State Track Meet.

The graduation last June of such stars as Jim Mitchell, Doug Gerdes and others, leaves noticeable vacancies on the team roster. Hopefully these will be filled by worthy competitors.

This season the Pioneers will host

The City Meet, the League Meet, the Heart Relays, and the Edsel Ford encounter all highlight the home at 19 1 schedule.

Coach Flegle thinks that Ypsilanti spirit will once again provide the key op - of rag position to Dearborn's hopes of re- The taining the league title. Ypsilanti quite: finished second behind the Pioneers cludin returning.

Dearborn has a fine nucleus of returning letter man to boost Coach said, Flegle's optimism. Returning from Many last years team are seniors Bill beens Marrs, Gary Field and Mike Flegle, Janh along with junior, Leonard Krzy-to pro zaniak.

Improvement in league standings bruise will be tough since the Pioneers portra finished 8-0 in league competition, share, and ranked tenth in the state overall Jani at Midland. But with plenty of prac-rightn tice and good depth the golfing should ward improve.

Dearborn's first meet will be held the first week of April at Warren Valley against Trenton. Tourna- cause: ment competition will again be pro- her vi:

minent in the Pioneer plans this year.

Susceptible Youth Falls Prey to Pornography

porary" world of changing morals, a very real and pertinent problem presents itself. It is as evident as alluring, semi-nude men and women

Today in our so-called "contem- plastered on the covers of paperback novels, and as near as your "friendly" neighborhood stores, where such smut can be obtained.

Obviously something must be done.

Insects' Acoustical Mating Calls Aid in Predicting Man's Future

Grasshoppers and crickets abounded on the walls of D-1. For a few minutes the room was filled with chirping and singing. Biologist Dr. Thomas Moore of the University of Michigan had come to Mr. Arthur Brown's physics classes to lecture on "The Nature of Acoustical Signals in Insects".

Dr. Moore used slides and tapes

to explain how various insects such as crickets, katydids, grasshoppers and cicadas produce and receive their mating calls.

Calling sounds were graphed to show how highly sophisticated the sounds are. Then, Dr. Moore played the graphed sounds so students could hear as well as see the variations.

Crickets and katydids make sounds by rubbing one wing on top of the other. Their hearing organs are in their legs. Grasshoppers have a sound receiver at the base of their abdomen and produce sounds by snapping their wings while in flight. This explains the snapping noise you hear when near grasshoppers.

Cicadas, a colorful insect whose life cycle takes 17 years to complete, makes sounds by popping its ribs in and out, Dr. Moore explained. As in other insects, the male produces the mating sound, to which the female responds.

What is the purpose of studying the lives and communication of these insects? "The sounds are useful for plotting maps of where plants and animals live," the scientist explained.

He added that understanding these insects, man can gain insight into his own environment and possibly predict his future on an overcrowded planet by studying what animals have done in similar situa-

vile and filthy - and aimed particu- Twe larly at the teenagers. We are the to DHS ones who fall prey to the viciously New' clever minds of men who label books Over 6 "suggested adult material" or more Michig simply "for adults only". These are Each on the cautious polite warnings of awar men concerned for our moral well-ceives being, but rather authors who are and a

often out to make some fast money Hono on a very lucrative business.

Literature (and it is hesitantly called cates such) such as this should never have Karen been published, let alone be made accessible to the public. It is not Hallis: only personally decaying on an indiv-the foll idual scale, but it also paves a path autobic to more serious crimes -- sex Eber crimes, social disease in teenagers Freder and an increase in unwed mothers.

In one such case a girl of 15 was arrested following a series of sex escapades. She confessed she began selling her "favors" to teens after reading several paperback novels glamorizing the lives of prostitutes.

Shocking, yes. Unpreventable, no. arts m Each person can and should follow short s certain guidelines to rid his com- art wo munity of smut.

Citizens must assume a steadfast position against smut and be willing ber. T to work to obtain their goals.

Adults must be armed with tangible evidence and ready to use it in support of police investigations.

Lastly, teens and adults must stop offered their purchase of this material.

Following these steps, using com-for firs mon sense, and above all, personal tively, integrity, the problem can be over- Staff come and pornographic material home destroyed.

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For Success In Cheerleading School Spirit: Required Asset

"Spirit, let's hear it", "S-O-U-L soul ooh sock it to 'em''.

To most DHS students these are just words. But, for 83 girls trying out for cheerleading this month, they are tools through which a girl must show her ability to lead the student

What happens in cheerleading clinics held every year is not com-monly known until finally the new Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders emerge.

In these clinics, which total 8 including the semi-finals and finals, a girl must go through a series of four stations. The first station is where she improves her skill on the minitramp. At the second and third stations she learns the cheers and chants. The fourth station is a general helping area.

At the end of every session there is a happy hour. This time gives each girl a chance to relax and speak in front of the group.

On March 24, the 83 hopefuls will be narrowed down to 30. Then comes the most difficult part -- the eliminating of 14 girls to finally end up with 9 Varsity and 7 Junior Varsity.

In the final analysis, each girl is judged on the basis of appearance, pep, originality, cheering ability, rhythm, voice, crowd appeal, and the tramp jump.

The finals will be held March 26. By 3:30 p. m. the next day, everyone at DHS will know who next year's cheerleaders will be.

In the meantime, 83 girls will be going through the ordeal of trying out and perhaps, not making it.