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Students Campaign for Support To Win Various Class Offices

It's the time of year again to elect or re-elect Class and Student Council officers.

Any student is eligible to run for his class, providing he attains a petition of 70 names. Only Student Council members can run for Council officers.

After fulfilling his petition requirements he then begins his nine-day campaign. Posters are put up and speeches are made by presidential candidates.

Next year's Senior Class must decide if it wants to re-elect or make a change. The class should take into consideration these people for its class president; Tim Flemming, Len Kryzaniak, Jeff Ponds and Jeff Pepper. Vice-presidential candidates

consist of; Steve Bachorik, Kurt Odmark, and Lew Walter. Diane Fellos, Lynn Gregory and Doug Reith are up for the secretarial seat.

The most difficult decision will be for treasurer, since five candidates are competing. They are Carolyn Cronk, Eugene Kujava, Lori Papke, Brian Smith and Ken Terry.

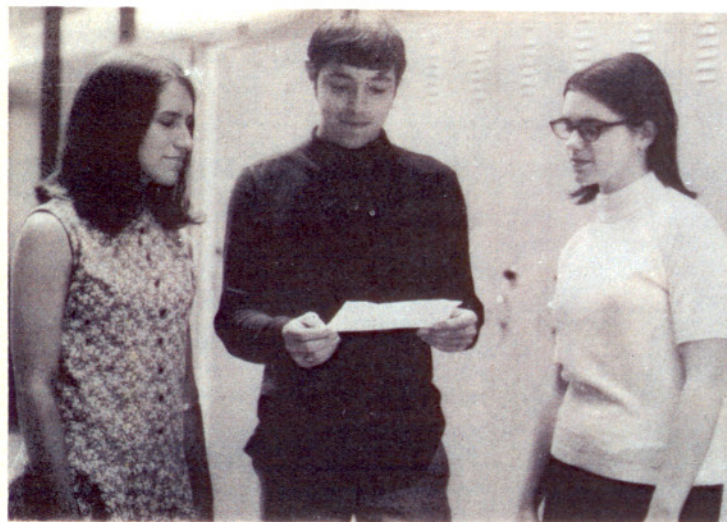
Juniors-to-be must make the decision for the first time for class officers. Barb Clark and Gordon Roberts are the choices for president. Competitors for the office of vice-president are John Kazanowski and Richard Walker.

Nominees for secretary include; Lynn Evans, Karen Kannianen and Cindy Koelb. Carolyn Bellinger and Pam Bretz are racing for treasurer.

Students running for Student Council are Dean Breest and Andy Kokas for president and Mark Eastman and Fred Shelly for vice-president.

Candidates for the secretarial seat are; Sue Beers, Lisa Keathly, Barb Mather and Nancy Niparko.

Cheryl Aukee and Tom Kerameris are running for treasurer.



LOOKING over the Ford Scholarships which they have won are seniors (l-r) Kathie Lieder, Jim Curtiss and Karen Waggoner. Senior John Banks (not pictured) was also awarded a scholarship.

Dearborn Takes Forensics First

Dearborn High won the Over-All Sweepstakes at the Coldwater Invitational Tournament by earning the most awards of 12 schools represented. The State-wide forensics tournament was held April 19 in Coldwater, Michigan.

In serious reading competition, Pete Carlton, senior, received first place. His three selections were A Raisin In The Sun, Glass Menagerie and Darkness At Noon.

Andy Kokas, junior, came second with John Brown's Body, Of Mice and Men, and Mooney's Kid Don't Cry.

For her humorous reading, Life With Mother Superior, Sue Halwachs, sophomore, placed second.

Sorry Wrong Number took a first in the Multiples. Those who made it a success were seniors Roy Turbett and Lee Wolak, juniors, Jon Taub, Nedra Tavtigian, Mariane Fleming and sophomores, Martha Martini and Andrea Petlihkoff.

Marilyn Huff, senior, won first

place in Oratory division. Mark Jansma, junior, followed with a second place.

Minor awards were captured in Radio Commentary, Extemporaneous, Serious Reading and Declamation.

Water Show To Surge On; 'A Splashback in H2istOry'

From the murky darkness, appear several figures with a luminous glow. Strange music begins filling the atmosphere. The year is 2001.

This is the setting for the first number prepared for the Synchronettes annual water show. This year the group will "Splashback in H₂istOry".

Historical events in the show include everything from the Indians to Charlie Chaplin to the Can Can.

Solos will be done by Carol Dacko, junior, as the Goddess of the Sea and by Debbie Norton, junior, as Ponce de Leon.

"As far as choice of music and the enthusiasm of the group are concerned, this show may be able to surpass any previous show," says Miss Johanna Hoover, sponsor. "As a whole, the choreography is exceptionally clever," she adds.

For the first time in Synchronette history, the club has two boys. They are Larry Bryk and Pat Nowak, seniors. Miss Hoover comments that "It's been a difficult operation for the boys with all these girls, but it seems to be working very well." They appear in the Gay 90's quartet with Lynn Ten Eyck and Debbie Kilgore, juniors.

The show begins at 7:30 p. m. on May 7, 8, and 9. Tickets are 75 cents and may be obtained by contacting any Synchronette or Miss Hoover.

All planning to attend are suggested to be prepared for actual rain during the finale as the Synchronettes splash back to Noah's Ark.



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Congratulations to junior Denise Hobbs for bringing honor to DHS by being elected secretary of the Michigan Future Teachers Association. Out of 10,000 members in Michigan, two were nominated for each office. Such qualities as speaking ability, personality, and sincerity were all taken into consideration.

Board of Education 'Supports' Present Rules Set by Principals

"It is our opinion that the rules developed or approved by our administrative staff are necessary and reasonable, and we endorse and support them."

With these words Mr. Russell D. Catherman, president of the Dearborn Board of Education, gave the Board's reaction to pleas for more student rights.

PCC (People for Constructive Change) presented a 10 point plan to the School Board at the April 14 meeting. Demands included: an updated dress code, students alone to censure school newspapers, no searching of lockers without student's permission, and no E's for unexcused absences. Board members were told compromises would be acceptable. PCC is a loosely formed organization centered at Edsel Ford.

About fifty high school-aged students were eagerly awaiting the Board's statement at the meeting

April 28. They appeared disappointed when they learned "we (the School

Board) will not negotiate with students on these issues." However, the students are not going to give up trying to get the demands implemented.

On leaving one girl remarked, "We're going to work through the Superintendent." She is referring to a group of administrators assigned by the Superintendent to talk with members of PCC. The two groups can then discuss the proposals in depth.

One fact the Board considered "very important" was that the dissenters have been unable to persuade or convince their own student councils and school principals to support their requests."

Currently the Dearborn Board of Education's position is "not to abdicate our responsibilities or negotiate with students on these issues."

Muse Abounds In Creativity

What further satisfaction after creating a masterpiece of art? Getting paid for it, of course!

This year a literary arts contest was held in the fall to encourage contributions for MUSE, the school literary magazine. Said Editor Chris Pawlik, "We thought more people would be encouraged to enter their works if a monetary prize were involved."

Four seniors and one junior won the cover design award as well as two art and literary awards.

Kathy Evans, senior, took the first art award with her picture of an abstract wall scene. Lori Sherf, also a senior, ran a close second with her sketch of Robert Kennedy.

In the literary field, Tom Nelson, senior, was awarded first place for his poem entitled "travels". Vicki Grose, senior, came up with a second place for her short story entitled "To Whom It May Concern".

Bruce Campbell, junior, received the award for the best cover design.

Not only were the \$10 first prize award and \$5 second prizes new to the literary magazine this year, MUSE again increased in size by eight pages.

Though bigger and better, the magazine still sells for only 50 cents and can be purchased before and after school in front of the auditorium.

Popularity Poll Drawing Near; Friendship Overtakes Abilities

By Gary Warren

Class elections are a farce. They have regressed from the selection of a school's most capable leader to a popularity contest.

How?

Unlike our country's political figures, the student-candidates cannot get votes through their stand on issues, since there are none. They can, however, just as national politicians, make campaign promises.

How many student-candidates have guaranteed to destroy the "pink-lem-onade-and-cookies" Student Council? Or promised to stand up to the administration? Perhaps even decided to abolish the dress code?

All of them have. And the majority of the students realize that in one respect, the student-candidate is like the national politician - both are

full of empty campaign promises. But since all the candidates agree on such school "crises", we are back to where we started - a basically issueless election.

How, then, does one decide on how to cast their vote?

If the voter is not fortunate enough he can note the change in the candidates themselves as election day draws near. Perhaps one of the candidates was in a certain class of his two years ago. The voter suddenly finds the office-seeker greeting him with a fond, "Hello!" as he walks by - something he never did before. Once again, how is the big decision made?

Obviously, the winner of such an election is the one with the most friends. However, this most popular person is often not the best leader.

Little time is taken by the average voter to really understand the person for whom he votes. Sure, it's human nature to vote for a friend, but can we continue to make a joke of our elections? Only by thoughtful voting can we achieve through our elections what they were designed to do.

Before you vote again, do you really believe that the person who is to receive your vote is a capable and responsible leader? Or is he just a load of laughs?

Pioneers Strong Early in Season

Terry Harrison, junior, started the Dearborn High baseball season off by pitching a no-hitter in defeating Trenton 1-0.

Tom Reeser, senior, provided Dearborn with their second win at Flat Rock, 3-1.

Plymouth was Dearborn's third victim as Harrison once again gained a victory of 3-2, while pitching a 4-hitter.

At Garden City East the Pioneers fought from a 3-0 deficit to gain their fourth win 4-3.

Dearborn High's golfers swung into action on a low note as they dropped a 175-167 decision to Trenton last week.

In a triangular league meet, Dearborn came out in the middle of the match. The Pioneers lost to Ypsilanti 170-206.

Dearborn defeated arch-rival Edsel Ford by a score of 170-188 to even out their overall record a 2-2.

The Pioneers, under the direction of Coach Bob Bridges, have registered two powerful dual-meet victories of 93-20 over Trenton, and 90-28 over Livonia Franklin.

Last Saturday, the team took the Heart Relays crown for the fourth consecutive year.

A close race for team point leadership has developed between Seniors Pat Nowak, Bob May and Junior Lew Walter.

Monday, the City Meet will be run on the Dearborn High track. A strong turnout of DHS fans should help spur on another Pioneer victory.

Undeafated thus far, the tennis team under the leadership of Coach Tom Muldowney is proving itself a strong league contender this year.

The tennis squad has dominated every match including an impressive 5-2 win over Edsel. Victories by Jim Curtiss, Brian Smith, Eric Ponds and the doubles teams of Bill Valentine and Jeff Dupler along with Gary Lewis and Doug Schultz contributed to the victory.



Stuffing tubs, flying kites and participating in lemming races were among the activities sponsored by the Student Council during the Sesquicentennial - 44. Funds raised went to help build the statue of Henry Ford for the new Ford Memorial.

Sesquicentennial Minus 44 Initiates Competitive Week of Excitement

The sound of last week---"grab a paddle-ball, stuff a bathtub, run a three-legged lemming race, go fly a kite"---were the sounds of thinking as the Student Council initiated the fund-raising SESQUICENTENNIAL MINUS 44 WEEK of April 21-25.

SESQUICENTENNIAL (meaning 150) MINUS 44, is a rather elaborate way of arriving at the 106 years since

the birth of Henry Ford--the object of this money-raising effort.

The Student Council, wishing to contribute to the erection of the Henry Ford statue at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, set up a competition that homerooms could enter. A fee of \$5 enabled a homeroom or team to participate in all games.

Areas of competition ranged from the total number of hits with the paddle-ball by three people from a homeroom, to a bathtub stuffing contest. After the entrants completed the requirements in the four areas, there emerged overall winners from more than 18 homerooms.

Mrs. Mildred Koch's homeroom, which managed to win all but the kite flying contest, attained the first place standing and the grand prize of \$10.

Second place and \$5 was awarded to the competitors in Mr. Tom Muldowney's homeroom with third place being held by Mrs. Helen Auxier's homeroom students.

The week of the SESQUICENTENNIAL MINUS 44 was indeed termed a success, as nearly \$100 was collected to aid in achieving the goal of \$50,000 needed for the statue.



Taking part in the Thomas Edison Foundation's Education Conference held recently at Wayne State University were (l-r) Julian Witherspoon, science teacher at Earhart Junior High in Detroit, Dearborn High Science Chairman Richard Welch and Cornelius Ford, physics teacher at Ecorse High.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

In reply to the article entitled "DHS Student Power Obsolete" in the April 18, 1969 OBSERVER, I have a few observations.

The adult world is charged with the responsibility of rearing children and training young people. All of us certainly realize that we are indebted to our own mothers and fathers for the many hours of teaching we have had while growing up in the home.

This responsibility of training youth even has biblical connections. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it" is the way it is stated

for parents and adults. This responsibility extends to the school situation as well as the home.

If we give the authority to review suspension cases to some of those that are not as mature as adults it seems that we can expect some immature decisions and therefore greater conflict and hard feelings rather than less conflict.

Considering the removal of the dress code entirely, as many students would have it I have more observations. To accomplish our common goal of education we must all be of one mind and one purpose.

With a large number of students or teachers coming to school looking like a fashion show or very scantily dressed, much attention is going to be drawn to them instead of classroom education. If all of us dress in moderation we can keep our minds on our task instead of on the attention-seekers.

I can honestly say that after having been at Dearborn High for seven years, I feel the faculty and administration are sincerely trying to help each student develop in a positive way. Let's all work for a spirit of cooperation, courtesy, and self control instead of a spirit of conflict, rudeness, and self-exaltation.

Sincerely,
Ray Smith
Graphic Arts Teacher

