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## Students Fill Out Computer Forms In Hopes of Locating Ideal Mate

If you have searched and searched for the girl or boy of your dreams and had little or no success, the May 23 Computer Dance is a must for you! This is the dance at which you are matched by a computer to a partner who supposedly has the same interests.

Computer questionnaire forms are available for 50 cents before school by the cafeteria. These forms must be filled out by the applicant and returned, so that they may be sent to the program computer company. The form concerns questions about appearance, personality, humor, hobbies and attitudes. The computer then matches you with two to four people.

Music will be provided by senior Randy Koelb's newly organized band, Hokus, which has two new members. The Redwood Room will come alive with flashing stroblights and the eve-

ning will be highlighted by the announcement of the winner of the Ugly Man Contest. This is to be a combined clean-up, ugly man and computer dance.

The dance will be from 8:30 p. m. until 11:30. Tickets will be 50 cents with an activity ticket and \$1 without.



Congratulations to Jim Zigler who recently received a gold key award from International Quill and Scroll. Jim received this award for an editorial on the need for sex education.

"Aloha," the Graduation Party, will be held Thursday, June 12, from 9:30 p. m. to 2 p. m. The Frost and All The Lonely People will be featured.

### Three Place

## Dearborn Takes Forensics Honors

Capturing the first place trophy in declamation at the state forensics tournament last Saturday was Cathy Copp, sophomore. The tournament was held at the University of Michigan and included students from all over the state.

Being a sophomore, Cathy's achievement is even greater. Her success began by placing first in district competition and second in regions.

Cathy's next step was to Ann Arbor for state competition. She faced 21 other students in the declamatory event. On a cumulative basis, rated by three judges consisting primarily of university personnel.

Since a declamation is not the original work of the speaker, Cathy's concern and the judges' interest was with delivery of the speech.

Cathy felt that the most difficult part of delivery is getting inside the speech and making the writer's words the speaker's words. Otherwise, there is a tendency to recite with no genuine interest.

After the finals competition had been narrowed down to six declamations, Cathy was awarded first place and a certificate of excellence at a reception following the tournament.

Her winning speech was *Orphans In The Night* which was written by a Dearborn High graduate, Kathy Wojas.

It is the story of Asian orphans and their plight with society because one of their parents is American.

Placing second from a field of 21 in girls' oratory was Marilyn Huff, senior.

Marilyn had swept first place in school, district, and regional competition before continuing to Ann Arbor for the state tournament.

She was rated by three judges from various universities.

Because an oration is the original work of the speaker, Marilyn was evaluated on both subject matter and delivery.

Marilyn's oration was *Shades of Grass*; a look at some of the problems with marijuana and possible solutions.

She also received her award at the reception following all competition. Sue Halwachs, sophomore, took third place in humorous reading competition at the state tournament.

This event was conducted much like the others in the way it was judged.

Sue's selection was *Life With Mother Superior*.

With such an early display of talent, Sue is a promising speaker in the forensics world.



Photo by Al Solomon

LOOKING OVER the trophies they won in Forensics are (l-r) Sue Halwachs, sophomore, Marilyn Huff, senior, and Cathy Copp, sophomore.

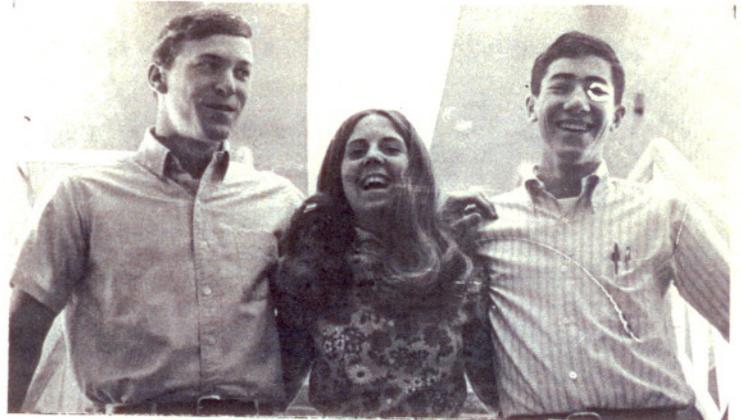


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GRINNING WIDELY after learning of their recent victory are the new Senior Class officers (l. to r.) Steve Bachorik, vice-president, Diane Fellows, secretary, and Ken Terry, treasurer. Not pictured is president Jeff Pepper.

## Political Aspirants Engage Role As Newly Designated Officers

Energetic and experienced students were chosen to lead classes and the Student Council in the school elections May 8.

Andy Kokas was elected President of Student Council. His staff will include Mark Eastman, vice-presi-

dent; Sue Beers, secretary; and Tom Keramaris, treasurer. Tom will be a junior next year, while the others will be seniors.

Future-seniors chose Jeff Pepper as their new president. Steve (Spurr) Bachorik will be vice-president; Diane Fellows, secretary; and Ken Terry, treasurer. Except for Steve, the officers are all experienced politicians.

Gordon Roberts was elected Junior Class President for the next year with fellow officers John Kazanowski, vice-president; Cindy Koelb, secretary; and Pam Bretz, treasurer.

Most of the newly elected officials made promises for a new and exciting future. If these promises are fulfilled, the DHS student body may be the most effective ever.

## DHS Volunteers Receive Honors

Thirteen volunteers from DHS who have given their time and talents to the Allen Park Veterans Hospital, were honored with awards at a recognition ceremony.

Honored during this ceremony will be the following Dearborn students: seniors Marsha Soter, Elaine McWilliams and Alice Neiland. Juniors Lynn Gregory, Corinne Fitzpatrick, Donna Markley, Marsha Rafferty, Pat Stepler, Andrea Bruce, Marilyn Trimble and Nancy Trimble. Other students are: Kathryn Walsh, sophomore and Mary McDermott, '68 graduate.

Hospitals in the Wayne County area and throughout the nation will observe National Hospital Week beginning Sunday, May 11 through May 17, 1969. This event is sponsored by the

American Hospital Association to give people an opportunity to learn more about the hospitals within their community.

This event is held annually during the week of Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12. The ceremony was held last night in the hospital auditorium.

## Versatile Teachers Plan Future Jobs

Summer's coming! The season of leisure, fun, and no school is fast approaching. But did you ever stop to think what our teachers do during the summer?

Many of our teachers have diversified jobs when not teaching school. For instance, Mr. Lomas, natural science teacher, is a park ranger for the Federal Government and has been to many parks ranging from California to Isle Royale Michigan.

Mr. Lomas has had many interesting experiences while being a park ranger. While out in Death Valley there were only 2 rangers patrolling 1,600 square miles of land and could drive 100 miles without seeing another car, while up at Isle Royale he patrolled for 12 weeks without the sight of a car.

Mr. Godfrey, biology teacher, also shares an interest in being a park ranger. Mr. Godfrey works for the State Government and has worked in the Porcupine Mountains and will be at J.W. Wells, Mich. this summer. He registers visitors, distributes tickets, inspects camp grounds, and can enjoy the beautiful scenery in upper Michigan.

One night while looking over the camp grounds, Mr. Godfrey saw a woman sitting by the campfire. After questioning, he found that the woman, who would always go camping with her family, couldn't sleep at night in the camp for fear of snakes.

Later, Mr. Godfrey encountered the woman's husband and asked how his wife enjoyed the camping. His reply? "Well she sleeps a lot in the car." He had no idea of his wife's fear of snakes nor her late-at-night campfire sittings.



PREPARING FOR their next game with Wayne, May 19, the Pioneers rescue the balls as assistant coach Hill "socks-it-to-'em".

## Pioneers Edged By Ypsilanti; League Title Hangs on Line

Dearborn High's six game winning streak in baseball came to a halt last week at Ypsilanti when the Pioneers were edged 2-1.

The lone Dearborn run came after Pete Cravens, sophomore, had singled and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. Mike Kovachevich, senior, then knocked Cravens in with a single to center.

Superb pitching was again the trademark of the game as Bruce Campbell, junior, relieved Terry Harrison, junior, with the bases full and nobody out. Campbell promptly struck out the side and avoided trouble.

The Pioneers had chances to break the game open but stranded 12 on base. Their league record stands at 2-1.

In a non-league game May 7, Livonia Stevenson scored all its runs in the first inning to defeat Dearborn 3-0. The Pioneer bats could only muster 4 hits from Tom Reeser, Dick Gass and Doug Szopo, seniors, and Ken Hastedt, junior.

## Veteran's Homecoming Saddened By Lifeless, Wilted Marriage

Frank D. Kilroy's Pulitzer Prize winning screenplay *The Subject Was Roses*, starring Patricia Neal, is the story of a troubled marriage and the effects of the 21 year old son returning after 3 years to his New York home at the close of World War II.

# Netters Chalk Up Number 13 Prepare For Great Climax!!

"We have more depth than we have had in over five years," says tennis coach Thomas Muldowney.

Coach Ralph Cornell of cross-town rival Edsel Ford, after being whipped for the second time this year by DHS, 6-1, called our team "Excellent! It's the best Dearborn tennis team I have seen while coaching at Edsel" (which has been for more than a decade).

These comments came after the Pioneer netters had beat the T-Birds, extending their record to 13-0. The match was played here May 8 under an abundance of rain clouds that failed to precipitate until the match was about over. This victory put the icing on the cake for Coach Muldowney's crew as they are about to win the Sauk Trail League Championship with a thus far 4-0 record in league competition.

On May 6, the netters traveled to Ypsilanti, where they shutout the Braves 7-0.

Accumulating most of the points in the two matches were Brian Smith, junior, Jim Curtiss and Jorge Lopez, seniors, and Eric Ponds, sophomore. They played first to fourth singles, respectively.

In doubles, Bill Hammond, senior, and Jeff Ponds, junior, Bill Valentine and Jeff Dupler, and Bob Hasse and Brent Bierwirth, all seniors, led the way to victory.

## Dearborn Wins City Track Title

Eleven appears to be a magic number for the DHS trackmen.

At both the City Track Meet and Melvindale Meets the Pioneers captured 11 first places.

In the City Meet, May 5, there were fifteen divisions and in the Melvindale Meet, May 8, there were fourteen divisions. The extra division in the City Meet was to accommodate all the people who went out for the 440.

DHS won against Melvindale by a score of 94-24. Final scores at the City Meet were Dearborn-114, Edsel Ford-79, Fordson-25, Sacred Heart 6, Lowrey-5, Divine Child-2, and St. Alphonsus-0.

At the City Meet, records were set by seniors Matt Assenmacher, Bob May and the Dearborn 880 speed relay. Matt had a 4:27.2 time in the mile. Bob set a new City Meet mark in the half-mile, winning with a 1:54.2 time. Members of the speed relay are Pat Nowak, senior, Lew Walter, junior, Tom Georgoff and Tom Higgins, sophomores. At the Melvindale meet, Tom Higgins set a record with 20'4" in the long jump.

Coach Bob Bridges pulled the Pioneer trackmen out of the Schaefer Relays last Saturday before the finals because of the slippery conditions.

## The Fuzz: Target of Defamation Originated By Ungrateful Teens

Hail to the valiant policeman who does his duty courageously and suffers in silence, amidst all the violence and corruption taking place in this world. Chances are these are the first words you've ever heard (or will hear) commending the activities of the much abused policeman.

Today's police officer is the most underrated, slandered, contemptible object on the face of this earth.

But why? What has any "cop" done?

Our young people call him, among other unprintable things, a pig. Why? Because he bursts in on their love-ins, drink-ins, drug-ins, and drag races. Think about it, though. Are pot, free-love, alcohol, and speed really as good for you as the guiding light of the "fuzz"?

The answer, let's face it, is pretty simple.

\* To spend \$5 an ounce for marijuana (about 20 cigarettes worth), become addicted to heroine, or take an LSD trip to escape from reality, will never be superior to a successful, productive life.

\* Alcohol is also considered to be a drug, a depressant, having the same or similar effects as other more commonly known drugs. There are 20,000 people who die each year from alcohol, not to mention the six million alcoholics in the U.S.

\* Last year, 114,000 people were killed in auto accidents in the United States alone, costing us some \$22.5 million.

Contrary to common belief, the police officer is there to help, not hinder, a person attain the best out of life. He tries to protect innocent people from dangers beyond their capabilities to prevent. Of all the crimes committed in the U.S. in 1968, 49 per cent of the crimes were committed by those 18 and under. The police helped arrest those offenders so they could be straightened out to lead happier and useful lives.

Yet, for preserving the tranquility of our nation, all he gets is scandalous gossip calling him the aggressor, instead of the rabble rousers. "peace marchers", militants, and riot intended people threatening the true peace of our country.

This week, May 12-17, is National Police Week. Instead of seeing how long you can provoke and evade the police, do something useful for a change. Just once this week obey the law and say one good thing about the men who risk their lives to keep you in the right.

What does all this mean for the son the just returned veteran? He blames first one parent, then the other for "what is wrong in this house."

Both Mother and Father awaited Tim's return, to fill a certain need and at the same time forming an alliance with the partner. Again, a question comes to the viewer's mind, "what is all this doing to the young, handsome, seemingly well-balanced boy? How far gone is the home life-enough that the boy's good really won't be considered above the marriage problems?"

And still there is more: Mother Cleary seems to have some real problems of her own; a martyr-like devotion to her mother and crippled and retarded nephew. There is no doubt that Father Cleary does drink and run around.

Thinking about *The Subject Was Roses* in retrospect, it is all these "problematic" themes that come to mind. At the same time, one remembers that the Clearys did function and appear as a family: there was occasionally laughter, occasionally feeling, and occasionally attempts at communication.

Outward appearances were good. Once more, a question comes to the viewer's mind: how unlike the Cleary marriage and home are countless of American marriage's and homes today?

Besides the fact that *The Subject Was Roses* says a lot, three other assets: Patricia Neal, Jack Albertson, and Martin Sheen, helped. They are the only characters in the movie (two others speak only briefly), there is not much movement, much time lapse, much scenery. The accent is truly on people, and in this case it was skillfully placed.



FINDING Tiny Tim and his ukulele featured at the Senior "Aloha" Party. GETTING suspended for wearing shorts under your cap and gown.

WEARING a lemon yellow dress to the Senior "Aloha" Party and being mistaken for a banana.

PICKING up your tux a minute before the shop closes and finding out it is too short.

WORKING on a term paper all semester and having it cancelled.

BEING an agile gym teacher and dropping your cafeteria tray.

HAVING your cheat sheet slip in an unreachable spot in your clothing.