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Commencement and Party Top Off Final Day for Graduating Seniors

Six hundred and three graduating seniors will solemnly march to the Frank S. McIntyre Field June 12 at 7 p. m. for their Commencement Exercises.

Speaking at this year's Commencement are seniors Marilyn Huff, with her speech entitled "The Glass Menagerie" and Pete Carlton, with his speech "Who Cares?" Senior Class President Paul Vance will also speak.

Following the serious Commencement will be the festive Senior Class Party. It will be held in the Redwood Room from 9:30 p. m. until 2 a. m. With the theme "Aloha", the dance, sponsored by the PFA, will feature a continuous buffet of tropical foods.

For the first time, the dance will feature two bands, the "Frost" and "All the Lonely People". Senior Tom Nelson commented, "These two bands are the bee's knees."

As most seniors come "stag" to the party, it promises a good time for all.



"IT'S BEEN a good group," smiled Class Sponsor John Roggenbeck, "and almost all of what has been done, the officers and class has done by themselves." Mr. Roggenbeck wishes all June 1969 graduates luck in whatever they do.

Couples Dance Among White Roses; Lovett Hall Provides Lavish Setting

Lovett Hall will once more provide the lavish setting for the 300 couples expected to attend the Senior Prom tonight from 9 p. m. to midnight.

"Cherish" is the word used to describe the theme of the prom. The mellifluous notes of the class song, "Romeo and Juliet", will be furnished by the Jerry Fenby Five.

As blue and white are the class colors and the white rose is the class flower, white roses in blue vases will add to the beauty of Lovett Hall. Hand-carved white rose necklaces will be given as favors to the girls.

In order to "cherish" the nostalgia of the Senior Prom in photographs as well as memory, pictures of the seniors attending will be taken before the fireplace in the hall.

All senior homeroom teachers have been invited to attend the prom--a final farewell from those who have watched their students live through the trials of high school.

The OBSERVER is distributing 2,000 copies of this Senior Issue to area residents as a tribute to the school's traditional commencement activities.

The senior members of the OBSERVER staff who produced this issue would like to thank Mrs. Marie Mitchell and Mr. Ray Smith for their constant encouragement, guidance and patience throughout the year.

Grads Look Forward To Life on Campus

Dearborn High will again send the greater part of its June graduating class to Henry Ford Community College.

With the results in from the OBSERVER questionnaire, HFCC will receive 126 graduating seniors from a class of about 600, with a little mercy on the part of some DHS teachers.

Out of the responses from the questionnaires, 89 per cent of the student body graduating in June will attend college. The remaining 11 per cent are either working, getting married in the near future, or entering some branch of the Armed Forces.

Many students are going out of state to such schools as Harvard, Purdue, University of Miami, Kent State, Wooster, Principia, Pasadena College, the Air Force Academy and a multitude of others.

Church-affiliated colleges chosen include Concordia in Ann Arbor, Calvin in Grand Rapids, St. Olaf in Minnesota, Baptist Bible College in Missouri, and Valparaiso in Indiana.

Michigan schools gaining representation from Dearborn High are Michigan State, Eastern, University of Michigan, Western, Ferris, and Central, with high enrollment in each.

Expected vocations range from teaching, medicine and law to computer programming and political science. Urban renewal, psychology, mathematics, science, and other timely vocations are also in prospective.

No matter what the graduating students in 1969 plan to do, the OBSERVER staff wishes all of you luck and happiness in your futures.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE PLANS:

9	Oakland
16	Ferris
31	Eastern
20	Western
14	Central
22	U of M
37	MSU
126	HFCC
70	Other Colleges

Seniors Spend Three Skip Days 'Roughing It' at Silver Lake Camp

As the sun rises in the East on June 9, about 130 members of the Senior Class, some in cars, some on bus, will set out for their three-day Senior Trip to Silver Lake State Park.

The original park of 25 acres is well developed, with a fine sand beach on Silver Lake, a picnic area, and excellent campgrounds. A large part of the park, consisting of sand dunes, was added to the park in 1952.

Equipped with their own tents, sleeping bags, food, and cooking utensils the seniors will be ready to select their campsite at the park on the first of their "skip days".

If weather permits, the remainder of that day and the other two may be spent sunning, fishing, swimming, hiking, boating, skiing, exploring, or just enjoying the scenery.

Students traveling by bus will pay

\$9 for round-trip transportation. An additional 60 cents will be paid by each camper to reserve a campsite for the three days.

The campgrounds should provide a comfortable stay. They are equipped with tables, electricity, toilet-laundry, and shower buildings.

Chaperones will include several parents of students and other adults.

Auditorium Receives Senior Gift of \$1,100

Have you ever found it hard to hear in the auditorium? The Senior Class has decided to remedy this situation by leaving behind a completely revamped and modernized sound system in the auditorium which includes microphones and speakers.

Out of 30 suggestions and proposals at a recent Senior Council meeting, the sound system was voted the most logical. As planned, about \$1,100 will be spent on this project.

A man from the International Communications Commission will be coming to DHS to talk with Senior Class President Paul Vance about the preparations.

Aside from the \$1,100 for the sound system, the money left in the treasury will be spent on purchasing a senior supplement for every senior. These usually have to be purchased by the individual, but now every senior will receive this supplement completely free.

This supplement is put out in addition to the yearbook and will include such events as pictures of commencement, the honors assembly, the senior trip, party and prom.



RELAXING PEACEFULLY after a hard year's work are the 1969 Class Officers. From left to right they are President Paul Vance, Vice-President Jon Goyert, Secretary Chris LaBeau, and Treasurer Mike Schad.

Laurels Bestowed on Worthy Grads at Honors Assembly

Defeat? That's an unknown word to Dearborn High's graduating seniors. Not only have they been successful in showing that they "give a damn", but they've also been successful in academics, athletics, music and speech.

Progress in academics was demonstrated by a three-way tie for the position at the top of the class. Kathy Kantrow, Chris Norden, and Susie Picard all showed their determination as they battled to stay in that first position.

Others in the top ten followed closely. They are, in order, Sue

Pichette, Pete Carlton, John Bank, Betsy Todd, Kathie Lieder, Chris LaBeau and Karen Wagner.

Twenty-nine seniors were initiated into the National Honor Society. Starting from IIA, five per cent of the class was admitted to the National Honor Society each semester. With the new members, 15 per cent of the Senior Class belongs to the society.

Seniors receiving this semester honors were William Bialkowski; Kathy Bochenek; Elizabeth Breedon; Greg Broome; Elizabeth Bryan; Lawrence Bryk; Maryann Bush;

Stuart Butterfield; Harry Dryer; and Nancy Gamrath.

Others included Ray Guest; Rob Hair; Kathy Hilton; Nancy Johnston; Jennifer Jones; Randy Koelb; Karen Laakko; Richard Lark; Donna Olsen; Pat Oslovlar; and Maria Petlichkoff.

Still others joining were Linda Preston; Mary Raftary; Ruth Spiel-

Because this is the Senior issue of the OBSERVER, Letters to the Editor were not published. We appreciate your concern and your responses.

Pooh Ponders
BY VICKI GROSE
AND TOM NELSON



Well, it's almost over, and at the same time, really just beginning. Three years ago we walked into this school scared, apprehensive, and ready for all sorts of imaginative things to happen.

Today we leave: tired, bored and for the most part ecstatic about being "free".

The Class of '69 has not been the easiest class to put up with. This class was concerned about what is going down in the world. It wanted to express itself in school affairs, and it is here where a great disagreement centers.

Administrators often look at the students' want of a voice in school affairs as an attempt at a takeover. We feel a voice in school affairs is an attempt to ease the pressure that the administration bears.

The Class of '69 has been in contact with the administration almost constantly this year. It started with the "Give a Damn" sign, and it hasn't ended yet. Although this relationship hasn't always been because of complete agreement, there is one thing

the members of this school have learned. We have a friend in the administration of DHS.

At this point, stop reading if you are one of those people who detests adults, hates authority and demeans anything with any type of value, because we intend to praise Principal Leonard Mazur, not only as an administrator... but as a great person.

It is hard to run a school. It is even harder to run a school full of concerned students. And it is still harder to run a school when the parents

disagree with the students, and both groups blame the head administrator.

One can feel disgust for the archaic dress code. One can feel revulsion for the outmoded curriculum, and poor teachers. But one can only feel respect for Mr. Mazur.

Pooh would like to close his last chat with you with a quote used by the late Senator Robert Kennedy:

"Some men see things as they are, and say why; I see things as they never were, and say why not."

Senior Boys Excel in Sports; Teams, Individuals Triumphant

This year's graduating class has produced a number of outstanding athletes both on an individual and team basis.

Coach Herb Schroeter's cross country squad went the entire season without suffering a defeat. Co-captains Brian Blake and Bob May led the Harriers with Matt Assenmacher, Mike Schad, and Bill Manspeaker lending assistance.

Dearborn would not have been able to capture the Sauk Trail League football championship without the singular efforts of Co-captains Dick Gass and Mike Kovachevich, who was also named Most Valuable Player at DHS. Other outstanding gridderes were Doug Szopo, Tony Schimizzi, Dan Savu, and Gary Camillo.

Coach Jack Johnson's tankers concluded an exciting season by finishing first in the Sauk Trail League. Co-captains Jon Goyert, Eric Meyer, and Jerry Muske paced the team with help from Larry Bryk and Dan O'Brien.

The track team, coached by Mr.

Bob Bridges, is well on its way to its third consecutive league championship. This season was highlighted by Co-captain Bob May placing first in the half-mile event at Mansfield, Ohio. Others excelling on the track were Co-captain Matt Assenmacher, Pat Nowak, Brian Blake, Bill Manspeaker, Tom Taday, Jim Zinnbauer, and Curtis Green.

Coach Tom Muldowny's tennis team has a chance of finishing on the top in their division. Co-captains Bill Hammond and Jim Curtiss, together with Jeff Dupler and Bill Valentine, are all necessary parts for Dearborn's success on the courts.

Coach Schroeter seems to have another winner in baseball. Dearborn's nine, led by Co-captains Mike Kovachevich and Dick Gass, are presently second in the Sauk Trail Conference. The superlative hitting of Bill McKinley and Larry Swistak, coupled with the pitching of Tom Reeser, is insuring DHS a good shot at first place.



VICKI GROSE and Jim Bakken practice some quick dance steps before the prom.



PLAYING beautiful music are, 1. tor, Shelley Girard, Janine Jenkins and Tom May.



SKETCHING THE majestic scenery surrounding DHS are Tom Troiano and Barb Spafford.



STUDYING in the library are, 1. tor, Lynne Kurilchik, Tom Reeser and Sue Knauss.

man; Steve Stokfisz; Cliff Walker; and Nancy Weaver.

Two foreign exchange students, Riitta Vaissi and Hartwig Molzow, were made honorary members of the National Honor Society.

In addition to the honorary awards, several departments in the school gave individual awards.

Kathy Kantrow received the science award for excellence in all fields of science.

Jon Taub received the Renesselaer Award for his excellance in math and science.

Five students received Quill and Scroll Awards. Seniors Cathy Barnett, Carol Borgeson and Louise Brandt received the award as well as juniors Mark Lien and Brian Smith.

Twenty-three students received awards from the National Council of Teachers of English.

Marilyn Huff was presented with the Forensics Award, while the Choir Award went to Thomas Shader.

In each of the Instrumental Music Department awards there was a tie. Mr. Tony Russo presented the National Orchestra Association Award to Michael Marusak and Douglas Winters.

Bob May and Matthew Assen- received the John Philip Sousa Band Award. The Instrumental Music Department Award went to Rochelle Girard and John Workman.

Pat Caldwell was honored as the Outstanding Future Teacher.

For proficiency in the six industrial arts, awards were earned by James Trees, Machine Shop; Eric Meyer, Automotive; Fred Morga, Electronics Award; Don Stinar, Award; and Gary Nieckarz, Graphic Art Award.

Tom Taday received the Harold Nelson Drafting Award.

Remember When

THE TIGERS won the World Series, and the victory celebration.

THERE WAS a midnight curfew on the ski trip.

WE LEARNED the earth was really flat in physics.

THE SENIOR float was put up for the first time.

COOKIES WERE only a nickel.

WHITE LEVIS, burgundy, and madras were really "frat".

THERE WAS no frog.

DR. YOUNG was here.

WE BEAT Edsel Ford.

ALL THE turtles went away from the center.



FULL OF determination to make the "quick get-away" are, left to right, Betty Krizuk and Karen O. Brown.