

# ★★ Homecoming Theme: "Nights In White Satin" ★★



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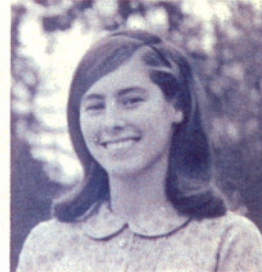
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MARY LYNCH



VICKI RUDNICKI



BETSY TODD

Photo by Bill Gardner

TEN beautiful girls paraded around the redwood room two weeks ago, and after the votes were tabulated, the five finalists were announced. During half-time of the football game with Ypsilanti next Friday, floats from various clubs and classes will parade around the field to set the excitement for the coronation of the queen.

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### Three Compete In Scholarship Program

Three seniors from Dearborn High School have been named semi-finalists in the 1968-69 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are Jim Curtiss, Debbie DeBoer and Rick Dickieson. Although the number is somewhat lower than previous years it is still larger proportionately than the national average from other high schools. Dearborn High had seven semi-finalists last year.

The 15,000 semi-finalists were selected from more than 17,500 different nationwide schools. They constitute less than one percent of the graduating high school seniors in the United States.

In order to advance to finalist

standing, the semi-finalists must take another test, receive endorsement of their high school, and provide some personal information. Winners may receive up to \$1,500 a year for four years of studies.

Besides the three semifinalists, there are 16 other DHS students who received letters of commendation.

They are Bill Black, Kathy Bochenek, Larry Bryk, Dennis Burke, Pete Carlton, Kathy Hilton, Bill Kaempfer, and Kathy Kenrick.

Also included are Dick Lark, Bill Manspeaker, Kathy Lieder, Chris Norden, Tim Prokopp, Joe Thomas, Mary Todd, and Karen Waggoner.

### Nixon Greeted In Detroit By Hundreds...Plus Two

By Miriam Baetz

A funny thing happened on the way to a telephone booth last week. All we--Rick Dickieson and I, both seniors--had wanted to do was make a simple phone call. Who would have

thought that we'd end up in the middle of a press conference.

It all started when we went to the DETROIT NEWS to participate in a panel discussion. As we were leaving about 6:30, we noticed a crowd

Alpha Y-Teens are making garters for girls to wear on their knees and will sell them at football games

Interested in working on the Jazz Show? Contact Mr. Russo in the music room during zero hour.

Loni Mrkva, 10B, won the opportunity to be a Junior Varsity cheerleader Monday night.

### Argentina's Exchange Student Tavo to Sing, Play His Guitar at Nov. Hootennany at Dearborn High

Gustavo Cesar Novillo, nicknamed Tavo, is a talented Latin American singer and guitarist. An exchange student from Argentina, Gustavo will sing and play his guitar at the hootennany at Dearborn High, on November 1. He hopes his fellow students will enjoy his music.

In addition to playing the guitar, Gustavo writes lyrics and composes some of his own music. He also en-

joys collecting stamps and interesting stones.

Tavo has discovered he has more spare time in Dearborn than back in Argentina. Playing soccer and working on the senior float occupy his time here.

American eating habits differ from those in Argentina. At home Gustavo eats four meals a day ending with dinner at 10 pm. His meals consist

of breakfast, lunch, tea, and dinner. Meat is served frequently. "I enjoy your hamburgers and hot dogs, but I am unable to drink your iced tea and ice coffee," says Gustavo.

"Different religions and languages are not barriers in making friends," states Gustavo. He enjoys people and wants to make many friends at Dearborn High. Tavo's first impression of people in the United States was that they were friendly and always willing to be helpful.

Gustavo lives with Scott Sitler, 12B, where he is learning the American ways of life. "American people get together for meals and the family gets a chance to talk about school and American ways of life," noted Tavo. In Argentina everybody is working and Gustavo's family is unable to have meals together. Gustavo feels Americans have more togetherness than people have in Argentina.

Learning English as spoken in the United States has been a problem for Tavo although he has studied English for many years. He carries a little Spanish-English dictionary around in his notebook. The other day someone told him he had dimples, so Gustavo promptly reached for his dictionary and discovered what it was he had.

gathering at the WWJ studio across the street. Richard Nixon and his family were coming, we were told.

Being naturally curious, Rick and I decided to go inside and see what was happening. Then we saw the telephone booth. Since we'd finished the discussion later than we'd expected, we thought we'd better call our parents and tell them about our delay.

We finally made it to the desk where there was a man--a mean man. He gave us the evil eye.

"You kids have a ticket?" he snapped.

"What?" I asked innocently. It was then that we decided to really try to get in to see Mr. Nixon.

Under the watchful eye of the man at the desk, we pushed our way back out the door. We weren't going to give up that easily, though.

No sooner had we stepped outside, when a man asked us "Are you looking for Nixon tickets by any chance?"

Were we looking for Nixon tickets! He didn't have to ask twice. We accepted the two he offered us and ran back inside.

It's amazing what two little pieces of orange paper can do, because from then on, it was easy. I don't think I've ever seen as many reporters as I saw at that press conference. They all looked so important with their press cards pinned to their suits. Oh, and the Nixons were there, too, along with Governor and Mrs. George Romney.

An hour later, it was all over. Rick and I walked across the empty lobby of WWJ, past an empty desk to finally make our phone call. We didn't really expect that anyone would believe our story, but we knew it was true.

A funny thing really did happen on the way to a telephone booth. We have the tickets to prove it.



Photo by Bill Gardner

MR. ROBERT Sitler, and family listen in as the newest member of their family serenades them South American style. From left are Michelle, Scott, senior, Gustavo, Mr. Sitler, Doug, and Mrs. Sitler.





THAT pigskin may be running with a Melvindale man, but by the looks of the DHS defense and the score, it will change hands quickly.

## Editorial

# Students Should Reexamine Actions at Dances

DHS played hosts to some unexpected guests at a dance on Friday, Sept 27: the police.

Mr. Thomas McLennan, assistant principal said, "The major reason the police were called was because several students came into the dance after they had been drinking. A lot of

drinking was going on in the parking lot. Because we anticipated trouble, the police were called in as a precautionary measure."

In addition, several non-DHS students tried to gain entrance to the dance. They included:

- DHS grads without guest passes
- Dropouts without guest passes
- Students from other schools without guest passes
- Junior high students

Being refused admission, one such person ran into the dance hoping to lose himself among the crowd. However, the lights were turned on and the person sought out.

At a non-school sponsored Y-Teens dance the previous week, an equal amount of trouble went on. Besides the drinking in the parking lot, several students accidentally fell (with the aid of a small shove) into the fountain in Olsen Court.

A gentle, firm push was all it took for someone to land in the fountain. Of course, the gentleman or lady pusher reigned as supreme clown for the evening. The victim, whose clothes were ruined in the "clean, clear" waters of the fountain, couldn't possibly warrant as much attention.

# Dearborn Downs Melvindale, Now First On Sauk Trail

Dearborn High now leads the Sauk Trail league. After their Sept. 27 victory over Wayne, the Pioneers surged on to put Melvindale down last Friday despite the obstacle of a cold rain. For the people that came to see Dearborn beat Melvindale, the rain and even the icy hail didn't seem to matter. They either just stayed seated or crawled to semi-dry ground below the bleachers. Before half-time the Pioneers had managed to pull a 12-0 lead.

At half-time our players left the field to receive a pep talk and a few selective words from Coach Dave Frye. They then charged back into

the game and won it with a 26-6 final score, the Melvindale Cardinals taking only one touchdown from us.

Melvindale lost the game against our Junior Varsity team Thursday night with a score of 21-0. Tonight our gridders will travel to Hamtramck to win another game at 7:30



TAKING a journey to the center of your mind and getting lost.

CALLING information just to have someone to talk to.

BEING trampled by a seven-foot sophomore.

FINDING out that the girl you wanted to take to Homecoming is a student teacher.

HAVING your class float sink.

## Muse Prize for Best Contribution

Muse, Dearborn High's literary magazine is in production again. Before it can be printed Muse needs you.

Muse needs new material for its fourth annual production. The staff is now collecting art, poetry, and prose from interested students.

This year for the first time a contest is being held to encourage contribution of works. In the literary and art departments, the first place winners will receive \$10, while second place winners will receive \$5. Cover designs are also welcome, and the best one will receive a \$10 prize. Deadlines for these are Dec. 6.

Muse will be completed and on sale in April. A four page increase is planned, but the 50 cent price for the magazine will remain the same.

## Pioneer Harriers Bombard Braves

Tripping lightly through the brisk winds, the Dearborn Harriers ran away with the cross-country meet last Friday, by a score of 20-41, against the Ypsi Braves. The meet was held on the Eastern Michigan University course.

Dearborn accounted for the second through the seventh finishing places led by senior Bob May, with a finishing time of 10:47. The next five finishers were Pioneers, all finishing only 12 seconds behind Bob May.

Edsel Ford was beaten by Wayne last Thursday, placing Dearborn in sole possession of first place in the Sauk Trail League.

Tomorrow Dearborn will compete in the Clarenceville invitational. This will be the first time Dearborn has attended the invitational and the Dearborn Harriers are anxious to leave a lasting impression.



Pooh went to church last week and now wishes to contemplate a few of the things he noticed.

For one thing, the church appeared to lack something. There seemed to be an abundance of greying heads and elderly faces in contrast to the relatively small number of faces belonging to the "now" generation. Could it be that Saturday nights prove too tiring for our youth to awaken and go to sing praises to the Almighty on Sunday morning? Impossible! If God wanted our youth in church, He would say, "Youth, go to church," and then give them a little start.

Somehow Pooh feels that Saturday nights aren't what keep the youth home. He feels that they aren't going to church because they can't relate to God.

The youth are beginning to question, rather than be content with the satin stars of propaganda blinding their eyes to the truth. They wonder how anyone can be led blindly along by the hand of someone, or something they've never seen.

Pooh feels that everyone must do his own thing. If a young person can relate to God while he's flying, then Pooh feels that Society mustn't discriminate against him because his methods of finding God are a little different.

Pooh has come to the conclusion that if the youth are going to find what they are looking for, they shouldn't go to church and allow themselves to be led blindly to the glorious Land of Salvation.

Youth must relate to God individually. There's no law that says you must have a god, but if you do, why not make him your own?



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