

Crew Creates French Scene; Set Ready for Opening Night

"They say that only God can make a tree," mused Bill Barcy, 12B, "but yesterday, I made one."

No, there's not a new botany class at DHS, and Bill is not a horticulturist. He and Dan Williams, 12B, are stage managers and heads of the scenery crew of "Thieves' Carnival".

Under the supervision of Mrs. Joanne Kraft, the crew has been battling paint brushes and backdrops since Sept. 14 to be ready for the play tonight and tomorrow night. Every Saturday from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., Bill, Dan, and the rest of the level and sweatshirt-clad group could be found on stage painting and pounding on the setting for the small French resort town of Vichy.

Creating a French resort scene is not easy the crew soon discovered, and no matter how hard you try, there are always problems. For example, there's senior Maria Petlichkoff and her platform. Make a platform, she was told, with a radius of six feet, diameter of 12 feet. Maria and her crew set to work and soon had finished a beautiful platform--with a diameter of six feet.

Just As Teenage Girl

The Forgotten "Normal" Teen Boy Has His Problems Too

Newspapers, televisions, and people seem to ignore the lost and forgotten "normal" boy. He and his problems have been drowned out by the delinquent teenager who seems to get all the publicity.

A recent survey was taken of DHS boys to find out just what bothered

"Well," Maria grinned sheepishly; "Tony missed it by half, and besides, it turned out OK in the end."

"The whole set is impressionistic. It will require a bit of imagination on the part of the audience," added Dan.

Publicity for the play was made easier this year with the acquisition of a new silk screen printing outfit.

"Now we can make 60 posters in about two hours, where it used to take at least two weeks," explained Bill.

Of course, using cardboard isn't the only way to print and being the style-minded group that they are, the crew decided that the world was ready for another trend in fashion. Some of the members now sport "Thieves' Carnival Sweatshirts"---that is, sweatshirts with a silk-screen printing of the "Thieves' Carnival" poster painted on the front and back.

Tonight and tomorrow night you'll see the finished product of many hours of hardwork, paint brush battles and stenciled sweatshirts. As the curtain rises and you watch the people on stage, pause a moment and think of all the people who helped to make "Thieves' Carnival" a real carnival behind the scenes.

them on subjects as parents, friends, drinking, sex, and dating. Last Friday's OBSERVER showed a survey taken on girls' problems.

Results of the survey follows. (All names used are fictional.)

PARENTS-"They're okay," said John, "but they are trying to teach me the way they were brought up." Being brought up by the old standards of their parents still in the "good old days" was the main gripe given by most of the boys towards their parents.

Communication was another complaint which brought on arguments at home over such things as use of the car, hours, dress, and spending of money.

DRINKING-"Going out to have a good time, to solve a curious idea, and to rebel against your parents," Mike answered when asked what influenced him or his friends to drink.

Group pressures, acting grown-up and following the crowd were other reasons why today there is so much trouble concerning teenage drinking, others offered.

FRIENDS-Every boy asked answered that they had close friends whom they could talk to and discuss problems with.

"My friends and I are basically confronted with the same problems, which you could never talk over with your parents," Bob said.

"Ideas of change haven't altered. Youth seek change while adults tend to preserve," answered Bill when asked why he could talk to his friends better than his parents.

DATING-About half of the boys asked believed in dating several girls and half believed in going steady and dating only one girl.



Photo by Bill Gardner

Eavesdropping on the conversation between (l to r.) Betsey Price, 12B, and Jan Gaiefsky, 11B, are Reed Damian, 12B, and Doug Barns, 11B.

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Jan Gaiefsky and Mike Bathurst Hope to Become Exchange Students

What would you do with a gavel, a nurse's cap, a paper flower, and a baseball cap? This was the problem

posed for four would-be foreign exchange students. They decided to put on a skit about (what else?) the trial of a St. Louis Cardinal.

Another group of three was given a Coke bottle, shawl and revolver. "Crime doesn't Pay" was the theme of their skit.



MIKE

Seven students who wished to be exchange students attended an initial meeting to get acquainted with the American

Abroad Selection Committee and to show them how they acted socially. In addition to putting on skits, the students each gave a one-minute impromptu speech.



JAN

After the initial meeting, the Selection Committee visited the students' homes who

were still under consideration. This gave the committee members a chance to see how the families get along.

Originally 17 people were under consideration. This number was reduced to seven after these students met after school for about 20 minutes and talked to a member of the Americans Abroad Selection Committee.

From a field of 17, Jan Gaiefsky and Mike Bathurst, both 11Bs, have been picked as Dearborn High's choice for the Americans Abroad program. Their names will be sent to New York where the final selection is made. Jan wishes to participate in the summer program. Mike is undecided at this point whether he will apply for a year or for the summer



Hoping for another state championship, the cheerleaders will travel to Midland, Michigan tomorrow. Good luck girls!

Struggling through their children's schedules next Tuesday from 7-9:30 pm, DHS parents will attend the annual Open House.

Attention seniors! Dearborn Elks Lodge No. 1945 is sponsoring a Youth Leadership Contest offering savings bonds as prizes for outstanding young leaders. Qualifications are: leadership, Americanism, citizenship, resourcefulness and sense of honor.

If you feel you are qualified and wish to apply, an application blank can be obtained by writing: Youth Leadership Committee, Dearborn Elks Lodge No. 1945, 25000 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan. 48124



MISERY is a goldfish sandwich without mayonnaise.

MISERY is bubble gum stuck in a tuba.

MISERY is having a Hippie tell you you're a Dial-Dropout.

MISERY is rain washing away your seaburns.

MISERY is taking a shower with a Brillo Pad.

MISERY is funding meat in your ketchup sandwich.

MISERY is tripping over a painted line on the gym floor.



Photo by Bill Gardner

SHOWING "Pioneer" spirit in action, Doug Szopo pushed aside a "Tractor" griddler, to gain more yardage in the Dearborn-Fordson land battle.

Pioneers Defeat Tractors 20-7; Become Known as City Champs

Could Dearborn beat Edsel Ford for the first time in 13 years and become Sauk Trail League Champs? Was Dearborn strong enough to win the honor of City Champs? Questions such as these arose late in the August when the Pioneer football team first began their practices. Practicing hard with the goal in mind of ending the more than a decade of Edsel Ford domination.

The Pioneer football squad disappointed early crowds by dropping their first two games with Bentley and Southgate.

Things finally began to come together for the Pioneers. Inexperienced players gained the experience and confidence they needed to carry them onward to victory. The strong running game came together, and the defense tightened.

All this showed in Dearborn's first Sauk Trail League game as DHS slammed Wayne, 40-7. Melvindale was the next victim as DHS won their first home game of the new campaign beating the Cards 26-6. Hamtramck was the next stop for the Pioneers. Here they lambasted the Cosmos 48-0, in non-league combat.

Then it was home and the Pioneers practiced hard in preparation for their key games with Ypsi and the Edsel Ford Thunderbirds.

Ypsi caused many problems for the Pioneers including leading 7-6. With less than three minutes to go, the DHS squad soared to win the game 12-7.

The big game was here! Remember all the noise and cheers when the final gun sounded and Dearborn had beaten Edsel 7-6 and the golden football was back at DHS?

"Practice makes perfect!" The Pioneer athletes have a chance to belt a "grand slam" in sports. Dearborn has already won cross country and football and with

some great effort, could win all the winter and spring sports from basketball through tennis.



Photo by Bill Gardner

STUDYING the game with intense seriousness are DHS varsity football coaches (left to right) George Arrick, David Frye, and Richard Ryan.

War Becomes Chain Reaction While Small Children Suffer

War is a gigantic chain reaction. One disastrous happening becomes the cause of many that follow...

You walk down the long and narrow, dimly lighted hall. There are many closed doors on each side. Hardly a sound escapes those doors. How you wish you could see! As you walk down the damp hall, your heels make a terrible clatter on the cement floor. As you turn the corner there is a door open and you peer into the room. There on a bed sits a small-framed young child. Could she be any more than five?

The bed on which she sits is unmade and dirty. Her scanty clothing is equally as dirty. It consists of a short sleeve, grey dress which is much too large for her.

She feels your searching eyes upon her, and raises her bowed head. Her eyes reached yours and she stares into them. Her skinny face, her legs, her arms! What kind of food could have possibly been fed to mold such a child? Why, surely she would break if you touched her!

Her black stringy hair lays on her

shoulders, and the black, deep-set eyes penetrate through you. Pitiful tears come to her eyes, and run down the empty face. What is in that head of hers? What have those dead eyes seen? There is a look of horror in them.

Finally, your staring is not enough, and the barefoot child runs into your arms. She is as light as a feather as you pick her up. You feel her cold feet wrap about your waist. She clings to you with all the strength that she possesses. Her small head rests on your shoulders. Her cold, boney arms wrap around your neck, and this sends cold chills down you. "Put the girl down, and leave at once," an orphanage attendant tells you. The skeleton leaves your arms.

As you walk out the door, it is not quite the same as the one which you entered. A war orphan is just one link in the chain reaction.

Harriers are Solo League Champions

"They'll really be tough this year," Coach Herb Schroeter predicted of the Harriers at the beginning of the season. This statement proved to be prophetic.

The Harriers decided to really let themselves go in the Oct. 30 league meet--the last meet of the season. If Wayne was to beat them in this meet, DHS would have to share its title with Wayne. Our team came through, beating Wayne by a score of 32-37.

Winning the league meet was not an easy task, even for our cross-country team. A new course record of 10:19 was set by an Ypsi man. DHS senior, Bob May, came in second, tying the record of last year--10:20.

The team ran in 13 meets including three invitationals, one regional meet, and one league meet. The Harriers finished as League Champs with an undefeated season.

Teachers Have No Dress Code. Why Do We?

Teachers don't have a dress code? (Teachers don't have a dress code!) Sustie "Q" walked down the hall, (Her dress was short, not showing all.) Stopped was she by Mr. "T", (Sent home to change for a dress to her knee.) Miss "X" was seen teaching math, (Her wild, short dress walked in my path.) She won't go home to switch her clothes, (For teachers have no code you know.)

Johnnie "J" has hair so long, (To see his ears requires a prong.) But Mr. "G" has sideburns too, (And they're pretty long I'll say and I do.) Billy's shirt is not tucked in, (It's style now, but excuses run thin.) Mr. "S" wears white Nehrus, (He wears no necktie nor shirt to school.) Oh me, oh my, what can we do?

(God knows we can't shun Mr. Nehru.)



Complaining and protesting should come to an end, (But ourselves we must defend.)

I hope the teachers don't get a code, (Revise ours please and rid the old.) Why a jacket can't I bring, (To my last class when the last bell rings.)

Why must boys tuck in their shirts, (When the weather outside is hot and hurts?) It's much more comfortable and we wear it home, (Why must school keep a straight-jacket dome?)

We'll wear coats and ties out to eat, (For real good food cannot be beat.) But we go to restaurants of our choice, (In which school we attend, we have no voice.)

Teachers, teachers come to our aid, (Wear what you like and our faith in you saved.)

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