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Hamburgers, Snow Top List Of Carlos Malan's Favorites

"I think snow is a great thing; something I definitely won't forget," remarked Senior Carlos Malan; "But it would be much more agreeable if it wasn't so cold." Dearborn High's exchange student from Rio, Brazil, continued, "The first time I saw snow was in Mr. Poesley's English class, before Thanksgiving. I asked him if I could just stand by the window and watch it. He let me, and then we went outside and had a snowball fight." Carlos, residing with Junior Bill Was and his family, has found that he likes most American food. He has gained ten pounds since his arrival here, most of which is probably due to eating hamburgers, his favorite American food.

He has enjoyed Dearborn High's many activities. "We don't have any of the clubs you do," he explained. "And when we play soccer we don't

have the participation you have at football games." Carlos was also impressed by Homecoming. He feels it is good to have people work together for their school instead of just going there to study.

In general, Carlos feels American girls are much louder than Brazilian girls. "However, it is very hard to compare them as two separate groups," he adds, "because all girls are different."

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Teacher Helps

"To be blind does not mean one is deaf and stupid, also." Speaking out about blindness, Miss Judy Kramer continues, "One still hears, touches, talks and feels the same emotions in spite of his blindness." Miss Kramer is DHS's new Special Education teacher for the blind. She is continuing the job that Miss Marjorie Obed began last year. Miss Obed has since joined the Peace Corps and is presently in Yugoslavia. There she is teaching a class in a school for the blind. Miss Kramer believes people are still curious and ignorant of the blind. "I am going to post a paper called Things You Should Know About the

Blind to Overcome Obstacles

Blind' all around the school. People just do not know how to act around the blind. They underestimate them." Being extremely emphatic now, she almost wails, "Never, never generalize. The blind are individuals, as different as you and I. For example, Larry Naessens (now attending EMU) went through DHS without any help at all. But my students need some assistance." Students who are under Miss Kramer's supervision are Eric Wartmann, Cheryl Grebeck (both attend DHS), and David Gibson. David has partial vision. Giving her students their tests either orally or printed in Braille,



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is a necessary tack that Miss Kramer does. Other jobs of her's are to order the textbooks in Braille or, in David's case to find books with extra-large print. "Braille books are not difficult to find any longer. I have a catalogue of textbooks to send away for and if the textbook or paperback is not listed, they can be printed easily. The Lions Club, the Sisterhood of Bethel, and many other volunteers or organizations are willing to reproduce the books in Braille for the blind. In fact, they are very generous with their time." What if a book has been printed in Braille but is not mass-produced? "Thermo-forming reproduces Braille. But a person still has to compile and bind the pages into a book. By no means is it a fast process." She smiled, as if to communicate along with her words: "You know they are human. Why doesn't everyone else?"

Exotic Luncheon Served at Confab

"Pass the Mi Krob, please." Mi Krob, sugarized spun egg threads, was just one of several Thai dishes featured at an International Educator Press Conference held recently at Fordson High School. Observer staff Editors Nancy Lenhart and Mark Lien, Advisor Mrs. Marie Mitchell, and staff Photographer Al Soloman were invited to the luncheon along with 37 other students and teachers from the Detroit area. Acting as host and hostess were Mrs. Anong Sinsiri and Mr. Vichitr Sinsiri, Thailand educators were assisted by Miss Virginia Demerjian who is director of Fordson's Commercial Food Department.

Officers Selected For Honor Society

Planning this year's activities is one of the chief responsibilities of the new officers of National Honor Society, chosen November 17. Jerry Shader was elected president, while Jon Taub became vice-president, Donna Pirek, secretary, and Jan Gaifsky, treasurer. All are seniors. During past years, the club has taken on such projects as tutoring students at DHS. Along with new officers, an executive board was selected consisting of Seniors Tom May, Nancy Lenhart, Mark Jansma, and Joe Hallissey. All seniors and juniors with a 3.00 average or better are eligible for membership in National Honor Society. New members are announced at the end of the year after having been carefully evaluated in areas of leadership, service, character, and scholastic ability. Only 5 per cent of the 11A's, 10 per cent of the 12B's, and 15 per cent of the 12A's are chosen. Of the 31 members which make up this year's club, Seniors Donna Pirek and Jerry Shader, have been chosen to compete for National Honor Society Scholarships.

Intelligence, Participation Qualify Doug Reith for Optimist Honor

He is Math Club President, secretary of SIRS, on Student Council and Senior Council, and a member of German Club.

He was one to the ten finalists for the Michigan Math Contest. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and has a B+ average.

His strong political views are exemplified by his membership in TAR (Teen Age Republicans). He is athletic, and is on the track team.

He was chosen from more than 500 applicants, along with 103 other qualified young men to attend the National Science Foundation at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N. J., last summer. While there he had what he describes as "unlimited use of the computers and equipment."

Who is this outstanding student? He is Doug Reith, senior. Doug plans to major in electrical engineering in college.

Due to his involvement in school activities, and because of his extremely high potential, he was

honored by the Optimist Club on Nov. 12.

At the Optimist's Club invitation, Doug was chosen by Principal Len Mazur, and Assistant Principal Dean Challis.

Each year the Optimist Club honors a very promising male student from each of the Dearborn area's seven high schools. All received plaques commending them on their achievements, at the luncheon held at the Dearborn Inn.

"I am a loyal Republican. I also believe that every thing can be accomplished through constructive criticism. That is why SIRS was founded," Doug emphasized. I think our school lacks spirit. So many people just don't care what happens here at school. Take the lunchroom for example. Look at how wasteful and destructive some of the students are."



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Twelve Sets of Twins Exclaim: 'Two Heads Better Than One'

One out of 80 births is twins, and after going through the student schedules, it was found that 12 sets of twins attend Dearborn High. What's it like to be a twin?

Marilyn Trimble, senior, claims it is "just like having a sister your own age." Nancy and Marilyn are identical twins and only one person has ever been able to devise a system of telling the two apart.

Senior Ginger Behr, the twin of Dixie, "occasionally" likes being a twin. According to her, Dixie's hair is shorter, "so people can tell us apart." The two take the same classes, such as French, so they are able to combine their homework efforts. They also swap clothes. However, Ginger doesn't particularly care for the competition she has to share with her twin.

Debbie Norton, senior, likes having a boy twin "because he brings all his boyfriends home." Although they fight a lot, Debbie appreciates Dan's opinions when it comes to selecting clothes.

Marty Shelly, also a senior, claims that she doesn't really think of Fred as a twin. "The only real disadvantage," says Marty, "is having to share a birthday." Fred seems to think that "two heads are better than one."

Other twins attending Dearborn are Seniors Lou and Louise Sarkozy, Harold and Gerald Blake, Tim and Tom Wall, and Kathie and Patty Forde.

Juniors Mike and Howard Neale, Robert and Stephen Rupe, and Debbie and Pat Borden round out the school's roster of doubles.

Talented DHS Students Prove Hard Work and Energy Pay Off

"I'd like to explain why some of these girls are wearing long, black dresses," commented Mr. Anthony Russo at the jazz show on Nov. 21. "You see, as soon as they're through playing in the jazz show they have to go play with the Dearborn Symphony. Isn't it great that we live in a community where there are so many opportunities for our talented youth?"

Having so many opportunities for talented young people at DHS certainly is great. But isn't it even more wonderful that we have so many talented, hard-working students who are willing to put forth so much effort to produce such professional-like performances as "The King and I" and the Jazz show.

The long hours spent by teachers,

students, and parents resulted in two of the best performances in DHS's history.

The "King and I" was near-professional. Everything--sets, make-up, costuming, publicity, had that extra polish that made the difference between a mediocre high school play and an extraordinary performance.

DHS's music department surely isn't lacking in the talent department either. The jazz band's performance of such old favorites as "Two O'clock Jump", "String of Pearls", and "Song of India" proved the theory that practice makes perfect.

It's superb performances like these which make a student proud to say he goes to DHS.

Activities Accent Fun at Dearborn; Numerous Niches Wait Occupation

"I want to become involved in extra-curricular activities in school but I don't know which one to join."

Does this sound like you?

Dearborn High offers many activities and clubs that are available for any DHS student to join.

Would you like to meet our exchange students and learn about other lands and people? Then AFS (American Field Service), a part of the National Foreign Exchange program, is for you. AFS helps support this program and also helps with some expense an exchange student might have. Any student can be a member. Senior Gwen Rowe is president.

School spirit is the requirement for Booster Club, Senior Barb Abrams, president. Those orange and black tags that are passed out on a game-day, signs advertising various events, pep rallies and booster buses are some of the projects that this club performs. Booster Club is open to all DHS students.

C-h-e-e-r-l-e-a-d-i-n-g spells the only varsity sport offered to the girls at Dearborn. Mrs. Lou Stehlik is the coach who guides the students through performances at football and basketball games. To be a cheerleader, a student must participate in the tryouts. Selection is by the coach and graduating varsity cheerleaders.

Parlez-vous français? Sprechen Sie Deutsch? Dicesne Latina? ¿Habla vd. español? Join the French, German, Spanish, and Latin Clubs! Anyone who speaks or is interested in these languages and wants to increase his knowledge and understanding of them is urged to go to the meetings. Senior Gwen Rowe is president of the French Club, Senior Mark Jansma is president of the German Club, Senior Jeff Pepper is president of the Spanish Club, and Senior Mary Margaret Miller is president of the Latin Club.

So you want to be a teacher! How about FTA (Future Teachers of America)? This club discusses the various kinds of teaching departments and the rewards that are found in this profession. Senior Denise Hobbs is president.

Are you a Democrat or a Republican? It doesn't make any difference in the Political Club; anyone who is interested can join! Senior Paul Christenson, president, leads the club in discussing interesting topics and controversial issues.

Dearborn High School is one of five members in the Sauk Trail Conference. Others are Melvindale, Wayne, Ypsilanti, and Edsel Ford. This league sponsors football, cross country, basketball, swimming, wrestling, baseball, track, golf and tennis. Rules of eligibility can be obtained from the school's coaches.

Girls who have the qualities of good sportsmanship and fair play are welcome to become a part of GAA (Girls' Athletic Association). The ones that have received 15 points by participating in the intramural sports program are invited to the GAA initiation where they are initiated formally into membership. Senior Mary Sue Botts is president.

Ed. Note--Other clubs and activities will appear in the next issue of the OBSERVER.



Alan Solomon

STRAINING UNDER THE pinning efforts of Senior Dave Nicol is assisting wrestling Coach Al Harris.

Balloons Venture Far Into Canada

Smithville, Ontario was reached by three DHS representatives in October.

Student Council President Andy Kokas received a letter Oct. 28 from Chris Baldwin, a junior cheerleader

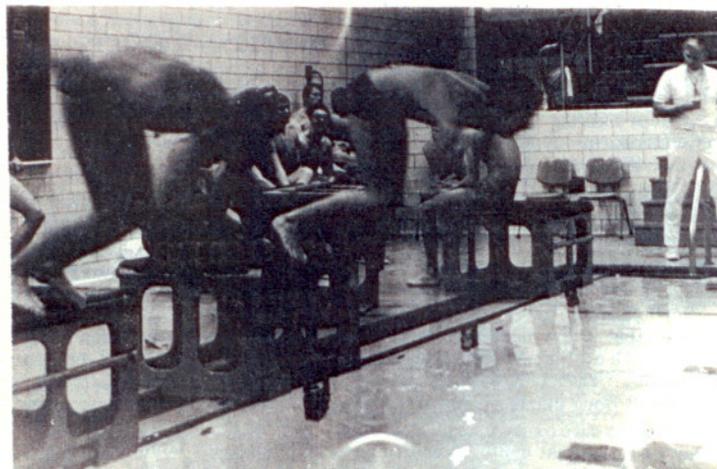
at her high school in Smithville. She reported that she found a group of balloons tied to a stick hovering near her home, 250 miles from Detroit.

The balloons were part of the barrage launched at the October 25 Edsel Ford football game.

In her letter, Chris commended such activities as releasing balloons and other displays of "school spirit". Andy is in the process of replying to her request for information about DHS and its students.

It's just possible that some orange and black balloons are now slowly drifting through the skies of London, Paris, Moscow....

Tankers Look Forward to Great Year



Alan Solomon

STRUGGLING FOR AN early lead are DHS Varsity swimmers (l-r) Doug Bell, junior, and Carlos Malan, senior. Carlos is the first AFS exchange student to participate in Varsity sports in DHS history.

Blind Teacher Tackles Obstacles

Mr. Al Harris, social studies teacher and assistant on Dearborn wrestling squad is blind. Yet he is able to live with his handicap, a quality admired and envied by both students and teachers alike.

Mr. Harris graduated from Wayne State University in June 1967. He substituted at area schools for a year before coming to DHS last year.

He worked with the wrestling squad last year providing valuable assistance. His dance gained through his athletic training at the Michigan School for the Blind.

Mr. Harris "sees" in the world through his leader dog, Priscilla, who is also the squad's unofficial mascot. But on the mat, Mr. Harris is on his own.

Many students ask, "How can you tell where to wrestle." Mr. Harris' real disadvantage is from the standpoint of knowing where his opponent is other than by touch.

He explains, "If the wrestler refuses to maintain body contact, I can't do much about it till he does."

The wrestling squad is also assisted by Mr. Bob Bridges, math teacher, and Mr. Frank Navarre, social studies teacher. Their efforts help prepare the squad for their first match against Livonia-Franklin Tuesday.

BEEN TOP SAY!

The senior class will sponsor "male legs" contest which will feature 20 or our male teachers' Pictures of these 20 will be hanging on the bulletin board and students will vote for the best legs. The date for the showing has not yet been set.

The Observer invites all students to submit creative writing for use in the Christmas issue. The deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 9 for all entries.

Great Year

DHS swimmers opened their season yesterday against Stony-Grand Blanc, and are looking forward to a successful season.

Leading the seniors are Bachorik, breast stroke, Pete Carrington, back stroke, Doug Clink, and Joe Bryk. Besides the seniors, there are several juniors who place in the swimming team. They are Akers, Ewald Schultz, and Pett.

Tom Szuba, a sophomore, established himself as one of the distance swimmers in the area, will not be available to the team until next semester, because of the transfer regulations.

Once again the Pioneers have nucleus of a great swimming team and Coach Jack Johnson may be another winner on his hands.