



by Jim Krahn

Q. HELP! I am going out of my mind, is Detroit dead? I wait for the weekend to come but nothing happens. Please is there anything to do?
A. Yes, you do have a problem. It seems this one faces many people. Here are a few suggestions to do away with your weekend blahs.

RAVEN, 29101 Greenfield (353-1778). Featuring Ron Coden well known folk singer.

CHESS MATE, Livernois at Six Mile (862-1554). John Lee Hooker nationwide blues singer. Admission \$3.

HENRY FORD MUSEUM, Big sports car show starts Jan. 16. For further information call: 271-1620.

MICH. STATE FAIR GROUNDS, Shrine Circus, Jan. 30 through Feb. 15. For ticket information call 368-1000.

Q. I'm keenly interested in art, modern or classic. Are there any exhibits that I might find to quench my thirst for art?
A. Don't dry up, here's an oasis of ideas:

The Detroit Art Institute is holding two major exhibits. Robert Morse Art Collection featured through Feb. 4. A collection of Renoir's will be exhibited starting Feb. 25 through April 4.

Q. I'm broke. What to do?

A. If you're not one of the big time spenders, or you're just plain cheap, some good suggestions are: doing homework in the dark with your date, skinny skating down the Rouge and testing your fog lights at Ford Field or charging a coke at Top Hat.

Dearborn Rocks at Pop Festival Sponsored by Radio Club Feb.13

If you couldn't attend the Woodstock Festival last summer, or the Miami Pop Festival in December, your chance to attend one has finally come.

Winterwood, Salt of the Earth, and other groups will kick out Dearborn High's first Pop Festival on Friday, Feb. 13, under sponsorship of the Radio Club.

Both band groups feature Dearborn high students. Winterwood's members are Juniors Gary Reid, Cindy Coelb, and Gary Galloway. Junior Dave Franczak belongs to Salt of the Earth.

Tri-School IBM Dance Set Feb.14

Dearborn, Edsel Ford, and Fordson have combined efforts to plan a Computer Dance scheduled for Feb. 14.

The dance will be held at the Henry Ford Community College Activity Center from 8 p. m. till midnight.

Due to limited space, only 600 tickets can be sold, leaving 200 per school. Each school has agreed to split the allotted 200 between the girls and the boys. They will be sold for \$2 each.

When students buy their tickets, they will receive a personal questionnaire, which must be completed and returned. Once collected from the three schools, they will be sent to be processed by IBM.

The computer will match someone to another of the opposite sex, according to personal concerns, interests, and physical traits. Each party of the matched couple will receive an identical number. Once at the dance, each searches for a matching num-

ber worn by his computerized mate.

The idea of the dance originated last fall with DHS Student Council President Andy Kokas. It was then worked out by the DSAC, a group composed of four students from each high school. Representing our school along with Andy are Juniors Barb Clark, Tom Keramaris, and Mike Kirk.

Barb Clark stated, "This will be a good chance for the students from the three Dearborn high schools to get together other than on a competitive basis."

Memories Relived Through Yearbook

Five and one half more months of classes and another school year will be completed. Yet, what is there to account for it? Memories aren't reliable; they tend to fade away.

This is the reason a yearbook has been developed and published over the years at DHS. The pioneer is a memento for this year's accomplishments, and gives credit to deserving individuals for a wide variety of reasons.

Kurt Odmark, editor of the 1970 Pioneer, said, "Those unfamiliar with the Pioneer, might like to know that it is not made for just the graduating class. There will be a section for each grade and it will represent the whole school. I also plan on more candid photos of the student body."

The final sales for this year will be posted in the bulletin. The price is \$4.

According to Donna Pirek, senior, Business Manager, the price of the yearbook will be \$5 if purchased in June.



SENIORS LIZ ELWART and Dave Bellville are depositing suggestions into "The Box."

Student Council Adds New Dimension; Suggestion Box Offers Voice for Students

Conspicuously placed in the main office is one of this year's student council accomplishments. A new brightly - colored orange and black suggestion box eagerly awaits usage by the student body.

The purpose of the suggestion box is to improve student body-Council relationships. "In the past," says Council President Andy Kokas, "council relations with the student body have suffered greatly from lack of direct linkage. This suggestion

box affords students the opportunity to tell the Council exactly what they think in the form of complaints, compliments and suggestions."

Concert Concludes Busy Season; Promises to be 'Outstanding'

"This will be an outstanding concert" said Mr. Anthony Russo, concerning the upcoming Feb. 8 Winter Concert.

This traditional concert will feature the Symphonic Band and Orchestra. Numbers by the Band of special interest are the "Nutcracker Suite" and the "Second Suite" by Jagar.

The Orchestra will play the "Unfinished Symphony" by Schubert and "Die Meistersinger" by Wagner as well as many other selections.

Admission price for the concert is \$1. The concert starts at 7:30 p. m. in the DHS auditorium.

This has been a very busy season for the musicians, according to Mr. Russo. This Winter Concert was preceded by the King and I, Jazz Show, Christmas Concert, and the Solo and Ensemble Festival. Forty-five members of the bands and orchestra will participate at the Solo

and Ensemble Festival this year at Henry Ford Community College.



Senior Jim Krahn, displaying fine skiing skills-backyard fashion-found the evergreens a slight obstacle while practicing for the Ski Club's opening trip to Alpine. Two busloads went on the outing last Friday.

Pages one and four of this issue were done by the Journalism I students.

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Observer
Editorial Comments
"I may disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." —Voltaire

Ruffians Create Needless Ruin

BY JO ANNE CHRISTOFF

Why is it today, young people feel the need to be destructive? Public utilities, telephone booths, buildings under construction and many others are subject to young vandals.

Vandalism is found not only in the inner-city, but rather throughout the suburban cities, and Dearborn is no exception.

Our own Dearborn High has been plagued with vandalism. Destructive students have led to the closing down of lavatories, defacing of walls and bulletin boards, and putting telephones out-of-order. This presents a constant eyecore to the conscientious student. How many people like to be disgraced by having to look at or go into a dilapidated room?

These facilities have been designed with the student in mind. Some misguided students, however, take advantage of the opportunities offered and resort to destruction. Their actions annoy and irritate other students.

Fortunately, the majority of students feel we must protect our interests--both our reputation and financial situation. It is up to the student body to tackle this problem and try to avoid future destruction to Dearborn High.

DHS is a place of learning, not for destroying. But as long as there are students in DHS who continue to act as juveniles instead of young men and women, there will always be an unsightly appearance to our school.

Fix Auditorium Sound Defects

BY LIZ MOORE

"It is not a real deep problem" said Assistant Principal Dean Challis of the sound system in the auditorium after the performance of "Ivanhoe" Jan. 5. The audience, however, voiced an opposing view.

For several years, audiences have had to suffer through movies (with sound tracks), dramatic performances, panel discussions and concerts while the sound equipment had a mind of its own. Sound tracks could barely be heard, nor could guest speakers.

Often the faculty and administration would admonish the student body for their vocal misconduct, not realizing that it was an impossibility to listen and learn from inaudible presentations.

Last year's Senior Class donated \$1,200 of its funds for new speakers and amplifiers in the auditorium and cafeteria.

The Class of '68 had speakers installed in the Senior and Junior Lounges for \$700. Nearly \$2,000 worth of sound equipment has been given to Dearborn High, but with few noticeable audio improvements in the auditorium.

To the relief of many, the company



A bagel sale will be held next Wednesday sponsored by Omega Y-teens.

Anyone wishing to write get-well notes to Mr. Elden Lossing, math teacher, may address their letters to Oakwood Hospital, room 879B, 18101 Oakwood, Dearborn.

Letters to the Editor

This letter pertains to the petition circulated by SIRS in response to the editorial "Lax Attitudes Breed Problems" in the Oct. 31, Observer.

Dear Editors,
SIRS rana petition during the first two weeks in November. We found there was a reluctance on the part of the students to sign the petition, not because they agreed or disagreed with the article, but because they are afraid to be involved, obligate themselves, or make waves.

By running this petition we wish to show that in our high school many people do care what others think about. The outside world reads student opinion through you and your paper. If articles are written such as this one and it is not specifically stated in writing that they are editorials, the school's attitude and opinions can be misunderstood.

Unlike others who attack something and yet have no solutions, we have

some solutions you may consider. First, whenever an article is written as an editorial it should be stated in writing that it is an editorial and not the opinion of the paper. All television, radio, and newsmedia do this in expressing either their views or those of their audience. Second, when space is provided for controversial editorials, equal space should be provided for an opposing view point.

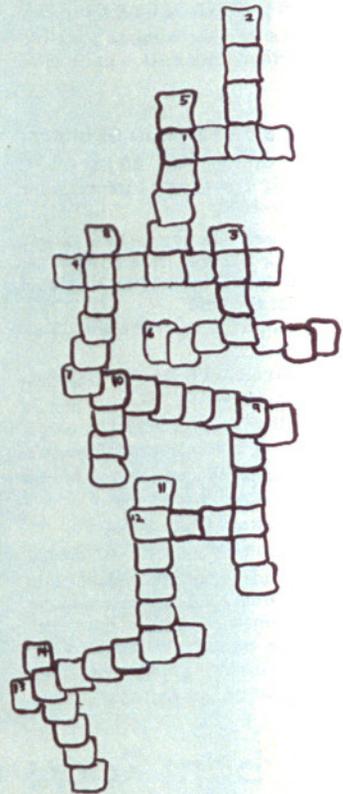
In conclusion, we as a club do commend you on the editorial policies which you printed in one of your recent editions. With the open-mindedness you have shown in this area we hope that we can suggest reforms in all good will and further hope no more of such conflicts arise.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Reith, senior
Secretary, SIRS

Teacher Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Car for ____.
4. ____ Floor Wax.
6. "Charmin" squeezer ____.
7. Person who tends sheep.
12. Tootsie ____.
13. You cross these when going over water.



DOWN

2. Maternity ____.
3. Slang word for policeman.
5. Father owns a bar.
8. Cowboy Roy ____.
9. Dearborn Police Chief John B. O' ____.
10. Jack and Jill went up the ____.
11. Holes in which you bury people.
14. Smaller than rivers.

OPEN END

MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS...



VALERIE

"To keep my mouth shut."--Nelson Steiper, senior.

"To lose 15 pounds"--Becky Rid-dick, junior.

"To graduate"--Michelle Beavais, senior.

"To gain 25 pounds when wrestling ends"--Andy Kokas, senior.

"To grow"--Shelly Sabaugh, junior.
"To stop falling asleep in French"--Valerie Tomasik, junior.

"To never cut my hair."--Fred Shelly, senior.

"I had one, but I broke it."--Pat Barnwell, junior.

"To frolic about more than ever this year."--Lew Walters, senior.

"To take life easy."--Mr. Richard Ryan.

"To stop biting my fingernails."--Kim Teeple, sophomore.

"Not to have any more parties."--Glen Baja.

"I gave up on resolutions, because every year when I say I'm going to do something, I never do it, and when I say I'm not going to do something, I do it"--Sue Beers, senior.

"To quit picking on teachers that are littler than me."--Sandy Wheeler, senior.



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Counselors Seeking To Solve Student Problems, Questions

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This is the first in a three-part series on Dearborn High's counseling department.

"Counseling develops a student-faculty relationship," commented Mr. James Westby, chairman of the counseling department. "We try to help students handle any personal problems a student might have because this may influence his work at school."

Mr. Westby believes that a counselor's main problem is to get the student to look at himself realistically. A counselor is trying to lead a student to his chosen field by recommending classes that will have an influence on future endeavors.

In our society today there are many prestigious professions that sway people. Mr. Westby suggests that some make the mistake of setting goals that the individual is incapable of obtaining.

Dearborn High has eight counselors for the approximate 2,000 enrollment. Mr. Westby feels this is an adequate number because many other schools have as many as 500 students per counselor. The North-Central Accrediting Association suggests 300 students per counselor as desirable.

Advisory on college admission is one of the strong points of the counseling department. "Here in Michigan we have an excellent higher education program which allows the student to choose the college that best suits him," stated Mr. Westby. He pointed out that colleges are looking for a well rounded student with the desire to succeed. It was brought out however, that the department lacks information on technical and trade schools.

Mr. Westby feels that educational strains seem to be developing throughout high schools today with parents supplying a great deal of the pressure.

Hearts and Homes Needed for AFS

How about hosting an exchange student next year?

Could you open heart and home to a foreign brother or sister as part of your family?

Do you wish to improve international understanding?

If you can honestly answer yes to these questions, you're the type of person AFS (American Field Service) is looking for, according to AFS Vice-president Dave Bellville.

AFS, whose headquarters are in New York, places thousands of students in homes around the world, usually for a one-year stay.

Student and family are carefully matched after being interviewed, attending discussions, and filling out various forms. The matches are usually precise and successful. If a student is unhappy however, (as rarely occurs) he or she is placed in another home in the area.

Room and board are the only monies Carlos Malan of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Sheenagh Burgess of Sydney, Australia are this year's exchange students at DHS.

Sophomores and juniors interested in having an exchange student next year should contact Gwen Rowe or Dave Bellville for further information.

A member of the adult chapter of AFS would also be happy to explain the program to curious parents, according to Chapter President Dr. John Baker.



Photo by Mark Lien

A LIBERAL SENSE of humor relieves the tension of the complexity of being a high school counselor. Exchanging notes are three members of the DHS counseling staff (l-r) Mr. Kenneth Graves, Mr. William Moy, and Mrs. Lillian Walker.

Plenty of Elbow Room

Boyne Mt. Creates Midwestern Style Skiing

Winter is here, the snow has fallen and this is the time of year when skiing is where the action is. Boyne Country is part of this action, and is the oldest, best known and generally the most popular skiing area throughout Michigan.

Boyne Country is a huge complex of four ski resorts situated in a group of 600 foot-hills and offers customers as much skiing fun as possible.

Boyne Country provides 32 lifts including a dozen chair lifts which alone give 22,450 skiers an hour uphill transportation. Boyne's 53 slopes are stretched across 10,000

acres of land. In addition, Boyne has 64 full-time ski instructors, half a dozen gigantic lodges and about 50 different hotels, motels, and lodges in the vicinity.

The 12,000 week-end skiers find Boyne's 40-mile diameter offers plenty of elbow room.

Boyne Mountain consists of 17 slopes, a four place chair lift, five double chairs, two ski shops, three lodges, a chalet, a skating rink, and a heated swimming pool.

Two other ski resorts branching from Boyne Country are Walloon Hills and Thunder Mountain. At

present these are used as weekend only ski areas, and are only a few minutes drive from Boyne Mountain. Walloon has a four-place chair lift, a Poma, and three rope tows. Thunder has a two-place chair, a T-bar, a Poma, and two rope tows.

Boyne Highlands is the fourth branch of Boyne Country. The ski runs here are generally longer than at the other three branches. Boyne Highlands has five three place chairs, two T-bars, a Poma, a tow rope, and a separate racing hill. A new 250-guest hotel adjoins the base lodge, a heated outdoor swimming pool, and skating rink. The Highlands cater mostly to family groups, and less experienced skiers.

Advanced, Intermediate, or just a beginner, if any one spot displeases you, there are three other Boyne Country ski resorts within an hour's drive to choose from.

Honor Bestowed on Five DHS Seniors

Five DHS seniors have been awarded letters of commendation for their excellent performance on the 1969 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQST).

The students are Charles Barker, Dale Blasier, Patrick McKnight, Margaret Miller, and Jon Taub, all seniors. Mark Eastman, a former DHS student, who now lives in Hermosa Beach, Calif., also was cited.

These students rank in the upper two per cent of 39,000 students in the United States who are expected to graduate from high school in 1970. The commended students place just below the 15,000 semi-finalists of the National Merit Scholarship Competition (NMSC).

All the students plan on entering the college of their choice in the fall of 1970.

Organizations Overflow for Student Body; Variety of Clubs Aid Pupil Participation

This is the last story of a series of three articles about the clubs at Dearborn High.

"WDHS" could possibly be a new radio station initiated by the Radio Club. Anyone interested in this club can join. Contact Junior Gary Gardner, president.

Promoting fellowship between athletes, creating school spirit within the student body, and participating in profit-making functions and clean-up campaigns are just a few of the purposes of the Varsity Club. Senior Steve Bachorik, president, leads this club to keep students interested in school sports. Any boy earning a varsity letter in an interscholastic sport is eligible to join, after a two week initiation period.

If you play chess, join the Chess Club. Senior Rodney Barnhart is president.

Are you mathematically inclined? The Math Club discusses problems and other phases of math. If interested, contact Senior Doug Reith, president.

You don't have to be a boy to join SIRS (Students for Initiating Reform in School); girls can join too! If you are interested in having a voice in student government, the SIRS is your

club. Senior Mark Jansma is president.

"Happiness is . . . will be the next show put on by Synchronettes. The Synchronettes perform a water show each year. Senior Sue Paulina is this year's president.

Anyone who already knows what is going to be said in this paragraph, join the Psychic Science Club. Have your Ouija board lead you to Junior Roger Brown, president.

Artistic people are urged to join the Art Club. The main activity of the Art Club is, as Senior Joan Smykowski, president, says, "Creating nice things and selling them." If interested, you can draw your own conclusions.

Representing school activities and students pictorially is the job of the Pioneer, DHS's yearbook. It is headed by Senior Kurt Odmark, editor.

If you've got printer's ink for blood and a ripe sense of curiosity, then work on the OBSERVER. After taking Journalism I and learning the fundamentals of newspaper writing, you can advance to actual newspaper production work in Journalism II. Seniors Nancy Lenhart and Mark Lien are staff editors.

Optimistic Tankers Seek State Crown

The tankers took on the swimming squad from Plymouth High School last Saturday, trying to snap a three-meet losing streak.

The Pioneers have had fine performances turned in this season by Seniors Steve Bachorik, Joe Bryk, and Doug Clink. For the juniors, Doug Bell, Pete Tippett and Byrne Solberg have turned in fast times. The sophomores are ably represented by Paul Foster, Terry Breest, and Dave Bradshaw.

Joe Bryk and Paul Foster currently are leading the entire state in their particular strokes, Joe in the 400-yd. freestyle and Paul in the 100-yd. backstroke.

Although this year's team has started out slow, Coach Jack Johnson has said. "This year we have all the material to be state champions and that is what we will be shooting for. If the boys continue to improve their times, this could very easily become a reality."

Despite their previous loss against Edsel Ford, the Tankers expect the Feb. 5 meet with Edsel to be a win.

Hopefully, Dearborn will prove their ability to achieve this reality at the Allen Park meet, Jan. 20, and at Ypsilanti on Jan. 29.

Wrestlers Look Toward League Title; Hope of Championship Pinned on Upsets

With a 2-0 dual meet record and a good showing in two tournaments over Christmas, Dearborn wrestlers are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the league season.

Coach Ed Lanzi cites Wayne and defending Sauk Trail champ Ypsilanti as the biggest obstacles between a league title and his wrestlers. "It would take a great performance to beat either Wayne or Ypsilanti," he said, "but we won't quit against any team."

Coach Lanzi has good reason for being optimistic. Co-captain Andy Kokas, senior, has not been beaten this year. Andy pinned every one of his opponents and took a first in the Toledo Invitational. Junior Tom

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OBSERVER SPORTS

Meet Edsel Tonight

Cagers Seek Brighter Showing After Downriver Tourney Flop

While some DHS students were enjoying a jolly Christmas vacation, the Pioneer Cagers, coached by Mr. James Vanderhull, defended their Down-River Christmas Tournament championship.

The team came away empty-handed posting an 0-3 mark, losing to Allen Park, Melvindale and Trenton respectively. They lacked the punch needed to win, attributed to lack of school support.

Coach Vanderhull remarked, "The basketball team is out playing for their school and yet the students don't take this into consideration when they fail to come out and support their team." When asked if these

tournament losses would have an effect on the team spirit he said, "I don't think it will make any difference because all this team needs is a little more hustle and support."

The team looks optimistically toward the big game with cross-town rival Edsel Ford.

Looking at past performances, the Dearborn five lost both contests to the T-birds last year, but with the fans' revenge will be in the air at 8 p. m. tonight.

Probable starters for the two teams are:

EDEL FORD

12	..... Dan Padys
14	..... Bill Meyer
20	..... Dennis Danielson
30	..... Jim Talasis
50	..... Rick Jinks

DEARBORN HIGH

12	..... Chet Defore
22	..... Bill Rieger
32	..... Eric Ponds
34	..... John Renko
42	..... Jack Lorente



COACH JACK JOHNSON, alias Peter Pan, is sadly outclassed in this jump with his Harlem Diplomats opponent. The Diplomats laughed their way to a 68-64 victory over the DHS faculty on Dec. 19.

Editorial

Three teachers showed up to play in the Harlem Diplomats-faculty basketball game. Two others helped at the door. This meager showing leads us to believe that student apathy is not the only kind we have at DHS.



Football is a game where glory is gained and fame attained. It is also a sport where one's heart can be broken by defeat or failure. It doesn't require anything but guts to play football, but to coach it requires a special breed of man. He must be smart, understanding, and most of all, have a great love for football. Football is now a year-round sport, therefore a coach must devote hours of time to his team and he must have the patience to do so. David Frye is such a person. He is truly a special breed of man.

For the past three years he has fulfilled these tasks and more as head mentor of the Pioneers. Now Mr. Frye has stepped down as coach. He will be sorely missed by the players, assistant coaches, and everybody involved in football at Dearborn High.

The reason Mr. Frye quit is one that irks me. He states that he quit because coaching took too much time away from his family. This just doesn't sound like Mr. Frye to me. The real reason behind his quitting

are the lousy people who criticized everything he did as our coach. The parents who wanted to coach their sons from the sidelines, and those who didn't think Mr. Frye was capable of doing anything right.

But these people were wrong. They were not on the field doing the job and believe me it is a lot easier to criticize from the stands than it is to run the team on the field. I think Mr. Frye is an excellent coach. I have never met a man more devoted to football than he.

I don't hold these views alone. As Jack Lorente, Dearborn's star half-back, says "It is too bad that Mr. Frye stepped down as head coach. It will be hard to find a replacement as dedicated and knowledgeable as he."

Captain Mike Wachowski adds, "It is very unfortunate for next year's team not to have the total experience of being led by Mr. Frye."

The next coach at Dearborn will face these same problems. I hope the arm chair quarterbacks will read this and leave him alone to do his job.



THRILL OF VICTORY---Coach David Frye as he was surrounded by his conquering heroes after the 13-7 victory over Edsel Ford Oct. 24.

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