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Photo by Mark Lien

Collecting for the March of Dimes contest between Dearborn high schools at Westborn Shopping Center last Saturday was Sophomore Linda Adamek. Contributing to the cause are (l-r) Janet Weaver and Pat Newgord, sophomores.

Fourteen Join Staff

Insight Gained From Young Educators

Western, Eastern, U of M and Central are represented by 14 student teachers this semester.

Applying English teaching methods are Mr. Lee O'Bryan and Mr. Jim Steen. Mr. O'Bryan works with Mrs. Marie Mitchell's journalism classes. Mrs. Marianna Fisk is Mr. Steen's advisor. Both are from CMU.

Hours of Practice Pay Off for Band

Hours of early morning practice have paid for the DHS Jazz Band and especially for two DHS students.

Leland Boone and Doug Brown, seniors, were honored as the two top trombonists at the Jazz Band Festival which was held on Feb. 21 at Michigan State University.

The band received a rating of two II's and one I. (The bands were graded on a scale of I-V, I being the highest and V the lowest). Even though a rating of II is a good rating the band was expecting a I rating.

The judges indicated through their criticism that the band was unbalanced because of its size. A standard size jazz band is usually 17 pieces. DHS's band is 26 pieces.

Mr. Tony Russo, band director, explained, "I couldn't cut the band because all 26 of them have put in countless hours of early morning practice. I thought it was much more important to have the experience of going than to cut the size."

"Two O'Clock Jump" and "South Rampart Street Parade" were two of the seven selections played.

Mr. Russo does plan to attend the festival next year, but hopes he can gain a more balanced distribution of instruments, without sacrificing students.

Mr. Thomas Caribardi, of WSU, works along side Mr. Donald Boughner in the art department. Mr. David Jefferson, of EMU, instructs Miss Audrey Criner's students on how to make ceramics.

Student teaching in two departments is Mr. Larry Morse, who is majoring in psychology and mathematics. Mr. Stuart Waddell's psychology classes and Mr. Gordon Breckenkamp's math students are receiving instruction from this CMU senior.

Sociology is Mr. David Peterson's field. Guiding him is Mr. Wayne Roe. Mr. Peterson is from EMU.

Being eyes for another person is

Religion, Science Clash in Dramatization; Dearborn to Stage 'Inherit the Wind'

God and Creation or Darwin and Evolution? Which beginning is man to believe?

This is the question brought forth in "Inherit the wind," a play written by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee, to be presented at Dearborn High on April 16, 17, 18.

This play is based on the events of the famous "monkey trial" which took place in Dayton, Tennessee in July, 1925. It was at that place and time that Clarence Darrow, acting as defense attorney for John Scopes, opposed William Jennings Bryan, the prosecuting attorney.

John Scopes was brought to trial for teaching evolution in a Dayton school, which at that time was against the law in Tennessee.

Matthew Harrison Brady, the character based on Bryan, will be portrayed by Jon Taub, senior. The defense attorney Henry Drummond who is based on Darrow will be played by

Opportunities Offered for Students With High Scientific Capacity

High school students interested in obtaining intensive experience in science and mathematics during the summer of 1970, may be interested in the Student Science Training Program.

This program gives science-oriented high school students experience with college-level instruction and research.

The majority of the courses offer in depth instruction in one or more subjects. Biology, economics, mathematics, and physics are some of the subjects that may be taken.

Colleges being used for this program are located in 38 of the 50

states. Those in Michigan are: Michigan State University, Northern Michigan University, Oakland University, Wayne State University, and Western Michigan University.

Selections of the students will be based on scholastic ability, science motivation, and the completion of application, although a small number of sophomores and seniors will be accepted.

Anyone interested in applying for the program should contact Mr. Richard Welch, Science Dept. Chairman.



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The Student Council is dedicating a showcase to Mr. Valentine for all the trophies that were won while he was teaching at DHS.

Clinics started for cheerleading tryouts Monday and are scheduled to run through March 25.



Mr. Eldon Lossing

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In Memoriam

Memorial services were held yesterday at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home for Mr. Eldon Lossing who died of lung cancer Monday.

Mr. Lossing, who came to the Dearborn School System in 1946, has been head of the Math Department at DHS, night school teacher at HFCC and sponsor of Math Club.

Before coming to Dearborn, Mr. Lossing taught at Highland Park Community College and in the Bloomfield Hills School System. He held a B.S. degree from Eastern Mich-

igan University and two M.S. degrees from Wayne State University and the University of Detroit.

Math Club is collecting funds for Mr. Lossing's 9-year old daughter, Lisa, who is afflicted with muscular dystrophy. Any donations can be given to Math Club members during school.

Also surviving him are Mrs. Lossing, two sons, William and David, another daughter Nancy, and a grandson. David is a DHS senior.

Editorial

Faulty System Screens Flicks

BY MARK LIEN

Today's movies are all classified under the Valenti system. The G, GP, R and X ratings emanate from the responsive actions of Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association.

The public, clamoring both pro and con about the new morality in movies pointed the finger to the MPA in regard to forewarning them about movie types. Example: Little Johnny Smith returns from "I Am Curious (Yellow)" with strained eyesight, many delicate questions, and then proceeds to spout objectionable new words about the house. Without a rating code to assist her, Mrs. Smith had no knowledge of what poor Johnny was to be exposed to. The pregnant ideas of worried parents plotting to avoid similar circumstances indirectly gave birth to today's rating system.

Valenti's code, branded on all new flicks since last November, fails miserably. (It is hopeful, however, that it is a step toward a finer system.) The classifications are far too general and fail to take into account the sophistication of the movies. One 'X' movie, for example, might exploit the rather perverted passion of a necrophiliac while another, like *Midnight Cowboy*, retains intelligence and sophistication. Yet is crammed into the same category.

Another inefficiency of the code is its failure to specify why the movie received its rating. Was the dialogue too base? Was raw sex exploding all over the screen? Was it just that the mentality needed to comprehend the story required a more mature audience? Still more abortive facets of the code are that a rating can unfortunately function as a critic (Example: Big Johnny refuses to see a 'G' movie because it is "too pure" but would prefer to see an 'X' show because it has so many 'good parts') and it is also extremely hard to enforce the age limits. An adult is often anyone who has the money for the ticket.

Just as the movies show at 'art' theatres are rarely culturally stimulating, the rating code rarely succeeds as such and rarely does justice to the movies it classifies.

Foster, Szuba Win...Again

Cagers Split With Win-Loss, Tankers Edged

The basketball team ended their season Monday with a 61-54 loss to Melvindale in the opening round of the District play-offs at Melvindale.

Dearborn led at the end of the first quarter 15-14, but lack of scoring in the second quarter left them behind at the half, 28-20.

In the second half, Coach Jim Vanderhull substituted freely in trying to find the right line-up that would bring victory, but cold shooting and lack of offensive rebounds plagued the Pioneers in their attempt at a comeback victory.

Last Friday, Dearborn closed its home basketball season on a winning note. The cagers downed Wayne by a score of 67-58. Senior Captain

Jack Lorente closed out his three years in the starting line-up by playing one of his strongest games of the season. Jack scored 21 points and led the Pioneers in the second half where they turned a close game into a Dearborn runaway.

The Dearborn High swimming team, led by senior co-captains Steve Bachorik and Joe Bryk, put up a valiant fight Saturday but succumbed to Trenton's Trojans.

Bachorik picked up a first in the 100 yd. breaststroke race with a time of 1:04.8 while Bryk took the 400 yd. freestyle event with a time of 4:09.0.

Other strongpoints in the Pioneer



Photo by Mark Lien

WHATEVER EXPERIENCES LIE beyond that door, it is near certain that the "stark reality" of them would be frowned upon by this lad's folks. This anonymous movie goer is a DHS senior.

Curiosity Sadly Wasted

BY TIM O'BRIEN

Recently the movie viewers of this country have been subjected to a barrage of controversial sex movies of which *I Am Curious* is more than an adequate representative.

The basic plot becomes quite

apparent to the viewer after only a very few moments. It is simply a series of unrelated and useless segments shown only as preludes to the famous and more explicit sex scenes. To be brief, there is no plot at all. Admittedly, there is at the start a very weak and disunified attempt at criticism of modern society. However, this section is hurriedly abandoned and completely isolated from the rest of the movie. The remainder is devoted to a gross and cheapening display of sex on film.

The public is told that this movie merely illustrates the realities of life that our puritanical society is not willing to accept. However, it seems apparent that there are really very few young girls who are found to be engaged in sex every night of the week with some total stranger.

I Am Curious is nothing but an insult to the intelligence of the viewer. This movie, and others like it, rely entirely on the support of the intellectually inferior. Seldom is there found a more adequate and efficient distortion of reality. The viewer leaves completely disgusted with this utter waste of time.

As stated before, *I Am Curious* is a more than adequate representative of what can be expected at any of these movies.

Open City Assists People in Trouble

Open City is just a small office in Detroit, yet it works wonders. It's not a drug rehabilitation center as many may think, but a place where people may receive help.

Open City provides a counseling service which helps runaways, high school dropouts, unwed mothers and juvenile delinquents.

These services are free, but because Open City receives no help from the government, it is in great financial trouble.

Open City welcomes any contributions. Volunteer help is also needed. Those willing to offer either may call Open City at 831-2770. Money contributions can be made in the general office.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK OF DENNY McLAIN AND HIS ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT WITH THE MAFIA?



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"He's acting like a little kid." --Tom Sheridan, sophomore.

"I never did like him. I think he did it." --Patty McCarthy, senior.

"I don't think his private life should be held against him." --Mike Sedlak, senior.

"It's his own fault. He should pay the consequences." --John Lundblad, sophomore.

"He's gonna have to pay off." --Scott Labute, senior.

"I feel sorry for his family, not him." --Robin Westby, sophomore.

"I think he got a bum rap." --Barry Sawicki, sophomore.

"He deserves everything he got." --Ken Terry, senior.

"It wasn't very nice of him." --Stan Guinn, junior.

"He shouldn't have been suspended." --Peggy Shaw, sophomore.



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Senior Girls Plan Friday 13th Dance

Do you have a case of triskaidekaphobia, more commonly known as a fear of Friday the 13th?

The best remedy is to come to the Senior Girls' Sponge Dance, "The Thirteenth Floor," next Friday from 8 to 11 p. m. in the Redwood Room.

Broken mirrors, ladders and black cats will set the mood, and the sweet sound of the Sugar Cube will provide entertainment.

The dress is semi-formal, with dresses or pantsuits for girls and suitscoats and ties for boys.

"I hope it isn't like the previous dances," commented Senior Carolyn Cronk, chairman. "I hope there is more participation."

The profits from the dance will be used for the Senior Prom.

Tickets will be sold before and after school and during lunch next week. The price is \$2.50 or \$2 with an activity ticket.

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