

The Observer

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Rodgers and Hammerstein's 'The King and I' Opens Nov. 13

Hello, young lovers, wherever you are, the time is right to start planning ahead to see Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "The King and I" to be presented in DHS auditorium Nov. 13, 14, and 15.

Based on the book by Margaret Landon, "The King and I" is set in the early 1860's. Anna comes to Siam to be the schoolmistress of the royal children, who total 67, but she will only teach those children whose mothers are in favor with the King.

As Anna arrives, the emissary from Burma, Lun Tha, enters with a present for the King, a girl named Tuptim. But the problem occurs that Lun Tha and Tuptim have fallen in love on their journey to Siam. Anna befriends them in hopes to prevent the King from punishing them for it is against the law for them to meet.

Meanwhile, the King is having his share of problems, too. The British are under the impression that the King is a barbarian. Lady Thiang, the Head Wife, urges Anna to speak with the King and tell him what to do to convince the British otherwise, but in a subtle manner so he will think everything was his idea. Anna then prepares a dinner for the British to prove the King isn't a barbarian. A play written by Tuptim based on "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is presented as entertainment at the dinner.

Lun Tha and Tuptim run away immediately after the performance, and when they are found, Tuptim, about to be whipped, finds out Lun Tha is dead.

The King becomes very ill after the incident and dies as Anna is about to leave Siam.

The musical tryouts, held Sept. 22,



The varsity and junior varsity cheerleading squads will compete this year for the title of state champion tomorrow at Midland, Mich.

Oakland University will sponsor a College Information Day for high school seniors on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 8:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Students interested should see their counselor.

The Alsac march for leukemia - castricken children will be held Sunday. Area teens will be trying to make Detroit No. 1 in the nation again this year!

have produced a cast placing seniors in all the major roles. Andy Kokas will portray the King of Siam, Anna Leonowens will be played by Sandy Wheeler. Dewey Hogue and Rita Bresko will play Lun Tha and Tuptim, and Nedra Tavtigian will execute the role of Lady Thiang.

All participants were tested on their projection and the quality of their voice. Mr. Phil Mark, choral director, commented, "In these tryouts, we (Mr. Don O'Hagan, drama director and himself) were looking for musicians who can act not actors who can sing a little."

It promises to be a great show so don't forget those dates, Nov. 13, 14, and 15 for "The King and I"!

Computer Terminal Comes to School; Soon Available for Classroom Usage

A high school computer eligible to play at the dice table? It doesn't seem logical. However, when an interview was sought with Mr. Don Marshall, math teacher, he was found playing blackjack with DHS's new computer terminal.

The device is actually an electric typewriter which sends impulses through a telephone to a leased computer in Detroit. The Applied Computer Time Share then sends back the information, which is relayed by the typewriter.



WATCHING MR. DONALD Marshall's demonstration on how Dearborn's new computer works are (l-r) Nancy Lenhart, Doug Marks, and Donna Pirek, seniors.

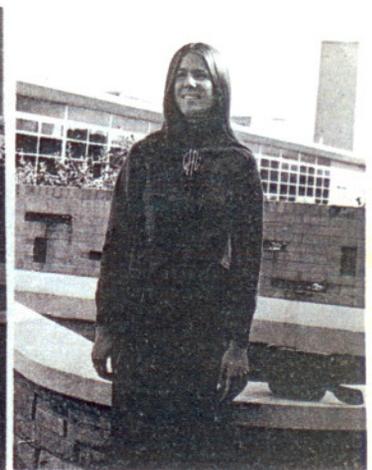


PHOTO BY LIEN TODAY IS THE big day, DHS's homecoming. Highlighting the celebrations will be the judging of floats and picking of queen. Three of the five nominees for queen are (l-r) Suzie Pond, Michelle Magon, and Laura Haas, not pictured are Sue Beers and Katie Flynn, seniors.

Mr. Lanzi Commands 'Generals' In New Kind of Government Class

"With unity, anything can be accomplished," says government teacher, Mr. Edward Lanzi, and instigator of a new idea to promote spirit at DHS.

Mr. Lanzi, with much rescheduling help from Dean Challis, assistant principal, has organized many school fourth hour government class.

Members of the class not only learn the required government, but also discuss what can be done to promote unity and spirit at school.

Since these leaders are assembled in one class, they are able to probe problems openly and directly.

For example, when an athlete in the class seeks support in a coming sports event, the leader of the Electronics Club will persuade his members to lend some of that needed support. And in return, when the athletic leader needs some imaginative decorations at his post-season banquet, he will call on the Electronics Club. In other words, there would exist total involvement.

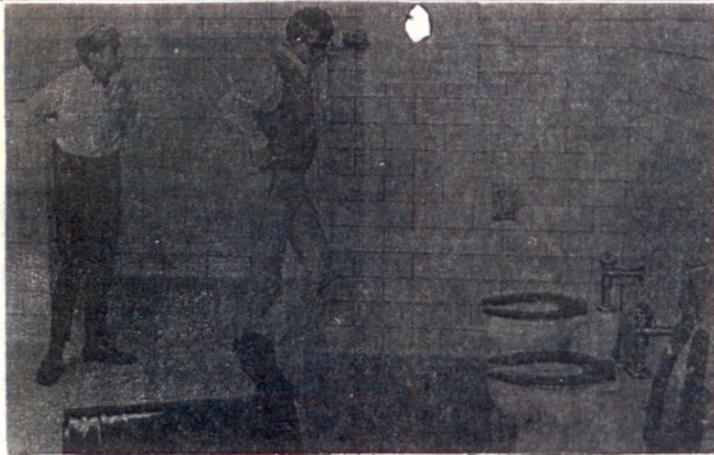
It is through this type of action that Mr. Lanzi hopes to unify the various clubs, help these organizations identify with themselves and the school, and as a result, increase school spirit. At the same time, the class is providing an excellent opportunity for class leaders to fulfill campaign promises and to show that they care for the organization.

But there have been problems. Though a class composed entirely of leaders sounds ideal, it is not. "They are all generals," Mr. Lanzi explains. "They all have good ideas but do little to implement them. They have to learn to get their hands dirty, too."

Another problem is class membership. Because of hurried schedule changes, 100 per cent representation is lacking. Mr. Lanzi stresses that representation from a few clubs at DHS is still needed. "We want to do things that will cause the right people to join us."

Hopefully, many of the representative people have joined the class, and will continue to help unify DHS students next semester, as economics students. As Mr. Lanzi put it, "This will be what the kids make it."

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Regretting the loss of privacy in the reopened E-hall laboratory are (l-r) Steve Newgord, junior, and Jim Krahn, senior. No mirrors and toilet partitions are the result of vandalism, which closed the laboratory last year.

Are We Curious (yellow)?

'Forbidden' Topic May be Added to Curriculum

Before 1937 there was a topic that was forbidden by law to be discussed or taught in public schools. Now that it can be taught, the subject has become a highly controversial one. In fact, so controversial that concerned citizens from all over Michigan are up in arms about it. The topic is sex. Dearborn High students and parent were among the estimated 700 who crowded the DHS auditorium Sept. 18 for the ninth in a series of public meetings designed to air opinions on the question: "Should sex education be allowed in Michigan public schools?"

Though most seemed against the issue, there were those who supported it. They argued that some parents don't teach their children sex, so the schools should assume the responsibility. Reasoning that children have questions that need to be answered, they argued that it would be better to learn the answers at school than in the gutter.

At times, the opponents' booring became so disruptive that the crowd had to be quieted by the moderator, Mr. John Goodson, of the State Education Department.

In defense of their shouts of disapproval, opponents of sex education in the schools reasoned:

- *Some schools are already on half-days, and reading, writing, and arithmetic should be taught before sex.
- *Rape and illegitimacy hasn't decreased in areas where sex education has been taught.
- *Young children would have their minds distorted.
- *Books and movies prepared for the course don't deal properly with the topic.
- *Religion can't be taught because of a Supreme Court decision, and sex with no religion or morals is teaching immorality.

The Dearborn Schools formed a committee of educators and laymen to study sex education in 1965 at the instigation of the Lowrey School PTA. Meetings were held regularly to assemble ideas from schools where successful sex education programs were already in effect.

Last year, a survey showed there would be no problem getting teachers to teach the subject in the Dearborn system. Many volunteered to be trained to teach sex courses. Dearborn schools won't start sex education classes, however, at least until the state has worked out guidelines.

Mr. Pat Fordell, director of the Dearborn Schools Sex Education Committee, says, "If people want sex education, I'll head the committee to get the program moving. If they don't want it, I won't knock myself out trying to get them interested in it."

"A lot depends on parents, teachers and kids. If they show support, a pilot program would go into effect in a senior and junior high school to test the reaction and correct mistakes. Then the program would be launched in all the schools."



Future Student Plans Include Search into the Supernatural

If all goes well, there will be a new club at DHS this year--that of the psychic sciences. Included in the club would be discussions on such topics as ESP, astrology, and ufology. Spearheading the plans are Juniors Roger Brown, and Rudy Hatfield.

The study of one's own psychic powers will be discussed under the headings of onology, numerology and palmistry. Also included will be the reading of tea leaves, study of

black magic, and haunting of ghosts. Evidence would be pointed out that such mystic powers really do exist, and lectures introducing such proof would be given by experts in each specific field, Roger says. Don't be surprised if plans for a seance or two come about, also. Anyone may join the Psychic Science Club if it does develop--anyone, that is, who enters with caution and at his own risk!

Bentley Walks Over Dearborn Over-Confidence Plagues Team

Bulling and tearing their way through Dearborn's squad, Bentley soared past Dearborn's eleven last Friday by a score of 20-0, ending Dearborn's seven game winning streak.

The game was extremely disappointing for Dearborn. Bentley had 16 first downs compared to our mere eight. In the running game Bentley rolled up 174 yards rushing to Dearborn's 100 yards. Senior Jack Lorente carried the pigskin 19 times for 50 yards, half of Dearborn's total rushing yardage.

Dearborn's over-confidence and an abundance of mistakes gave Bentley just what they needed to find their way to victory. The over-confidence could also be felt in the stands. They were coming off a victory over Southgate and now they felt they were unbeatable.

Dearborn came to a rude awakening when, at the end of the first half, Bentley was leading 12-0, but it was too late for recovery. The Bulldogs added the final tally late in the fourth quarter.

When a team fumbles the ball four times and has five passes intercepted, the opposing team has to make good on at least one of the mistakes, and Bentley did just that. Out of the four fumbles, Bentley picked up two plus Bentley just out-hit, out-toughed and out-scored Dearborn to pull out a victory.



If you think the halls at DHS are crowded, you should see the football stands!

There is something new at DHS this year, something more than exchange students and new teachers. It's called love for your school. The spirit and morale shown thus far in the football games has been overwhelming.

Where has all this pride and morale come from? Clubs such as the Spirit Club have shown people that our school is the best. Cheering on to victory is the "in" thing to do.

Mr. Lanzi's activities class is bringing various clubs closer to the school. Cheerleaders are closer to the student body than ever before.

Take, for example, the recent rally. People weren't huddled in their usual little groups. There was only one group: Dearborn High School.

Students have learned to love the school, knowing they represent something great and special in Dearborn High. This support really helps an athlete. People who don't go to the games and support DHS are just plain "out of it."

Today's Homecoming football game finds the Pioneers on home soil against the Wayne Zebras in the opening Sauk Trail League contest. Last meeting between these two teams resulted in a 40-7 triumph for the Pioneers. This year Head Coach Dave Frye looks for a much improved Zebra team, with quickness and his spirits.

My prediction? Well, as Senior Quarterback Al Jones puts it, "Wayne will pay!"

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