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Photo by Paul Hartmann

SOPHOMORE BARBARA WEARN receives dual attention for a minor schedule change from Assistant Principals Harry Faulk and Dean Challis.

Mr. Challis To Retire Soon; Spent Over 36 Years at DHS

Mr. Dean Challis, assistant principal, will be retiring September 30 after more than 36 years at Dearborn High School, at which time Mr. Harry Faulk will be taking over his responsibilities.

Now that Mr. Challis is retiring, one might expect him to take it easy after his busy career. However, he is planning to spend the winter in Florida and then return to Dearborn, where Exchange Club meetings, family activities, and his hobbies will keep him busy.

Besides his teaching and administrative duties, Mr. Challis has been active in many other school activities. During his long career he has sponsored the HI-Y Club, Radio Club, Varsity Club, Bicycle Club, and, for the last 22 years, the Student Council (His first Student Council President is now his dentist). At one time he took most of the pictures in the Pioneer yearbook.

Mr. Challis has had many students, some of whom have become doctors, lawyers and teachers. One student he remembers as having passed his physics class is Mr. Donald Marshall, now chairman of the Dearborn High math department.

Mr. Richard Welch, chairman of the science department, described Mr. Challis as a man "concerned about the moral climate in this country."

Activity Tickets Offer \$4 Bargain

Free football games! Free dances! Activity tickets allow student to attend all home athletic contests at no cost, certain dances, plays, and other events at a reduced price. A \$67.05 value, the tickets are now only \$4 and will be sold near the cafeteria until the end of this month or when sales decline. From then on, they may be obtained from Mr. Moy or the Activities Committee of the Student Council. As the school year continues, the price will be reduced 10 per cent each month, to compensate for activities already past.

Profits from the sales will be used to help support the debate team, Student Council, and athletics.

In regard to his years at Dearborn High School, Mr. Challis commented, "I've enjoyed being in Dearborn and I'm very proud of Dearborn High students and teachers. Many teachers move all around during their careers, but I found a place I liked and I stayed there."

Rials Returns, Relates Experience As English Exchange Professor

Twenty minute classes, no diplomas, leaving school at 15... Does this sound like heaven? It's all part of the English school system in which Mr. Robert Rials, DHS social studies teacher, taught during his stay in England last year.

Mr. Rials participated in a teacher exchange program that allowed United Kingdom and United States teachers to exchange positions for one year.

Mr. Rials lived in a village of 12,000, 55 miles west of London. There he taught at an all-boy modern school.

When asked about dating, Mr. Rials laughingly gestured, "There is nothing for the kids to do. Everything in

To Learn American Language, Customs:

Brazilian Girls Seek New Dearborn Area Home

Marina and Marisa Pesutto, Dearborn High seniors, are looking for a new place to live. No, they aren't running away from home. These 19-year-old twins moved to Dearborn from Sao Paulo, Brazil four months ago and don't speak a word of English. Wanting to be exposed to our language 24 hours a day, they would like to live with an American family. The same is true for brother Americo, 15, a DHS junior.

In the Pesutto home, only Portuguese is spoken even though Mr. Pesutto works for the Ford Motor Company. This doesn't present a problem for him since many Brazilians also work there. For the trio from Brazil, however, it is a different story. They are caught in the confusion of a new country, a new school, and a new language.

Why did they come to this country?

Until December 15 the problem of a strict dress code can be dismissed from the minds of the DHS students. Many students are unaware that the new code is only on trial until the middle of December. The Board will then vote on whether or not to make the code permanent.

It was decided last February that the revised code would be put on a six-week trial. Parents and teachers received a questionnaire about the code at the end of the trial period. Similar ones were filled out by students in homerooms. The results were surprising in many ways.

- Seventy-two per cent of the teachers were in agreement with putting the code into effect.

- In the survey of parents, 68 per cent were in favor of the new code.

- Only four per cent of the students were against the new dress code.

Despite the positive results of the questionnaire, the revised code had to be put on trial again. This is because a few harsh complaints from parents were called in to the Board last summer, according to Mr. Thomas McLennan, assistant principal.

A year ago the Dearborn Student Advisory Council decided that the dress code was out of date. The DSAC is a council of students from each of the three high schools which meets regularly with school administrators.

High school students have eleven more weeks to enjoy the liberalized dress code. After months of diligent work with administrators, to draw up an acceptable set of standards, DSAC does not yet know if their work was worthwhile. The answer will come on Dec. 15 when the Board will vote again.

Reenoip Sez

Monday morning in homeroom, seniors will each nominate three candidates for Homecoming Queen. The top ten girls from this selection will be voted on in October by the entire student body to select a queen and her court of four.

John Kazanowski, senior, has taken office as Chief Justice of the Student Council Supreme Court.

town closes at 6 p.m., except the 'Fish 'n Chips', which stays open 'till 9:00!"

Eighteen years marks the drinking age as well as the driving age. However, driving tests are extremely severe, and very few pass until the third try at least! Mr. Rials had a license, but sheepishly admits, "I did drive on the wrong side of the road once!"

A car might be a status symbol in America, but in Mr. Rials' village, the fancier the 'pram' (baby buggy), the higher the social status. But, perhaps it's just as well, because gas in England is 88 cents to 90 cents a gallon!

"To learn to speak English," said Marina through an interpreter. She explained that if they can learn to speak it well within a year, they may stay and go to an American college. If not, they will go back home and study at the University of Brazil where Marina hopes to become a

teacher and Marisa a lawyer.

Despite the language barrier, Marisa finds Dearborn High much easier than her former school.

When asked their impression of the American male, both exclaimed, "OK!"



POINTING OUT THEIR new home town on the map are (l. to r.) Marina, Marisa, and Americo.

New Staff Takes Grid Helm; Pioneers Suffer Opening Loss

An all-new coaching staff remains hopeful despite opening loss to Southgate. "Too many mental mistakes beat us," remarked new head coach, Bill Hill after the contest. He added that "We will be out to beat Bentley."

Head coach Bill Hill and his assistants, Ed Lanzi, Tom Waligorski, Carl Flegle, and Eugene Snell, all believe that "mental excellence" will constitute a winner for the Pioneers this season.

The defensive unit is under the surveillance of coaches Snell and Waligorski. Coach Lanzi has been working with the offensive linemen and Coach Flegle is handling the backs.

Head coach Hill has been paying special attention to the passing game. Coach Flegle convinces him that "we have excellent receiving in Lowry, Swanson and Sartor."

Winning is the prime objective Coach Hill has set for his team this year. Coach Lanzi adds that "The hardest part of winning is preparing for the game." To win, Coach Flegle believes the defense "must keep the goal line unblemished" and adds that the offense must be "first in getting things together."

Senior Pete Cravens is set offensively at quarterback, but giving challenge are Juniors Dave Meisner and Barry Sawicky. Returning lettermen Bryan Lowrey, Gary Sartor, and Bill Rieger, along with Cravens,

will provide the passing punch while senior Kevin Balewski and junior Mike Muldowney will share the running duties.

This year's defense is led by senior co-captains Gary Sartor, Bryan Lowry, and Mitch Lingenfelter. Senior tackle Tom Mc Ilhenney and junior linemen Tom Meir and Brad Collins will lead the rush on opposing passers this fall.

Tonight the Pioneers travel to Bentley to avenge the 20-0 defeat the Bulldogs handed them last year. Game time is 7:30 p. m.

Last Friday, the Pioneers lost their season opening game, 19-0, to the Southgate Sabers. Junior half-back Mike Muldowney carried the ball for 67 yards and caught four passes for 45 yards. Muldowney brought the large home crowd to its feet when he smashed through left tackle for a 43-yard gain late in the second quarter.

The defensive unit did an excellent job in restraining the Southgate passing. Senior Bill ("The Bandit") Rieger intercepted a pass on the first play from scrimmage, but he suffered a wrenched knee and was forced to leave the game. Junior Tom Koenig replaced Rieger and led the defense with two stolen Saber aeriels. Juniors Paul Peters and Frank Suchara contributed one theft each to stop Southgate drives.



STARTING SWIFTLY DOWNFIELD with his second interception of the game is Pioneer defensive back Tom Koenig (24) behind the blocking of Paul Peters (32).

Editorial

Court Ruling Trims School Budget

BY JOYE ROBERTS

School board money earmarked for the betterment of all Dearborn schools now has to be stretched to supply all students with paper, pens, and other supplies. This is diluting the quality of education because needed money has to be used for these materials when it could be used on more effective learning equipment.

On Aug. 18, the Michigan Supreme Court passed a ruling that all education should be free. This meant that each school system should supply working materials to all pupils. The collection of fees for any class is illegal. This means the science, art, homemaking, shop, and physical education departments are losing out on funds used previously for a complete program.

This "free" education the Supreme Court is giving the Dearborn students consists of 50 sheets of paper for each academic class and a ballpoint pen, which are intended to last through 20 weeks of school. This isn't even feasible because in many classes, a student uses two to three sheets of paper per day.

The budget of the Dearborn schools has been trimmed by more than \$125,000. Principal Leonard Mazur estimates that from this figure, \$10,000 is being dipped out for Dearborn High alone. "I can't give an accurate estimate because things keep coming up that we hadn't planned on--erasers for typing classes, slide rules for chemistry classes--things we hadn't even thought about," he explains.

Before rulings such as these are passed, investigations should be made as to how it would affect certain schools and communities if it were passed. This would give the Supreme Court and other governing bodies an idea on how the public would react to such a rule, save a lot of money, and perhaps silence many complaints.

We are certainly not receiving a "free" education. Mr. Mazur said that within a few years the School Board's funds will be depleted and the taxpayers will be forced to pay even higher taxes to cover our "free" education.

Harriers Down Bentley

Bid for Third Undefeated Season

With "a real outstanding job by our tenth graders", Coach Schroeter's cross country team ran over the Bentley Bulldogs 25 to 30 (in cross country the lower score wins) as they clashed at Bentley on Sept. 10. This began a bid for their third consecutive

undefeated year in dual meet competition.

Although Bentley took the first two places, the Pioneers displayed their depth by taking the next five places.

Junior co-captain Duff Schadt took a third with a clocking of 14:36. Sophomore Tom Schriefer took a close fourth with a time of 14:39. Tony Costanzo, also a sophomore, clinched fifth. His time was 14:42. Tom Klema and Rick Worth, juniors, took sixth and seventh respectively.

The times have jumped considerably this year because of an increase in the length of the cross country course. Formerly two miles long, the course has been lengthened a half mile.

"Since they now have a two-mile run in track, and college cross country is from four to six miles long, it's a real adjustment because they're running twice as hard," Coach Schroeter explained. "The state is trying to update it as far as the relationship between high school and college cross country."

The cross country schedule is open until Thursday, Oct. 8. The Pioneers will then meet a strong Ypsilanti team in Ypsilanti.

Reading Matter



"God, I wish I had someone I could talk to."

"No one listens to me."

"Would anyone understand the way I feel about this?"

Whether voiced aloud or only to ourselves, these are thoughts common to us all. There are many times when we need someone to talk to or with, and, inevitably, there is never anyone around.

Now there is Hearing Aid.

Hearing Aid is a rap line established, controlled, and run by a group of volunteers who range in age from 16 to the 20's. Because they may have had the same problems themselves, they are always ready and willing to talk to you about yours, or just lend an ear while you give vent to your fears, frustrations, and other hang-ups. And they understand.

But Hearing Aid is more than a rap line; it is also a "drug line." These days, when doing dope is as accepted a fact of life to many as wearing clothes or brushing your teeth, so are the "bad trips" which occur from time to time. And Hearing Aid is prepared to deal with these, too.

Before manning the lines, each volunteer learns about the various drugs and their effects. He learns how to "talk down" a person on a bum trip, and how to make the "come down" easier. If medical attention is needed, he makes sure the person receives it.

Many of the volunteers are especially qualified, as they have used or

douse drugs themselves. They know by experience what is needed, and how to do it.

I recently attended a meeting of these volunteers, and was very impressed by what I observed.

Because Hearing Aid is a relatively new venture, and there aren't as yet enough volunteers, the lines are only open from 6 p.m. to midnights on week nights, and from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights. A 24-hour service is planned, however, for the near future. The number is LO5-1400.



"WHAT INTRIGUES YOU MOST ABOUT DHS?" was the question asked of the incoming class of '73.

"With all the hundreds of kids here, it's really great how many teachers and kids take a personal interest in you."
Sue Shields

"The size of the school and the number of people really surprise me."
Eric Zasacky



VALERIE



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SUE



DAVE

"There are so many activities students can participate in here. It is so different compared to junior high."
Dave Bedwell

"There are so many people. Every time you go down a hall, you find someone you haven't noticed before."
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