

# Trial Ends For Dress Code; School Board Gives Approval

The Dearborn High dress code, on trial since May 1, has been adopted by the Dearborn Board of Education on a permanent basis. Acceptance came at the regular board meeting on Dec. 14.

Mr. Fred Schreiber, executive director of secondary education and advisor to the Dearborn Student Advisory Committee (DSAC) was called upon by the board to give the DSAC findings on the then trial code. He stated that the dress code didn't seem to affect the students' grades, that there was a more relaxed atmosphere among both students and teachers, and that the code promoted a better learning experience in the schools. Mr. Schreiber pointed to a DSAC poll in which students, parents, and teachers agreed on the current dress code.

Mike Kirk, DSAC member and Student Council President at Dearborn High, told the board that, in general, the students seemed satisfied with the dress code.

Principal Leonard Mazur stated that he thought the code was satisfactory. He said students were happy under the current dress code. When

questioned about students who were dissatisfied, he answered that he thought students for the most part were satisfied because they were the ones who initiated the code. He emphasized that it was students "working within the system" who were responsible for the change.

When the subject was brought to a vote, board member Frank S. Gallagher voiced dissent on the subject of suspension of the bylaws, saying he felt the board should have time to look into the matter. He later changed his vote in order to get the necessary majority. His objection was not

against the dress code, but against the procedure by which the code was to be adopted.



THESE STUDENTS ARE participating in the Michigan Math Contest.

## Student Volunteers Help Young Children

"Johnny is insecure. His parents are divorced and he lives with his mother who works as a nurse. He has potential but has no desire to put

friend... someone who will let him know that he is important."

This description could easily be one made about a Dearborn child in need. A child who needs a person such as one of the DHS Volunteers.

DHS Volunteers is presently a group of approximately 75 students who are willing to donate one or two hours a week to a child in need. These children range from kindergarten to junior high school age. They may either have problems with schoolwork or emotional problems. Many are motherless, fatherless, or even friendless.

Workers go either in a group or individually once a week to help a single child or a group of children. These workers become very necessary to the children who become dependant on their companionship.

Volunteers may also become attached to their children. In past years volunteers have been known to continue visiting their child over the summer months or have written to them from their new college homes.

Only one flaw has slowed the progress of DHS Volunteers. Many of the children are boys who need the companionship of older fellows. At this point, less than a handful of boys have volunteered their assistance.

Everyone seems to talk about helping others, but few produce action. DHS Volunteers is a good place to start. Contact Miss Jean Truckenmiller, counselor, if you wish to help a child like Johnny.

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## First Snow Proves Good Luck for Novice Debaters

Neither wind, nor rain, nor sleet, nor snow shall keep the Novice Debate team from their tournaments. On Saturday, Dec. 12 the team followed this motto as they traveled to Lansing for the Regional Debate Tournament through the first snowstorm of the year.

All was not in vain as Sophomores Linda Gagliardi and Marcia Rimai, Junior Marie Dedinsky, and Senior Mary Beth Glaub won the right to compete in the Novice State Tournament to be held in Ann Arbor tomorrow.

The team was honored even more as Mary Beth won the first speaker award for first affirmatives. Marie was her partner as she debated second affirmative, while Linda and Marcia paired up debating first and second negative, respectively.

The tournament tomorrow will close the end of a successful season for the team. They came in first in the Ann Arbor Huron debate, and Junior Jerry Arcy won a speaker award.

The Varsity team is planning to host the District Debate on Jan. 13 or 14. The winners from here go on to regional competition and from there possibly to state.

## Symbol of DHS Pioneer Spirit Re-Covered by Devoted Student

"I looked out and it was ripped and ugly and I thought somebody needed to do something about it, so I decided to be the somebody to do it."

Because Mary Elwart, senior, "decided to be the somebody," the covered wagon in the Otto H. Olsen Court sports a new cover.

In the five years the wagon has been in the court, it had never been re-covered, but only had minor repairs such as being painted, having wheels put back on and being bolted to a traffic signpost to keep it from being knocked over.

The wagon was made as a junior art project by David Jefferson, a '66 DHS grad who student taught here last year. "We did a series of pioneer sym-

bols to show the pioneer spirit of DHS, but the wagon was the only one put up," Mr. Tom Hire, art teacher, recalls.

According to Mary, the old cover she pried off was "so rotten I could put my fingers through it." She made the new one out of heavy, all-purpose canvas.

"It wasn't at all hard," Mary explains, "I just measured the old one, cut out the new one, nailed it back on, pulled the drawstring and tied it to the frame. It was easy, didn't cost much or take long, so I don't see why it wasn't fixed sooner."

"That old cover was completely deteriorated!" she exclaimed. "I just wanted to start the new year off right!"

## Seniors Organize Skiing Trip

The seniors will begin the winter escapades as they make plans for the Senior Ski Trip to be held over semester break, Jan. 29, 30, and 31.

The schussing and the snow plowing will take place at Caberfae this year. The total cost of the trip is \$50 per person. This includes lodging, transportation, and ski tow. Super skiers who do not own their own equipment must rent at their own expense.

Skiers will be staying at the Edelweiss Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dean, parents of Darcy Dean, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laux, parents of Nancy Laux will be the chaperones for the trip.



OLD WAGONS NEVER die, they only get battered covers. Mary Elwart, senior, re-covered the pioneer wagon on Olsen Court in a surge of spirit.



## Great Goalie Gathers Glories Galore

How can you have an average of 1.67 and still be considered great?

First you need seven years of experience. Combine that with help from two of Gordie Howe's sons and practice for two hours, three to four nights a week.

That's what Jim Lanzi, senior, did.

Jim's 1.67 average is his goal-tending average in the Junior A Hockey League. His average is even better than Tony Esposito's, National Hockey League Vezina Trophy Winner (best goalie).

Following tips from former Detroit Red Wing goalies Roger Crozier and the late Terry Sawchuk, Jim helped lead his team, the Olympia Agencies, to Michigan, and later, to United States Championships winning 68 games (including 21 shutouts) and losing only two.

He is so great, in fact, that he's got NHL scouts interested in signing him up. After attending University of Denver, he hopes to play for the Montreal Canadiens because "Hockey is the major sport in that city."

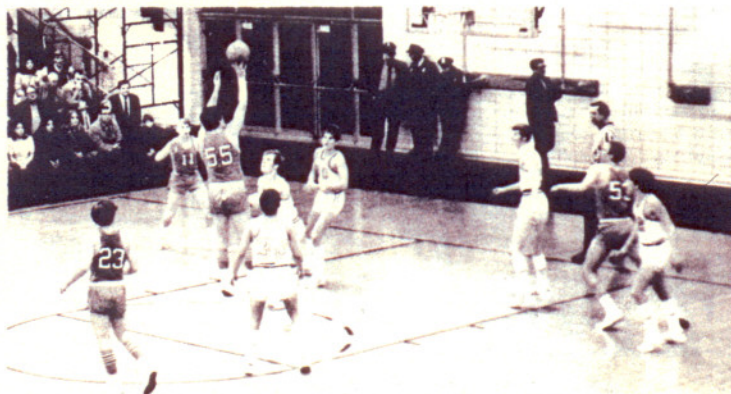
Why would anyone want to be a goalie, the most dangerous position in hockey? "It's a challenge. You're the most important guy on the team. If you fail, your team's going to lose." Unlike most goalies, Jim fortunately still has all his teeth.

Jim's favorite team is the Stanley

Cup winner, the Boston Bruins. His favorite players are Red Wing star Gordie Howe and Chicago Black Hawks' Tony Esposito.

The two defensemen he'd like to have in front of him are Boston's super-star Bobby Orr and New York's Brad Park, because as he put it, "They're the best in the league."

Jim when asked who he would hate to have take a shot at him, replied like most goalies--"Bobby Hull!"



BRYAN LOWRY, 55, senior, dumps the ball as fellow teammates Bill Reiger, 23, senior; Barry Copeland, 11, sophomore; and Eric Ponds, 53, senior, look upward with high expectations. The Pioneers were disappointed, though, by their loss to their Flatrock opponent.

## Swimmers, Cagers and Wrestlers Find Suburban Six "Their Bag"

If the last few weeks were any indication of things to come, Suburban Six look out.

Dearborn's swimming, wrestling, and basketball teams had a chance to play teams from the Suburban Six, the league Dearborn and Edsel will

join next year. This will form the Suburban Eight. DHS playing as the Romans did; they came, they saw, and they conquered.

The swimmers were first to face next years foes when on Dec. 12 they swam in the Suburban Relays. Winning five of eight events, the tankers brought home six trophies, including the team title, in a crushing victory.

Dearborn's wrestlers went into action next, as they battled Allen Park Dec. 15 at home. Pioneer Power was apparent, as the matmen had a string of six victories in a row in a toughly fought for 24 to 24 tie.

In the most recent pioneer action, Dearborn's cagers barely missed becoming champs in the Trenton Christmas Tournament held Dec. 28-30. Dearborn played three exciting games, probably the most impressive against Riverview in the semi-finals when "the five" scored 80 points, had two players score over 25 pts. and sank a basket from past midcourt. The pioneers were finally eliminated in overtime of their last game, leaving the championship for Flat Rock.

The next home event will be this Tuesday when Belleville is forced to tangle with the swimmers at 7 p.m. and the cagers at 7:30. The wrestlers will take on Ypsi away the next day at 7:30.

### BASKETBALL

Dearborn-60 Livonia Churchill-49  
Dearborn-71 Ypsilanti-89  
Dearborn-53 Fordson-59  
**CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT**  
Dearborn-59 Melvindale-48  
Dearborn-80 Riverview-54  
Dearborn-61 Flat Rock-69

### SWIMMING

Dearborn-68 Royal Oak Kimball-37  
Dearborn-53 Birmingham Groves-52

### WRESTLING

Dearborn-27 Flat Rock-15  
Dearborn-24 Toledo C. C. -27  
Dearborn-24 Sylvania-22  
Dearborn-24 Allen Park-24

## Letters to the Editor:

To The Editor:

Perhaps the atmosphere of this school is one which is conducive to learning, but is it one compatible with living? We students realize that our high school years present problems which confuse and sometimes depress us. But what many students fail to realize is that we are responsible for them, not Mr. McLennan, Mr. Faull, or Mr. Mazur. For once in our lives, we cannot blame our problems on the administrators, the so-called "system". I know they are willing to meet us more than halfway. All we have to do is to indicate our want and need of their help.

In my life I have never seen so many tear-streaked, crying faces walking through the hall than this year. Never have I seen so many students walking in an almost stupor, gazing almost catatonically. The student body is not to be blamed so much for its being "apathetic" or lacking in "school spirit," as its lack of its true human compassion.

The objects that will touch and shape our lives, most extensively, are people. Other human beings are the most important thing in the world, so let us help them and each other by taking a real and genuine concern in another student who is depressed or just needs a friend. Many times I have experienced such a need for a friend or just someone to talk to. I have not been disappointed, so far. Help someone. Before our generation can attempt to industrialize our world, we must first humanize it.

Thank you,  
Mary Elwart, senior

(Editor's note: The following letter

was received too late for publication in the Christmas Issue of the OBSERVER. Mr. Evans was an exchange social studies teacher at Dearborn High last year.

Dear Editor:

May I, through the Observer, wish the students at Dearborn High a very happy Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

I have the most pleasant memories of my year at Dearborn, due in no small way, to the students, who all helped to make my exchange pleasant as well as exciting.

Sincerely,

Roger Evans, St. Birinus School

## Interp Reading

Who agrees with the saying "Kids say the darndest things?"

Mrs. Frances Sanders is one. Her Interpretive Reading class, under the direction of student teacher, Mr. Jim Harrison, presented "A Charlie Brown Christmas" to two elementary schools just before the holidays.

The kids wrote short letters of appreciation in return. Some were philosophical, some comical, some serious. A few have been reprinted here, showing that children have their own distinct style--a very direct, uninhibited one.

An anonymous, capitalistic comment:

Dear Lucy,  
I like the way you said. O that money I like the sound of that when you said that.

## Misery is

RUNNING to be first in the lunch line and not finding anything edible.

HAVING teachers come in the student lavatories.

GETTING caught smoking.

STARTING Christmas vacation without your boyfriend.

GETTING rid of my dog.

EATING peanut butter when you have braces.

WALKING all day with a hole in your sock.

BEING sent to Mr. McLennan's office and finding him there.

## Class Receives Amusing Letters

p.s.

thanks for comeing (coming)  
(a diagram of five pennies included)

A self-revelation:

Dear Charlie Brown;  
I liked the part when you said, "Oh, everything I touch (touch) is a desaster (disaster)." That's the same with me.

Your friend,  
Charles Dittmar  
(address and telephone number included)

A poetic response:

I like Charlie Brown.  
I like Snoopy.  
I like Peantits. (a Freudian slip?)  
I like Linus.  
I like Lucy.  
I like Pigen.

I like Sally.  
I like Violet.  
Tina Conley

A pessimistic comment:

I sorry but Charlie Brown was not a good actor because he was a grill (girl) i just don't like grills. I like Lucy Because she was a good actor because she was good.

Public relations comment:

Thank-you it was funny at the end of the Play it was very very good and I like it very very very much it was a very good Play I liked Linus Charlie Brown Peanuts Lucy Pigen Sally Violet and Snoopy.

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