

Feb. 7 Winter Concert Planned; Band, Orchestra Are Featured

"I hate to sound monotonous, but this will be another outstanding concert in the best tradition of Dearborn High School," said Instrumental Director Tony Russo, concerning DHS's annual Winter Concert.

The concert, featuring DHS's symphony orchestra, will be held on Feb. 7 in the Dearborn High School Auditorium.

Describing the planned program, Mr. Russo said, "The music the band and orchestra will play is among the finest played by any major college or professional group in America."

Opening the program, the symphony band will perform "Andrea Chenier," "Morning, Noon, and Night," "La Forza Del Destino," "Chester," as well as Sousa marches.

Featured in the band's performance will be soloists Gary Blok, trombone; Tom Schlaf and Mark

Stone, clarinet; Bryan Kennedy, French horn; Mae Weeks, oboe; and Phyllis Taylor, flute.

Gary will play "The Blue Bells of Scotland," Mark and Tom will be featured in "Concerto for Two Clarinets," and Bryan, Mae, Phyllis, and Tom will perform "Dialog for Four."

Following intermission, the symphony orchestra will perform "Beethoven's Symphony #1," "Concerto Grosso," "Radetzky March," and selections from "Oliver." A special arrangement of "Stars and Stripes Forever" will serve as the finale.

Linda Richter's solo in the "Concerto for Violoncello" by Saint-Saens will highlight the orchestra's performance.

The Sunday concert will be held at 3:30 p.m. Admission for both students and adults is 75 cents.



ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THE new courses displayed by Counselor Gary Hamilton are (l. to r.) Carol Holmstrom, Jo Javitt, and Carrie Mericas.

Curriculum Revision Demands Bring Several New Courses

Arriving next semester along with a new set of students for the teachers and a new set of teachers for the students is a set of new courses in most departments.

All departments will be affected except science and art. The most growth came in home economics. Home Economics has three new offerings: Child Development, Interior Decorating, and Occupational Foods, along with two old programs under new names.

The English department has four new courses: Vocational English, American Humor, Advanced Film-making, and Shakespear Studies.

Social Studies, Math, and the Music departments offer one new course apiece. Social Studies lists Modern

European History from 1815. The Math Department will have a full year course, Geometry Ic and Id which will cover the same materials as Geometry I.

The Music Department, after previous tries in Music Theory, finally has enough people to set up a course this spring.

The Industrial Arts Department has a new course called Electricity I dealing with repair of small household items and basic electronics.

Business Education has one new course in the offing which will teach basic computer skills.

Out of 164 courses offered altogether, 19 of these are new. These 19 new courses represent 12% for the overall total which makes this the largest program expansion so far in this school.

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Seniors Planning Skiing Weekend

Tumbles, falls, and broken bones are just a few of the things the Senior Class is looking forward to as they prepare for their ski trip to Caberfae over semester break, from Jan. 29 to the 31. The bus will leave from DHS early Friday morning and will return Sunday evening.

Cost is \$50 per person, including lodging, transportation, and ski

tows. Those without skis can rent them at the lodge.

Anyone interested in signing up should see one of the Senior Class officers, who will put them on a waiting list.

3.00 Grade Average Required

National Honor Society Praises Superior Students

Members of the National Honor Society's DHS chapter receive recognition in the PIONEER and are formally inducted at the Annual Honor Assembly, yet few students are aware of the nature of the club. Never-the-less it has existed at Dearborn High since 1928.

Students are selected for membership by the faculty based on scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Each teacher rates numerically on a one to four scale those students he had contact with through extra-curricular or class participation.

To qualify, a student must have earned a minimum grade average of 3.00 and must be rated by at least ten teachers. The average of these points determines his position in respect to other eligible students.

The number of students chosen is limited to five per cent of the 11A class and a total of 15 per cent of the graduating class.

Last year, officers were chosen to organize meetings for the planning of volunteer projects, conduct the formal initiation of members, and to choose, from among its constituents, applicants for the scholarships offered by the National Honor Society. As it is a national organization, each chapter is allowed to present two students for consideration.

Despite the formal structure of the organization, membership is considered more of an award meant to honor superior students than a commitment to perform services within the school as is required by other clubs. However, members have acted as guides at Open House.

New officers have not been elected this year to replace the four who graduated last year and no service projects have yet been planned.

Rehearsal Begins On Musical Fable; 'Emperor's New Clothes' Set For Feb.

If you are a music enthusiast and enjoyed such fairy tales as Snow White and Jack and the Beanstalk as a child, a musical fable will be coming your way: "The Emperor's New Clothes" will be presented at DHS.

Set for Feb. 25, 26, 27 in the DHS auditorium, this age-old fable, modernized with a music score by Harry Simeone, will delight kids of all ages.

"A musical is being presented to give musically inclined students a chance to gain valuable stage experience," says Mr. Philip Mark, director. "The biggest cost of the play will be costuming since I hope to have the sets reconstructed from old materials," he added.

Unlike last year's musical "The

King and I," this production will not be an all-school play. The 80-member cast will be chosen from ensemble and choir members only, with most rehearsals held during school hours. Mr. Mark hopes that although the play will not be open for everyone to participate in, it will not discourage others from helping out with the making of the set.

Funds made on this production will go for musical scholarships and unbudgeted items in the music department such as the much-needed choir coats. Mr. Mark said that publicity throughout the city will emphasize attendance by elementary and junior high school students. He hopes to include a Saturday afternoon matinee.



SUPPORTING SENIOR SKI Trip is Darcy Dean, very well prepared for the annual event which takes place over the January semester break.

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

Pre-College Testing Unfair

BY BARBARA BAETZ

After working four long, hard years in high school, a three-hour test is all it may take to make or break a student when it comes to college admissions.

Because colleges are open to students from all over the country, it's impossible for each college to know each high school's reputation, so most require prospective students to take to take a pre-college test.

The pre-college tests that concern most DHS students are the American College Test (ACT), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), and the Achievement Tests. The ACT and Achievement Tests are used for placement while the SAT is used to verify high school records.

With all the importance placed on the tests, the test system as it is now leaves much to be desired. In the first place, the tests are given on Saturdays so the students are already tired out from the past week of school. The material in the tests is dull and the reading selections are just plain boring so this makes it even more of a chore to read them.

Pressure builds up because the tests are timed so students hurry along, sometimes answering two or three questions a minute. The answers are multiple choice or, in many cases, multiple guess.

In applying to more than one college, a student may find that one requires the SAT while the other requires the ACT. Instead of different colleges requiring different tests, there should be one test accepted by all. This should be given during a school day early in the week instead of on a Saturday.

Material on the test should be more practical. If a student doesn't know the opposite of placate, for example, or the square root of 2,209, does it mean he isn't of college caliber? Or does it simply mean he hasn't been exposed to a word that isn't used much or a math problem that would probably never come up any way.

Students go to college to learn, so if the purpose of a pre-college test is to see if a student will make it in college or how he will fit in, it should measure his ability and potential--not how many little-known facts he knows.

Ali MacGraw, Ryan O'Neal Star

A Heartbreaking 'Love Story' You'll Never Forget

"What can you say about a 25-year-old girl who died? That she was brilliant and beautiful. That she loved Mozart, Bach, the Beatles. And me."

With those lines the movie "Love Story," (Novel written by Erich Segal), opened for Oliver Barrett to tell of his love for Jennifer Cavilleri, and of her love for him.

Oliver went to Harvard University and Jennifer went to Radcliffe. Jennifer worked in the Radcliffe Library, where Oliver was in the habit of study-

ing, which is how they met.

"Do you have The Waning of the Middle Ages?" were the first words he spoke to her.

"Don't you have your own library?" she asked.

"Listen, Harvard is allowed to use the Radcliffe library."

"I'm not talking legality, Preppie, I'm talking ethics. You guys have five million books. We have a few lousy thousand."

The conversation continues and

packed up and left the classroom five minutes before the end of the hour, as if he couldn't stand the hard work.

It is my feeling that little can be gained from a class with a teacher who maintains an "I could care less" attitude and alienates his students because of his condescending and cynical comments and actions. His actions and attitudes should be brought to the attention of the administration and the students who have not been "blessed" by having this individual as a teacher.

Name withheld

Letter to the Editor:

To The Editor:

Today as I watched one of my teachers, feet propped upon the desk, nonchalantly throwing rolled-up pieces of masking tape over his shoulder at the blackboard, an unmistakable feeling of disgust came to me. This feeling, though unmistakable, was not unfamiliar. I could bring to mind many times previously in the semester when the same feeling had presented itself. There were the numerous times he had thrown a rubber apple at the students walking into the room. And the frequent times he

OPEN END



BYRNE



JULI

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MAYOR ORVILLE HUBBARD AND / OR HIS 30-YEAR TERM?

"His long term shows how much he owns this town."

Byrne Solberg, senior

"I like the way he throws his weight around."

Jim Patterson, senior

"He's mayor a hundred years late. He should have ruled before the Civil War."

Janet Pringnitz, senior

"No matter what I think of him as a person, he's a good politician. He gives the people exactly what they want, which isn't saying much for them."

Juli Byrnes, senior



JANET



JIM

Generation Conflicts Plague Daughter Parents Take on Burden of Drugs

"The scream was like a knife cutting through the air. 'Oh bring me back! I want to come back! I'm scared! I'm electric! God, God, I'm electric!'"

For a long time, taking drugs was believed to be a result of poverty or the wrong color skin. Conditions were far from that for Maxie Mason in the book The People Next Door.

She had everything in life she needed--except love and understanding.

Maxie, 16-year-old daughter of an average family in a nice, suburban area, hated her parents. To her, they were "dumb, phony, and hypocritical." So to escape, she copped out with acid.

Of course, her parents couldn't comprehend the situation. After all, they had given her everything she needed in life. "We gave her piano lessons, tennis lessons, cheer-leading, a good home and neighborhood... but just like the rest of them, they're selfish, stupid, rotten kids who don't think about anything or anybody but themselves."

To make matters worse, she is compared to the perfect All-American, apple pie, crew-cut kid next door who the readers find out isn't all he's cracked up to be.

The book by J. P. Miller is a dynamic expression of conflicts facing a family. A little unbelievable at times, on the whole it does an excellent job of showing how the addicted take the non-addicted with them into

The People Next Door illustrates better than any statistics can what a separate hell they never even knew themselves.

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Printing Spoils Misconception Of 'Mickey Mouse' Course

Graphic Arts, better known as printing, is often considered a course for students who don't really plan on going to college or maybe as a nice simple class, perfect for filling up one's schedule. However popular this idea is, it is far from the truth.

The printing industry is not made up of kindly old craftsmen covered with ink and turning out one page a day. Nor is the DHS graphic arts program concerned solely with setting type and making calling cards.

The first course is a general survey of the many diverse methods of graphic reproduction and related processes in the printing industry, including photography, layout and design, presswork, silk screen, flexography, and paper making.

In the latter courses, the student begins to specialize in the areas of letterpress and offset printing which involve multi-color printing, camera work and platemaking. Some of the advanced students also spent several Saturdays this fall helping Mr. Ray Smith, printing teacher, rebuild an old offset press which now enables DHS to print four-page OBSERVER issues here rather than having to send them to Fordson.

The printing program at DHS is designed to provide the student with useful experience and training needed to prepare him for a job in the printing industry, which sorely needs skilled people.

Contrary to popular opinion, the program also helps to prepare students for college. In a study made by Dr. Robert Young, former DHS principal, students who took five or more industrial courses in high school were "matched" with students who took two or less industrial courses and the group was then followed through college. It was found that "... the 'five or more' electors who carried more academic hours in college than their matchees achieved as well as their matchees in academic achievement in college." In other words, people who do all right in high school, regardless of the courses they take, also do well in college. The graphic arts program is therefore valuable to the collegebound student as well as to the student planning to go to work after graduation.

Although the DHS printshop is not as well equipped as some, Mr. Daniel Kurmas and Mr. Smith have done an excellent job of maintaining an interesting and varied program.

Mr. Erwin Rayford, associate professor at Western Michigan University, recently visited the shop and summed up the two teachers' efforts in a letter saying, "I have been in several high school print shops and from what I have seen I think that you have one of the better programs in the state. Some of the shops may be larger, but I do not think the course content or student benefit is any better."



ADVANCED PRINTER, DAVE Kuznicki, senior, sets up the press and runs off this week's OBSERVER.

Sophomore Cyclist State Champ

Bicycle? To most Dearborn High students, riding a bike was just a way to get to the candy store when they were younger. But to one sophomore, it's the "greatest sport in the world."

John Byrnes has been cycling for only three years, but already he enjoys the honor of being the Michigan state champion in his age classification in both road and track racing.

The difference? As it sounds, road racing is done on the road, on a specialized 10-speed bicycle, and track racing on a bicycle track. The track bike is an extremely sturdy bike "stripped down of everything that's not essential to moving the bicycle forward." There are no different gears, no brakes, no extras.

Michigan's only bicycle track is the Dorais Veldrome, built two years ago at Dorais Field in Detroit. Area road races are usually held at Chandler Park in Detroit or at General Motors Proving Grounds in Milford.

After winning the state championships this summer, John traveled to New York for the national championships, where he made the semi-finals

in the one and two mile sprints on the track.

In the road race he "would have placed really well, "except for one small problem. "Someone stuck his pedal in my back wheel and ruined it."

John first became interested in cycling from his coach and fellow-cyclist Frank Piontek, who says of him, "It's amazing how far he's come in such a short time. All it takes is a little effort on his part, and he'll find himself at the top."

But John's interest in bicycles is not limited to just racing. Every year he participates in several tours, including the Tour of the Sciote River Valley (a two-day, 210-mile tour along the Sciote River in Ohio) and the Wolverine Bicycle Marathon (a 24-hour, 200-mile marathon at Belle Isle).

"Cycling is the hardest sport there is," comments John, "because you exert yourself so much, for such extended periods of time." (Races are often as far as 125 miles.)

"And it's not only the most thrilling sport to participate in, it's also exciting to watch," he adds, "in Europe it's practically the national sport—like baseball and football are here."

At only 15, John already has a large collection of trophies, medals, ribbons, certificates, and other prizes. He is a member of the Wolverine Sports Club and the Amateur Bicycle League of America.

But John is more than a top cyclist—he's also an excellent swimmer.

In ninth grade he was the city backstroke champion. This summer he swam on the Dearborn Recreation team, and is now a member of the DHS swimming team.

He has won numerous awards of every kind for his swimming abilities, the latest a framed certificate honoring him as "one of Michigan's outstanding swimmers."

He also ran cross country for Dearborn High this fall.



LOOKING HIS SPIFFIEST in his official cycling gear is Sophomore John Byrnes, Michigan state champion.

Model 'T' is in Running Condition After Auto Shop Pair Fix Engine

If a 1926 Model T turns up in the teacher's parking lot this summer don't be alarmed. It belongs there.

Mr. Carlton Lohr, wood shop teacher, has been the proud owner of a Model T for several years, ever since he picked it up from a student, forced to sell it. The car still had an engine with it - but in pieces!

So when Seniors Glenn Miller and Henry Fillion approached him asking him if they could work on it he was delighted.

It was quite a project for the two seniors who labored for several weeks with rings, rods, and hand-fit bearings while working on the antiquated engine. Some parts had to be specially ordered and others were handmade. Batteries were also quite a problem as one was dropped, an-

other blown up, and the third was finally installed in the car.

But Hank and Glenn made the engine run, fixing it in record time. The boys had taken a lot of razzing from their auto shop class. The last laugh was theirs, as they finished their engine before the rest of the kids finished rebuilding their own more modern engines.

The 'T' won't be seen around here for a while, however, because Mr. Lohr took it up North over Christmas. Plenty of work still remains for him to do on the car's body and interior.

Mr. Lohr must have enjoyed the restoration project. When asked what plans he held for his "tin lizzie," he confided, "I'll probably keep it for a while and then maybe I'll sell it and do another one."

Pseudo Secretary Invites President

Nixon Says Nix on Senior Invite

"We the Senior Class of 1971 would be honored by your presence to our graduation exercises on June 17, 1971." So began a letter to President Nixon written by the "Secretary of the DHS Student Council."

After a government class discussion on the many invitations the President receives, Mr. Ed Lanzi suggested that a student write to see what response he'd get.

Sue Snabes, senior, accepted the challenge, signing her letter "Secretary of the Student Council."

"I didn't mean any harm to Lisa, (Lisa Keathley, the "real" secretary) of course," Sue explained. "I just wanted to make it look official."

Sue didn't expect a reply, knowing how much mail the President receives. Three weeks later, however, she received a letter written by a Presidential secretary.

"Although it is not possible for me to attend your graduation," the letter read, "I would like to wish the Class of '71 the best of luck in the future."

Synchronettes Splash Success

Synchronettes is one of the school clubs doing much, but receiving little publicity. Already this year at a Garden City AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) meet, four DHS girls placed in the topten with 150 girls competing. These girls were Juniors Jeannie Jones, Karen Faydenko, Arlene Raffel, and Sophomore Madeline Rowe.

The club hosted a Nov. 21 invitational meet for the teams comprising the new school league beginning next year. Mrs. Johanna Navarre, physical education teacher and sponsor of Synchronettes, commented that judges were qualified judges from synchronized swim meets. The students competed in stunts against 50 people. Attending were swimmers from Trenton, Redford Union, and Allen Park.

Preparing for future events, the girls are attending meetings sponsored by the Michigan Synchronized Coaches to help with choreography and other skills for competition. Coming in spring are meets requiring choreography of which the 12 active girls will observe.

The Synchronettes are looking forward to viewing an international competition held in Ontario this March.

Mrs. Navarre cited Jeannie Jones as one of her excelling swimmers. "Not only is she very outstanding in skill, but she has improved this year," praised the sponsor. She adds her praise for Juniors Arlene Raffel and Micki Garner who keep the club's details in order.

Others doing well are Chris Garner, sophomore, and Karen Faydenko, according to Mrs. Navarre.

A splash party was held Jan. 7 for girls who worked on the synchronized competition.

Harlem Diplomats Combine Athletic Prowess With Fun

What are the Harlem Diplomats? Are they a distinguished dedicated group of social workers from the inner city trying to make it big in politics? No, they're seven black, very with-it young men who play basketball for a living.

But they don't play basketball in the conventional way. Instead of striving for points, the Diplomats strive for entertainment. The result is an hour of acrobatic dribbling, passing, and clowning around with the referees and audience.

Last Wednesday night, the Diplomats put on a show for DHS students when they were pitted against members of the faculty. The opposing team consisted of Principal Leonard Mazur, and teachers Jack Johnson, Herb Schroeter, John Deyonke, James Monteith, and Eugene Snell. Despite their comical performance, the Harlem Diplomats came out on top of a 65-61 final score.

Eleven years ago, the Harlem Diplomats were formed. Since then, the original players have been replaced. The current players are Goose Tatum Jr., Marvin Snow, Neil Humphrey, John Taylor, Jim Powell,



STRAINING OFF THE starting block in the 200 yd. Individual Medley against Toledo St. Francis is swimming team co-captain, Senior Doug Bell.

Pioneer Tankers Are Overpowering

Longdunson Power was never more apparent than last Friday night as the Pioneer swimmers easily defeated a strong Toledo St. Francis team, 58-47.

Longdunson, a name the swimmers have given themselves, signifies the names of the three coaches who work with the team. And for Coaches Jeff LONGstreth, Jack DUNworth, and Head Coach Jack JOHNson, the results of their work could not be more gratifying.

St. Francis was supposed to prove another stiff test to the Pioneers, as their statistics boasted a third place in last year's Ohio state swimming meet. They also had two All-American swimmers to contest the Pioneers' Paul Foster and Tom Szuba.

But Dearborn polished them off with the class of a state championship team, as they received outstanding performances from Foster and Szuba, but the meet was really won on the overall depth of the Pioneers, as the results clearly show.

Foster's two firsts came in the 50-

Harry Brown, and Tojo Henderson.

Neil Humphrey is the team's business manager. All of the players are salaried. Half of the money earned through ticket sales for each game is divided among the Diplomats while the remainder goes to the opposing team.

For seven months a year, six nights a week, the team performs antics for audiences from Maine to California, as well as Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Virgin Islands. In an average year, they cover 100,000 miles.

During the off-season, the Diplomats relax by designing their own clothes, listening to music, and running a five-week long summer basketball camp. Evidence of their love for music is supplied by the tape player that follows the team and is played before each game.

Since playing with the Diplomats is a temporary career, all of the players are planning ahead. Marvin and Goose want to eventually enter the recording business. Tojo just returned from Vietnam. The others would like to return to college. Until then, teammate Neil Humphrey will keep on passing out their checks.

yd. freestyle and the 100-yd. backstroke. His time of 55.7 in the backstroke set a new school and pool record.

Szuba took the 200-yd. individual medley and the 100-yd. freestyle. His 2:02.7 in the medley also set a new pool record.

Juniors Al Gaiefsky, Frank Suchara, and Terry Breest combined with Sophomore Bob Blake to take the 200-yd. medley relay with a time of 1:47.9.

Another first was taken by Sophomore Marc Mainwaring in the diving. Mike Faitel, senior, took a third.

Dearborn swept one-two in both the 100-yd. butterfly and the 100-yd. backstroke. Kevin Dunworth, sophomore, and Terry Breest paced the butterfly while Al Gaiefsky finished second to Paul Foster in the backstroke.

Norm Semchysen, sophomore, added to the Pioneer total with a third in the 200-yd. freestyle and a second in the 400-yd. freestyle.

Second places were also taken in the 100-yd. breast stroke by Frank Suchara and by the 400-yd. freestyle team of Doug Bell and Ewalt Schultz, seniors, Paul Spearman, junior, and Kevin Dunworth.

Doug also placed third in the 200-yd. individual medley to wrap up the scoring for DHS.

The next teams to face the tankers will be Allen Park on Jan. 19, and Ypsilanti on Jan. 28. Both meets are home.

Though it's too early to say, the Pioneers must be thinking about the meet held March 12 and 13 in East Lansing. A popular tune might just catch on that weekend. It goes:

Longdunson³ (pronounced three)
Equals S. C.

S. C. of course, means state championship.



OVERPOWERING A WAYNE matman, Senior Greg Bird plans another victory for the DHS wrestlers.

Cagers Stomp Ann Arbor

Upset was in the air last Friday as the Dearborn High Pioneers set back the tenth ranked Ann Arbor Pioneers 68-60. It was Dearborn's third win in the last four games.

Paced by the continual fine play of Seniors Bryan Lowry, scoring 25 points, and Captain Eric Ponds, with 17 points, the Pioneers jumped into an early first quarter lead which they never lost.

Junior John Renko added 15 points. Leading by nine points at the half, the Cagers never allowed Ann Arbor within striking distance for the rest of the game.

The Junior Varsity contest proved to be exciting with the climatic finish posing a basket in the final second of the game. Dearborn's J. V. topped Ann Arbor 46 to 44.

Dearborn met Belleville Tuesday and faces a contest with the cross-town rival Edsel Ford Thunderbirds tonight at 8 o'clock in the Edsel Ford gym. Dearborn will be ready to avenge last year's 65-52 loss to Edsel on their home court. Dearborn won the home contest 57-55 last season.

Matmen Win Big; Flooded By Wayne

The Dearborn High matmen harassed the Bulldogs at Livonia Bentley last Tuesday, winning by an impressive score of 36-16. The grapplers won eight of 12 events, with Seniors John Demsick, Tom Keramaris, Greg Bird, and Terry Filas, along with Juniors Bob Migrin, and Chuck Assenmacher, all pinning their opponents.

Two days later, against Wayne, the grapplers lost their victory hold.

The Wayne Zebras squared off with the matmen last Thursday, and proved too aggressive an opponent to grant Dearborn their first league meet victory. The Dearborn wrestlers managed just 13 points in 12 bouts, ending up a far distance from the 32 amassed by Wayne. Senior captain Tom Keramaris proved a worthy leader by pinning his man and earning five points, but his teammates just couldn't duplicate his feat.

With the opening league meet loss still haunting the DHS wrestlers, they faced Ypsilanti Tuesday in their second bid for a league victory.

The team hopes to better its 2-2-1 dual meet record Tuesday when it challenges Trenton at home.

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