

# Speaking, Homemaking, Citizenship Bring Honors to Three Girls in Contests

Awards continue to make appearances at DHS. The latest were earned by three girls, two seniors and a sophomore.

Linda Guth, senior, has been honored by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) as Dearborn High's "Good Citizen."

Selection for the position began with the counselors nominating several girls they thought outstanding. Principal Leonard Mazur then chose Linda from the list of girls to represent DHS.

She took an examination dealing with contemporary events and American History, which will be used to select finalists for state competition and ultimately the state winner. Savings bonds will be awarded to the state winner.

From the state level, the winner will then compete nationally with the winners from the 49 states. The national achiever will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of her choice.

Linda and her mother will be entertained at the February meeting of the Howard Chapter of the DAR, where she will be presented with a Good Citizen's pin and an Award of Merit.

Senior Lisa Keathley has been presented with a Silver charm denoting her as Homemaker of Tomorrow for Dearborn High School. To receive this title, she was required to take an examination along with other interested girls. Lisa received the highest score among DHS participants.

On the basis of the original examination, a Homemaker of Tomorrow and runner-up from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia will be named. Each State Homemaker of Tomorrow will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and an expense-paid tour of the Eastern United States for herself and a school advisor this spring. The school winners will receive a set of Encyclopedia Britannica.

The 1971 Betty Crocker All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow and three national runners-up will be named from among the state winners. The scholarship for the National Homemaker will be increased to \$5,000.

Sophomore Linda Gagliardi was awarded a \$50 Savings Bond in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) nationwide speech contest for high school students entitled "The Voice of Democracy." Tapes of speeches were made by each competitor on the subject of "Freedom, Our Heritage"

and submitted to the VFW for judging.

Although Linda is out of the national contest, her speaking ability has earned her fine recognition. Lisa and Linda Guth, however, still have chances at succeeding to national titles.



LINDA GAGLIARDI ACCEPTS her speech award from Mr. Charles Wagner of V. F. W. Post 134. Looking on is Miss Mary Crowley, coordinator of communicative arts.

# THE OBSERVER

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## DHS Probes Teacher Loss

Three staff members left DHS when a surplus of three teachers was declared at the school. They are Miss Beverly Martin and Mr. Dean Sloan from the English Department, and Mr. Frank Kowal from the Photography and Industrial Arts Department.

According to Principal Leonard Mazur, the enrollment was anticipated to be greater this year when Miss Martin was hired. Another factor affecting the reassigning of teachers is that the State Revenue is down and the Dearborn School System is on a tighter budget. By reassigning surplus teachers to other schools when vacancies occur instead of hiring additional teachers to the system, an estimated \$40,000 will be saved.

In November, the Board of Education informed the school that the staff had to be reduced by three. Mr. Mazur selected the areas he felt would be least affected by the loss. Two of the teachers were taken from the largest department, English. The two were chosen by seniority in that department. The drama classes will only be continued if another teacher feels qualified and is willing to teach them. An electronics course which was going to be taught by Mr. Kowal this semester is being dropped.

Since Mr. Sloan's departure, the Thespians have been left without a

# 'Spirit Week' To Bring Festivity Through After-School Contests

Cake eaters, bathtub stuffers, slave bidders and snowmen builders arise! Your time is coming Feb. 15-19 as the Student Council presents "Spirit Week," a week of fun and games to be held after school.

Monday will be the day for all who get those after school hunger pangs! Each contestant will try to eat one home-baked cake faster than anyone else with his or her hands tied! All that's needed is a quick mouth and a big appetite!

For those who like to be part of the crowd, bathtub stuffing will take place Tuesday. Team members must be from the same class and have approximately one boy for one girl. The team that fits the most people into the tub wins.

A day of taking it easy is in store for those wanting to buy a Student Council member on Wednesday. The auctioneer will start the bidding on each "slave" for a minimum of 50 cents and each member will be avail-

able all day Thursday. Wednesday is also "Hat Day." Hats may be worn between classes and judging will take place 4th hour. The most creative hat wins a prize!

Races will be run Thursday in the cafeteria with competition by classes. There will be an orange passing contest, with 12-20 on a team (preferably boy, girl, boy, girl!), a three-legged race, a pogo stick race, and a snowman building contest (weather permitting).

However, if spectator sports sounds more inviting, bring a turtle to compete! He does the work and the owner of the turtle gets the prize!

Climaxing the entire week will be a pep assembly on Friday at 3 p. m. This will be a special assembly because it will combine not only spirit raising for the Edsel game that night, but prize awarding and a lot of fun!

## Mr. Westby Gone For One Semester

Mr. James Westby, counselor, will be working with the Fordson High School administrative staff this semester in an administrative internship program. The new program is designed to train people for a job in the administration of the Dearborn School System.

Mr. Westby will return to his counseling at DHS next fall. In the meantime, the rest of the counseling department will take over his duties. Students who had Mr. Westby last semester may find out who their new counselor is from the lists posted in the counseling area.

COMING FEB. 26...  
RESULTS OF THE OBSERVER  
POLL OF STUDENT ATTITUDES  
ON SEX, POLITICS, RELIGION...

## At DHS Since '63 Assistant Principal Earns Doctorate

Mr. Thomas McLennan, assistant principal at Dearborn High School, has earned his Doctor of Education degree from the College of Education at Wayne State University.

On Jan. 18 a committee accepted his doctoral dissertation: An Analysis of Leader-Behavior Preferences of Selected Suburban Residents from Three Socio-Economic Levels.

In addition to the doctorate he holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State.

Mr. McLennan began his career in

Dearborn in 1957 at Henry Ford Elementary School. He transferred to Dearborn High as a block-of-time teacher of social studies and English in 1963. Two years later he interrupted his teaching to take a leave for advanced study.

Mr. McLennan became assistant principal at Dearborn High in the fall of 1967.

Asked whether he wanted to be called "Doctor," he chuckled and said, "Not necessarily. Any kind of diploma is only what you make of it."



LISA KEATHLEY, LEFT, and Linda Guth compare notes on being contest winners.



# Swimmers Smash T-Birds; Perfect Record Is Preserved

In a powerful display of swimming exhibition, the DHS tankers sank Edsel Ford Feb. 4 by a score of 77-28.

Dearborn shattered five pool records in taking firsts in all but one event as they turned the always-close swimming rivalry into an easy rout. Wearing shirts inscribed "Here Come The CAKES" before the meet,

the swimmers added the icing as they received two firsts each from Sophomore Norm Semchysen, and Juniors

Paul Foster and Tom Szuba.

Semchysen's firsts came in the 200-yd. freestyle, with a time of

1:54.4, and in the 400-yd. freestyle, with a time of 4:03.1. In the 200, Sophomore Kevin Dunworth placed

second, while Junior Dave Bradshaw also added a second in the 400.

Foster took the 50-yd. freestyle with a time of 22.9, and the 100-yd. backstroke in 55.5. Sophomore Mike

Oslovar added a third in the 50, while Junior Al Galefsky swept second in

## Cagers Hit Skids; Lose 4 of Last 5

"A deciding factor in next week's game could well be the size of the crowd that turns out. Over at Edsel this year, they had a big advantage because of the excellent turnout," said Captain Eric Ponds, senior, on the Pioneers chances of avenging an earlier loss to arch-rival Edsel Ford next Friday.

On Jan. 15, before a full house at Edsel, the Pioneers led the T-Birds for three quarters, only to be outscored 14-6 in the last quarter and 46-42 in the game. John Renko, junior, led the Pioneers with 21, while Bryan Lowry, senior, added nine. It was only the second win for the T-Birds in 10 games compared to the Pioneers 6-8 record.

At Trenton, Jan. 19, the Trenton cagers took care of the Pioneers handily with the final tally being 63-49. Renko popped in 15 and Ponds totaled nine. Along with losing the game, the cagers lost Lowry to an ankle injury. At the time, he was leading the team in rebounding and was second in scoring.

Renko's 32 point effort paid off as the Pioneers whipped Wayne in a league contest. Senior Bill Reiger pitched in 18 while Ponds added 15. Mike Gogala, junior, hit six points in the last three minutes.

The Ypsilanti Braves, second rated team in the state, received a scare from the Pioneers on Jan. 29. Leading only 40-30 at half-time, the Braves managed to pull out the victory, 83-68. Once again, it was Renko leading with 28, including a 14-point fourth quarter. Lowry, coming back from an injury, scored 17 and grabbed nine rebounds. Ponds added nine points and 12 rebounds.

Next week's game with Edsel will begin at 8 p. m. Junior Varsity starts at 6:30.

the backstroke.

Szuba claimed the 200-yd. individual medley with a time of 2:06.0, and in the 100-yd. freestyle with a time of 50.4. Senior Doug Bell chipped in with a second in the medley, while Junior Paul Spearman

grabbed third in the 100.

Kevin Dunworth and Junior Terry Breest combined for a one-two finish in the 100-yd. butterfly. Dunworth's winning time was 58.3.

Doug Bell, and Juniors Brad Brockway and Frank Suchara swept a one-two-three finish in the 100-yd.

breaststroke. Bell led the way, sporting a time of 1:09.5.

Dearborn's two relay teams also were able to capture firsts. The 200-yd. medley relay team of Suchara, Galefsky, Breest and Bob Blake, sophomore, won in a time of 1:48.3. Blake, Bradshaw, Oslovar, and a strong anchor leg from Paul Spear-

man, grabbed the 400-yd. freestyle relay with a time of 3:36.9.

Dearborn faltered only in the diving, where Sophomore Marc Mainwaring was able to capture a third.

In a show of power, the Pioneers held Edsel's "Prep Star of the Week" Mike Riker to one second and one third.

The tankers have lifted their record to 9-0 on the season, and are now in commanding position to take the Sauk Trail League Title.

Tonight Dearborn hosts Trenton in a tune-up for tomorrow's Detroit News Invitational to be held at Oakland University. Next Tuesday, the

tankers take on Plymouth in the Pioneer pool. The two home meets will begin at 7:30.



Photo by Paul Hartmann

Plunging into the pool along with two Edsel Ford swimmers, (right and 2nd from right) are Kevin Dunworth and Norman Semchysen, ready to perform the 400-yd. freestyle.

## Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

In the Jan. 15 issue of the OBSERVER, a letter was printed concerning the "attitude" of a certain teacher. The anonymous writer contends that "little can be gained" from a teacher with his "lack of concern" and "cynical comments and actions". I do not believe that any of these accusations justify the degradation of this man's teaching ability.

One's "attitude" toward the world in general will not reflect on a normal student's receptivity; this just happens to be the man's nature, so why question it? Is the author of the letter so perfect that he or she never displays any of the so-called "undesirable qualities" that seem so evident in this teacher?

I must concede he is an extremely hard teacher. He expects us to work

diligently for our knowledge. I personally find him to be intellectually stimulating.

It was pointed out that he "frequently" leaves class several minutes early. May I point out that the correct term is "occasionally", and that practicality's sake certainly dictated closing discussion a few minutes early in all classes.

And as for the isolated incidents of masking-tape tossing and rubber-apple throwing, I simply ask, so what?

I find nothing in the anonymous author's letter that can be rationally considered as fact. Perhaps he or she should re-examine his or her misguided motives in writing that underhanded bit of libel, and save such sloppy attempts at criticism for someone with something to criticize.

This teacher is interesting, intelligent, cooperative, and has many interesting opinions to evaluate and discuss. His class has been one of the high points of my academic life. Sincerely,  
Candace Pytel, senior.

## Snowflakes Fell....

### Feathers Flew for Seniors' Trip

Armed with skis, suitcases, and guitars, 42 DHS seniors headed toward Cadillac, Mich. on Jan. 29 to spend their semester break on the annual Senior Ski Trip.

Arriving at the Northwood Inn in Cadillac about 1 p. m., the group was assigned the entire third floor and was quickly settled. Within an hour it was back on the bus and on the way to Caberfae Lodge to begin the skiing fiesta.

Saturday morning brought a hot breakfast along with zero temperatures. Skiing conditions were good but frostbite was so common that the lodge became a "Skiers Haven" with the slopes almost bare.

Although days might have been chilly, the nights were always warm and filled with laughter and fun. Sergio Mendes and "refreshments" for all set the atmosphere as the evenings rolled along until 2 a. m.

One broken pillow added to these evenings of fun along with three hours

of cleaning up the two inches of flying feathers. Supreme Court Chief Justice, John Kazanowski, was royally conducting a major pillow fight when the mishap occurred. Hysterics of laughter immediately filled the third floor halls until the vacuum cleaner and brooms appeared. Immediately the halls cleared...except of the feathers.

Sabotage was often jokingly mentioned and ironically on Sunday morning the lodge and homeward bound bus wouldn't start. The whole day began late with skiers not reaching the slopes until about 11 a. m. Scheduled to leave at 4:30 p. m., the bus finally rolled towards home at 7:30 p. m.

One short article cannot possibly describe the wonderful time this senior group had. Special thanks are extended from the Senior Class to chaperones Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laux, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dordi.

Dear Mrs. Lyons,

You would have been extremely proud of your French Club for the outstanding job they did organizing and conducting the Christmas Party for the members of our Junior Ice Hockey Teams.

If this group is an example of the type of students attending Dearborn High School, then the future of our country is in good hands. Their thoughtfulness, courtesy, enthusiasm and willingness to be of service was an outstanding example of today's youth meeting the challenges of today's social problems.

The happiness that your group brought into the lives of these youngsters will always be remembered and appreciated.

Gratefully,  
Charles Steffes

BOYS' CLUBS OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT