

# School Board Makes Decision; Mark-up on All Lunch Prices

Inflation and rising prices are everywhere, including the Dearborn schools where higher lunch prices went into effect in school cafeterias on Monday.

Dr. Roy Cole, superintendent of schools, proposed the price rise at the Board of Education meeting held on Feb. 8. Dr. Cole explained that a price increase was needed in all areas because the school system is currently operating on a \$200,000 deficit each fiscal year. Dr. Cole also stated that if the prices were not increased, a number of alternatives could be taken.

- close all school cafeterias
- close elementary school cafeterias (currently, the elementary schools are losing money, while the high schools are breaking even)
- install vending machines
- hire a catering service

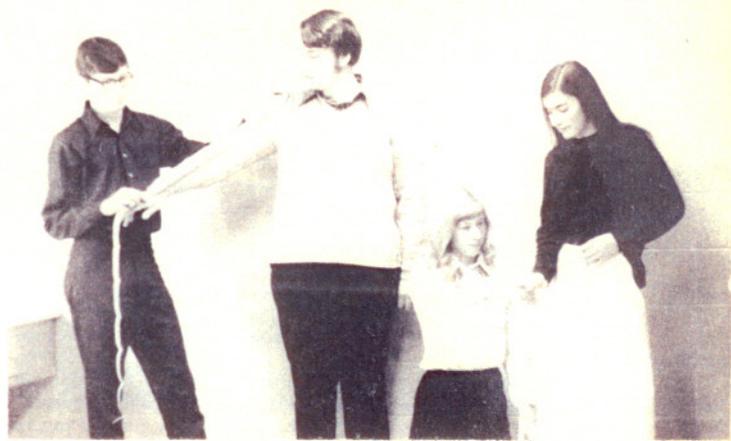
After hearing these arguments, the school board voted to pass the price increase proposal.

The new prices are from three to fourteen cents higher than the old prices. Major price hikes are in the of plate lunches, soups and entrees, with lunches being raised from 45 cents to 50 cents for students, and teacher's lunches being raised from 55 cents to 85 cents. Soup prices rose from 11 cents to 25 cents and entrees increased from 30 cents to 40 cents. Side orders, pie, cake, and ice cream prices increased by five cents. Milk prices will remain the same because the school system is reimbursed by the government for money spent on student's milk.

Mrs. Stephanie Kay, DHS luncheon manager, said that the price hike is greatly needed because of the rising cost of food and labor. Mrs. Kay cited the example of powdered eggs, which ten months ago sold for \$1 per pound, and are now selling for \$1.44 per pound. Prices of other food supplies used in the cafeteria are rising at about the same rate and in order to break even, prices had to be raised.

This will be the third price increase in 16 years.

"Students buy enough food," Mrs. Kay stated, "but the prices were just too low to keep us above water."



MEMBERS OF THE cast prepare for the musical as Senior Jamal Aliah measures Junior Mark Barker. Ann Stemmerman and Tammy Hanson, both juniors, work on Tammy's costume.

## Scheduled for March Musical Performance Postponed

By democratic vote and after an hour-long discussion of grievances, the music department decided to postpone this year's musical, "The Emperor's New Clothes," to March 11, 12, and 14. The musical was previously planned for Feb. 25, 26, and 27.

Still scheduled for three evening performances at 7:30 p. m. and one Sunday afternoon matinee at 2 p. m. the cast will continue to prepare themselves with rehearsals taking place during class periods and zero hours.

This musical comedy is being presented by members of the music de-

partment exclusively, due to such a large cast required and a great deal more music involved.

There will not be a Saturday evening performance because of three conflicts: a Sing Out Dearborn show, a Forensics tournament, and the Tri-School dance at the Youth Center. Rather than try to compete with the other activities, the choir decided to have two performances on Sunday instead of Saturday.

Tickets must be reprinted and previously sold tickets must be recalled and money refunded. Rates will not change, \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children with all students being considered children. Shortly, tickets will again be available and may be purchased from any member of the music department.

Note: The Sunday matinee performance of this musical fable is rated "R"--no one over 18 admitted unless accompanied by a child.

## Library Begins Multimedia Plan

Been in the library lately and noticed the new furniture arrangement? This "new look" is only one of the many improvements being made.

"The major change is the addition of audio-visual equipment," explained Mrs. Ruth Rogers, assistant librarian, "which includes film-strip viewers, cassette recorders, record players, and the wireless system."

The wireless system consists of a set of head phones, a transmitter, a receiver, and a thin white strip containing eight wires that encompasses the library almost invisibly. A record player or tape recorder is plugged into the transmitter in the library workroom which, in turn, is plugged into a socket at the end of the white strip. The sound is received through the pair of head phones which are plugged into the receiver and may be heard by those within the boundaries of the white strip.

In the future, teachers will be able to make assignments requiring students to listen to specified records or tapes. Because the receiver has eight channels, eight different assignments can be played at once.

Other additions in the library include an updated careers file, now located in the main library rather than the workroom, 30 new magazines, and many of the latest paperback books.



READING AND LISTENING to a program on the library's new wireless system is Cathy Copp, senior.

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## Police Youth Bureau Officers Create New Image

Some people call them pigs.

Dearborn Police, however, are trying to change this by setting up better communications links between themselves and kids.

As it is now, the police have established a Youth Services Bureau located on the second floor of the police station. Four officers, Sergeant Basil Byrne and Corporals Philip Sardo, Ed VanArsdale and Bill Moore, work there.

The bureau is open for kids to come and talk to the youth officers about any problems or questions they might have. "Not many kids want to come to the police station," Cpl. Sardo pointed out, "so now we're branching out and going to the schools."

Dearborn schools have been divided into four districts and the officers began visiting them in January this year. The schools and the bureau

arrange the visits in which the officers investigate reports from the schools on individuals, talk to classes and hold assemblies.

Because the youth officers are trying to make closer contacts with youth, they are trying to build up a new image of being friends--not disciplinary officers. As part of this image, they have gotten away from wearing traditional uniforms and instead, wear blue blazers with Dearborn Police insignias on the pockets.

"We want to discuss problems with the youth and help them," Cpl. Sardo explained. "We don't want to put lots of kids in jail. We want to give them guidance to keep them out of trouble."

In the future, the Youth Services Bureau hopes to put a liaison officer in each of the nine junior highs. These officers would also branch out and visit the elementary and high schools in the area.

They would be stationed in the junior highs because as Cpl. Sardo put it, "Junior high is the ideal time to contact the youth because then we are familiar with them and their problems before they reach high school."

The liaison officers would have an office in the schools where students could come to discuss topics ranging from drugs to laws to family problems. "We would keep everything strictly confidential," the corporal stressed.

A liaison officer system has been in the Flint schools for eight years and, according to Cpl. Sardo, is working very well.

"It would probably take six to eight months to get established after we got in the schools," he went on. "We want to set up a different atmosphere and we couldn't be effective until the kids accepted us as friends."

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## Seniors Question Tradition

BY MARY ELWART

This time every year, high school seniors begin preparation for what some consider to be the high point of a student's academic life--graduation. Feb. 23, at 8 a. m., DHS seniors will be measured for caps and gowns.

"According to Principal Leonard Mazur, last year marked the beginning of dissent on this topic. "We were never aware that students resented wearing caps and gowns. I never knew those opinions existed until after it was too late."

Several students, some of whom were considered to be in the academic top of their class, questioned the practice and decided not to conform. As a result, they were barred from participating in commencement activities.

What many of the students resented, and still do, is having to pay (literally) for a tradition which they personally find either objectionable or undesirable.

This issue is still alive and a repeat performance of last year's statement, barring unowned students from exercises, is expected. Mr. Mazur personally feels students should be allowed to dress as they choose--wearing caps and gowns only if they wish to. He does believe that proper attire be worn, such as the dignity of the occasion dictates.

Even though Mr. Mazur feels this way, and has for the past eight years, the rest of the school board and fellow administrators do not. It is more than likely he will be pressured from other forces into making a statement similar to last year's.

However, for the Class of '71, the controversy takes on a new dimension. If graduation exercises are considered to be a school activity under which caps and gowns are mandatory, should they not be supplied to seniors at no charge under the Michigan Supreme Court ruling.

Perhaps this last concept seems somewhat extreme in its impracticality, but students having to pay \$4.25 year after year seems a bit unreasonable also.

It would be more feasible for students to invest their money into a fund which would be used to purchase caps and gowns. They would become school property like band uniforms.

This would probably take more than this year's graduating class's efforts, but if this practice had been started along with the tradition, perhaps there would not be the dissent on this issue that there is today.

### DiETING, Fasting Wrestlers...

## Practice One Upmanship on 'Weight Watchers'

Strawberry shortcake topped with whipped cream, hot bubbling pizza or a 16 oz. juicy steak sound good to almost everyone, and wrestlers are no exception.

However, most people can sneak something like this into their diet and no one is likely to notice. With the members of the DHS Wrestling team, it's a different story.

In order to wrestle in a certain weight class boys must weigh either under, or the exact set weight. This means keeping a close watch on their weight.

Each day at practice wrestlers weigh in, and Coach Al Harris checks to make sure weights are right and that no one will be forced to lose ten pounds over night.

Making weight seems to be a problem all wrestlers are faced with. The rule is that no one is forced to cut weight.

Senior Co-captain, John Demsick probably has cut more weight than any one else on the team. He explained that he preferred to wrestle in a lower weight class such as 108 pounds, even though his weight at the beginning of the season was 133 pounds.

"If I wrestled 132's, I might end up wrestling a guy who weighed 160 pounds, but cut to 132 pounds."

"It's left up to the boys themselves to decide what class they want to wrestle and perform best in," said Coach Ed Lanzi. But if a boy sets himself up for one weight class and doesn't make it--he's out. There's no substitution in wrestling."



SWEATING OFF THOSE pounds for "fastidious" Coaches Lanzi and Harris are Senior Co-Captains Tom Kerameris (top) and John Demsick.

In the beginning of the season, the 12 weight classes range from 98 to 185 pounds and a heavyweight or unlimited class. In January and February, a total of 3 pounds were added on to each weight class to allow for growth.

A wrestler's strength is often questioned after dieting, but up to a loss of ten per cent of the normal weight, no decrease in strength will show.

One advantage for the wrestler is the time elapsed between weigh-in time and wrestle-time. For the heavier weight classes this may mean up to three hours. During this time they are allowed to eat and therefore gain strength.

Reasoning behind weight control is that the larger athlete in weight classification has an advantage of

## Tankers Eyeing State Title; Completely Outclass Rivals

The "Longdunson J3", (nickname adopted from the names of the three tanker coaches), stunned the Bently Bulldogs last Tuesday 67-34, completely dominating the contest.

The Tankers amassed seven firsts and broke three Bently pool records and one DHS record. The established pool records were by; Paul Foster, junior, swimming a 1:50.4 in the 200-yd. freestyle; senior Doug Bell, checking in with a 2:09.5 clocking in in the 200-yd. Individual Medley (IM) and junior Tom Szuba set the new school and pool record with a sizzling 3:51.3 timing in the 400-yd. freestyle.

Ten times recorded by the Tankers in the fourth Detroit News Invitational last Saturday, at Oakland University, finished eighth or better in the final standings.

Two meet and three pool records were among the four firsts achieved by DHS swimmers.

Szuba set a pool record by beating his own previous time in the 200-yd. IM with a time of 2:02.1.

A pool record was set in the 400-yd. freestyle by Semchysen with a dazzling time of 3:57.6. The future looks very promising for this sophomore.

Foster, Bell, Semchysen, and Szuba set a meet record in the 400-yd. freestyle relay with a time of 3:21.6. The foursome had hoped to go a second or so faster in this event to qualify automatically for an All-America high school rating.

Foster established both meet and pool records with his astonishing time of 55.4, which was almost four seconds better than the second place time captured by Gaiefsky at 59.0.

Placing sixth was the medley relay team of, Gaiefsky, Brockway, Breest, and Oslavar who had a 1:47.7 clocking.

Placing eighth in the 100-yd. butterfly was Dunworth with a time of 75.0. Bradshaw and Dunworth took fourth and fifth in the 400-yd. freestyle with clockings of 4:05.3 and 4:09.1.

The swimmers travel to Wayne tonight and are looking forward to winning the league title in this, the last year of the Sauk Trail league.

## DHS vs. T-Birds; Vengeance Sought

Tonight at 8 p. m. the Pioneers play host to the T-Birds of Edsel Ford in a rematch of a game played earlier in the season in which Dearborn came cision. The Pioneers with a 7-8 wondrous record have to be the favorite because of Edsel's lowly 3-12 record, but emotion always plays a big part in this game and the final outcome will not be decided until the final buzzer.

The squad got back into the winning groove last Tuesday night by defeating Livonia Stevenson in a squeaker, 53-51.

It was a sluggish first half, with Stevenson taking a 28-20 advantage at half-time. The Pioneers came to life in the third period to cut the Stevenson lead to two. In the final period Dearborn surged ahead to a five point lead, only to have it dwindle to nothing with 34 seconds remaining in the game. Stevenson had the ball but immediately committed a turnover, giving the ball to Dearborn. The ball was put back into play, and Bryan Lowry put in a jumper with only three seconds left to clinch the game for the Pioneers.

High scorers were John Renko and Bryan Lowry, scoring 21 and 16 points respectively.

The Junior Varsity also won their game by a lopsided score of 69-41. Leading the charge for the JV's was Tom Schriever who scored 16 points.

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