

'Werks' Set for Tri-Dance

An evening of uninterrupted music is in store for students from DHS, Fordson, and Edsel Ford when the Youth Center hosts the second annual tri-school dance on Saturday, March 13, from 8 p. m. to 11 p. m.

Tickets will be sold in school for \$1.25. In order to determine the number of attending students, only pre-sale tickets will be available. Casual attire will be appropriate for the evening.

Music will be provided by the

"WERKS", presently the house band at the Roostertail. In addition, two other bands will be performing in order to keep the music continuous.

Sponsoring the dance is the Dearborn Student Advisory Council (DSAC) composed of four members from each of the three Dearborn high schools. Representing DHS are Seniors Mike Kirk, Lisa Keathley, Barb Clark, and Tom Keramaris.

Each of the schools' student councils contributed \$100 to help assure success for this dance.

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Students Can Help One Another

Student Attitude Moves to Depression

"Have you watched the news lately? It's depressing. Nothing uplifting, at all."

"We are all over-informed on crises and bad things. The media gave us the impression that there is no escape, but there is..."

The person speaking is Miss Johanna Bielicki, DHS social worker. The topic is an increasingly important one--the trend toward depression in teens.

The problem of depression is rapidly increasing. It's effects are far reaching, inhibited by social status or race. Ultimately, it kills.

The suicide rate among students at DHS is one student suicide every six months. The average age is 15 and a half. Nationally, the most suicides fall under the age category of 15 to 19. Suicides in the 19 to 23 year old age bracket are the second largest killer of all persons in the continental United States.

Ninety per cent of all suicides are male. All the suicides in the last four years at DHS have been boys.

"Depression, to some extent, is normal among adolescents," states Miss Bielicki, clarifying. A certain amount is expected because of all the body chemistry changes taking place, but it's getting out of proportion. We're getting severe depression in ten, eleven, and twelve year-olds."

Why?

"Pressures. The war situation is all you hear--there's an uneasiness that we'll never get out. Then there's ecology. Pollution is here, there; everywhere. Ten years ago we never even heard of pollution."

"There's changing values. Communication gaps--everything to impair communication and nothing to promote it."

Other reasons could be a change in family status--such as a death or divorce in the family. Overcrowding can also be a contributing factor, making a person somehow feel isolated and alone. School is only a minor factor.

"Almost everybody has either known someone or themselves have

felt suicidal sometime. It would help if we all tried just a little harder to communicate. Teachers should be alert to student problems and depression.

"Students who are depressed should seek help from social workers. This year, there's no diagnostician but there are many clinics that I and other social workers can refer students to--if we cannot help them ourselves. Usually all anybody needs to know is that someone cares."

"Our society has computerized,

Revival of the 'Sons of Desert' Sweeps DHS Like a Sandstorm

Like a sandstorm the Sons of the Desert are sweeping through Dearborn High. What are they? They are a DHS revival chapter of a Laurel and Hardy fan club which originated in 1957. The club is named after one of Laurel and Hardy's first movies.

The idea of forming a DHS chapter of the organization was spawned by Seniors Ranski.

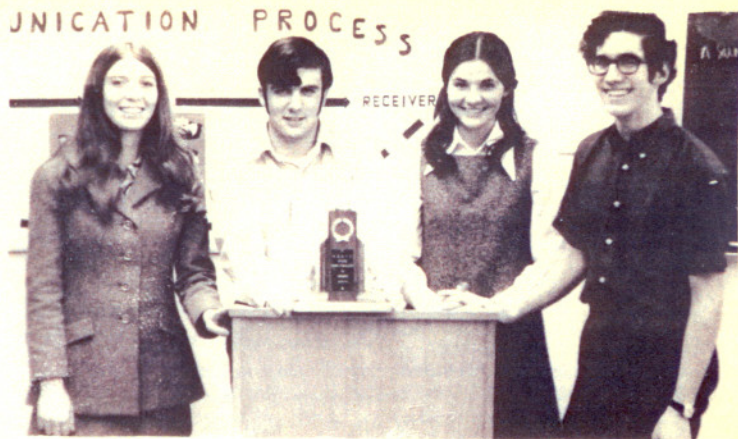
"I really thought it up," clarifies Marty. "Dennis liked the idea and found us our sponsor, Mr. R.J. Corriveau. Then, I elected myself Grand Shiek--nothing like a democracy, right? Dennis is Vice Shiek," (shiek in charge of ad-vice).

But where do the films come from?

Marty's family collects Laurel and Hardy films as a hobby. They possess close to 40 of the old flicks.

Many students upon hearing Tuesday morning's bulletin, "Laugh a lot; Sons of the Desert meet tonight," did just that--laughed. However the club is hardly a joke. The free weekly Tuesday meetings in A-4 have been in reality since Jan. 19.

The attendance of the movies has been good and is rising. Marty estimates the weekly attendance to be about 25 to 30 students, about a third of which are girls.



MANAGING TO SMILE after a disappointing day at the state debate tournament are DHS debaters (l. to r.) Lois Dilloway, Mike Kirk, Martha Martini, and Carl Gagliardi, all seniors. After ranking 10th out of 350 Michigan debate teams, they had high hopes of winning the state championship, but "one of those days when nothing goes right" spoiled their chances and they wound up tied for 10th place, while Ann Arbor Huron High captured 1st place.

Strange Faucets Noted in USA

"A funny thing about the United States are the faucets. There are so many different kinds. I have trouble figuring them out," observes Lynn Wan, senior exchange student from Malaysia.

Another difference noted about America was the snow. "I like the snow but not the cold. It takes an hour to get dressed," she laughs.

Lynn, who is staying with senior Amy Thorpe, had studied America in her English-speaking Malaysian school and found it much as she expected. "It's pretty and green and the people are very friendly. At first I was worried about the new people and the new way of life but the people were just so nice that I wasn't uneasy."

Lynn says her classes this semester are "pretty OK" and finds she doesn't have to study hard here as in Malaysia. "The tests there cover three years' material and you can't forget things like you can here. Here you study one chapter but forget everything after the test," she said jokingly.

In Malaysia, school starts at 7:30 and all day long it's study, study, study. There's so much to do and the teachers are strict. For homework you have to check out books this thick," she added gesturing a foot thickness with her hands. "And if you don't do it, oh boy! I hate those books. They weigh a ton!"

The hardest adjustment for Lynn has been the climate. "It's so cold, I sometimes want to hibernate at home. I'm too lazy to put on all the warm clothes and go out!"

Another problem for her is remembering peoples' names. "There are so many people and I can't remember them all. I sometimes have to go home and look through the year book."

"AFS has been a wonderful experience," Lynn exclaims. "I'd always wanted to see America and I hope to come back some day."

Marty explains, "Even though the club is called the Sons of the Desert, we can have girls, too. I guess technically they're Daughters of the Desert--but they're still called Sons of the Desert." Marty feels women's lib. would appreciate it if he didn't make any exceptions.

The club, which has been in existence for less than a month, seems to be very well organized. Even a constitution has been drawn up.

"Oh, yes--I drew it up, mostly," admits modest Marty. "Some provisions such as the 812-member limit and the club motto, 'Two Heads Without A Thought,' were lifted from the official constitution. Other ones I threw in myself." Provisions such as drumming disloyal members out of the corp with a dishonorable windstorm procedure are to be accredited to the Grand Shiek.

To become a member all that is required is to attend the films and be an avid Laurel and Hardy fan. Later this year, there will be an initiation ceremony, including a secret oath.

What is so secret about the oath?

"It's a secret. I can't even tell!" Why?

"Because I haven't written it yet!"

DHS Students Ofat

Did your parents discuss the facts of life with you?	52	43	32	65
If so, were they honest and helpful?	98	2	92	8
Should sex education be taught in schools?	37	11	83	16
Is it all right to enjoy sex for it's own sake?	53	46	72	22
Should any girl who wants to have an abortion be 				

Are students really as radical as many people believe? When this generation comes of age and takes over the government, will they reject the traditions and institutions their parents believed?

To find the answers to these and other questions, the OBSERVER conducted a poll. Approximately 200 seniors, juniors, and sophomores were asked to fill out a questionnaire in homeroom. The views of the students are basically moderate, even to the point of conservatism.

The poll results are pictured here. The numbers given are percentages. Where the percentages do not add up to 100, the 'not sures' and 'no answers' have been dropped.

Youth will be more choosy about where they work. The majority of the students said they would not work for a company that causes substantial pollution, although they would work for a company that handles defense contracts.

The heroes are all basically conservative. Anti-heroes, on the other hand, are extremists on the right or left.

As Pollster Lou Harris says, "The majority of youth listens to the dissent, picks what it wants, then slowly weaves it into the dominant social pattern."

Have you ever seen a movie that reflects your outlook on life? 43 41 39 49

If so, which one? Midnight Cowboy
Catch-22
A Patch of Blue

Do you wish there were more family-type movies? 45 43 44 46

Have you ever seen a movie whose explicit treatment of sex offended you? 25 71 23 70

Is it important to limit the number of children you have? 33 33 73 17

How many children do you want?

Two or under	41
Three or under	54
Four or five	13
Five or above	1

Should young people earn some of their own money? 98 0 90 4

Have you saved any money? 82 16 73 15

If so, approximately how much?

Under \$100	35	26
Over \$100	56	33
Over \$500	9	17
Over \$1,000	1	24

What are you saving for?

college	22
car	15
travel	8
future	13

Ideally, at what age should a person have his own car?

16	10
17	11
18	18
19	6

Over 19
When he can pay for it 10
When he is responsible 6
When he really needs it 11

Do you accept and agree with your parents values and ideals? 63 26 48 43

Do your parents approve of your values and ideals? 65 45 56 40

Do they approve of the way your generation expresses these ideals? 64 43 34 59

Has your upbringing been too strict? 14 20
too permissive? 5 6
about right? 78 74

Do you have trouble communicating with your parents? 54 41 47 47

Parents? 18 24

If so, whose fault is it? Yours? 3 10

Both? 50 43

PAT MOGA

What? Poll Says 'No'!

RELIGION

Do liberalized attitudes and new forms of worship make church more interesting to young people?	57	36	53	30
Do you find more spiritual benefit in nature or in fellowship with others than in going to church?	62	26	53	34
Is religion important to you?	57	43	53	35
Do you attend church regularly?	45	54	45	50
Would it upset your parents if you married someone of a different:				
religion?	11	86	11	80
race?	81	18	60	22

DRUGS

Do you or have you ever used:				
Marijuana?	34	64	44	53
Amphetamines?	8	90	19	77
LSD?	5	89	19	78
Heroin?	0	94	9	81
Is marijuana easy to get?	90	10	85	11
Do you know anyone who has used:				
Marijuana?	91	9	92	8
Amphetamines?	63	9	70	23
LSD?	57	40	58	40
Heroin?	32	64	39	57
Should marijuana be legalized?	46	51	50	40
If legalized, would pot smoking become as common as drinking?	72	20	78	22

BOOKS

What book has influenced your life?				
The Bible				
Catch-22				
Brave New World				
The Godfather				
Love Story				
Have you read any books for pleasure this year?	71	17	65	23
Has any one book influenced your life?	25	62	19	41

POLITICS

What are your politics?				
Conservative?	13		15	
Middle of the Road?	11		7	
Liberal?	32		20	
Other or not sure?	43		27	
How much confidence do you have in the government to solve the problems of the 70's?				
A great deal?	10		8	
Some but not a lot?	49		38	
Hardly any?	14		15	

COLLEGE & CAREERS & SUCCESS

Are you satisfied with your education so far?	70	16	45	30
Should everyone who wants to, be allowed to go to college?	75	12	50	25
Do you intend to go to college?	67	17	64	11
Do you believe that hard work leads to success and wealth?	65	24	54	14
Is that kind of success still worth striving for?	57	29	45	22
Would you work for a company that handles defense contracts?	35	53	54	46
Would you work for a company that causes substantial pollution?	7	84	27	69

HEROES

Heroes	
Jesus Christ	
Richard Nixon	
Bob Hope	
Spiro Agnew	
God	
Robert Kennedy	
Mr. McLennan	
John Kennedy	
Martin Luther King	
Anti-heroes	
Mayor Hubbard	
George Wallace	
Angela Davis	
Hubert Humphrey	
Lyndon Johnson	
Richard Nixon	
Timothy Leary	

TELEVISION

Do you watch more or less than when you were younger?	23	50	22	35
Will you limit the amount of TV your own children will watch?	30	51	43	25
How many hours of TV do you watch in a week?				
0-5 hours	14			
6-10 hours	12			
11-20 hours	10			
21 and above	18			
What does TV do best?				
Entertain				
Bore				
News				
Teaches Violence				
B.S.				

Spirit Week Revives Enthusiasm



EAGERLY AWAITING THE opening gun in the three-legged race are Juniors John Niparko and Robin Westby.

Does a cake eating contest, a bathtub stuffing, a slave auction or a turtle race sound strange? These were only a few of the events which took place Feb. 15-19, acclaiming DHS Spirit Week.

Starting the week off was the cake eating contest on Monday. Forty contestants were to eat half a layer cake. For most individuals, this was easy until they were blindfolded and had their hands tied behind their backs. Dale Plecha, junior, received first place, while Senior Roy Connover took second. Placing third was Pat Neil, senior.

"The cake eating contest was a mess. It took three seconds for them to eat the cake and half an hour to clean up," laughed Amy Thorpe, senior and co-chairman of Spirit Week.

Tuesday the seniors, juniors, and sophomores were given two chances to fit as many people as possible into a bathtub. Seniors won with 27 people, sophomores came in second with 25, and juniors last, with 23.

The slave auction on Wednesday was the big money-making event. A

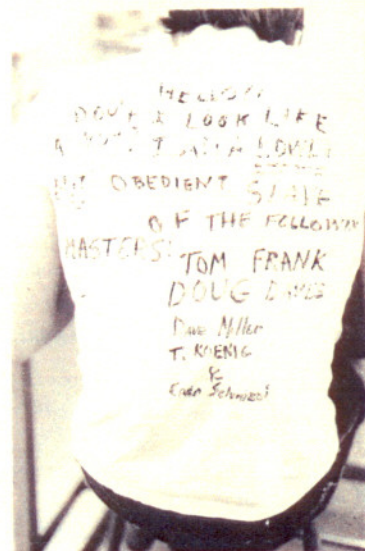
total of \$84 was made. Members of the Student Council were auctioned off and made slaves to their owners on Thursday. John Niparko, junior, was sold for \$7.25, the highest amount taken in for one person.

Off to a hopping start on Thursday was the pogo stick contest, the three-legged and turtle races, and the orange-passing contest.

Juniors grabbed firsts in the three-legged and turtle races (thanks to Duff Schad's amazing turtle). Seniors placed first in the orange-passing contest while the sophomores took first in the pogo stick contest with 625 bounces.

To sum up the entire week, a pep rally was held Friday to arouse spirit for the Dearborn-Edsel game, played that night. The Class of '71 was awarded a plaque for the most points in the events. It will be hung in the Senior Lounge.

"I was really surprised at how many people turned up for each event. I was only disappointed at the attendance for the pep rally. Other than that, everything went fine. It was a fun week," said Senior Rich Walker.



FLEXING HIS "BODY beautiful" for the camera is Junior Tom Clark, one of the slaves purchased at the Student Council slave auction.



"GOING... GOING... GONE!" shrieks Bruce Yinger, senior, as he accepts the high bid of 25 cents for Janet Nicol, also a senior, at the Student Council slave auction.



PUTTING HIS BIG mouth to good use during the cake-eating contest is Junior Tom "Scoop" Kalis (center). On either side of him are Seniors Paul Pagan (l.) and Jeff Anderson (r.).



"OFF AND STRUGGLING" denotes the action in the DHS cafeteria during the Three Legged Race.



"OUR TUB RUNNETH over" should be the Sophomore Class motto as its members frantically struggle to stuff their bathtub the fullest during the bathtub stuffing competition. Their efforts resulted in a second-place finish.