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A SESSION OF the Constitutional Convention composed of Student Council members and the student body resulted in the abolishment of the Council.

Student gov't restructured; success depends on volunteers

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Student Coalition formed! Student Council abolished!

Last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday this drastic change was proposed when members of the Student Council and student body met at a Constitutional Convention. The original purpose of the Convention was to rewrite the present Council Constitution. However, after much debate and argument, an entirely new system of student government developed. The Student Coalition, as it is called, will now be submitted to the entire Student Council for approval.

The Coalition consists of an Executive Board of four officers from each class and eight members elected at large from any class. The person receiving a plurality in the at-large election will become the Student Coalition President.

Students not wishing to run for the Executive Board may become members simply by participating in the Student Congress -- a voluntary branch of the Coalition. This body will meet at the Executive Board's request as often as necessary, but at least once a month. Any student who attends will become a member, and will have voting privileges on all matters.

If Student Congress attendance is poor, the reserve division for the Coalition will be summoned by the Executive Board. This section, the Assembly of Clubs, is made up of one representative from each DHS

club or organization. The Assembly will also meet to debate any crucial or emergency measures that arise.

If the pending Student Coalition is approved, it will go into effect next year. In the meantime, students may comment on it by placing their suggestions in "The Box."

Senior Mike Kirk, Student Council President, expressed much optimism for the proposed system. He said, "I think it's a great way for students to participate in student government without having to go through the elective process."

In Memoriam

Mr. Sirak Essayan, 48, died of a heart attack May 1. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the Salowich and Stevens Funeral Home and the St. Sarkis Church.

Mr. Essayan came to this country from Egypt on a visit as a student at Wayne State University. While here, he married and decided to stay. He is survived by his wife, Reggie, and his 7-year-old son, Steven.

He began teaching in the Dearborn Public Schools as an elementary French instructor on television and came to DHS as a social studies teacher in 1963.

Mr. Essayan spoke a number of languages fluently and spent summers guiding students on tours of Europe.



Estate still active

Fair Lane mansion to host third annual art festival

Probably the last thing Henry Ford expected was that one day his \$2,000,000 mansion would serve as a conference center for the University of Michigan's Dearborn Campus.

Construction of Fair Lane began in 1914 and was completed in 1915. The exterior is a modified English design, constructed of Indiana limestone.

There are 56 rooms in the three story house, which include 15 baths, eight fireplaces, eight bedrooms, a swimming pool, and a bowling alley.

In addition to the mansion on the 2,000-acre estate there included a powerhouse, four servants' cottages,

barns, a pigeon cote and a tree house. There were also two root cellars and six major gardens.

Today, in addition to the home and gardens, only the four servants' cottages remain.

In 1956, the University of Michigan received a gift of 210 acres of land which included the Fair Lane mansion and gardens from the Ford Motor Company. Of this 210 acres, 70 consist of Fair Lane's grounds, gardens and landscaping.

Fair Lane Conference Center was established and is maintained today as a place where groups of people can receive privacy to discuss and put their ideas together.

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Take national honors

DECA travels to Texas finals

San Antonio, Texas, may sound like an excellent Easter vacation site, but this was not the purpose for the April 16 to 21 visit by DECA members Margaret Ridgely and Dan Richardson, seniors, and Mr. George Chodoroff, retailing teacher. The DECA national finals were held in San Antonio and two Michigan finalists--Margaret, competing in salesmanship, and Dan, competing in marketing research--were in attendance.

Both DHS students received first place awards in the Michigan finals on March 15 and 16. The national finals included representatives from 50 states and three possessions. A total of 4,800 delegates and con-

stants were present.

Margaret placed fourth and won honorable mention in her category, while Dan received standings in the top 53 in his class.

This convention showed DECA to be the largest youth-oriented club in America run exclusively by high school and college youth.

James Taylor's hit

Junior Prom theme

James Taylor's "Walking Down a Country Road," will be the theme of this year's Junior Prom. It will be played by Salmungundi, a seven-piece band from Ann Arbor.

The dance will be next Friday, May 14, from 8:30 to 11 p.m. with the Redwood Room as the site of the Country Road.

Car washes and bake sales have served as fund-raising for the Junior Prom.

"We had a very successful year in raising funds. The Junior Prom should climax this fun year and be a big success," said Steve Rupe, Junior Class President, summing up the year so far.

Semi-formal has been the dress in the past and will be the same this year. Flowers may be worn, but no colors have been specified. Tickets are \$3.50 and went on sale this week before and after school.

Phi Beta Kappa pays tribute to 47

A number of DHS students will be honored the Phi Beta Kappa awards next Thursday evening in the Ford auditorium.

Forty-seven seniors with a 3.6 average or better were eligible to become members, and were given invitations to receive this award.

With registration still going on, more than 30 students have already signed up to attend this convocation.

The award is presented by the Association of Phi Beta Kappa of Detroit, consisting of those who graduated with a 3.6 or better from their college.

Robben W. Fleming, President of the University of Michigan, will be the speaker of the evening.

Music will be provided by the Wayne State University Concert Band under the direction of Mr. Harold Arnoldi.

Editorial

Church-state separation in jeopardy?

BY LISA KEATHLEY

In those days a decree went out from Rome that "the direct interruption of the generative process, even for therapeutic reasons, is to be absolutely excluded as a licit means of regulating birth."

Simply stated, this means that abortion is banned, under any circumstances, to members of the Roman Catholic church.

The Pope, thusly, has placed a difficult position to those Catholics who occupy public office in this country where separation of church and state is constitutionally guaranteed. They must choose between obligations to their religion and duties to their state.

The Michigan abortion reform bill, passed by the Senate on March 11, 1971, is now languishing in the House Social Services Committee where six of its nine members are believed to be opposed to the bill on religious grounds. House Speaker William Ryan, a Catholic, was requested to refer this piece of legislation to the House Public Health Committee where it reportedly would have had a better chance of reaching the floor.

Does this make sense, then, Ryan's putting the bill in a committee that presumably represents his personal views, and not those of the legislature? In addition, this action is not responsive to the peoples' wishes as, according to many surveys, a majority of citizens support abortion reform.

A religious group is free to characterize abortion as a sin, if it sees fit, and to punish its members for this by some appropriate ecclesiastical censure if it wishes.

The rest of society, however, should enjoy the right to control their own reproductive lives in accordance with their conception of morality and human dignity without interference from biased legislators.

'Dirty' students protest accusation; principal retorts 'cleanest...best'

"Extra dirty kids at Dearborn HS?"

This was the headline of an article published last week in a Dearborn paper. The article went on to explain that Dearborn High needs a new filtering system for its pool.

In the report by Mr. J. Wayne Storms, assistant superintendent for business and building services, he accused Dearborn High students of not washing enough, saying, "Times being what they are, students don't wash as often or don't want to wash as often and there is a terrible tax on all our filtering equipment."

Mr. Jack Johnson, Dearborn High athletic director, claims this statement is untrue. He believes DHS students are not dirtier than at any other school. Besides, he claims that "dirt has no effect on the filter."

The real reason DHS needs the new equipment, according to Mr. Johnson, is the fact that the elements in this system keep breaking down. Every time it happens, the maintenance

men have to make the repairs at a risk of personal injury in the process.

Replying to the charges that other schools haven't needed a new system recently, Mr. Johnson recalled that Edsel Ford put a new filtering system in just a few years ago.

Meanwhile, Dearborn has still not received the new equipment, although they have been requesting it for the past six years.

Principal Len Mazur, who stands in the middle of this conflict, commented on the issue by saying, "I don't care what any newspaper said. I think the students at DHS are not only the cleanest, but also the very best student body anywhere!"

Yugoslav too Impressive!

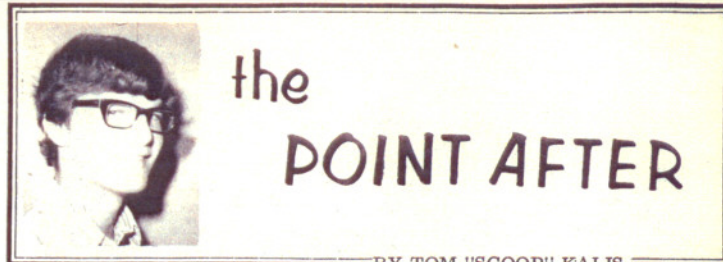
Soph chessman challenges champ

The name Szetozar Gligoric may sound very impressive to most people. Kevan Morrow didn't let this stop him when he challenged the internationally renowned chess champ recently. Kevan, a DHS sophomore, wasn't successful but says he did learn a lot and would like another chance to play the champ.

Gligoric, a Yugoslav and an International Grand Master (the second highest rank a chess player can be given), played in an exhibition in Livonia. Sixty-five local chess buffs challenged the champ and three won.

"I've played just about all my life," the blond soph says. "Most of the people I play with are older, but I do pretty good against them."

In addition to his indoor sport, Kevan keeps busy in the fall by running with the cross country team and now



the POINT AFTER

BY TOM "SCOOP" KALIS

The last week of April was a trying time for the spring teams. But when the results were final, Dearborn High was undefeated in all its sports for the week including two wins over "you know who" in baseball and tennis.

The baseball team jumped to a 3-2 overall record by downing Edsel 6-3 April 25. Edsel pushed across three runs in the first inning but then the tide changed. Dearborn came back in the bottom of the initial stanza of the game to score six times.

John Renko knocked in Tom 'Bangy' Koenig, both juniors, for Dearborn's first run. Senior Jack Rankin and Junior Tom Kalis each batted in two Pioneer runs with a single and double respectively. Senior Ken Bohnenstiehl got hold of a T-Bird offering for a triple to score another run for the orange 'n black.

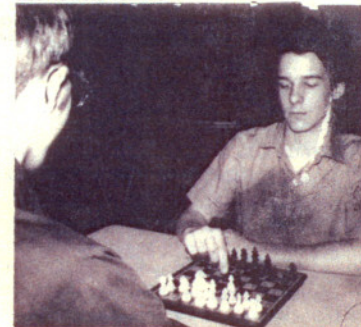
After giving up three runs in the first inning, Bohnenstiehl held Edsel to just three hits the remainder of the game, and struck out 12 opposing batters. Bohnenstiehl walked just three batters in route to the team's first league victory.

On the following Wednesday, the baseball team took to the diamond once again this time beating Redford Union 9-4.

Junior southpaw, John Renko was credited with the win while fanning nine and allowing six walks in defiance of the cold, wet conditions which prevailed.

The DHS netmen gained their 35th consecutive dual meet victory with a 5-2 win over Edsel Ford last Monday. Senior Eric Ponds, and sophomore Dan Murray captured two singles victories. In doubles competition, DHS clinched three matches. The

you'll find him running distance with the track team.



WHO WILL BE Kevan Morrow's next victim? An International Grand Master from some faraway land or maybe just a student from DHS. Kevan is ready and willing to take you on!

Dearborn pairs: Seniors Kirk Hammond, and Glen Swanson, Junior Jim Hoggatt and Senior Bill Creek, and Seniors Tom Andrew and Tom Kerameris each outplayed their Edsel opponents.

Coach Tom Muldowney has amassed an astonishing record in his seven years at the tennis helm. His teams have captured six regional crowns, the last four in a row and as of the Edsel meet, the team has lost a meager three times in 61 outings.

The Dearborn High track team, who is defending regional, city, and league championships, captured its sixth straight Heart Relay Title, while competing against ten area high schools. They outscored runner-up Livonia Franklin 53 1/2-39.

Dearborn seized five firsts and scored fourth or better in all eleven events.

The trio of Steve Hicks, senior, Tom Keilman and Jeff Grau, juniors, set a new meet record in the high jump with a combined height of 17'3".

Seniors Tom Higgins, and Gary Blok (rated the fastest 180-yd. low hurdle man in the state), along with Junior Mike Muldowney took first in the long jump amassing a total of 58'11".

The DHS 4-mile relay quartet of Sophomore Tony Costanzo and Juniors Rick Worth, Paul Krebsbach, and anchor man Duff Schad, overcame the frigid spring weather and grasped a winning time of 19:13.

The 480-yd. shuttle hurdle relay was mastered by the DHS foursome of Seniors Doug Dinkelman and Blok, and Juniors Jeff Jones and Dave "Ramie" Meisner (rated eleventh statewide in the 120-yd. high hurdles), with a 58.9 timing.

The distance medley relay was taken by a team of four Dearborn underclassmen. Juniors Gregg Davis and Brian Manspeaker combined efforts with Sophomores Howard Noland and Pat McCaskey for a medal-winning 11:18.8 clocking.

The 'Thinclad' overall record as of this meet is 3-0 and the team under Coach Bob Bridges is sporting over 30 consecutive dual meet victories.

In golfing action last Monday, DHS defeated defending league champs Ypsilanti 153-170, to establish themselves as the early season favorite to win the league title.

Senior Bill Hintze led the way with an even par 36. Sophomores Bruce Szopo and Pete Eddy, 38 and 39 respectively, along with Senior Jim Jones at 40 strokes rounded off the winning foursome.

The golf team entered the city golf tournament Monday as strong contenders to swipe the title from Livonia-Stevenson.



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