

Trophy Cases Are Valentine Memorial

Mr. William Valentine will long be remembered as the speech teacher who helped pack A-1 with trophies representing outstanding achievement at many levels of debate and forensics competition.

As a special tribute to Mr. Valentine, who died last December of a kidney disease, the trophies will be placed in two special cases in the north entrance hall.

To raise money for the cases, the Forensics class sold candy last February. They raised \$20, not enough even for one of the cases. The Student Council then voted to subsidize the entire project.

The trophies still must be cleaned and organized, but soon they will be glistening in their deserved place of honor.

MOVING THE 'BELOVED' debate trophies to their final resting place—the new trophy case near the senior lounge is Mike Kirk, senior.



Pass-Fail Elective Classes To Begin Second Semester

Many reforms have taken place at Dearborn High and next on the agenda is the pass-fail proposal for seniors.

The proposal allows seniors to designate one elective course each of two semesters to be graded on the pass-fail basis. The student must inform the instructor in writing during the first week of the semester of the selection. The instructor will then grade that student either passing or failing for that semester.

The idea began two and a half years ago when Principle Leonard Mazur suggested pass-fail to the System-Wide Curriculum Council. Last May, the Curriculum Council asked to see the proposal in writing. The discussion merely touched on the subject of pass-fail so many of the proposal's faults were not ironed out, Mr. Mazur pointed out.

On Sept. 23, at the DHS building

curriculum meeting, consisting of members of the faculty, a vote was parntments were willing to initiate taken on whether the individual de-the pass-fail system of grading. Most departements approved the plan.

The math departement, on the basis of the May proposal, objected. They didn't reject the idea of pass-fail, however, just the proposal as stated. They felt that their depart-ment would be affected the most due to it offering only one required course, Refresher Math.

Asked to comment, Mr. Donald Marshall, department chairman, replied, "I would not like to see it applied to sequential classes where in the past a student has needed at least a C- to continue. However, we are willing to try pass-fail in Re-fresher Math."

Mr. Mazur says the pass-fail propo-sal will be initiated for seniors in the spring semester, with the only exception being the math department offering the pass-fail system of grading only in Refresher Math.

Seniors are reminded that pictures must be turned into Ann Loranger or Mr. Will Otis by Dec. 11 in order for them to appear in the yearbook. If it is impossible to have them by this time, notify Ann or Mr. Otis.

DHS's marching band will host Band Day Oct. 30 when the Pioneers clash with Edsel Ford. Adams and Bryant Junior Highs will participate in the half-time show.

"Summertree", by Ron Cowen, has been chosen as this fall's all school play. It will be presented on Dec. 10, 11, and 12.



TAKING TIME TO send a letter to the editor in the "Observer" A hall mail-box is senior Cindy Gefvert.

Stubborn Oxen Sought for Float; AFS Club on Brink of Despair

BY MARY ELWART AND MARTY McNABB

The big hunt began Sept. 18 when AFS decided they wanted a horse to pull their Homecoming float, a covered wagon. It was on that fateful day that Seniors Mary Elwart, president of AFS and Marty McNabb, mild-mannered reporter for the Observer, became the invincible team.

Our first obstacle was Mr. McLennan, who had to give us his approval. He was stunned....shocked....speechless! So shocked it took him five days to give us his answer. Finally he informed us he could find no legal reason why we couldn't use a horse and reluctantly gave his consent. Pleadingly, he suggested a cow or bull, then reneged and said, "No cows, no bulls—they can't do the job."

Then, with a sneer, he replied, "Why not a buffalo or an ox?" This led us to another dead end. Rumor has it that there is a state law prohibiting hard labor demands of buffalo. Thus the search for an ox began.

Having no idea where to begin, we decided to contact CONTACT 10. Receiving no help from them and being informed to do it ourselves, we scoured the phone books.

During our pilgrimage, we encountered livestock firms, auctions, zoos, buffalo, animal rental agencies, rodeos, Greenfield Village, Chambers of Commerce, clubs, universities, State Police, 4-H Clubs, feature writers, state fairs, relatives, awning companies, elephants, and gorillas....not to mention Carl's Chop House.

Reactions were similar everywhere. First, there was disbelief, then a little laughter, then a request to repeat ourselves. In some instances, a dial tone followed the laughter.

Finally in desperation we decided to appeal to the students and staff by running a notice in the homeroom bulletin. We received no help, just a lots of laughs and two exorbitant phone bills covering 43 long distance calls.

With only a week till Homecoming, we're still waiting for someone to tell us of just one beast of burden. But it seems as if everyone is just as dumb as an ox.

College Night Preparations Made

Next Tuesday, representatives from 42 colleges and universities will be at DHS for College Night.

This program is being sponsored by the Parent Faculty Association, with Mrs. Robert Koelb acting as chairman.

"The purpose of College Night," she explained, "is to give the parents and students a central place to meet with a large number of college representatives and at the same time, let the representatives reach a large number of students."

College Night begins at 7:30 with a general meeting in the auditorium. Principal Leonard Mazur will be introduced and Mr. James Westby, head counselor, will explain pre-college testing and the value of these tests to colleges.

The remainder of College Night will be split into three 35-minute sessions in which the representatives will describe their colleges and tell requirements for enrollment. The choice of which three presentations to attend is left up to the students.

From the 42 colleges represented there will be 30 Michigan colleges and 12 from out of state including Air Force, Coast Guard, Naval and Military Academies.

Politicos Project Provocative Year

Why shouldn't women be drafted? Don't you want to be a liberated woman? These were just some of the questions raised at the second meeting of the Political Club when the discussion centered on Women's Liberation.

First on the agenda, however, was the election of officers with Senior Joe Wimmer being elected president, Bruce Delbecq, junior, vice-president, and Anne Groves, senior, secretary-treasurer. The idea of having a cabinet was brought up but was then turned down when a majority of those attending felt that it would make the organization too formal.

A local women's lib official was scheduled to speak at the meeting on Oct. 7, but was unable to attend because of illness.

Meetings are being planned where local candidates running for mayor and state senator in the November election would come to talk and answer any questions.

The meetings are open to all interested students. Each week the topic discussed will be relevant to high school students because it is the members who chose the topic. The club does not affiliate with any political party so all sides of an issue are usually covered.

Observer States Policy Aims,

A definite need exists for greater communication among students, faculty and administration. The Observer recognizes this need and is striving to close the communication gap by providing a means of expression for all.

There are 31 people working on the Observer, each with his own ideas and opinions. Because of this, all articles appearing in the Observer do not necessarily express a joint opinion. Signed articles are the opinions of the author and may or may not reflect the feelings of the entire staff.

We realize there are more opinions and interests in this school than those of the 31 staff members. So to let all voices be heard, we welcome and encourage Letters to the Editor. These can be controversial, laudatory, or critical in nature.

Specifications for these letters are:

•all letters must be signed upon

•submittance; however, signatures will be withheld upon request

•subject matter is left to the discretion of the contributor

•material must be backed up by fact

•letters are not to exceed 250 words in length

•the Observer reserves the right to edit all material on the basis of length

Locker 31.5 on the west side of A-Hall is the "mail box" for Letters to the Editor. Suggestions for stories should also be inserted in this locker. These should also be signed so we'll know who to contact for additional information if it is needed.

Censorship has always existed as the final word of the advisor, but in cases in which the staff and advisor don't agree, the issue is discussed and a vote is taken. The result of the vote is taken into consideration in deciding what will and will not appear.



DEARBORN J.V. PLAYER, Jeff Johnson, sophomore, hands the pigskin to Bruce Szopo, also a sophomore, as Howard Nowland clears the way, in the Livonia-Churchill game.

Dearborn Drops Fourth Game; Still Searching For First Victory

"Oh when the Dearborn Pioneers fall in line, We're gonna win the game for sure this time..." may be the familiar strains of the Dearborn High Fight Song, but thus far the Pioneers still haven't seen their first victory of the 1970 season. This time the loss was to Monroe Catholic Central last Friday by a score of 18-6.

The Pioneers' plight is hard to diagnose. At the start they looked good. They were moving the ball well and looked as if they were going to give the Falcons a tough time. But every time they got the ball they just

couldn't go anywhere with it.

Dearborn put together their first and only drive for a touchdown, moving the ball within striking distance on the passing of junior Barry Sawicki, and scoring on a 10-yard pass from Sawicki to Glen Swanson, senior.

The Pioneers' efforts were in vain, however, as the Falcons succeeded in shutting out Dearborn for the rest of the game while they scored a touchdown to close out the scoring.

There is no game tonight as the Pioneers prepare for Homecoming on Oct. 23 and their first victory against the Ypsilanti Braves.

Assembly Fetes UN 25th Year

To commemorate the upcoming 25th anniversary of the United Nations, Dearborn High will hold an assembly second hour, next Thursday.

Opening the program will be the DHS choir under the direction of Mr. Phil Mark. Speakers will include Mayor Orville Hubbard, Mrs. Elizabeth Weideman, second-year appointee of the Mayor to take charge of Dearborn's UN birthday celebration, and Rabbi Sherwin Wine.

Rabbi Wine will speak on the topic "The UN and the Prevention of War." He will answer questions from the

audience following his talk.

Classes wishing to attend the assembly should ask their teachers to make the request from Mr. Thomas McLennan, assistant principal, by 3:30 today. Requests will be honored on a first come, first served basis.

The assembly has been planned by Miss Dorothy Wolfe, English teacher, who firmly believes, "The UN is our hope for a future of peace and world brotherhood."

Ana Lourenco Visits Dearborn, Learns American Way of Life

There's a new face at DHS--that of Ana Lourenco, an AFS exchange student from Portugal.

At home, Ana lives with her parents and her father works as head of the representatives for Epam, a Portuguese firm. While in Dearborn, she is living with Junior Nancy Veenstra and her family.

Before Ana came to the United States, she attended a public school

just outside of Lisbon, where she had just four 50-minute classes, in the morning. School only lasted for 11 years, but encompassed a six-day week.

She plans to become active in intramural basketball.

Although this is Ana's first venture into the United States, there is no language difficulty, as she has been studying English for five years.

Before attending the Stratford Festival with other DHS students last week, Ana feared she wouldn't understand the play. But by reading it beforehand, she found that she not only understood it, but enjoyed it, the town and the festival very much.

Ana says that Detroit is much bigger than Lisbon and the streets are confusing, but Dearborn is "so nice and clean." She also commented that Americans are very nice, and she likes American boys "so far."

JV Squad 2-1; Two Games Left

"We need more hard-nosed gentlemen," is Coach Carl Flegle's comment on Dearborn High School's Junior Varsity football team. He, along with English teacher Eugene Snell, make up the coaching staff for this year's 30 Junior Varsity football players.

The JV team, composed of 10th and 11th graders not yet ready for Varsity football, have looked impressive in posting a 2-1 win-loss record this season, beating both Trenton and Wayne in shutout encounters, 14-0 and 24-0 respectively. Their only loss was to a strong Livonia Churchill team, 18-6, snapping the JV's three-year string.

Because of the team's short five-game schedule this season, Coaches Flegle and Snell have decided to add an Orange and Black game on one of the squad's open dates, possibly Oct. 14. The game will be a 60-minute affair between two teams picked from the JV squad, and will simulate as closely as possible an actual game.

Remaining on the JV's schedule this season are two away games; a 7:00 game Oct. 22 with Ypsi, and a 4:00 game Oct. 29 with Edsel.

In three years the JV team has yet to lose to Edsel. This year, they plan to extend the string to four.

OPEN END



"DO YOU MISS HAVING HOME-ROOM?"

"Yes, it seemed like a rest period before classes started."
Nancy Jaworski, senior



"No, the day seems to go a lot faster without it."
Bob Driscoll, sophomore

"No, it just made one more class I had to make it to on time."
Tom Szuba, junior

"No, I get to sleep in later now."
Janet Nicol, senior



To the Editor:

Most DHS students arrive at school at 8:30 in the morning and are not able to leave until 3:30 in the afternoon. For seven hours they are in the same building with the same endless monotony of classes. With these circumstances it is easy to see why students and teachers get bored toward 2 o'clock and why many students join the "out to lunch bunch," even with the threat of suspension.

My solution to this would be to have an open campus lunch break. This means that students could leave school grounds for lunch or just a break from the same walls of the school building. Of course, the students would have to be back to class on time.

To make sure the open lunch break isn't abused, why not have a two-week trial period? Then, if neighboring restaurants complain of unruly high school students and the lawn of DHS is filled with trash, the privilege could be justifiably revoked.

Cindy Gefvert, senior