



HALF-TIME ACTIVITIES BRIGHTENED FRIDAY'S HOMECOMING. . . . flashing winning smiles were 1970's Homecoming Queen, Karen Cole, (second from right), and her court, (l. to r.) Lynn Treweek, Shelly Sabaugh, Lynne Evans, and Jill Bartholomew. At right is another Homecoming victor, the first-place Senior Class float, "Brand the Braves." Volume 53 Issue 6



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Halloween Draws Near

Black Cats, Witches Haunt Superstitious

This is the time of year rife with superstition. Breaking mirrors, walking under ladders, and crossing black cats' tracks portend dire things to come. Fortunately, the bulk of this lore is neither grim nor limited to the Halloween season.

Superstitions have always been a fact of everyday life, but nowhere have they had more sway than among the hill folk of the Smoky Mountains.

Who can truthfully say that he has not planned a day's wardrobe by the signs: "Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning. Red sky at night, sailor's delight?"

Few of us are aware of the vast body of less familiar superstitions we have inherited. They range from the very logical--"There is severe weather ahead if fur is extra thick on coons, bears, and other animals"--to the really kooky: "A man is not to be trusted if his beard is a different color from his hair."

Countless others cover almost any situation:

- To remove a wart, rub it with a penny and give the penny to a little boy. As soon as the penny is spent, the wart will go away.
- Looking beautiful is the easiest way to catch a man. If nature, beauty aids, and all else fail, a diet of chicken hearts and gizzards is guaranteed to improve a girl's looks.
- If a girl wants to bring a boy "sparking" (This was the old-time term for dating. It originated because sparks seen flying up the chimney late at night meant young people in the house, up late, were "keeping company"). she should place her shoes in the corner in the shape of a "T".
- If romance dies, one should eat pickled cucumbers for lovesickness.
- To tell if love is true, a boy should name a match for a girl. If it burns to the end, she loves him.
- A girl will be kissed if she makes a rhyme while talking without planning it.

- Somebody is thinking about a person: If her face suddenly feels hot, If her skirt turns up at the hem, If he or she is called by another person's name.
- If a person's initials spell a word, he or she is certain to become rich.
- It is lucky for a girl to wear a string of buttons or beads around her neck, but not for a boy because for him it symbolizes hanging.
- If the right ear burns or itches, someone is saying nice things about you. If the left ear does, someone is criticizing you.
- If a job is started and not finished, it will take seven weeks to finish. Such a warning prompts the immediate winding up of this account. Besides, somebody must sprint down to the cafeteria and warn the dietician to lay a big supply of chicken hearts and gizzards along with a quantity of pickled cucumbers in case those fail!

New Plan Alleviates Problem; Lavatories Close at Lunch

A thick cloud of smoke belching from a lavatory door is not always the sign of a heavy smoker at work,

as some DHS students learned on Friday 16. At 3:45, a fire broke out in the F-hall girl's lavatory wastebasket, damaging the ceiling and cracking a mirror. The suspected cause: a carelessly thrown cigarette.

Smoking in the restrooms is a constant problem, and Assistant Principal Thomas McLennan admits that most suspensions from school involve violation of this rule. Although this may seem petty, the School Board has accepted a policy which tries to discourage students from smoking. To turn the "lavs" into a "smoker's sanctum sanctorum" would be in violation of this policy.

Recent rumors stated that all bathrooms were to be closed during the

To celebrate the United Nations 25th anniversary, Dearborn High School held its second UN Day ceremony Oct. 22.

The main speaker at the second hour program was Rabbi Sherwin Wine, of Birmingham Temple, who spoke on "The UN and the Prevention of War." Rabbi Wine, a native Detroit, attended the University of Michigan and the Hebrew Union College.

According to the Rabbi, the United Nations goal, to "promote the cause of peace," is hampered by the mere citizen.

War, he explained, is caused by racial conflicts, over-population, colonization, sale of arms, people in the professional army whose profession is war, and governments who are trained for war. As he elaborated by calling war "an excuse for dictatorship," outbreaks of applause were heard throughout the auditorium.

"Today's governments are not trained to prosecute peace," he continued. He further expanded by saying problems are caused by people with these attitudes:

1. Man is basically aggressive. War is inevitable.
2. Problems are blamed on foreign countries.
3. We're right--they're wrong.
4. The best defense is a military defense. ("At this time, there are enough arms to explode the earth over 75 times.")
5. No one will be dumb enough to blow up the world.
6. America has done more than its share to support the UN. (The Rabbi commented that the US has refused to contribute one per cent of its wealth to help deprived nations.)
7. My country has the best political system in the world.
8. My country has to be the strongest nation in the world.
9. The UN is only a debating society.
10. I am helpless to change the world.

Closing with, "The power of the UN is up to you," the dynamic speaker received a standing ovation.

Also attending the ceremony was Mayor Orville L. Hubbard who introduced Mrs. Elizabeth Weideman, a member of the United Nations Association and second-year appointee of the Mayor for Dearborn's celebration. Mrs. Weideman suggested that Dearborn High establish a tradition of celebrating United Nations Day.

lunch periods, 12:00 to 1:30, due to increasing vandalism and loitering. Mr. McLennan explained to the contrary: "We're not trying to deprive students of lavatories."

Instead, Mr. McLennan's plan is to operate only three of the eight boy's bathrooms and three of the five girl's bathrooms during the lunch periods.

These lavatories would be located in A-hall, F-hall, and the upper story. These lavatories can be kept much cleaner and better supplied, as well as being better supervised since lunch is the time most of the destruction occurs.

Lavatory loitering accounts for a great amount of the present concern. Loitering of this fashion often leads to smoking, fighting, and vandalism. Recently the wash basin of a B-hall bathroom was vandalized, and repairs will run to approximately \$25.



"THE UN AND the Prevention of War" was the topic Rabbi Sherwin Wine spoke on during the United Nations 25th anniversary celebration.

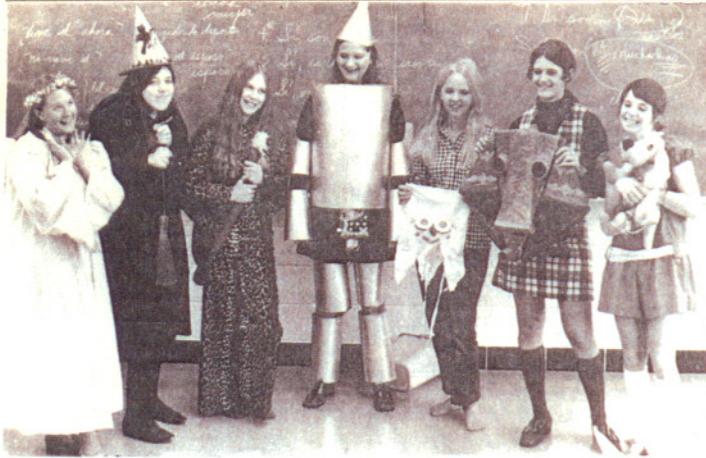


Photo by Paul Hartmann

DISPLAYING FLUENT FRENCH, (l. to r.), seniors Lisa Keathley, Barb Clark, Barb Ramsey, Cecilia Eilenfeldt, Janice Arcy, Debbie Bank, and Sue Halwachs perform "The Wizard of Oz" for an advanced French class.

Regionals Tomorrow

Harriers Overwhelm Edsel Ford

What was all this talk about the cross-country team not having it this year? After all, hadn't they lost three meets in a row? And how long ago was it since the harriers had lost three meets any time?

The Pioneers closed this subject in convincing fashion by smothering Edsel Ford on Oct. 22 by a score of 15-46.

The harriers went into the meet with already one loss in their Sauk Trail League schedule. In addition, the loss of Duff Schad, junior co-captain and the Pioneers' number one runner all year long, was certain to be a factor in the contest.

But Dearborn went out and did the job with vigor, sweeping the first five places to turn a supposedly tough meet into a rout.

Juniors Brad Brockway, Brian Manspeaker, and Rick Worth took the first three places. Brockway's winning time was 13:13.

Sophomores Tony Costanzo and Tom Scriefier finished Dearborn's sweep by finishing fourth and fifth respectively.

After Edsel captured the next two places, Tom Klema, sophomore, and Mike Rybicki, senior co-captain, took spots eight and nine to seal the T-Bird coffin.

To add insult to injury, Dearborn's JV team swept the first 13 places in their meet with Edsel. Junior Paul Krebsbach's winning time would have placed him easily in the top ten.

Tuesday, DHS finished its dual-meet schedule by defeating Trenton 20-43. Leading the way was Duff Schad with a winning time of 13:26, a new school record.

The Pioneers are thus ready for Regional competition to be held at Rouge Park tomorrow. And though they will not be considered the favorites, the harriers have shown that they still must be contended with in a Regional they have won the past two years.

Gridders Meet Edsel Tonight After Ypsi Homecoming Defeat

As the haze settled over the field before the Homecoming game crowd last Friday, Dearborn High gridders were in the process of losing a hard fought battle to the second-ranked, undefeated Ypsilanti Braves 13-6.

The suspenseful stage was set as the Pioneers were first on the scoreboard when the junior combination of Barry Sawicki and Dave Meisner connected for a 17-yard pass play. The same team followed with a 7-yard touchdown play. When the extra point failed, Dearborn held a 6-0 lead until late in the second quarter.

Ypsi scored and made a successful extra point to hold the half time lead 7-6. Ypsi scored one more time in the third quarter to end scoring.

A 44-yard pass play from Sawicki to senior Gary Sartor put Dearborn in a threatening position inside the ten-yard line. But they failed to score and the game had to be called with 21

seconds left because of darkness.

With the Pioneers' bright showing against Ypsi, they must now look to today's contest against arch rival Edsel Ford. Dearborn is the defending champion of this annual battle, winning the Gold Football Trophy for the second straight year. Last season Pioneers were awarded this trophy (given to the winner of this particular game) with last year's thrilling 13-7 victory at Edsel Ford. DHS will be looking for a repeat performance paced by seniors Bryan Lowry, Mitch Lingenfelter, and Billy "Bandit" Rieger, and juniors Sawicki and Meisner, who all played an outstanding game last week.

This game, by tradition, is always the big one in spirit and attendance. Edsel Ford posts a 3-2 record coming into this game, losing to Ypsi 17-7, and Waterford Mott 37-7 last week.

The game will begin at 3 p. m. on the DHS football field.

DHS Prep Participation High; Today's Athlete is 'Specialized'

Is the prestige and interest of being a prep athlete being overshadowed by owning a car, working, dating or being part of the hippie culture?

At DHS the answer is no. Competitive sports still attract as many energetic young men and in some cases more than in recent years.

The only sport suffering a depleted roster in recent years at DHS is this year's football team. While Head Coach Bill Hill was a bit disappointed at the turnout of about 65 boys, he adds in contrast, "Having numbers isn't important, it's the dedication that is needed." This year's squad has shown a tremendous amount of dedication by never letting up, he says.

Coach Hill believes that a specialization of a single sport and the addition of more sports other than football has taken away the player who would normally compete on the grid iron.

Coach Herb Schroeter, the cross-country and baseball coach, admits that it's "a shame there is specialization in high school." He believes that an athlete should be exposed to as many sports as he wishes, not tied down to one.

Coach Schroeter has recently had a larger than normal turnout on his cross-country team with 46 boys involved. Last spring, close to 70 boys tried out for the baseball team coached by Mr. Schroeter, which is proof that interest in sports is still present at DHS. Schroeter believes the prestige of being an athlete is as present as before, and adds that a sportsman is still looked up to as someone special.

Coach Schroeter describes his cross-country squad as one of the most spirited teams at our school for the reason that no one sits the bench a situation that can't be avoided in other sports.

This is a reason for bad turnouts in some area schools. Sitting the bench has repelled a number of athletes from going out for teams and causing some to quit. Many of today's so-called athletes have the theory that they don't want any part of being a "second-stringer." Some even quit a sport before tryouts because they underestimate themselves. The coach should be the judge of their abilities.

Another reason for small numbers trying out is the need for some boys to find work for themselves. This is understandable in view of the inflating cost of clothing, going out on dates, and many personal items. These used to be bought for the student by the parents before the prices grew out of the allowance range.

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

Could you (The Observer) please print an article telling me and other readers how to "year". In the Oct. 23 paper, the story about the new editors, you said, "David hopes to year." Either Webster forgot this verb or... a line is missing. Don't keep me in suspense. If "year" is a verb, I'd like to learn how to do it, but if a line was missing, what is David hoping?

Katy Baetz-sophomore

(Ed. note: David hopes to enlarge MUSE and make it more encompassing this year. Sorry we goofed!)



OPEN END

DOES HALLOWEEN MEAN ANYTHING SPECIAL TO YOU?



TODD

"Yes, because Halloween's my birthday." Todd Pichette, senior.

"Yes, Halloween gives us a chance to catch an express train out of Now and careen into Further, munching on reality sandwiches." Kevin Merry, senior



CAROL

"No, but Devil's Night does." Mike Kornychuck, sophomore

"No, because I can't go trick or treating anymore." Carol Navarro, senior



KEVIN



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