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DHS STUDENTS WERE confronted by voters' dilemma--a multitude of candidates and proposals--in a mock election held last week.

Results of Pre-Election Poll Show Students Better Than Teachers

Remember that poll you filled out in first hour one day last week? The results are now in, and when compared to the results of the election DHS students didn't do too well in picking the winners.

As of press time Wednesday, Milliken was leading but the votes from Wayne County had not yet been counted. His lead was much smaller than our poll showed.

In the senatorial race, Hart won easily, as expected. This contest was not even close and Mrs. Romney conceded very early after the polls closed.

When DHS students voted for mayor, they picked the right man but not the right percentage. However, the faculty was way off, as they chose Doug Thomas to win.

Due to unexpected large numbers of voters, incumbent State Senator Lorraine Beebe was defeated by David Plawecki. This was a complete upset as far as the poll went because it showed Mrs. Beebe winning by a two to one margin.

The 18-year old vote went down in defeat as predicted, although students and faculty gave it their stamp of approval.

The amendment to the constitution concerning Parochiaid was approved throughout the state, surprising many people. However, the OBSERVER predicted this, as the poll showed Proposition C accepted by a greater than two to one margin.

In general, the OBSERVER staff was pleased with the results of the poll as about 77 percent of the students responded. There did seem to be apathy among the teachers, however, as only one third of the teachers voted.

IN MEMORIAM

Brad Christy, junior, died last Sunday at 3 p. m. Services were held yesterday at Voran Funeral Home.

The faculty, the student body, and especially the Junior Class extend their deepest sympathies to the Christy family.

FACULTY	STUDENTS
GOVERNOR	GOVERNOR
* Milliken..... 24	* Milliken..... 900
Levin..... 12	Levin..... 500
U. S. SENATOR	U. S. SENATOR
Romney..... 11	Romney..... 352
* Hart..... 23	* Hart..... 1003
MAYOR	MAYOR
* Thomas..... 18	Thomas..... 547
Hubbard..... 16	* Hubbard..... 890
STATE SENATOR	STATE SENATOR
* Beebe..... 29	* Beebe..... 943
Plawecki..... 7	Plawecki..... 418
18 YEAR OLD VOTE	18 YEAR OLD VOTE
* Yes..... 20	* Yes..... 1106
No..... 18	No..... 239
PAROCHIAID	PAROCHIAID
* Against..... 30	* Against..... 882
For..... 6	For..... 360

'Big Band' Era Will Live Again As Popular Jazz Sounds Revive

Generation gap? The space will be filled on Friday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p. m. when Dearborn High presents its tenth annual Jazz Show with music appealing to all ages.

The program will open with the 85-piece Concert Band playing "Big Band" rock numbers followed by a medley of jazz tunes sung by the Jazz Vocal Ensemble. The Ensemble will sing melodies ranging from the Prohibition era to contemporary Simon and Garfunkel arrangements.

Next, the DHS Theatre Orchestra consisting of the Jazz Band plus clarinet, strings, oboe and French horn, will play in the Boston Pop style.

As the finale, the Jazz Band will play swinging jazz arrangements such as "Count Basie Blues" and "String of Pearls." Also featured in this last segment of the program are

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American Indian Problems Evaluated by Guest Speaker

"We have been treated something terrible! We never complained. We don't throw Molotov cocktails. Yet we are labeled as savage!"

These were a few of the remarks fired by Mrs. Clarence Aikens, a Delaware Indian, to a second-hour audience of social studies classes Oct. 26.

Mrs. Aikens was the speaker at an assembly arranged by Miss Lois Wagner, social studies teacher. The purpose of the assembly was broadening students' views on the American Indian and his civil rights. To supplement her talk, Mrs. Aikens

displayed several Indian artifacts and described their uses.

Although she is an "urban" Indian, the small, white-haired woman is an adamant crusader for civil rights. She founded the North American Indian Association (NAIA), an organization dedicated to helping fellow Indians on reservations.

Last year, NAIA sent 40 of its members to investigate claims of mistreatment from Indians living on reservations. A majority of the claims were found to be true. Some were worse than reported.

When asked about Alcatraz Island in California, which Indians have been occupying since last year, she said that they would like to make a cultural center out of it, but that the

government won't let them. The buildings occupied are no longer being used by the government.

"It's just a question of who gives up first--the government or us. This was once our land," stressed Mrs. Aikens. "If you are of foreign descent and are ever dissatisfied with anything going on in this country, you can always go back to where your roots are. But where can the Indian go?"

Discussing the American Indian's past, she explained how the facts have been distorted by non-Indian historians. "In your history books every battle that was won by the Indians was a massacre, but any battle won by the white man was clean," she said. "Now the Indian is beginning to tell his own story. It is the trend of the younger generation to speak for all Indians. The Indian is just beginning to teach our young to be proud of their heritage."

Merit Pass Plan Under Investigation

What is a merit pass? A merit pass gives specified students the extra privileges of bringing guests to a school dance without a guest pass, going home to lunch (not including Whoppers or McDonalds), being able to go to the library instead of study hall, and as a regular hall pass.

The merit pass was a pilot last semester and a meeting as to what is to become of it is to be held in the future. Attending the meeting will be the students and teachers on the merit pass committee. Mr. Richard Welch and Mrs. Frances Sanders are the co-chairmen of the committee.

To obtain a merit pass last year, one had to apply by letter stating the reasons for believing they were mature enough for the extra privileges that would be gained. Then all the names were placed in a fish bowl and 50 names were picked from each class. The names that were drawn were the names of those who would obtain a merit pass. It had nothing to do with the scholastic or academic ability of the student.

There didn't seem to be any problems with the merit pass last year. The committee hopes to consider the possibility of an extension on the privileges of the merit pass.

jazz dance routines choreographed by senior Loni Mrkva.

A dance sponsored by the DHS Bands and the Varsity Club will follow the Jazz Show from 9:30 to 11 p. m. where there will also be a turkey and ham raffle.

The one price of \$1.50 will serve for admission to the Jazz Show, dance, and turkey and ham raffle. Special student tickets may be purchased for \$1 (only with an activity ticket) only during lunch hours beginning Monday, through Nov. 20 by authorized personnel. All other tickets will cost \$1.50.

The Jazz Show is always a big event and, as usual, Mr. Tony Russo, instrumental director, expects a standing-room-only crowd.

Editorial

Open House Due for Change

BY LINDA RICHTER

Curriculum changes, new methods of teaching, and opportunities to meet the teachers are the major reasons for holding open house. The affair, considered an important factor in maintaining a parent-faculty relationship at Dearborn High, should take place each semester to keep pace with the rapid changes in education.

Originally, open house celebrated American Education Week. On a specified night, parents were invited to visit the school and talk with teachers about problems and new developments in education.

Eight years ago this system was changed following a decision that parents might benefit more if they were to follow the same schedule as the students. This enables them to be placed in an actual classroom situation and form their own opinions of the teachers. In each class, they receive a brief outline of the curriculum being studied and how it is taught. Psychology teacher Dill King, feels that little is gained from this method because parents hardly have time to sit down before they must leave for another class.

Why is open house--good or bad--held only in the fall semester? If it is beneficial it should also take place in the spring because most students have a totally new schedule of courses each semester. If it has no value than even once a year is a waste of teacher and parent time.

Mr. Gordon Bremenkampf, math teacher, is one who feels positively toward the idea of two open houses. His reason? "I enjoy meeting the parents of my students and feel that open house is beneficial to me."

When questioned about the possibility of holding an open house each semester at Dearborn High, Principal Leonard Mazur commented, "I personally am in favor of this. Attendance is usually quite high, which shows the parents are interested. However, preparation for this requires extra time and work on the part of the teachers. Many are already involved in extra duties such as faculty meetings, departmental meetings, parent-faculty meetings, and are often needed to attend sports events, dances, and other student activities."

Two years ago the faculty also expressed their opinion when they voted down a twice-a-year proposal 37-19.

Since then, however, many changes have taken place. Among them are curriculum revisions, new courses offered in various departments, and a trial pass-fail system that will go into effect in some classes next semester. These could generate even more interest on the part of the parents and make two open houses well worthwhile.

If teachers were given a set time when they could prepare for open house such as dismissing students at 2:30 on a given day, perhaps the group would react positively to a twice-a-year meeting with the parents.

Pioneers Kiss the Golden Football Good-Bye

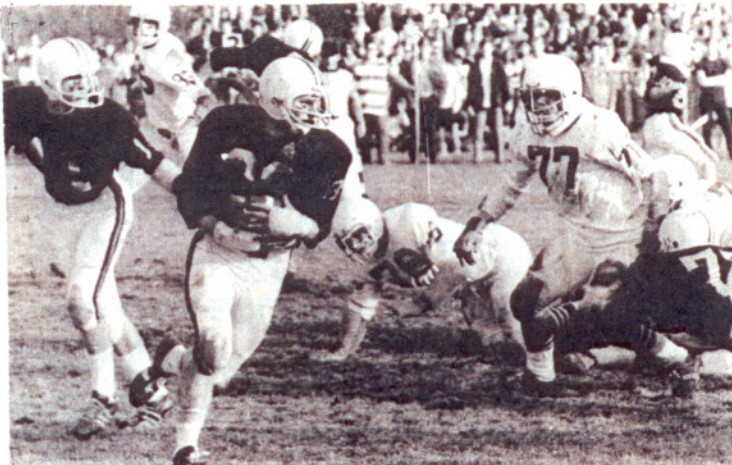
Edsel Ford took the golden football along with the game in a 20-12 decision over the Dearborn Pioneers last Friday.

"The boys played a real good game," was all Coach Bill Hill could say. The Pioneers played an excellent second half, but were hurt on costly mistakes and unlucky breaks near the goal lines.

Dearborn got on the scoreboard first when late in the first quarter, after holding Edsel to a fourth and ten situation on their own 33-yard line, Senior Bill Reiger rushed in to block the punt and Senior Dick DeVogel picked up the ball and ran it into the end zone. Dearborn missed the point after attempt and lead at end of the first quarter 6-0.

Edsel then took control of the ball and Dearborn couldn't stop them before they had scored on their own fumble recovery in the end zone. The T-Birds added another score late in the second quarter and lead the Pioneers 13-6 at half time.

The Pioneers' simmering game in the first half got red hot in the second half when, after holding Edsel on four plays to gain possession of the ball, the Pioneers went 63 yards in nine plays to score on a 20-yard pass from Junior Barry Sawicki to Senior Bryan Lowry. Faced with the short end of a 12-13 ball



NUMBER 33, KEVIN Balewski, senior, eyes an opening in the barrage of Edsel Ford players and makes a 5 yard gain.

game, Coach Hill decided to try a two-point play, but Sawicki was pushed out of bounds six inches from the goal line in an attempt to run it in.

At the end of the third quarter Edsel scored once more, making it 20-12.

Then Dearborn started moving again. With 6:37 left to go in the game, a 22-yard pass from Sawicki to Senior Gary Sartor, a seven-yard pass from Sawicki to Junior Tom Koenig, and then a 39-yard run by Junior

Coaches Forecast Winter Winners Despite Tough Schedule

"Optimistic" describes the outlook for the winter sports season. Enthusiasm and a strong desire to win are prevalent characteristics of the upcoming swimming, wrestling, and basketball teams.

Coach Jack Johnson and his assistant, Mr. Jack Dunworth from Adams, hope their swimming team will match last year's team and win the league championship for the fourth consecutive year.

"This year's team should be stronger than last year's. We have overall balance and a few more possible point scorers for the state meet.

"We'll be swimming against some of the top schools in the state. Our home opener is with Toledo St. Francis, one of the best teams in Ohio, on Jan. 8.

Although practice doesn't start officially until Nov. 9, some swimmers have already begun preparing themselves for the opening meet Dec. 3 with Thurston and Grand Blanc.

"We're going to win the State Championship this year!" Wrestling Coach Al Harris confides with tongue in cheek. "Why not be optimistic!"

Last year the wrestling team took first place in the Edsel Ford Invitational, second in the Garden City and Henry Ford Invitationals, third in the Trenton and sixth in the Whitmer Invitationals.

This year, the wrestling team under Coaches Harris and Ed Lanzi will again take on some strong competition. "Edsel and Ypsi are always good. Our first match is with Livonia Franklin on Dec. 1," Coach Harris stated.

"Edsel and Ypsi will be the teams to beat this year," confirms basketball's Coach Jim Vanderhull. "We've got a very tough schedule, and there are no easy teams on it."

Last year, the team had a 7-11 win-loss record. This year, they hope to improve. "It's far too early to make predictions on this year but the boys have put up a good showing and I'm impressed. We feel we'll have better all around team play and hustle. We're sick of getting licked and we made up our minds to do the job. We should have a respectable season."

The opening game is Dec. 4 with Grosse Pointe. "It's a rough opener," admits Coach Vanderhull. "They're one of the better teams on the schedule."

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

A tragic thing has happened to a classmate of ours. I stopped a while and thought very hard and the problems I faced became almost nothing. I felt selfish inside. I woke up a lot that day and saw a lot of things I never really looked at before. Why should people hide behind their problems, instead of moving upward and helping to create new ideas and new feelings?

I want you to stop and think about your enemies. Do you really have any, or are you just thinking about what you want? What do you think the other person is thinking about? I want the people in this school to stop and think about the other person's problems. Start giving all you can in the things you can do, not for you but for everybody in this school.

Look at your friends, try to impress your friends by showing them how grown up you are instead of skipping out of class or getting by without doing your homework. Get into something and impress people by accomplishing something. You will impress more than just your friends, maybe you will impress your enemies as well.

Don't you think you would feel better doing something for this school, instead of just for your own pleasure? Think about it won't you, please.

The willing person,
Jack Groff, sophomore

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