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Theft In Parking Lot Increases Proposed Plans Attack Problems

Student Council has begun to view the increasingly serious problem of theft in Dearborn's student parking lot. Thefts last year totaled an estimated \$3,000. Among the main targets of the well-organized thieves are tape decks, tires, and wheel covers.

Assistant principal, Tom McLennan feels that the thieves are non-students. These thieves have been operating in the school lots of Edsel Ford and Fordson, as well as Dearborn. However, Mr. McLennan feels that Dearborn is the hardest hit because of "the larger number of students with cars."

Although tape decks are among the first item selected by the thieves, anything of possible value in autos becomes the target of this group. These burglars are capable of entering a locked car and removing a tape deck in the span of two to three minutes. Tape decks are "fenced" for approximately 1/3 the original cost.

He suggests these precautions for those who drive to school:

- Lock all doors.
- Lock wheel covers and hoods, especially if the car is of the high performance variety.
- Remove anything of value from the seats. Hide valuable items under

seats or under the dash.

- Take the serial number of the item, and it is also advisable to initial the item in a hidden place.

Projecting possible plans to thwart the thieves, Mr. McLennan is considering stationing students from study hall at points throughout the building to watch the parking lot for any suspicious activity. An original plan, placing study hall students in the parking lot was vetoed because a "direct confrontation" of students and thieves would possibly provoke violence.

Another idea, dropped because of financial problems, called for posting a security guard at the parking lot entrances. Posting a guard in the lot would cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000 per year.

Dearborn Police cars patrol the lot at intervals, but this is not enough. The job of parking lot coverage is too huge a project, Mr. McLennan points out.

Anyone with information about the thieves should contact him or the Dearborn Police, at LU 4-1100.

Seven Students Receive Acclaim

Although no longer in the running for awards finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Qualification Test, seven DHS students have received the Letter of Commendation award.

Linda Beardsley, Robert Brandenburg, Craig Hamilton, Mike Kirk, Marlene Miller, Craig Thompson, and Gary Wilson all won acclaim as holders of this honor.

Ranking high in the N. M. S. Q. T., they also acquired standings in the top four or five per cent of their graduating class.



WIDELY RANGING REACTIONS are evident on the faces of (l. to r.) sophomores Linda Ramstack, Krista Keathley, Gwynn Lee, Dave Dickieson, and Pati Beers, who were among 50 students at the open Student Council meeting on Nov. 5. Among topics discussed were the cross-town rivalry between DHS and Edsel, the student parking lot, and better ways of Student Council-student communication.

Dance Begins at 8 P.M.

Y-Teens Sponsor Sadie Hawkins

Girls, how would you like to go out with that "special boy" you're constantly dreaming about? There's still time; just summon up some courage and you've got a date.

Tonight the Dearborn High Y-Teens are sponsoring the annual Sadie Hawkins Dance. This is one of the few times during the year when the girls can ask the boys out. Many use this opportunity to get better acquainted with a certain boy, pay back a boy whom they have dated, or just to spend money on boyfriends.

Some find asking a boy out embarrassing, but others find it fun. Often the girl finds herself faced with such unfamiliar problems, like selecting a place to eat, that she may chicken out.

Generosity Fills Thanksgiving Basket

Turkey, bread, and assorted canned goods may sound quite appetizing--especially to those living in the Salina area of Dearborn.

Beginning Monday for eight days, DHS students will once again have the opportunity to help support residents of this impoverished district by bringing in canned goods to their first hour classes.

Miss Dorothy Wolfe, Red Cross sponsor, explained that the program began more than 20 years ago at the request of students. "The Red Cross members felt the need and the will to do something for people in the Dearborn area who didn't have enough to eat on Thanksgiving, so we began this collection."

More than 20 families have been provided with DHS generosity in past years, and this year, depending on student participation, the club will again try to aid these same families. Responses of gratitude were expressed by the families who received food in the past.

On Wednesday, Nov. 25, members of the DHS Red Cross will collect the goods brought in and sort them according to family size. In addition, each basket will contain a turkey and a loaf of bread purchased by Red Cross.

When all baskets are divided, club members will go to Salina and distribute them to the needy families.

"Experience helps", one senior girl commented. "The first time I asked a guy to the Sadie Hawkins I was really nervous, but it was all so simple that I have to laugh about it now."

Money won't be one of the problems facing the girls. The dance is very informal so new clothes are really needed. After the dance, a trip to a local restaurant for a snack will prove to be inexpensive.

Music will be provided by the "Fountain", and this year dancers will find they have more room than in previous years. Instead of being held on both floors of the YWCA, the dance will take place at the Christ Episcopal Church at the corner of Military and Cherry Hill.

Having no connection with the church, but performing marriages will be "Marrying Sam". Daisy Mae and Lil' Abner will also be present.

Tickets may be purchased in school or at the door for \$2.50. Singles are welcome and may buy tickets at the door for \$1.75.



Activity Tickets are now on sale for the reduced price of \$3. Get yours for the winter sports season.

Anyone interested in buying tiny white Italian Christmas lights that were used once at Homecoming may purchase them for \$2.25 after school.

Student Council will be giving away ice cream left over from Homecoming. Scoops will be free with an Activity Ticket or five cents without.

The Western Michigan University Choir, conducted by Mr. Thomas Hardie, will perform in concert Thursday in the auditorium during fifth hour. Teachers will have the option of taking their fifth hour classes.

One hundred students took part in the annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition. The top four per cent will vie for the college scholarships on Dec. 9.

The drug counseling and information center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Information on drug identification, community resources, and bad trips can be obtained.

The purpose of the group is to let people know what they are doing before they do it. All calls are confidential. The number to call is 642-2670.

Yearbooks are still on sale Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays before and after school for \$5.

Editorial

Dress Code Challenged by Student

BY WALDA TOFIL

On Oct. 30, at 9:05 a.m., a young man garbed in a white sheet, carrying a plastic pumpkin, and ringing a cow bell, was met by Assistant Principal Thomas McLennan in B-hall. Rumor was that the student was promptly suspended for his actions. The reaction to this decision was negative among the student body. It was felt that the assistant principal acted unfairly in handling the matter.

When approached on the subject, however, Mr. McLennan was quick to point out that the student was first asked to refrain from wearing the garb. After an hour and a half of refusal, he was then suspended.

The student dress code states that "a wide range of dress is permitted with the exception of costumes distracting to the learning process." This rule was made by the Dearborn Board of Education, not by the assistant principal. The fact that this student violated the code did not warrant the suspension. Instead, it was his insistence that the rule infringed upon his Constitutional rights.

"I try to be understanding when I get into a debate about the dress code," commented Mr. McLennan. "If a boy needs a haircut and can't afford it, I'll lend him the money, but if I have to keep warning someone, then I will take harsher action."

He went on to say that if someone dresses contrary to the code, he will only be asked to go home and change. The student will not receive penalties such as unexcused absences for classes missed or suspension.

It should be remembered that whether or not the student, or the entire student body for that matter, feels the code is a fair one, Mr. McLennan did not make it. He only enforces it.

If this student really feels that he was treated unfairly, that he should be allowed to wear whatever he pleases, then he should appeal to the Dearborn Board of Education, a higher authority than Mr. McLennan.

Field Hockey Lacks Participation; Opener Split

Women's Lib has taken a stronger hold at Dearborn High. This time a first was chalked up as girls played their first varsity field hockey game against Edsel Ford on Tuesday, Nov. 3 losing 4-1 and winning 2-1.

Coaching Edsel Ford were Miss Irma Calvisi and Miss Carol Gates. Officials came from Eastern Michigan University.

The first game started well with the opening half dominated by Dearborn offense.

With five minutes to go, Edsel scored three times--single goals by Pippa Coates, senior, and Juniors Michele Pieper and Lauri Kitzman.

Substitute goalie Robin Savage, sophomore, replaced Jean McKittrick, senior, who was injured at the close of the first half.

DHS Graduate Leads Iowa State

Tony Washington, a Dearborn High graduate of 1967, will long be remembered by two of his former coaches, Mr. David Frye and Mr. George Arrick. The two coaches went to Ames, Iowa last weekend to see the former DHS football star play his last home game as defensive safety and co-captain for Iowa State.

Tony, who has started every game for Iowa in the last three years, was selected last year as a junior to the All Big Eight team and the Losers All American Team, a mythical group chosen from the losers in the nation. He is currently twelfth in the nation in the punt returns and has had offers from pro scouts.

At Dearborn High, Tony played offensive and defensive halfback as a reserve under the coaching of Mr. Arrick. As a varsity player he worked under Mr. Frye when Mr. Tom Muldowney was head coach of the football team.

Edsel's fourth goal came on a drive by Pippa Coates, her second score. Again in the second game, teams were evenly matched.

Goals by Pat Markell, junior, and Debbie Booth, senior, provided the Dearborn attack.

Goalie duty by Junior Debbie Borden allowed only one Edsel goal by Barb Plante, junior.

Under the supervision of Miss Shirley Heydrick, gym teacher, the Dearborn team has been practicing long hours for about four weeks. Working on basic skills such as driving, fielding, and dribbling, each girl has been developing her skills primarily for one position.

"The girls show a marked improvement over their gym work," commented Miss Heydrick.

Pioneers Fall to Fordson

Dearborn's last bid for victory this season ended Friday as the Pioneers bowed 25-0 to the Fordson Tractors. They were never really in the game from the opening kickoff since the Tractors scored on their

first series of downs when their senior fullback plowed in for the touchdown. The extra point failed but Dearborn fumble set up the next Fordson touchdown five minutes after bringing the score to 12-0.

Fordson scored once again after Junior Barry Sawicki's pass was intercepted late in the second quarter. The half ended at an 18-0 tally as the punchless Pioneers ambled off to the locker room.

They just couldn't seem to get started in the third quarter, having to punt the ball away. After stopping the Fordson drive, Dearborn was once again plagued with interception problems, setting up the final Tractor touchdown and successful extra point.

The fourth quarter was fought to a standstill with the Pioneers' final drive being stopped on a close fourth down play. The gun went off ending the game 25-0 and closing out a dismal 0-7 season.

The Pioneers were obviously outplayed by Fordson who were previously dumped by the Edsel Ford Tractors 14-0. Poor spirit in the game may be attributed to the fact that Dearborn had been up for the Edsel, Ypsi and Monroe games which proved to be the best contests of the year.

Paper Drive 1st In Pollution War

"Everybody complains about pollution. Now this is their chance to do something about it."

The speaker is Barb Ramsey, SIRS Club Marshall, and the opportunity she is talking about is the SIRS paper drive, scheduled for Sat. Nov. 21.

She urges everyone to bring their paper (no magazines or telephone books, please) to the school parking lot that day. For those who can't make it, there is a sign-up sheet on the Pioneer Post to have contributions picked up.

SIRS also needs volunteers to drive and pick up these papers.

This is only the beginning of SIRS war on pollution. If the paper drive is successful, club members will conduct drives to collect and dispose of both nonreturnable bottles and aluminum cans.



Photo by Paul Hartman

STALLING SOME AGGRESSIVE members of the Fordson defense, juniors Dave Miller, 63, Tom Kalis, 51, and Barry Siwicki, 11, block for halfback Dave Meisner, 14, rolling rapidly toward the sideline in search of a receiver.

OPEN END

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE PROPOSED PASS-FAIL SYSTEM?

"I think it's good because grades aren't everything."
Mary Silk, junior

"It gives everybody a fair chance."
Brad Hugall, senior

"I think it's good for a person who's taking his academics at the end."
Chris Bartholomew, sophomore

"I think it's good because one comes to school to learn, not to be engrossed in achieving a grade."
Jan Shell, senior



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