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Forensics Starts

Debbie Rigs

Johanna McLaren

To begin this year’s forensics program, Mr. Frydel, the new coach, invited Eastern Michigan University’s forensics director, Mr. Dennis Beagan and a few team members for a presentation to the NHS students. Surprisingly, the students of Northville High School didn’t really know before that what forensics competition was.

Forensics is competitive public speaking. There are seven categories: amongst them are Humorous and Serious Routines, Extemporaneous Speech, Impromptu Speeches, and more. The competition begins within the high school and winners go on to compete at the state level and then at the National. If you are interested in the forensics program, and would like to know more about it, please contact Mr. Frydel.

Michigan Poet

Here Tomorrow

Jan Jackson

Max Ellison will be coming to NHS on Thursday, January 31. He will be giving a recital of poems, mostly his own.

Being born, raised and educated in Michigan, his poetry reflects this. Other familiar names and places are scattered through his books, "The Happenstance" and "Eardrums". Most of his poetry deals with nature, showing keen awareness of a sunset, a winter night walk, a search for a hidden poem.

Besides the nature poems he also writes light-headed humor about an Inglee bird, sea lions, and a mouse who ate history books. The prompting of war, the men killed and his son who fought. Then occasionally reminding his daughter’s marriage, and youthful times.

And Teachers lipin’ Tangle

Kurt Andersen

"Stairway to Heaven," the hit song by the rock group Led Zeppelin, will be the theme of this year's Junior Prom. Taking place on Saturday, February 23, the prom will start at 9:00 p.m. Tickets will be $5.00 per couple, and will go on sale Monday, February 11, at lunch. The Prom is being held at the Kagacourt Footings located on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

Brass Tacks

Attention Seniors

Seniors, your graduation announcements, personal cards and accessories are being made available to you now. Information packets containing order forms for these items have been mailed out to you. Any seniors who have not received their packet may pick one up in the office. A representative from Josten’s will be here from 10:30 – 1:00 on Feb. 6 to pick up the order forms.

See ‘Orphan’

Are you sitting home next Friday night with nothing to do? You just might be if you forgot to buy tickets to see ‘Orphan’, Friday, Feb. 8, at lunch. This dance and all future dances will be held in the gym because of the overcrowdedness in the cafeteria. From now on, tickets for dances will be sold only at lunch hour the day of the dance.

Organizers of this ‘Orphan’ dance include members of the MHS Band, who form their own Executive Board and are as follows: Concert Bands – Sue Pawlowksi, Kim Marshall, Dave Flocke and Jane Wilson; Wind Ensemble – Terry Allums and John Brown; and Jazz Ensemble – Dale Mitchell and Wayne Humble.

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Follow the inspiration of "Miss Apple’s" fragmentary theatre, the spring musical, "Hello Dolly," will play the story arcs with the ability of NHS’s lighting crew. Much more glitter will be employed, however, making the musical season one of the most spectacular productions ever staged at Northville High.

With a cast size comparable to previous NHS musicals, "Dolly" will be presented May 15, 16, 17, 18. Tryouts will be held at

No News Is Good News

No news is good news. Acting on a rumor circulating throughout NHS, the MUSTANGER investigated the possibility of students losing their driving privileges due to the energy crisis. The Northville Police Department has received no information on the subject and considers it unlikely that such a law will be passed. Looks like students can continue loving the parking lot as they have for years.
Proper Care And Training Of Parents

In recent years, much has been written on the discipline of children, the psychological processes of children, sibling rivalry, infant eating habits, etc. until parents have been brainwashed into believing they control their destination and the destination of their children. But the truth about the real approach has come out in the form of a book titled "Proper Care and Training of Parents." Three important points are made on this neglected subject.

A positive, level-headed attitude is the recommended method when dealing with parents. Negative attitudes tend to frighten adults, making them disagreeable to anything. Once their attention is caught with logic, the rest is easy. Discussing matters will put parents at ease, while giving them the illusion of decision makers.

When Logic Fails

When logic fails, reverse psychology is helpful in tricky situations. For example, patient X liked to wear jeans to school, but his parents insisted on "suit" clothing. The parents quickly changed the conditions, however, once X declared jeans to be horribly passé. The new adult attitude was "We spent hard-earned money on those pants and they're practically new; you'd better start wearing them!"

The proper training of parents is a tiresome process, something which takes years to complete. Children set in their ways, adults are slow-learning and rebellious at times. But if children start at an early age and follow through, parents will be responsible, upstanding citizens by the time the child leaves for college.

Shortages We Want To See

Jean Fritz

The birth of 1974 was heralded by shortages of fuels, wheat, and other staples. But the United States would be swifter if these shortages were exchanged for the following.

The beauty is a shortage of subdivisions. These cubic monstrosities would be improved only if hog farms replaced them. Bixby names like "Oak Tree Estates" (which would probably be stripped of all but the ragged end) don't make them complement the landscape.

Peece is a shortage of current American song artists. Morning always brings grating, squawking "screaches" and oatmeal from Hurricane Smith and Bette Midler. With Ms. Midler as a "friend!" the hardworking need no enemies.

Organization is a shortage of politicians. This country needs a thinning of these power-hungry spendthrifts.

Lastly, Utopia is a shortage of shortages.

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"Thon why do these other schools have them?" they asked, but received, "No smoker."

Again this year, the S.G., has set up a committee to push for a lounge. This attempt I regret to predict, will be futile. The School Board has stated its position very clearly. There is no feasible route around their policy, but I am not recommending we give up. I am proposing something that may sound impossible (and would be if only a few participated). I suggest that the silent majority, not only from NHS, but from all the schools who have or want a Smoking Lounge, bands together to take the unnecessary, unamended, and utterly ridiculous law of having to be eighteen years of age to buy cigarettes off the book.

We could get together here first, and then travel to other schools and involve them as well. We would have to print and circulate information for the voters, and then a petition, for we would have to convince them, as they would have to make the decision.

Road Blocks

To me it seems obvious. The road block is that silly law which can not be abolished if we are ever to have a lounge which is, as the students have said, "desirable only to the smokers, but to non-smokers as well." Smoking is hazardous to your health, but the absence of a lounge is certainly no deterrent. Holding this opinion, as the silent majority does, why not work together and attack the problem where it lies?

Ski Enthusiasts: Scott Templeton (above) and Carol Dyer (right) display their wares. NHS skiers have been treated to several good snow Wednesdays. Club membership totals 98 plus skiers, all being accommodated at Alpine Valley Ski Slopes.

"Stairway To Heaven"

JUNIOR PROM

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Using a color scheme of Royal blue and white, the band "Primary Colors" will provide the music for dancing. A reception will be held during the dance to provide refreshments. According to Junior Class President, Jeff Staberman, "We have an excellent band this year, and we're expecting over one-hundred couples for what we expect to be the finest Junior Prom ever held for a Northville class."

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Sophomore, Sue Bielec remembers her ten years of long, working hours devoted to piano, and still enjoys practicing her two hours a day. Sue reports, “Mrs. Cemm, my piano teacher spent lots of time getting the basics down with me.”

Presently, Sue is under the instruction of Mr. Donald Kollock, a mentor at Schoolcraft College, for whom she recently auditioned. With him, she is working towards recitals and concerts for the future. She has already played Easter Service and accompanied a soloist at the Presbyterian Church.

“Interpreting the music, the way the composer would have liked is hardest for me.” Sue explains that while she plays various kinds of music, she likes classical the most. J.S. Bach is her favorite composer along with Haydn and Beethoven.

She attributes her musical talent to her parents. She also plays clarinet in the Mid-Brookle.

Sue is going to major in music at college and become a private piano teacher. She explains, “I want to convey all that I know about music to other people, and maybe some day I will discover a person with a potential as great as Beethoven.”

French Teacher Assists Husband

February 5th is Miss Costello’s last day in the French class at Northville High. Miss Costello, who plans to wed, will move to East Lansing and assist her husband in business.

Miss Costello’s brief 1½ year stay at the high school has, for her, been enjoyable. Asked if she plans to reenter teaching, she replied, “perhaps in the fall. (If I do), I will be very fortunate to find another school as good as Northville High.”

WHO CARES?

Geric Grazitti

Who’s Average?

Two students, one with a 4.0 average, the other with a 2.0, apply to the same college. Student A applies for a scholarship, but it is Student B that gets it. Why?—because Student A is the star performer on the high school football team.

Apparently, on the college scene, it’s brain over brains. To receive a scholarship, you must cultivate your muscles rather than your brain. The jock adds more to campus life—more money, that is. People buy tickets to see the athletic wonder perform.

Contribution

I would like to look at the situation on a larger scale. Can any college or university honestly claim that such a student as B has more to contribute to the world than Student A, who might become a scientist, doctor, mathematician? Life on this earth is not one big football game, and the sooner our “institutes of higher learning” realize this, the better.

‘Hello Dolly’

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at the end of February, rehearsals will begin in early March.

The cast also will be slightly restricted, due to vacation, schedule, and various factors.” stated director Mr. Kurt Kinde. But the cast will still be considerable.

Construction will not begin before rehearsals end. Walter Kanokov, director of the drama club, will assume the role of director of the drama club.

Newcomers to the cast include students from Northville as well as students from other schools.

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Reflections Show Change

Chris Butler

What was it like here on the hill several years ago? Well for one thing there wasn't as much on the hill. In 1950 there were only 796 students and 30 teachers. Compare that to now when enrollment is 1445 with 72 teachers. There was not as much space as we have come accustomed to today. Our materials center was then just a courtyard. The library was what is now the teachers' lounge. The swimming pool didn't even exist and the classrooms we now call section A were simply glass windows running all down the hall.

For the years of 1959 and 60 a maximum teachers' salary was $6700 with a minimum of $4400. If those were the salaries offered to the teachers last summer, a strike may have been a little longer.

Though there have been changes through the years, you can still find familiar names. On June 13, 1969, a young man named Dave Longridge was promoted from wrestling coach to basketball coach.

The big attraction for the 62-63 year was the new football stadium to replace Ford Field. While having a seating capacity of 3000, it had a victory for its first game as the Mustangs beat West Bloomfield on October 19, 1962.

Much discussion came up in 1965 on where the 5500' swimming pool should go. Some thought it should be at the high school. Others, led by Trustee Donald Lawrence, believed it should be at the new Cooke Junior High School. It was finally decided in August, 1965 that the pool be at the high school. Rules seemed to be in greater number back in those days. It was in the student handbook that a pupil should study at least twice a night. Athletics had miles of its own. An athlete must be out of the streets by 10:00 PM. He must have a reasonably short haircut with no blue jeans or other extreme clothing of any kind. The biggest rule for high school students was smoking. It caused a lot of trouble for the first time, a student was put on suspension for at least three days. This pertained to day or night anywhere on school grounds. A second offense would mean immediate action by the Board of Education. Yes, things have changed quite a bit over the last decade at NHS.

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Spirits of '74

The Terrible Twosome

January and February are busy months for NHS seniors. In an effort to help you get organised, the HOSTPUB has published below a calendar of upcoming events.

January Dates
Jan. 31—Representative from Michigan State University at Northville High at 11:00 a.m.

February Dates
Feb. 1—A team from the Ford Motor Co. will be here to give a presentation about training and apprenticeship programs with Ford for the high school graduates.

Feb. 4—Representative from Lake Superior State College at Northville High at 10:00 a.m.

Feb. 7—Representative from Adrian will talk to interested students at 11:00 a.m.

Feb. 12—Representative from Michigan Tech. will be at Northville High at 9:00 a.m.

Feb. 14—Representative from DePauw University at 11:00 a.m.

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Earlier this month, TV brought us yet another spectacular with the telecast of Super Bowl VIII. As many as 60 to 70 million Americans have been estimated to watch this annual event. The public often expects key members of either squad to be out of this game due to some unfortunate injury. If so, two members of each team cannot play, that means that four of the 80 players are unable to participate. If this statistic is transferred to the viewers, it means that 3.5 million football watchers were injured before or during the telecast of the game.

A statistic that large can’t be overlooked, so here is some of the most serious home viewer injuries:

Broken Bones
James McLaughlin of International Falls, Minnesota suffered a broken leg on the way to his favorite bar to watch the Big One. He slipped on a patch of ice.

Lawrence Winney of Birmingham, Alabama was in great discomfort throughout the game due to a broken leg on his side. Winney lamented, "It's hard work to see the screen with the coach pointed up toward the ceiling."

Lacerated Hand
A badly cut hand was suffered by Ken Stromberg of Palo Alto, California when he sliced his fingers while opening a can of peanuts. Nine stitches were required to close the wound.

Writer's Cramp
Our final and possibly most disabling injury occurred to sportswriter Jim Lea Tiller of Fort Worth, Texas. Tiller, who writes for the Fort Worth Light & Shopper, was unable to obtain press credentials to the Big One. It was just as well, because Tiller went into great pain early in the second half and knocked himself out. His fingers are now covered by a cast and he has been forbidden to write for three months. His suit against the Dolphins, the Vikings, and the NFL is expected to be dismissed.

Cougars Better Record

Ed Krich

When will the Mustangs break away from around the $500 mark? That question will be answered Friday night when they travel to Walled Lake Western with a chance to raise their record to 9-5.

Walled Lake has a fine team this year, although they haven’t been playing too well. They have two all-league possibilities in forward John Gabriele and center John Spranger. Spranger is exceptional when he wants to be and to win the Mustangs will have to keep him off the boards.

In their first meeting this year, Northville squeezed out a 65-64 come from behind victory.

Improvement Begins
The Mustangs play has improved since barely being beaten by number one metro-west Livonia Churchill 47-44. The Mustangs cutout Churchill in three of the four quarters, and if it hadn’t been for a fatal second quarter in which they were outscored 22-9 the Mustangs would have come out on top.

Now 8-1

Tankers Roll Thru Season

Mark Hayne

Northville’s swimming team continues to roll through their season. Their record now stands at 6 wins and 1 loss.

Not all meets were jeopardized victories. The boys swam team wise. In a meet that Coach Ben Lauber described as "too close for comfort," the Mustangs edged Dearborn Heights Riverside, 42-40. Before the last event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, Northville was behind 36-37 in fact. The Ville only held the lead once during the 10 preceding events. Steve Luckett, Ed Erdos, Don Cook and Kevin Kelly pulled out a victory with a 3:36 clocking and added 7 points to Riverside’s 3.

In a league dual meet, on January 10, the tankers swapped Livonia Churchill 57-45. Don Cook broke his existing pool record in the diving with a fine 262.5 score.

Northville’s first away dual meet on January 7th turned up yet another victory. The Mustangs walked all over the Trojans of Clarenceville and ended up with a 114-58 win. Don Cook came in with a record (team) breaking time of 51.24 on the 100 yard freestyle.

Back in December, Plymouth Salem and Breton Crestood fell to the Mustangs. Just recently Walled Lake Western and Plymouth Canton lost by a wide margin to the tankers.

But losing is not unknown to the team. Farmington Harrison—the only team that has beaten Northville in four years—comes up again on January 31. According to Coach Lauber, this arch rivalry, to begin at 7:30 at Harrison, "will be quite a meet—this year the dual meets will help decide the league title along with the league meet at the end of the season."

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