

Students Journey To Mexico Soon

A trip to Mexico with the Musical Youth International will become the highlight of this summer's activities for Edsel Ford students **Mary Kamensky**, 12B, and **Richard Dixon**, 11B.

Mary and Richard became involved in the national organization through voice try-outs and sight reading tests. These tests were given by Mr. Lester McCoy of the University of Michigan Music Department, at Saline High a few months ago.

Six Week Tour

Mary sings soprano in Edsel Ford's vocal ensemble, and Richard sings tenor in our male chorus. The choral group will leave the United States on Saturday, June 29 to begin a six week tour of Mexico. During the group's Mexican tour, the chorus will give a total of seventy-five concerts in such places as the Mexico Gardens, civic auditoriums, and motel areas around the country. Students from Illinois, Ohio, and other areas of Michigan will also participate in MYI.

Choral and Instrumental

The 1968 MYI consists of fifty chorus members and fifty instrumental music students who will combine their talents to perform together.

Expectations of The New Year

by Luanne Reske

This New Year we can expect:
President Johnson's dog getting married
DeGaulle leading a revolution in Canada
Bobby Kennedy and his wife having another baby (or twins)
Senator Dirksen having a number one album for two months
Former Governor Wallace splitting the votes so that nobody wins the Presidential election
Stokely Carmichael being drafted
Auto workers striking for a one hour work week
The Detroit newspapers folding
The state of California to completely burn down in their annual forest fires
The U.S. government to drop 5,000 snow shovels to Navajo Indians, plus a free autographed copy of President Johnson's "State of the Union Address"
The mention of "god" in any public building to be outlawed by the U.S. Supreme Court
Shirley Temple to be chosen Secretary of Defense
Senator Eugene McCarthy becoming a hippie
Putting a criminal in jail outlawed by the Supreme Court
Premier Kosygin visiting Disneyland
President Johnson visiting the Moscow circus
And we hope by next Christmas: Bob Hope can entertain the American troops at home

This year's Musical Youth International group has been practicing diligently for the past two months, every Saturday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Saline High School.

Attention all juniors!!! Monday is the last day for you to register for the National Merit Scholarship test. Pay your \$1.25 to your counselor before it's too late. The test itself will be on Saturday, February 24.



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Three Seniors Honored In National Competition

Each year the National Council of Teachers of English sponsors competition for Achievement Awards. This year three of Edsel Ford's seniors were runners-up in this competition. They are **George Spooner**, **Lonell Hausch**, and **Tilman Hasche-Kluender**.

Early last spring, the English teachers met and nominated outstanding students in English, literature, and journalism. Each high school in Michigan was allowed to nominate one student for every five hundred in the school enrollment.

Before George, Lonell, and Tilman were chosen as finalists from our school, they were asked to write an autobiographical essay, which was also judged with an impromptu theme and another selection of their writing. On the basis of these judgments, their names were sent to the state judging

committee. On the state level, the judging was based on much of the same material. George, Lonell, and Tilman were fortunate enough to qualify for national competition.

Each state in the U.S. was allowed to nominate as many candidates for the national competition as they had representatives in Congress. Almost 8,000 students were nominated for the national competition from all over the U.S. Of that number, only 800 were chosen as finalists and runners-up. Although George, Lonell, and Tilman will not receive a monetary award for their participation, their names have been sent to every college recommending them for their performance. This recommendation is valuable in scholarship consideration. Edsel Ford will also receive a certificate of merit recognizing the winning students.

Harlem Diplomats vs Unknowns; Game is Anticipated by Everyone

Have you heard of the latest and hottest basketball team from Canada called the Harlem Diplomats? . . . Or our own home all-stars known as the Unknowns?

The Harlem Diplomats (the fun-makers of basketball) should provide hilarious entertainment, since their style is similar to that of the famous Harlem Globetrotters.

Faculties of Edsel Ford and various junior high schools in the area will make up the Unknowns. Members of this team will be kept secret until the big basketball game on Thursday, January 18, from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

To make this Junior Class Council project a success, much hard work

and planning has been done by juniors and teacher advisors. Committees include refreshments, **Pat DeJarnatt**; ticket and sales, **Janet Johnson**; publicity, **Erik Knorr**; program, **Ilona Miller**; team members, **Erik Knorr**; and A.V.I., **Jim Krajewski**.

Tickets will cost \$1.00 for students with an activity ticket, \$1.25 for students without activity ticket, and \$1.50 for adults. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Now is your chance to see some of your old junior high teachers in action. As one can see, a quite unforgettable evening is in store for you. Wonder if our "boys" can beat the Harlem Diplomats? Why not plan to attend now and see for yourself.

Band Members Welcome All to February Concert

For the Edsel Ford concert band, one hour of practice every day, night rehearsals, numerous tests, and a lot of talent combine to make possible another great winter concert.

Individual Talent Performs

Along with various selections performed by the band, two featured soloists, **Doug Kuligowski** and **Mike Krajewski**, both seniors, will perform two difficult and famous numbers. Doug will play "Concerto for Trumpet" by Haydn, and Mike will do a selection entitled "Piano Concerto"

by Grieg.

Combined Talent Displayed

Various numbers to be played by the concert band include "Man from LaMancha" by Mitch Leigh and "Overture in Bb" by Giovanni.

The concert, which is open to the public, will be held on February 6 at 8:00 p.m. in the Edsel Ford auditorium. Donations are 75 cents for adults, 50 cents for students with one activity ticket, and 25 cents for children.

It is hoped that everyone will take advantage of the hard work which has been put into the performance. It appears to be an exciting and rewarding evening.

Pennants Will Soon Be Sold

For all souvenir collectors or those students who are just promoters of school spirit, the Executive Council will soon be selling Edsel Ford pennants and book covers. The pennants will be sold for 50 cents, and the book covers will be priced at 5 cents. The profit will help to build up the council treasury.

The supply of pennants and book covers are left over from a sale that was held a few years ago. The pennants are scheduled to go on sale next week, and they may be purchased at the ticket booth or from **Cathie Johnson**, the Executive Council treasurer. Since the supply is limited, be sure to buy your pennants and book covers before they are sold out.

Feathers

by Sharon Plonka

The Booster Club will be selling E.F. buttons in the coming weeks . . . **Janet Johnson** has been honored by being a member of the Junior Achievement Senate for the greater Detroit area. This Senate is in charge of the promotion of Junior Achievement Week events . . . The advanced art classes are now in the process of designing the **Pear Tree** cover. . . The Band is having a sleigh ride on January 20 at Upland Hills . . . Did you know that we would be out of school on January 25 and 26 if there hadn't been a teacher's strike? . . . The **Pear Tree** staff is now accepting any art work to be used in the publication . . . The 12B Music Humanities Final will be January 15 . . . Seniors! Have you bought your new home yet, or are you still living in that dingy old apartment? . . . The homemaker classes will be holding their annual fashion show in the coming week . . . 154 pounder **Pat Carmichael**, 11B, was the sole winner of the Trenton Invitationals. Combining the team's contribution and Pat's great achievement, the Edsel Ford grapplers brought home our first wrestling trophy. . . **Merrie Ackley**, 11B, was honored with the second place, second negative Junior Varsity Debating Award for the Sauk Trail League.

Edsel Is Rated No. 1 In Sauk Trail League

It seems as though nothing can stop us now since Edsel downed Lincoln Park 67 to 44, last Friday night. In the weeks just prior to that, the T-Birds shot down Franklin and Melvindale.

The game started out very slowly. Edsel led by one point at the end of the first period, 9 to 8. At the half the T-Birds led by five. The T-Birds really cut loose in the second half. They were leading by 24 points at one point in the fourth quarter.

High scorer in the Lincoln Park game was **Dennis Aylward** with 26 points. **Bob Bores** was next for E.F. with 14, and following him was **Ken Yungkans** with 6.

"We're No. 1" was the cry of Edsel's students as the T-Birds proceeded to beat Franklin 78 to 62.

The home crowd was ecstatic with joy with every point that our fired up T-Birds made. The T-Birds lead through the whole game. The lead varied from 1 to 20 points.

Of the five starters, **Dennis Ayl-**

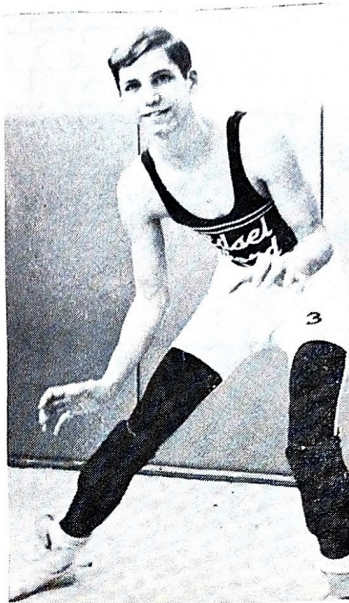
ward and **Bob Bores** were the only ones who scored in double figures. Aylward had 22 and Bores acquired 12 points.

Many games are won on the foul line and this one was no exception as the T-Birds sank 21 of 29 attempts to down the Melvindale Cardinals 61-58 and gain their first Sauk Trail basketball victory.

The Melvindale hoopsters carried a 28-27 half-time lead into the locker room, but a fiery attack by the Thunderbird Five gave Edsel the lead 41-32, allowing the Cards only four points in the third quarter. The Cardinals, however, refused to give up as they again took the lead 43-41 with two minutes gone in the fourth quarter. The contest was knotted up five times before **Ted Grignon** put Edsel ahead with less than three minutes left on the clock.

Three Edsel Ford starters scored in double figures in this game. **Dennis Aylward** led the offense with 16 points, while **Bob Keteyian** scored 12.

Sauk Trail Title Within Our Grasp



"Come on Tom, get a leg in, that's it, now try the guillotine!" These are some of the familiar cries that you hear from that 102 degree padded sweat box known as the wrestling room. The boys that compete in this sport are the boys who have as much intestinal fortitude (GUTS) as any athlete of any sport. With the team's present record of 4 wins and no losses, this is self evident.

With a team totaling 33 members, Coach Pat Wyka has a lot to work with. Out of the 33 there are 14 varsity wrestlers who are blessed with the duty of bringing home all the wins for the Thunderbirds. Even though official practice started in mid-October, most of the team worked out individually during the summer months, either at clinics or at home with their rubber sweatsuits and weights.

Taking a brief look at our sophomore possibilities, when practice first started, 60 sophomores came out for the team—now only 14 remain. Wrestling varsity in the 112 pound weight class, **Dennis Abraham**, 10B, proves that a sophomore can make it in his first year, if he's got the desire.

Now, moving to a more glorious event, "The Garden City Invitational". Our team did an excellent job at this meet, placing in the number three spot out of 18 class A schools. With individual performances by **Mark Rodak**, 11B, winning third place in the 103 pound weight class; **Fran Cullen**, 11B, 3rd 120 lbs; **Frank Blaszkowski**, 12B, 3rd 127 lbs; **Mike Sherman**, 12B, 4th 133 lbs; **Pat Carmichael**, 11B, 3rd 154 lbs; **Brian Guffrey**, 11B, 4th 165 lbs; and **Fred Kemp**, 12B 3rd 180 lbs., the T-Bird's performance proves that we've got a team capable of the Sauk Trail Championship.

The best individual win-loss record of the team is shared by four boys, **Fran Cullen**, with a record of 7-1; **Pat Carmichael**, also with a 7-1; **Frank Blaszkowski**, 6-1; and **Fred Kemp** holds a 5-1 record. **Fred** also holds the record for the fastest pin of the season, 31 seconds.

With a record for last year of 12 wins and one loss (to Ypsilanti), **Mr. Wyka** and his grapplers are going for an 11-0 record this year (the team has two less matches this year). When asking Coach Wyka about the possibilities of winning the Sauk Trail Championship, his reply was a very quick and explicit one, "If we can beat Ypsi, we can beat anyone."

Some of the returning lettermen and captains from last year are **Tom Mooney**, 11B, 95 pound class; **Frank Nastase**, 12B, co-captain; **Mike Sherman**, 12B, the other co-captain, and **Brian Guffrey**, 11B; **Fran Cullen**, and **Pat Carmichael**, 11B. Incidentally, there is a tremendous battle in the heavyweight division between serious **Tim Edwards** and junior **Tom Verill**.

Swimming Team Faces Stern Competition

The Dearborn - Edsel swimming meet turned out to be quite a success. Unfortunately, Edsel was not on the winning end. Although the meet was very close, Dearborn edged Edsel out by five points, with the final score Dearborn 55, Edsel 50.

Dearborn Meet

The tankers put up a strong battle to the very end. The power-packed swimmers seemed to have lost only by a fraction of a second. In many cases the winner had to be carefully decided by the judges. But one clear

fact was evident in this meet, the fact that **Ross Lindsay** broke the varsity backstroke record once again, (if you remember correctly, he broke the 100-yd. backstroke record in the meet against Fitzgerald, with a time of 1:01.2), this time beating his own time by one-tenth of a second.

Thurston - Trenton

The meet that proved very interesting was a double-dual meet with the three teams, Edsel, Thurston, and Trenton competing against each other. Edsel won the meet against Thurston with a final score of 61-49, but lost another very close meet by five points, when Trenton won with a final score of 55-50.

Sporting Events

Athletes Need Student Support

While most of the Edsel Ford students were enjoying the Christmas

vacation, members of the swimming, wrestling, and basketball teams were working hard to start off the New Year with a long string of victories.

Wrestlers must lose weight, swimmers must drop their times, basketballplayers must improve their accuracy, and all must maintain their conditioning. Athletes of all three winter sports make great sacrifices for Edsel Ford. It is not easy for a boy to get up early and go to school for two or three hours, especially on his vacation.

What sacrifices does the school demand of you? None, except the educational function.

So, why not come to more sporting events to support your team? Your presence will help your team on to victory. It takes an hour or two, one or two nights a week compared to the athlete's three or four hours, five days a week.

School spirit can only be expressed by your attendance and enthusiasm at a sporting event. Will we see you at the next sporting event to show that Edsel Ford has the spirit to keep it one of the best high schools in Dearborn?



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