

Synanon Offers Strength to Addict

Another drug assembly is scheduled in March, but this one promises to be different from the usual "I-am-a-doctor" type. The guest speakers at this assembly will be drug addicts.

Synanon, the Detroit chapter of a fast-growing group, will be sending a few of their residents to Edsel Ford in the hope that they will relate to students better than doctors and druggists have.

Synanon's basic therapeutic principle, borrowed from AA, is that only ex-addicts know how to handle addicts. As the newcomer lies on a couch in the main room day and night throughout his withdrawal, the residents take turns bringing him food and cigarettes, sitting beside him, massaging his aching muscles, and generally helping him to follow Synanon's motto: "Hang Tough."

After withdrawal, the addict begins a stringent, three-stage program which lasts two or three years. During the first stage, nothing is left up to the individual. He may not set foot outside the premises unless accompanied by a senior member.

Inmates who try to do what is expected and to stay off drugs will make out fine. But the senior members are quick to spot a fraud, and punishment usually takes the form of humiliation. Most crimes like swearing and lying, are punishable by signs: I AM A LIAR—DON'T TALK TO ME. The gravest offense, "copping out," receives the harshest punishment, a "haircut" (tongue lashing) administered by the entire group.

However, Synanon seems to be successful. At least half of the addicts admitted to its branch houses have not reverted to drugs so far.

Rio de Janeiro Sends A Vivacious Visitant

Maria Cristina de Alencastro Guimaraes has only one request. Please slow down when you talk to her. But if you speak fluent French, Portuguese or even Italian, then rattle on to your heart's content; for Cristina will be more than happy to chat with you.

The tall, tan, and lovely exchange student is from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Via Youth For Understanding, Cristina has come to America to learn about people her own age.

Cristina finds home life with her American sister, **Day Zanardelli**, 12A, (and Mr. and Mrs. Olinda Zanardelli) very enjoyable. Being an only daughter, she finds it exciting to have sisters.

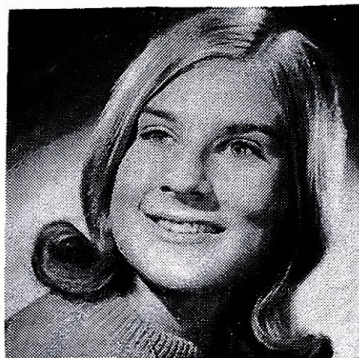
She is not used to living in a house. In Brazil, the majority of the living quarters are apartments.

Cristina hopes to find her goal in life by traveling extensively and gaining wide experience. She says, "I am

Fifty percent failure is a phenomenally low percentage when compared to the 90-99 percent failure of standard treatment at private clinics and government institutions, such as the hospital at Lexington, Kentucky.

If you still have questions about the Synanon program, come to the assembly or, better yet, visit the house in downtown Detroit. They love to have visitors and are more than willing to tell you anything you want to know.

Homemaker of Tomorrow Discovered at Edsel Ford



When senior **Marianne Kramarz** was informed by her counselor, Mr. James Irwin, that she had been named the 1969 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for Edsel Ford, she had an unusual reaction: she laughed.

All Edsel Ford senior girls took the Homemaker of Tomorrow examination in December, 1968; and Marianne received the highest score. She is now eligible for state and national scholarships and will be awarded a specially designed silver charm from General Mills, sponsor of the Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow.

Marianne confessed that she has had little background in homemaking, but has already formed an idea of the qualities an ideal homemaker should possess. She feels that the homemaker of today and tomorrow must be aware of almost every aspect of the world around her instead of limiting her role to that of a "cleaning woman."

The surprised winner plans to major in mathematics at Michigan State University and hopes to become a scientific computer programmer.



EDSEL FORD HIGH SCHOOL, DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

Fame, Fortune and Success Await Winner of Bolt Contest

The 1969 Edsel Ford literary magazine, formerly known as **The Pear Tree**, is temporarily nameless. The magazine staff (composed of **Bolt** staff members, under the editorship of **John Hanasack**, 12A) is in search of that certain name. So . . . a contest is in store for the best title.

When you consider the groovy prizes in store for the winner, you just can't avoid running to the dictionary and thesaurus. Now, the ol' brain is really ticking (right?!) . . . Eureka! you strike the title. You then immediately rush **your** title to A22; but beware of the title rush; we could not want **your** title trampled in the

process. Once you make it into the room and hand your title in, the seemingly endless wait begins.

Incidentally, some of the prizes include a year's subscription to the **Bolt**, an all-expense-paid trip to underground tunnels of Edsel Ford, and a year's pass for the elevator. But the most significant prize will be the immortality you will receive, for under **your** title will be **your** name, and who knows, **your** title could appear on the covers of the literary magazine for the next 15 years.

Dearborn Suffers Another Setback

Poor Dearborn High!

For the fourth time in the last month, Edsel Ford defeated its arch-rival in inter-school competition. After victories in basketball, wrestling, and swimming, Edsel came through with another triumph; this time in chess.

The Chess Club is a recently-formed organization sponsored by Mr. William Johnston. After electing officers—**Rex Phelps**, 11A, president; **Tom Zdeba**, 12A, vice-president; and **Margie Rundle**, 11A, secretary—the club began inter-school competition. The members then decided to initiate matches with other schools.

Nine of the thirteen chessmen who played in the February 4 match with Dearborn defeated their counterparts. The thirteen players are **John Walker**, 12A; **Rex Phelps**, 11A; **John Shields**, 12A; **Tom Shultz**, 11A; **Tom Zdeba**, 12A; **Tom Baron**, 11A; **Bert Moberg**, 10A; **Rick Osborne**, 11A; **Dave Little**, 11A; **Eugene Swope**, 10A; **Mike Gardner**, 12A; **Jim Kaiser**, 12A; and **Jerry Gritter**, 10A.



choosing now; and I am looking for something; I do not know what until I find it."

This trip will also enable Cristina to "become more mature." Her motto: "In knowing people I can understand many other things; that's why I am here."

School Presses Aided by SNA

Datelines of "spot news" articles which merit Page One placement in large newspapers often contain the initials of various wire services. Syndicates supply the same metropolitan journals with columns, cartoons, and editorials for their feature pages.

A feature article appearing on Page Three of the February 7, 1969, issue of the **Bolt** carried the dateline "Wylie Groves High (SNA)." The SNA, or Student News Association, is a high school counterpart of the news syndicates and wire services to which many metropolitan dailies subscribe. SNA's three purposes are (1) to facilitate exchange of pictures and articles among member schools, (2) to permit newstuffs to survey other student bodies, and (3) to allow journalism departments to work together in covering prominent persons who visit the Detroit area.

Two to three delegates representing the journalism departments of each of the eight participating high schools (Grosse Pointe South, Henry Ford, MacKenzie, Southfield, Franklin, Cass Technical, Wylie Groves, and Edsel Ford) attend the bi-weekly meetings. SNA is the brainchild of Wylie Groves student Kim Serota, who, as chairman, presides over the sessions. **Bolt** editor **Diane Carnevale** holds the office of secretary.

Soon after the first news, editorial, feature, and sports stories were cataloged, SNA broke news service precedent by making rather than distributing news: it was publicized on the Teen Page of the **Detroit News** in early December.

Edsel Ford Students Must Prevent Death Of A Nation

"The United States will eventually fly the Communist Red Flag . . . the American people will hoist it themselves."

—Nikita Khrushchev, 1962

That proverbial flagpole is becoming shorter every day, its height filled by riots, student unrest, and social revolution. Karl Marx, the mentor of modern Communism, said, "Communists everywhere support every revolutionary movement against the existing political order of things. The Communists disdain to conceal their aims." Could the black revolution, the bucking against the establishment, and the fast-growing SDS be a part of a communistic plot?

The breakdown of religion in American society and congressional legislation are tightening the rope. In recent years, Congress has appropriated six billion dollars for American fighter jets, railway equipment, synthetic rubber plants, and nuclear reactors to be given to the countries of Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, and to the U.S.S.R.

The Communist method of domination is sickeningly simple. It threatens attack and then prays on the fears of the people, causing them to dissent with the government. Therefore, the people fear the government is going to lead them into Communism. By telling the terrorized populace that their government will end the Communist threat, the blind sheep go marching off into the Communist dream, still believing it is a form of democracy, until it's too late. It's that simple, unless the people are kept informed.

Someone once said that democracy was a bad form of government . . . but all the others are so much worse. We the students of Edsel Ford and countless other high schools around the country are America's future. Only we can decide if the stars and stripes will fly over the United States of America or whether it will be torn down before it has reached its apex. We know that there is an infinite number of things wrong with our country, but Communism is not the solution to these problems.

"As long as capitalism and socialism exist we cannot live in peace; in the end, one or the other will triumph—a funeral dirge will be sung over either the Soviet Republics or over world capitalism."—Lenin. Are the Soviets preparing to tear down our flag to cover our casket? Is our dirge being composed? Will we stop the Red onslaught?

Bolt Staff's Attempts Heralded In Letter

Dear Bolt Staff:

I would like to commend you on the fine effort you are putting forth to adjust to the students needs. I am proud of your unbiased reporting of the inner turmoil which now grips our school. Anyone who doubts the improvement of the Bolt may pick up a copy of last year's Bolt. I believe the change in the Bolt has been possible because of student pressures and the understanding of the staff.

I SALUTE YOU, BOLT STAFF!

With tears in my eyes,

WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD JR.

How do we teach sportsmanship to our students?

Is it necessary for them to display such a lack of discipline and courtesy for the opposing team at the basketball games? Three weeks ago on a Friday night, I had the misfortune of sitting near a very small group of sophomore girls and boys who ripped a Melvindale banner with a brush as they walked by us. We carry and display banners that are not very complimentary to the opposing team. But they don't come and rip our signs; those who do are classified as having poor sportsmanship.

If these children can't stand a little razzing, they don't belong as our

team supporters. They not only show others that they are ill-bred, but they also give a bad name to the school and the rest of the student body.

So let's all get out and cheer our team to victory, but let's do it fairly. Let's not embarrass other students from other schools. They are our guests.

Signed,

A group of disgusted Juniors

Involvement Is Key To New Elective

How has the rash of student revolts developed? What contributes to the outbreak of riots? Can these and other happenings be studied and understood?

A new course in sociology offered at Edsel Ford now gives students an opportunity to study some of these current problems and the forces behind them. Through the efforts of social studies Mr. Jon Davis, this class which rounds out Edsel's social studies program and focuses on the American society itself, can be elected. A relatively new field that relates to scientific findings in the area of human behavior, sociology is designed for the student who is interested in an in-depth study of the American people today.

Lower Voting Age May Be Answer

by Crystal Yarlott

In June of 1968, Lyndon Baines Johnson stated that today's eighteen-year-olds are "prepared by education, experience, and public affairs" to vote at the age of 18. He proposed a 26th amendment which would uniformly reduce the voting age from twenty-one to a new national minimum of eighteen. Mr. Johnson continued, "The young people of America in this decade are far more ready, far better qualified, far more able to discharge the highest duty of a citizen than any generation of the past." Those who feel the majority of the young, would-be voters are radical, rioting college students must take heed of Johnson's praise, for no man since Lincoln has come under as much criticism from the young as has Johnson.

In our generation, physical maturity occurs two years earlier than in our parents' generation. Forty per cent of new brides are under twenty—and many are already raising children while their husbands are being drafted. The "identity crisis" is no longer a stage restricted to last-year teen-agers; it is now a problem of sixteen-year-olds. Twenty-one is the age when boys of medieval times could become knights. This magical number has become a symbol of maturity. Today, a child learns to reason inductively at the age of 12 and can form his own hypotheses much earlier. By the age of eighteen, he is more than ready to participate in national, state, and local elections.

The three years between the ages of 18 and 21 "are not (really) going to add to the emotional stability or maturity" of the individual. At eighteen, mental and intellectual growth is almost completed. "There is no surge of ability beyond the age of early adolescence as far as the basic ability to handle abstractions is concerned," states Dr. C. Keith Connors, director of the Child Development Laboratories at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Today, the teenager can be drafted, held fully responsible before the law, and receive the death penalty in some states; yet Georgia and Kentucky are

the only states entrusting the right to vote to their eighteen-year-olds. Alaska sets its limit at nineteen, and Hawaii's age minimum is twenty. Almost half the American population is under twenty-five. Why, then, can we not vote? American politics took a giant step forward when women and blacks won their voting rights. Dr. Thomas A. Shuffer, professor of pediatrics at Ohio State University, explains, "A teenager responds more sensibly to responsibility. Upheavals on U.S. campuses are the result of their not being given responsibility in the first place." The older generation will give us support and begin to bridge the generation gap when it entrusts the right to vote to eighteen-year-olds.



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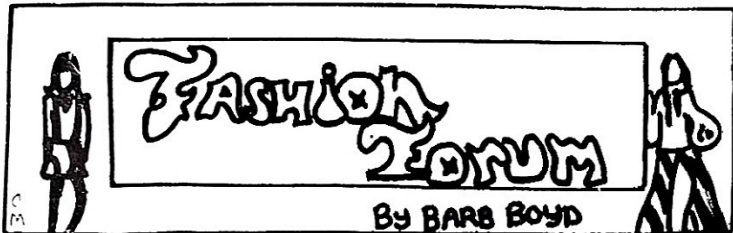
by Miss Evelyn Pugh

That the social ferment and restlessness of youth all over the world should reverberate in Edsel Ford is not surprising. Nor is it unusual that youth should want to question what is and to dream of what might be. Thoughtful young people are asking some very pertinent questions of the existing order in schools and colleges all over the country and indeed of society itself. Surely, some marked improvement may result from this concern and awareness. There must and will be change in order to usher in what we hope will be a healthier and more sound society than our contemporary one. However, I hope that the present skepticism of some of our youth concerning the Hebraic-Christian values, which have been the backbone of western civilization, will not degenerate into a cynical attitude of questioning the value of everything and knowing the value of nothing.

To counteract this negative attitude, there appears to be a groundswell of sentiment and determination among some of our students to affirm and live according to the values and rights which were cherished by our founding fathers. Several of these rights are the right to dissent and the right to express opinion. These are very precious ones which must be respected and preserved. However, an informed

opinion is far more valuable than an uninformed one. Maturity, experience, and professional background are requisites for structuring and implementing a curriculum. Attending school does not endow students with the professional competence to do this job any more than the patients at Oakwood Hospital are competent to prescribe for or operate upon other patients. They may make some very sensible observations as to what could be done to improve the situation or what they would like better. Likewise, students can recommend which would gratify their wants though not always their needs. Students should be invited to make suggestions for which they believe will result in improvements. These suggestions should be considered very seriously and should be effected if deemed possible and desirable. Reasons should be given for doing this and not doing that. In a climate of reason and mutual respect, both faculty and students should consider what **ought** to be done. Let us hope that we will **want** to do what we ought to do.

As we look to the future, faculty and students alike would do well to remember Reinhold Niebuhr's often quoted prayer: "Give us serenity to accept what cannot be changed, courage to change what should be changed, and wisdom to distinguish the one from the other."



While February remains cool, crisp, and snowy, fashion designers are once again at work creating next summer's wardrobes, designed for the very thin and the very thrifty. If your budget is limited, try buying fewer shorts, culottes, and shirts, etc. and mix and match the look with accessories. Hats (colorful, floppy, printed; or straw for the beach), belts, and Indian-printed scarves are inexpensive and will do wonders for last summer's wardrobe.

A glimpse at **Glamour** magazine shows, "The newest beach looks are either all bare or all covered up. Either way, pick your colors from the new stinging, sun-bright ones—the colors you wear a tan with." As for swim suits, summer's biggest attraction, colors are bright, styles are modest, and the look is "lean, body hugging." Current colors and styles include bright navy and rose printed in huge flowers on nylon tricot or bright yellow, green, or plum ribbed-knit bikinis. If you're a real fashion pacesetter, wear a bikini with a scarf, knitted turban-style hat, and small gold chain fitted around the waist.

If you're not quite in shape for swimsuits (and nothing is more truthful to your figure than a swimsuit), don't count on small ruffled skirts or bright, bold prints to hide your bulges. On the contrary, they will accent them.

Pass-Fail Commented On

As the student nears the end of a semester and the prospect of some ten final exams, he might desperately ask, "Why all this fuss; why can't I just pass or fail?"

Mr. James Irwin of the Human Relations Department believes one reason for having our present grading system involves the many colleges which the majority of our graduates will attend. Colleges want to know if an applicant is an A student or a C student, not merely whether or not he passed." In Mr. Irwin's opinion, one possible result of the pass-fail system could be a lack of motivation on the part of some students, but he admits, of course, "it could work the other way around."

French teacher Miss Virginia Wal-



The villagers of the town gather together as Laural Pilch pronounces Sam Sicilia and Sandy Slavin man and wife in this year's musical, "Brigadoon."

Scottish Charm Is Spreading!

"It's Almost Like Being in Love," is just one of the fabulous songs you will hear this year when Edsel Ford presents its annual musical, **Brigadoon**. The all-school play will be presented March 20, 21, and 22 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium.

Brigadoon tells a story of a young American and his companion who come across a village in the highlands of Scotland, one that is not listed on any map. They discover that it is an enchanted town that comes to life for one day every one hundred years through a miracle. The American falls in love with Fiona, one of the girls of the village, but is told he must leave. He returns to New York but misses Fiona too much to stay. He goes back to Scotland where, by the power of love, he awakens the sleeping town long enough to join Fiona.

The students playing leads are seniors, **Charlene Moravec**, **Bill Hendricks**, **Sam Sicilia**, **Laura Pilch**, **Sandy Slavin**, and juniors, **Dale Van Dorp** and **Karen Rogers**. The director of the play is Mr. Neil Brown; student directors are **Janice Graham** and **Lorna Chaplick**.

Jeanne McLeod, a recognized authority on Scottish folk dances, is directing three of the dances and

generally overseeing the dancing. All of the dancers and the chorus are working extremely hard to make this play as authentic as possible; even the bagpipe player will be for real. This musical promises to be most exciting, so come and bring a friend.

First-Class Man Is What He Wants; What He Gets Is . . .

By Mike Wilson, Wylie Groves High (SNA)

I'm what you might call a cynic. I look at a teenager smoking and drinking and tell him that all he's doing is trying to make the first-class "incrowd." He laughs at me and lights up a cigarette, mockingly. I see a guy make fun of another behind his back and tell him he's only debasing himself to the rest of the crowd. He laughs and mutters something like "Wait'll the gang hears about this."

I see an average student glancing at another fellow's paper to get a "B" instead of a "B-", to make sure he gets into a good college instead of just an above-average one and I tell him that he is just cheating himself, that he may grow too fond of skirting "just this once." "Besides," say I, "the grading is on a curve, and you're cheating everyone else by considering yourself outside the law which governs the rest who are only 'created equal!'"

I ponder the guy who goes to church every morning, dressed, pressed, and blessed, and ask him, as he pushes himself into the crowd and out of church, why he bothers to attend service, since he thinks only of temporal matters, if he is awake, and he never even bothers to sing since he is very tired. But he cannot hear me because he is rushing to his car, to get into the exit line first, so he doesn't have to honk at too many cars which might get in his way.

I look at the people around me, and whom do I see? I see man—simple, weak, mortal man. I am a cynic. And I laugh.

dinger feels the pass-fail grading system is an unsatisfactory method of evaluating student achievement. Even though the system would be easier for teachers, she believes "the students themselves would not care for it."

On the basis of her experience in teaching under a satisfactory-unsatisfactory grading system, Miss Evelyn Pugh of the English Humanities Department thinks this system could upset parents and cause students to feel insecure. On the other hand, she stated, "I personally see no objections to it."

So, the next time you're faced with the prospect of seemingly endless final exams, remember that, even with a pass-fail grading system, there are still going to be some hang-ups.

TIME OUT

by norm de angelis

It's too bad the major league baseball players are thinking of going out on strike. A strike would put an end to the legendary practice of taking the Michigan Ave. bus to old (but not so good) Tiger Stadium. An interesting thing happened to me once when a bunch of my friends wanted to go to a Tiger game.

After getting a ride up to Michigan (no one had drivers' licenses yet), we took the bus to the stadium. It was a sweep for our Bengals, as they defeated the Minnesota Twins in a two-night doubleheader. The victories came at a crucial time, late in the ill-fated '67 pennant drive. Our adventure, however, had only begun. My companions—**Tom Hand, Apple Adamczak, Bob West, and Giacinto (John) Faiola**—all agreed to take the bus home. This decision was to be our Waterloo, as they say in high-class literature books. The whole mess started when we found that the bus headed for our destination was completely filled. As Rob pounded on the door of the bus, one passenger leaned out the window and said, "Say man, I don't know what song dat is, but you sure got a crazy beat."

We finally decided to take the bus to Wyoming, which left us on the outskirts of Dearborn. After a slight jaunt, we came upon a dumpy little shack, where we tried to call our parents. There was no answer. WE WERE DESPERATE!!

The time was near midnight now, and everyone was debating who would receive the most strict punishment. Eventually, Rob called home and his older brother gave us a ride. He was going to explain everything to my folks; he would make my parents understand.

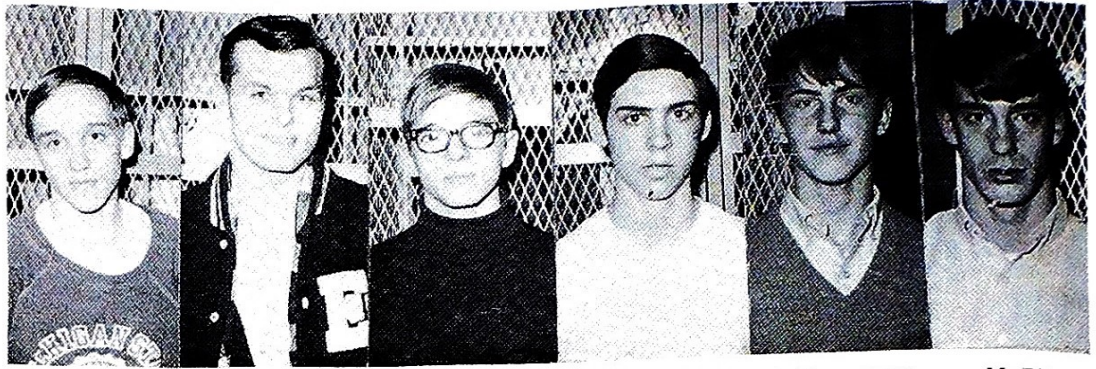
When I got home, everyone was sound asleep.

Dearborn High Rests in Peace; Interred by Tankers, Grapplers

While Edsel Ford was out-wrestling Dearborn High, a jam-packed crowd watched the Edsel Ford tankers defeat the Pioneers in swimming, 56-49. Edsel rebounded from a previous loss to Dearborn and recorded their third victory in the Sauk Trail League. The win was a great team effort, but various individuals stood out as great competitors.

Sophomore **Mike Riker** won two events, one of them in the 200-yard individual medley on a referee decision with a time of 2:13.3. **Jerry Reimer**, 11A, also turned in a fine performance with victories in two events, the 400-yard freestyle with a time of 4:17.6 and a record-breaking time 1:56.6 in the 200-yard freestyle. In diving, junior **Jim MacBeth** took first place honors with 163 points.

Edsel will host Wayne, Thursday, February 27. If the swimmers can defeat Wayne, the Sauk Trail League championship will be determined be-



P. Murtaugh

B. Sutt

J. Olinik

D. Danielson

J. Beyronneau

M. Riker

Sophomores Succeed in Varsity

The new sophomores who enter Edsel Ford have many ambitions. The young athlete hopes to letter in a sport on his first try. This year, six sophomore boys have earned their letters. The first sophomore to earn his letter was **Pete "The Streak" Murtaugh**. Pete, a small, fragile-looking young man, participated in one of Edsel's most grueling sports: cross-country. Pete held the number-one varsity spot for a good part of the season until he had an attack of the flu. He presently holds the school record for the two-mile run.

Bill Sutt, a great-looking quarterback, played a great deal this year, filling the spot of **Pat Carmichael**, who suffered occasional injuries. Sutt's running, passing, and scrambling abi-

lities are impressive.

Jeff Olinik is small but mighty. At 103 pounds, he's one of the most outstanding E.F. wrestlers. His most recent achievement is an overall victory at the Garden City West Novice Invitational. Jeff had to wrestle five times in one day to clinch the victory.

"**Chick**" **Danielson**, at 5'8" isn't too effective under the boards but is deadly at twenty feet and beyond. At the moment, Chick is averaging close to ten points per game; his season high is fifteen. His height is an advantage because the opposing team doesn't tend to guard him too closely. So, when Chick gets that ball, the fans mentally add two points to the score.

I'm rapidly running out of room for this story, and I have two more

people to discuss. These two outstanding sophomore swimmers are **Mike Riker** and **Jack Beyronneau**. Riker swims in the 200-yard individual medley. So far this season, he has come through in some tight spots with some big points. Beyronneau is a master of the diving board. The team of Jack Beyronneau and **Jim MacBeth** is a deadly duo.



There is an old adage, "You can't have your cake and eat it too." However, it seems that no one told the Edsel Ford varsity athletes about it. Edsel Ford's came in the form of the Birmingham Seaholm wrestlers and the Dearborn High wrestlers and swimmers.

The Birmingham team proved to be a tough opponent, definitely not the Duncan Hines variety, which is moist and easy to cut. However, with fine efforts by **Brian O'Grady**, 12A; **Brian Guffrey**, 12A; and **Tom Verrill**, 12A; the T-Birds gobbled them up without a glass of water. The final score was 22-21, in favor of Mr. Pat Wyka's boys.

Dearborn's grapplers were a little easier to digest. The Pioneers fell to the Thunderbirds, 25-17. Tom Verrill again provided the victory margin with a first period pin, and Brian Guffrey turned back Dearborn's surge with a second period pin. **Gary Schauer**, 11A, was the high-point man in the meet, downing his opponent, 11-4. The sympathy of the Bolt sports department goes to junior **Larry Bell**, who lost a tough 1-0 decision.

Mr. Mike Zinn got his revenge for an earlier loss to the Pioneer tankers. By my calculations, the 56-49 victory gave the T-Birds a share of the Sauk Trail League swimming title. Half a loaf is better than none.

As I hear it, there is a bit of dissent on the varsity basketball squad. It seems that a few of the second-string players are dissatisfied with sitting on the bench while the starters run up the score. Personally, I agree that they should play when the difference in the score is over 15 in the closing minutes; but I also think that if they have a complaint to make they should see Mr. Skip Domke, not me.

Track Seeks Recruits; Five Battle For Gloves

"This track team isn't going to be a junior high team. If you distance people don't start running now, you're gonna die. It's that simple." These were Assistant Coach Jack Bridges'

closing words at the first 1969 track meeting. With an attendance of close to fifty boys, the coaches will have some weeding-out to do before they select runners for the upcoming Huron Relays.

The majority of the team is composed of returning lettermen and a few sophomores. With last year's graduating class, close to forty per cent of the team was lost; there is room in almost every event for anyone who wants to work. Some of the league champs returning this year are seniors **John Ossenmacher** and **Pat Watts**, both hurdlers; **Joe Trautwein** and **Ken Cornell**, shotputters; and **Steve Gee**, pole vaulter. Juniors **Rich Cadwell** and **Doug Teachout**, also league champions, will be back competing in the two-mile run and the 220-yard dash, respectively.

The boxing arena will become a battleground as boys from all over Southeastern Michigan compete in the Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament, February 22, at 8 p.m. at Sacred Heart High School. Fifteen Dearborn boys will compete in various classes according to weight, age, and experience. Five of the Dearborn boys are from Edsel Ford: **Rick Barry**, 11A; **Doug Ballinik**, 12A; **Dan Dumas**, 10A; **Kent Weatherford**, 10A; and **John Wenskay**, 12A.

tween Edsel Ford and Dearborn High on March 4 and 5 in the League play-offs. They have split in their two meetings thus far this season.

Pins by seniors **Brian Guffrey** and **Tom Verrill** gave the Thunderbirds a close 25-17 victory over cross-town rival Dearborn last week.

The T-Birds jumped to an early 12-0 lead on decision victories by **Tom Mooney**, 12A; **Jeff Olinik**, 10A; **Mark Rodak**, 12A; and **Dennis Abraham** 11A. However, the Pioneers came roaring back and narrowed the score to 12-11 with a pin sandwiched between a pair of decisions. After **Gary Schauer**, 11A, tallied three points for Edsel with an easy 11-4 victory, Dearborn captured the lead with two close decision wins. Brian Guffrey regained the lead for Edsel by pinning his opponent with 49 seconds remaining in the second period. Verrill then sewed up the victory for Edsel by downing his man in only 56 seconds.