



**Dateline: Derby**  
By  
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**Area High Schools Begin Debates On 90% Parity**

Preliminary rounds began recently in the annual debate contest sponsored by the Michigan high school forensics association under the auspices of the University of Michigan.

Area high schools participating, with their debate coaches, include Birmingham, Charles Thunaser; Troy, Lawrence Large; Bloomfield Hills, Clarence Slocum; Cranbrook, William Usellis, and Southfield, Dan Juler.

The competition offers the state's top debaters a total of \$2800 in scholarship awards donated by the Detroit Free Press.

The 202 participating high schools will debate the topic: "Resolved, that the Federal government should sustain the prices of major agricultural products at not less than 90 per cent of parity."

All teams will complete the equivalent of two home and two away debates before the start of regional elimination tournaments in February.

The fourth copy of the home-room 205 "Derbian" came out for members of Mr. Albert Bink's homeroom class. Editor is Paul Dutton; co-editor, Bruce Berry; in charge of class opinions, Janice Page; in charge of sports, Les Carter, and jokes, Dave Sanborn.

Mrs. Julie Candler of The Birmingham Eccentric has been invited to visit homeroom 205 to talk about journalism.

Thanksgiving music was played last Wednesday over the P.A. system. There were many exhibits in the corridors and in the rooms to provide a holiday feeling throughout the school.

**College Reps Meet With BHS Students**

Throughout the school year every junior and senior at Birmingham high school has opportunities to talk with representatives from various colleges and universities around the country. Interviews with representatives take place in the Maple room or lobby and last for one period only. Attendance at these interviews varies greatly, ranging from 50 to 60 to as few as one or two.

Colleges and universities represented at the high school this far this year include Wells, Rockford, Smith, Alma, Kenyon, Wittenburg, Lindenwood, Vassar, Stephens, Christian, Carleton, Milwaukee-Downer, DePaul, Oberlin, Colgate, Yale, Harvard, and MIT.

**Proscenium Plans Winter Productions**

Heading plans for Birmingham high school's Proscenium this year are a Christmas assembly and a winter play.

Scripts for the winter play are now getting their final reading. F. J. McGinnis is in charge of the committee choosing the play which William Kugel, Proscenium adviser, has consented to direct.

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