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## NEWS OF THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

### Derby Science Department Revises School Program

By TERRY GERMANSON  
Special Writer

As the football season draws to a close, Derby will be mulling its swimming and basketball teams. Tryouts begin Nov. 11 for the swimming team and Nov. 13 for basketball.

The Science Department, headed by Mr. David Vovdanoft, has revised its program very drastically within the last two years. The rapid progress of modern science has made it necessary for students to become more knowledgeable in this area.

The 9th grade General Science course has been renewed. The study now covers three main topics: biology of the human body, physics and chemistry. Two marking periods are spent on each subject. Since this is the last required course in science, Derby is trying to give the students "a taste of everything" in case they do not pursue this field further.

**THE PHILOSOPHY**, "learn by doing", is employed in teaching General Science. Student participation is emphasized and many experiments are done. Even though equipment is far short of the ideal, the course is proving a very successful one.

The 7th and 8th grade courses were reorganized last year. The 7th grade covers geology, astronomy, weather, and space are taken up in the 8th grade.

Biology is being offered to a selective group of 9th graders who receive accelerated credit for the course. This group may pursue the high school courses in Honors Science. Mr. Kenneth Kasmarck, who studied at the University of Wisconsin this summer on a government grant, is teaching Biology this year.

The Independent Studies Class will be sponsoring "The Saloon Stomp" on Nov. 22.

THE PARENT Teacher Association

of Derby Jr. High is sponsoring an Open House on Nov. 14th at 8 a.m. Objectives of the Open House are to help the parent-better acquainted with Derby, get a closer look at the schedule of his child by brief visits to each of his classes, to meet the teachers and learn something of what the student is studying in junior high.

The PTA will conduct its annual membership and contribution drive during the evening. Contributions are used for items not covered by school taxes such as projectors and other audiovisual equipment, library books and a projected parents' handbook.

### Groves Band To March On Turkey Day

By PAM CARPENTER  
Special Writer

Groves' marching band is getting ready for their march in the Hudson Thanksgiving Day Parade. Our band was one of 10 bands chosen from 100 to participate in this annual event. Mr. Burton Bronson is director.

The 1964 Talon, Groves' yearbook, goes on sale Monday. Cost of the book will be the same as last year, \$1.00. In charge of sales are Sherry Lugers, Marilyn Klotz and Royann Kitzky.

Parents are needed as leaders of discussion groups for the Junior Great Books program. If the program is to be successful, and to continue or expand, help is needed. For further information contact Mrs. Kathryn Peters at school: MI 4-9300.

PARENTS attended school following their children's schedules, Tuesday, Nov. 12. Teachers planned programs for parents to give examples of their teaching procedures and goals.

Derby, Berkshire, Seaholm, Burman and Groves, attended a joint monthly press conference held at Groves, with Dr. John B. Smith, superintendent of Birmingham Schools. Staff of the school paper, the Scripitor, hosted this meeting.

Winter sports teams are getting ready for their season meets. The first basketball game will be Nov. 29. Mr. Thomas Carson is coach and the team captain is Bill Stephenson.

GROVES' boys named to the all conference football team are Larry Judd, guard; Dave Kaweck, fullback; Bill Stephenson, quarterback—first team; Tom McKennie, guard; Pete Johnson, tackle; and Al Proctor, halfback—second team. Rob Vibbert, Neil Granader and Randy Fraser placed honorable mention.

Senior powerpuff team played Bloomfield Hills on Groves' field, last Thursday.

### Cranbrook Offers Scholarships to 9th, 10th and 11th Grades

Scholarships up to \$1,500 are again being offered by Cranbrook School for the coming year 1964-65. Applicants must be eligible for the 9th, 10th or 11th grades by September, 1964.

Although there is no fixed number or size of grants, approximately 12 per cent of the students at Cranbrook receive financial aid. Applications, which must be received by March 1, may be obtained by writing to Howard Wert, Director of Scholarships, Cranbrook School, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., 48013.

Robert Hurley, assistant football coach at Wayne State University, led the Big Ten with a 6.3 rushing average in 1963 while playing fullback at the University of Michigan.



### How to Cut A Pumpkin

Halloween provided Ken Peters, social studies teacher at Seaholm, with an excellent opportunity to show foreign students a few American customs. Peters invited students attending American schools under the Youth For Understanding and American Field Service programs, to a pumpkin-cutting party at Mrs. Earl Bement's home at 1220 Whitmore, Bloomfield Hills. Here Peters (right), holds the pumpkin steady for Peter Podervart from Brussels, Belgium, and Marie Burbano from Quito, Ecuador.

### Fall Play Rehearsals Begin at Cranbrook

By DOUGLAS LIEBERMAN  
Special Writer

Cranbrook's Dramatics club, Erpaterston, has begun rehearsals for their fall presentation, Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Ernest", under the direction of Mr. Temple Licklider. The cast includes Steve Senter, Bill Wood, J. T. Kuhlman, Jim McQuaid and Ted Baldwin, with Pat Pagan, Carol Cole, Connie Green and Anne Clark from Kingswood.

The plot concerns two silly young men in love with two silly young women, who insist that their fiancée must be named Ernest. From here the plot spins into a witty tale about life, love and relatives.

Also recently announced were the names of five Cranbrook students who have been awarded letters of Commendation by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

### Kingswood Places 9 On Hockey Team

By BETTY KRAUSE  
Special Writer

Nine Kingswood girls were chosen for the All-Detroit field hockey teams, and two received honorable mention, on Nov. 2. From the games on Hockey Play Day, a Detroit committee chose players for these teams from six area schools. Mary Weir, Terry Lerchen, Anne Clark, Kathy Shore and Fran Fredericks made the All-Detroit Varsity. Julie Williams and Liza Barnard were put on the Reserve, with Crys Jones receiving an honorable mention. These two teams were chosen from the school's Varsity team.

On the All-Detroit Second Team are Kris Knudsen and Jackie Dorer, with Sue Durvey receiving an honorable mention. These girls were picked from the Reserve.

THE STUDENT Cabinet will present the first vesper service of the year on Nov. 17. This is a religious service sponsored each year by the Cabinet at Christ Church Cranbrook.

The guest speaker will be Mr. James McAlpin, the chaplain at Oakland University, who will give a talk about student views on religion. Father Goodstein will read a lesson from the Bible and Steve O'Grady is to read a prayer.

Four teachers from Kingswood attended meetings last weekend. On the eighth and ninth, Mrs. Daunic and Mr. Urban were present for the conference of the Independent Schools Association of the Central States in Chicago. The same weekend, Mrs. Bass and Mrs. Spencer attended the workshop in Pontiac for teachers of social studies.



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### Bloomfield Chooses AFS Semi-Finalists

By TERI SEIBERT  
Special Writer

Semi-finalists for the 1964 American Field Service summer and school year program were announced Nov. 4 at Bloomfield Hills High School. The students include Barbara Calhoun, Gregory Lee, Geoffrey Smith and Gretchen Twitmyer.

The students were chosen on the basis of two interviews. The initial screening was conducted by a committee of students and adults, which was headed by Mrs. Judith Hart, A.F.S. local chairman. Applicants and their parents were questioned further by Mr. John Cowen, A.F.S. representative to BHHS.

After consideration of the students' applications with those who have been submitted by foreign families, A.F.S. officials in New

York will notify the semi-finalists of their acceptability next spring.

**MUSIC AND** fall sports are the main features of two all-school assemblies which are being presented this week.

Richard Elissaaser, noted pianist, will perform several musical selections for students today. Mr. Elissaaser will be featured at the dedication concert of the new or music department recently. The concert will be held in the gymnasium at 8:00 p.m.

Students who have participated in fall sports will receive recognition at a sports achievement assembly tomorrow.

**RUSSIA**, its people and its customs, will be the topic which John Shiozaki, a lecturer from Charlotte, Michigan, will discuss at an assembly Dec. 4.

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