

Girls make their presence known

By BARBARA UNDERWOOD

Fifty years ago, Detroit Country Day School (DCDS) was founded-for boys only.

As recently as five years ago, it still was an all-male school, but in September 1972, girls were admitted for the first time and their enrollments are increasing gradually.

From only two girls in the class of 1973, this year 15 of the 52 seniors are girls and nine of them have been at DCDS since they were in the ninth grade, the year the school opened for girls.

While girls may not have taken over the school, they are making their presence known to their male classmates.

For instance: There was no student council until last spring. Its president now is Kathy Keller of Birmingham

and vice president is Pat Jensen of Detroit—both were in the first class president last year, the first time a girl has been class president at DCDS. Kathy also is yearbook business manager.

YEARBOOK EDITOR is Andrea Ratz of Birmingham, also a senior. Sue Bachman of Southfield, another senior, does art work and layout for the yearbook and Nancy Shapiro of Southfield is a member of the service club and a junior member of the board of directors of the American National Red Cross.

Other girls who have been at DCDS for all four high school years are Linda Angell of Farmington, Julie King of Bloomfield Hills, Leslie Thomas of Pleasant Ridge and Cheryl Williams of Southfield. All are active in several areas of school life.

What is it like to be one of a few girls in a male-oriented school?

"The boys were overly polite at first, but it just seems normal now," Sue said.

"Most of the boys were not used to going to school with girls and they never expected girls here," Andrea commented. "They opened doors and carried our books at first."

"BUT IT DIDN'T LAST," Pat added. The boys still open doors but no longer carry books, she explained.

A plus to being in the minority is that it is possible to get to know boys "more on a friendship basis because that's who your friends are in school," Andrea said. "I never knew guys in public school."

One of the major areas where changes have been made since the girls' arrival on the DCDS campus, 13 Mile and Lahser roads in Beverly Hills, has been in sports.

"There was no athletic program for girls at first," Pat recalled.

"They weren't sure how to treat girls in athletics. They had never run a woman's athletic team and there was no coach," Andrea added.

SUE RECALLED the "a teacher taught field hockey to the girls with a book in one hand."

But things are different today. There are nine sports in which a letter can be earned and this year, for the first time, girls can play teams from other schools in a private school league.

Four letters are required for membership in the school's "D" Club. When Andy, Kathy and Pat attended their first meeting it was hard for the boys to accept them, Andrea said.

"They didn't think girls should be in the varsity club," she added. "They would have loved it if we hadn't been there."

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OAKLAND AND WAYNE COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Special Election of Clarenceville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan, will be held in said School District on Monday, January 19, 1976.

TAKE NOTICE, THEREFORE, that any qualified elector of said School District who is not already a registered elector of the aforesaid School District may register at the following places on the days and hours indicated:

PLACES: For those persons living within the School District and living within the City of Livonia:

Livonia City Hall
33001 Five Mile Road
Livonia, Michigan 48152

For those persons living within the School District and within the Township of Redford:

Redford Township Hall
15145 Beech Road
Redford Township, Wayne County
Detroit, Michigan 48229

For those persons living within the School District and within the City of Farmington Hills:

Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48024

DAYS AND HOURS:

Each day during office hours until December 22, 1975 until five o'clock, P.M., Local Time

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION:

December 22, 1975 but not after five o'clock, P.M., Local Time on said date

TAKE NOTICE, that those qualified electors who have not heretofore registered with the Clerk of the City or Township in which such elector resides must do so to be eligible to vote in the forthcoming election. Those qualified electors who are duly registered to vote in the area in which they reside within this School District at said Special Election need not re-register.

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER, that at said election there will be presented to the electorate an operating millage renewal proposition.

By Order of the Board of Education
Thomas C. Wilson
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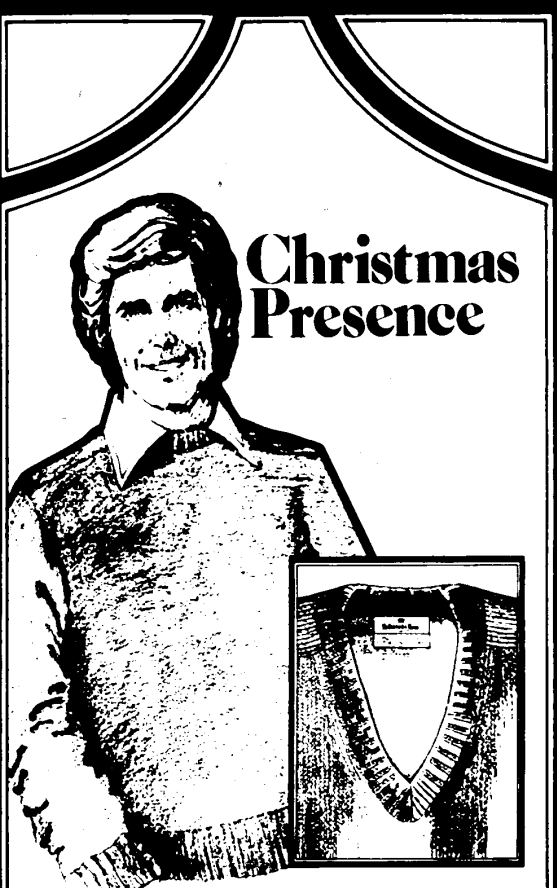
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