

Appreciation Course in Music Liked by Students

The first music appreciation course at F.H.S. ends this semester, and the students will leave with a greater knowledge of "types of music," musical background, lives of composers, popular music, and how to compose music," which were the main areas covered in the class.

Peggy Schreiber, senior, believes that she has "gained a greater appreciation for the composers, than I had before." She encourages students to take the course "because it is very valuable."

"I would encourage kids to take it because you learn a lot about the theory of music, and therefore learn to appreciate it," is the opinion of Junior, Carol Charles.

Sharonne Brown, senior, thinks that all students interested in music should take the course, but Janet Bollier, sophomore, is of the opposite frame of mind, stating that "you learn to like music by taking music appreciation."

The library has purchased over \$100 worth of records for the class, and as a result we have a wonderful selection," commented Mrs. Dorothy Feucht, instructor of the class.

There will not be a course in music appreciation next semester but Mrs. Feucht hopes that students will apply for it next fall.

Journalism I Class to Start

A new Journalism I course will be presented next semester to a group of 25 juniors in preparation for work on next year's Blue and White staff or Journalism II class, as it will then be known.

The new one-semester course will prepare students in writing for newspaper publication. It will also cover the Blue and White press room, showing page make-up, set-up, etc.

The inauguration of this new course will enable Journalism students to learn more about the writing techniques which this year's students had to learn in a five to six week period. This would mean that the Blue and White issue within the second or third week of school next fall. In the past the first issue has appeared on the sixth or seventh week of school.

Juniors interested in Journalism in their senior year must enroll in Journalism I class during the next semester. Sophomores will sign up for the course when they enroll in other classes during the spring.

Blue and White advisor, Lee S. Peel, stated, "The procedures to be used in the selection of next year's Blue and White staff will be determined by past English grades, Journalism I grades, etc." D.C.

—Alumni News—

Bob Markham, Class of '54, has been stationed with the U.S. Army in France for 19 months. He will be stationed there for another 11 months. His wife and baby son are with him.

Russ Desmelik, Class of '56, and Jerry Urquhart, Class of '57, sophomores and freshmen, respectively, at the University of Michigan have pledged Zeta Psi. Dennis Coffman, Class of '54, is attending Brandeis University in Massachusetts. He is studying political science.

He worked as a copy boy at the Detroit Free Press last summer and plans to do the same during future vacations.

Dennis and Mike Walker, who is attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology, see each other frequently.

Mary Jo Fisher, Class of '57, is engaged to Ed Andrews, Class of '57. A spring wedding is being planned.

Donna Hamlin, Class of '56, has announced her engagement to Dave Seltz. They plan to be married February 14.

Larry Hart, Class of '57, is presently attending Highland Park Junior College. He is studying "engineering."

Carol Reed, Class of '57, has been pinned by Chuck Urquhart, Class of '56, Chuck is a junior at University of Michigan, and Carol is a freshman at Central.

Jon Schultz, Class of '55, has returned to Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois where he is a junior. He has recently decided to major in English for his undergraduate degree.

Following his graduation next year he plans to attend a divinity school in St. Louis.

Kathy Boswell, Class of '57, and Roger Fendt, Class of '56, have announced their engagement. No definite date has been set for the wedding. S.J.L.

Words should be employed as the means, not as the end; language is the instrument, conviction is the work.

—Sir Joshua Reynolds

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Farmington High News

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NANCY DePODESTA

Named Winner Of D.A.R. Award

Nancy DePodesta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank DePodesta, 22855 Walsingham, has been named recipient of the 1958 Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award.

The award is given annually to a girl in the graduating class who is outstanding in dependability, service, leadership, responsibility, and patriotism.

The Senior Class nominates three girls for the award and the faculty makes the final decision. Nancy attended Cooley High School for two years where she participated in Y-Teens and Art Club.

While here at Farmington she has participated in the Junior Play, served on the Student Council, and been elected an officer in both the Art Club and the Trip Club.

Talent Show

The annual Farmington High School talent show will be held in the gymnasium on Saturday, January 11, at 8 p.m.

Several vocal numbers will be rendered as well as piano playing, comedian acts and performances by pantomimists. Following the talent show, a dance will be held with music provided by records. Proceeds from the dance will be turned over to the Student Council Fund.

A forest fire lookout employed by the Conservation Department at Big Bay in Marquette County bears the name of Forrest A. Burns.

The Nile is the world's longest river. Rising in Ethiopia, it flows 1,435 miles before emptying into the Mediterranean, says the National Geographic Society.

Goodwill is the one and only asset that competition cannot undersell nor destroy.

—Marshall Field

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Obituary

Charles F. Gow

Charles Gow, 112 Dunlop, Northville, passed away January 4 in Receiving Hospital, Detroit.

He was born in Germany December 16, 1872, the son of Carl and Marie (Witt) Gow and was brought to the United States when nine months old. He had resided in and around Farmington his whole lifetime.

His wife, Bertha, preceded him in death in 1936.

He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Gordon (Mona) Damon of Ferndale; three sons, Earl W. Gow of Detroit; Charles Gow of Plymouth and Donald Gow of Livonia; thirteen grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; one brother, John Gow of Novi; three sisters, Mrs. Augusta High of Pontiac; Mrs. Ella Berry of Baltimore, Maryland; and Mrs. Louise McCallan of Walled Lake.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday from the Spencer J. Heene Funeral Home with Rev. Carl H. Schultz of the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church officiating.

Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

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S. H.

Local College Freshmen Suggest Some Instruction Improvements

The annual principal-freshman conferences were held during November and December at five of Michigan's leading colleges—U. of M., Western, State, Eastern, and Albion.

The conferences gave the forty 37 F.H.S. graduates interviewed an opportunity to discuss the common problems of adjustment between high school and college and to evaluate their high school and college programs, policies, and counseling.

The majority of the students were satisfied with their choice of colleges and felt that adjustment between high school and college was not particularly difficult.

The students did have several suggestions for improving high school instruction, though, which would make the adjustment less difficult.

Many students felt that high schools should teach their students better study habits. This included more homework, practice in taking notes and a class in reading improvement.

It was suggested that there should be more composition and essay work assigned in the classes.

Several freshmen believed that math and science should be required in high school. They stated that science instructors should put more emphasis on laboratory technique and teach more theory and reasoning. (Math and science are required, as of the Class of '59).

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