CHALLENGE YOUR ASSUMPTIONS

DRAGON 1992
WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

"Moving from Florida was a big change academically. I went to school 7½ hours there and here it's 6, but we did have a larger course selection."

—Becky Zitzman

Each day students are greeted with a warm smile from parking lot attendant Dave Hart. His duties included checking for passes and patrolling the lot. Photo—Rumps.

Transfer student Karen Jogees pays close attention to a discussion on THE ILIAD in her A.P. English class. The senior was pleased with the variety of courses offered at Orion. Photo—Yamasaki.

Participating in spirit week's college day, Mr. Mark soddenwall shows off his M.S.U. sweatshirt. The first semester student-teacher was an English major at Michigan State. Photo—Rinehart.

Superintendent Mr. Robert Bass attends his first Homecoming pep assembly. Bass assessed the teaching staff and the administrative and community support as strengths of the district. Photo—Rinehart.
Oh, those strenuous tests!

Pressure

As it right to have most of a college future depend on those three grueling hours of ACT testing? The gut-wrenching terror of extensive tests did cause some worry and frustration. "Taking the ACT was very stressful, not to mention it drained my brain!" recalled Nancy Brown.

Putting effort into the MEAP and PSAT tests wasn't the top priority for Brian Zurla. "It didn't affect our grades so I didn't try my hardest."

But Steve Brewer wished he'd taken the practice test before the PSAT and felt he didn't take exam preparation as seriously as he should have.

Test preparation came in very handy for some. Christy Buchanan went to a practice workshop in Ann Arbor to help prepare for major tests. "I read through my PSAT booklet and took the practice test; all of that and the workshop made me feel I did well."

How did Orion do overall? The subjects tested in the MEAP were math, science, and reading. Lake Orion's reading results from 1990-91 were about average for the state, but slightly above average in science, and below in math. In the ACT test local students again did better in English than math.

Trying to improve school district results by setting goals, defining objectives, and providing improved programs were only a few of the areas covered in Public Act 25, the new state law designed to monitor educational success. In charge of PA 25 for Orion, Dr. Sherry Anderson saw the assessment work during half day inservices benefitting the school as a whole. "To become productive citizens, commit to quality work with pride in accomplishment, and demonstrate communication and interpersonal skills were only a few of many goals set for students."

The MEAP test isn't serious business for junior Casey Smith. He didn't even look at half of the questions. "If it would of counted, it would have been different." Photo—Rumpa.

At the table in the main lobby, Mike Sutherland joins his friends before school to play euchre. The MEAP wasn't difficult for him, though the PSAT was harder. Photo—Yamashita.
Varsity

TEennis

goal
10-0
overall
11-2

LO OP
7 0 Clarkson
6 1 Waterford Kettering
6 1 Brandon
2 5 Rochester Adams
6 1 Waterford Mott
6 1 Pontiac Northern
6 1 Waterford Kettering
6 1 Brandon
6 1 Clarkson
7 0 Pontiac Northern
7 0 Waterford Mott
2 5 Andover
4 3 West Bloomfield

Holly Invitational 1st out of 4
Troy Invitational 5th out of 8
Davison Invitational 1st out of 8
Lapeer Invitational 3rd out of 8
Heritage Invitational 3rd out of 8
Athens Invitational 3rd out of 8
Athens Invitational 1st out of 8
GOAL Tournament 1st out of 6
MHSAA Regional 6th out of 11

MVP/ CAPTAIN
Kristen Plunkett

MIP
Krista Petersen

COACH'S AWARD
Kim Abel

Between sets, Pam Simmons and her second doubles partner take a water break. Playing tennis in humid weather is not the first on anyone's list, so water was Pam's best friend. Afterward, they returned to the court and finished off with an easy victory. Photo—Rinehart.

Senior Kristen Plunkett attempts her approach shot at the net against rival Rochester Adams. Victory eluded her in the first loss of the season, but spirits remained high. "This is the strongest team we have ever had. We did our best," said Kristen. Photo—Rinehart.

VARsITY GIRLS TENNIS—FRONT ROW: Laurie Moses, Shannon Gardner, Paula Mejia, Kristen Plunkett, Courtney Plunkett, Nicky Zetta, Jill Garth. BACK ROW: Coach Cal Darbee, Jamie Ryp, Christiane Dally, Kyna Getzinger, Krista Petersen, Pam Simmons, Kim Abel, Jenni Wozniak, Coach Wayne Gilbert. Photo—Prestige.

Maybe new bleachers were the cause of the spontaneous roar in the fan level. More students poured into the stands with a sudden interest in watching tennis. Jenni Wozniak, a player in the crowd, recalled, "This is the most fans we have ever had.

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Laura Berger and Lisa Ray use fifth hour and after school rehearsals to prepare for choir concerts. Photo - Rinehart.

Members of the choir including Misty Sierle, performed at the annual Christmas Cabaret. Selections included "Ave Maria", "Carol the Bells", and the traditional "Hallelujah Chorus". Photo - Rinehart.

The Chorale is under the direction of Mrs. Karen Schadel. During the year they perform in various concerts, such as bell, Christmas, and spring shows. Certain members are also in La Commedia, the Men's Ensemble, and Honor's Choirs.
Going out, commitment, just friends, it was all part of forming relationships. Whether after a few dates or a few years, couples formed. For most, it wasn’t difficult to stay with that special person. Christy Soule, who had dated Miles Petersen for two years, knew what made them work. “We stayed together cause my friends hung out with the group of his guy friends.”

Others were newly in love. Tanya Olinsky wasn’t sure things got started with her admirer, Lance Guild. “I hung in there till he got me,” she shrugged, but added, “he’s really, really, sweet, and would do anything for me.”

Guild was also pleased. “I got the one I wanted,” he said.

Other couples didn’t really know if commitment was what they wanted, but time and again their names were linked.

Eric Benedict and Cara Marker had this problem. Eric recalled, “We’ve gone out before, then we went out with other people, now we’re going out with each other again.” A perplexed Benedict stated, “We kept going back for each other.” Their personalities “went together,” he felt.

Troy Kloostra shared Eric’s dilemma and kept his eye on senior Heidi Mielcarek. Troy was on and off with Heidi for a year. Then he realized, “You really get to know a person.” In Kloostra’s words, “A strong bond was developed.”

Laurie Moses shared in a sophomore-junior relationship. “Gary (Stevenson) and I have gone out for a year and a half. We broke up because of his switch to the high school,” she remembered. “It was very obvious we still liked each other; the jealousy was always there.”
Spotted regularly at games are seniors Kevin Vernagis, Kevin Erskine and Mark Belanger. Not normally considered loud, the three pumped up the volume when rooting on Orion teams. Photo—Rinehart.

Ryan Bissell

I am going to start my summer by working at Oroweat making $8.75 an hour unloading trucks. Once I have 1,500 dollars I'm going to put a "boomin' system" in my car and my friends and I are going to scope Venice Beach. Before I get serious with college I'm going to party all summer. I feel everybody needs to have an open mind because that's when true friends and happiness are found.

moving ON

Expectations and concerns filled the minds of seniors as their last summer approached. "It is going to be sad in a way, but I will make the most of time with my friends," admitted Kevin Schneider. Along with spending quality time with friends, the majority planned to work. "I have to pay for college, so I am going to work two jobs," Rachel Sines said regretfully.

Graduation, open houses, and college preparations also kept the seniors' minds off the "important things." Some labeled this senioritis, others considered it as setting priorities. "I don't know any details about my open house yet, but I am excited about the money," revealed Kevin.

Regardless of their distractions, the seniors were all sincere about losing good friends after the June graduation. Lance Guldin commented, "It's a nice feeling to know I'm moving into the real world, but I'm realizing I'll never see a lot of good friends I've made in high school." This frightening realization stuck in seniors' minds as they enjoyed their last days of high school.

—Kim Anderson
SENIORS

Jason Schlicht
Kevin Schneider
Jeffrey Schoenhalls
Danny Schram
Tara Schwieger
Matthew Seals

Jessica Sevilla
Laura Seville
Jennifer Shagena
Ryan Shaw
Kara Short
Nicole Shutt

Michelle Sights
Thomas Simmons
Rachel Sines
Cristin Slocum
Craig Smith
Heidi Smith

Jason Smith
Stacie Smith
Tina Smith
Travis Smith
Allison Smolarek
Mary Snyder

Christine Soule
James Spearing
Jane Staron
Darrin Stauffer
Paul Steffens
Tony Steffens
**Teacher**

I like doing Teacher Talk because it gives me a chance to meet the teachers in our district. Despite the many problems of our community, the teachers still have a good outlook on things.

*Mrs. Judy Skibo* 

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**Gary Michael Kibby:** Calculus AP; Calculus, Pre-Calculus; Varsity Girls Basketball Coach; 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach.

**Neva Kolodziejczak:** Cafeteria; **Betty Landstrom:** Staff Associate.

**Robert Lomerson:** All About Me; Introduction to Psychology.

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**Charles Dennis Londo:** French I, II, III, & IV; Introductory Psychology; Abnormal Behavior; School Improvement Core Committee; MEA—NEA Representative.

**Pat MacIntyre:** Voc. Auto I, II, III.

**Chuck Mahoney:** Physics; Physical Science; Varsity Boys Basketball Coach.

**Deborah Martinez:** Study Skills; Math Operations; Vocational Social Studies; Community Service.

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**James R. McGraw:** American Government; Contemporary U.S. History; Close-up; Marching Band Announcer; Assistant Varsity Football “Spotter”.

**Jan McNamara:** Counselor.

**Rosalyn Mermell:** Substance Abuse Coordinator; Just Say No; SADD; Youth to Youth; Pip-Fast; Peer Resistance; Solid Ground.

**Susan E. Michener:** Contemporary U.S. History I & II; Global Studies; National Honor Society.

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**Stan Mijal:** Geometry; Consumer Math/Refresher Math; Physical Science; LOEA Building Representative.

**John D. Miles:** Earth Science; Wrestling Coach (9th & 10th grade).

**Ella Modell:** Automated Office; Marketing; Note-taking; Co-op; School Improvement Core Committee.

**Bonnie Mrock:** Library Technical Assistant.
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1. Prince
2. Garth Brooks
3. Nirvana
4. Public Enemy
5. Erasure
6. Red Hot Chili Peppers
7. Guns N’ Roses (I & II)
8. John Mellencamp
9. Reba McEntire
10. Bob Seger
11. Mariah Carey
12. Bryan Adams
13. Ice Cube
14. The Commitments
15. Natalie Cole
16. Harry Connick, Jr.
17. Bonnie Raitt
18. Ozzy Osbourne
19. Metallica
20. Hammer

To the graduating class of 1992

Congratulations on your achievements! May God bless you always with the Wisdom to know what is right, and the Courage and Strength to do what is right.

Best wishes for a very successful future.