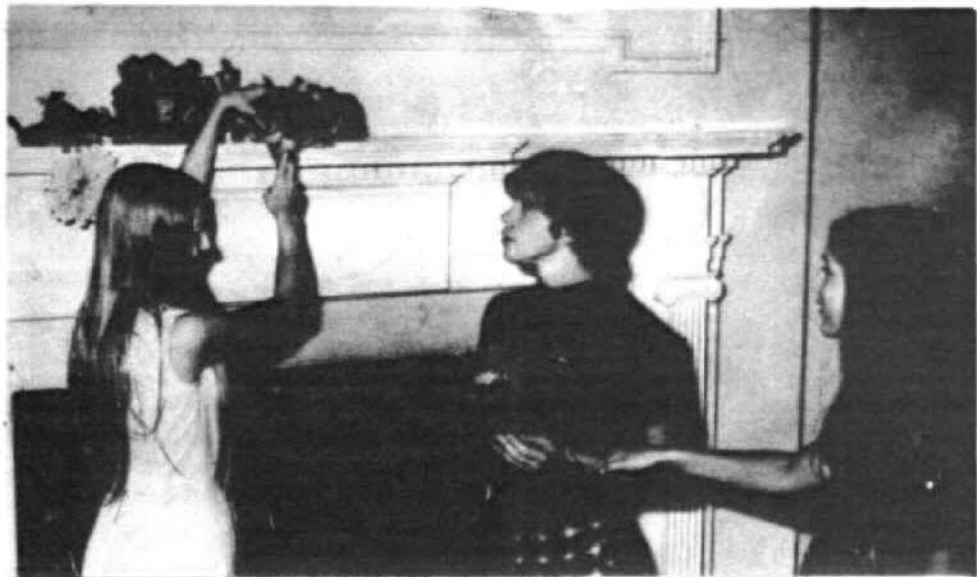


## Dearborn High School Class of 1971 Senior Prom

- Date: Friday, June 4, 1971
- Time: 8:00 pm to midnight
- Place: Lovett Hall at Greenfield Village
- Class Song: We've Only Just Begun  
Barbara Clark played this theme song on  
the piano during the evening
- Class Colors: Orange and Yellow
- Class Flower: Daisy
- Music: The Anthony Russo Combo
- Highlight: Announcement of the Prom King, Prom Queen, and their Court
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| Prom King:  | Peter Tippet  |
| Prom Queen: | Barbara Clark   |
| Prom Court: | Gary Reid<br>Lisa Keathley<br>Darcy Dean<br>Other members unknown |
- Ticket Cost: \$5 per couple
- Photographer: Available to take pictures of groups and couples for a fee.



ADDING FINAL TOUCHES for last Friday's Senior Prom at Lovett Hall are (l. to r.) Sue Ruof, Jim Patterson, and Joye Roberts, seniors. More than 200 couples enjoyed the annual affair.

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## 'We've Only Just Begun' to pay tribute to graduating seniors at upcoming prom

Shopping for long dresses and tuxedos and ordering corsages and boutonnières marks the time of year which is quickly approaching. It's prom time again!

Lovett Hall at Greenfield Village will host the 1971 Senior Prom, June 4, from 8 p. m. until midnight.

"We've Only Just Begun" was selected as the class song and prom theme by a close margin over "Fire and Rain." Senior Barb Clark, a piano veteran of 13 years, will play the theme song during the evening.

Orange and yellow were chosen as

the class colors and the daisy as the class flower.

Highlighting the evening will be the announcement of the Prom King and Queen and their court.

For those who like to remember the evening with more than memory, a photographer, for a fee, will take pictures of groups and couples.

The Anthony Russo Combo, a professional group of musicians will be providing fine music for dancing and listening.

Tickets will be on sale the week before the prom at \$5 per couple.

# Reasons of prom attendance drop probed

"Moons, and Junes, and ferris wheels  
The dizzy-dancing way you feel  
When every fairy tale comes real"  
We looked at proms this way.

Attendance for the Junior Prom decreases by 10 to 20 per cent a year. By 3:30 p. m., May 14, the day of the prom, only 40 tickets had been sold.

The Senior prom's population drops 5 to 10 per cent a year and is predicted to be extinct in the near future. Why?

Out of 50 DHS Seniors asked (25 girls, 25 boys), 40 per cent of the boys said they'll probably go, 45 per cent said they're sure they won't go, the remaining 15 per cent are yet undecided. However, 100 per cent of the girls asked would like to go, 82 per cent would consider asking a boy, and two per cent (one girl out of 50) have been asked.

The main reason 45 per cent of the boys asked who plan not to go said it was because of lack of money. Other reasons ranged from shrugged shoulders to "I dunno's."

Many people are trying to stir prom enthusiasm. One of the biggest prom supporters is Mr. William Moy, DHS counselor.

"Prom! More like the Senior Boy's Sponge Dance," chides Mr. Moy. "Unfortunately, the boys have all the say over who goes."

Mr. Moy, who is in charge of scheduling all DHS activities, including proms, is very emphatic in his concern for the upcoming Senior Prom. "The prom belongs to all seniors, girls as well as boys. It's not just for those few couples who've been going steady for years.

"It should be the highlight of a senior's year. No more. Now, it's too stuffy. It's still existing the same way it did 150 years ago. It's archaic. Even the dress is medieval--and there's the problem.

"Tuxes. And formal gowns. It costs the average guy \$40 to take a girl to the prom. A girl's lucky if she can find a dress for \$50--not to mention the cost of shoes and getting her hair done.

"What I'm saying is that the reason no one comes to proms anymore is strictly economic. I know it! What guy can afford \$50 a night?"

"The whole thing about this prom business is the list of endless possibilities. If the tradition of the prom is to be kept up, we'll have to change. Otherwise, I predict it will be dead in five years."

There may not be endless possibilities to get prom attendance up, but there are a few. Mr. Moy suggested:

- Have the Senior Class abolish the requirement of formal attire for boys--reducing it to a sports jacket or suit and tie.
- Allow girls to rent prom dresses. (Cameo's, Kitty Kelly's, and Dior's, to name just a few, rent out dresses for as little as \$10.
- Reduce the cost of tickets to a token fee, or let everyone come free. (The Class of '71 has more than \$1,000 in its treasury.
- Skip stiff, expensive restaurants and have a dinner at someone's home with a few other couples. Or skip dinner and have a party. (This way saves money, is more relaxed, and is less restricting.) Or order a pizza.
- Don't have a date? If you are a boy and want to go to the prom and have no one in particular to ask, visit Mr. Moy's Senior Boys' Romance Bureau. Mr. Moy will take care of you. If you're a girl and haven't been asked yet, go sign up on Mr. Moy's Eligibility Sheet.
- If you're a boy and need money, Mr. Moy will see that the Senior Class picks up the tab for everything no questions asked. (The only thing that stands between you and a good time is too much pride.)
- Senior girls: Ask the boy of your choice. Be prepared to go Dutch. (Girls are at a big disadvantage if they have to sit around and wait to get asked. After all, it's your prom, too.)

So, there is no reason that any senior should stay home on the eve of June 4th.