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DSO Activates New Committees

by Spencer Beckwith

Now getting under way are many old and new committees of the DSO. Without these committees, many of the DSO's programs would need a lengthier preparation time, and possibly never come off. There is still time to join any of these committees. They all need people who are interested and willing to work.

One of these is the Task Force, the job of whom it is to evaluate the school and search for ways to improve it. They will soon be sending around questionnaires to get you help and ideas: if you are interested, see Judy Fitzsimmons. Another committee is organizing the next Experimental Education Week. Chairmen Karen Leahy and Dave Haines hope to lengthen EEW to a full five days this year. Open Campus is being investigated by a committee

STUDY OPTIONS PROPOSED

At a recent DSO meeting, it was announced that Mr. Coulombe has proposed that the large cafeteria be turned into a student activities center, replacing the Silent Study. Under this plan, students would be able to travel from the cafeteria to the Library and other areas of this wing of the school without holding a pass. A teacher would be stationed between the cafeteria and the intersection to keep noise at a low level and to stop students from moving into the classroom wings.

Two weeks ago, the plan was presented to the Departmental Council, and no members of the Council voted against it. It was, however, emphasized that it would be the responsibility of the students to maintain a low noise level. Should loud talking become a problem, the school would close down the area.

BRAVO!

NEIRAD would like to thank you twenty-three courageous people who risked your lives by filling out the questionnaire in our last issue. It took great fortitude to brave the opinions of your friends and return the completed form to us. Anyone interested in the results should inquire in the NEIRAD office, where your curiosity will be abated. Thank you.

headed by Nan Grubbs and Craig Mason. This committee will meet with parents, faculty members, and the administration to discuss open campus at DHS. If passed, it should go into effect second semester. A committee to investigate the question of our Campus Cop has been formed, but hasn't met yet.

The Risen Son Cafe

by Zincus

Over the summer, a Young Life coffee-house was organized by Jack Carpenter and Paul Cowras. The coffeehouses started in July, and were held every Saturday night. Called THE RISEN SON CAFE, they started at eight-thirty, and for the first hour or so consisted of different musicians (guitar and piano players) playing popular songs and original compositions. Usually at about 9:00, a speaker, usually Jack or Paul, would lead the audience in a word of prayer, after which he would say a few words on the subject of Jesus Christ. Following the talk, there were discussion groups downstairs for those who cared to partake. If, however, you were more interested in music, there were more performers upstairs. The music was good, the food was cheap (in price) and the people were far out. Occasionally the P.A. system left something to be desired, but they were really good coffeehouses compared to some that this author has been to.

By the way, I shouldn't be writing this in the past tense, because these coffeehouses are still going on. They are held every Saturday night from 8:00 to 12:00. If you come sometime this month, you may have the distinct honor of being able to hear the music of that already famous group, ZINCUS AND HIS HERD OF TRAVELING BEDSPRINGS!!! So, if you're not doing

CENTRE STONE

by Valerie Mehlig

For all of you who may have remained unenlightened, Centre Stone is Darien's Crisis Intervention Hotline. Located at 1061 Post Road (next to the movie theatre), it offers numerous free services including phone counseling (the "hotline"), summer workshops, a "drop-in" center, and direct personal counseling. Drug education services are also available at near-by private schools for a minimal fee.

Centre Stone, which is currently supported by the town, was created over thirteen months ago by a group of students who felt students needed help dealing with the rapid influx of drugs into the high school culture. As needs for Centre Stone have changed, it has adapted itself to these changes. Typical calls now received on the three phones

October 29-31 will be the first weekend of excitement so far this year. So, I suppose you're not too excited at the prospect of another school-sponsored activity or two. But, brace yourselves, this homecoming weekend, even though sponsored by D.H.S., is guaranteed to be great, fantastic, exciting, marvelous, and breathtaking!!!

The first thing to get excited about is that the 29th is teacher's convention day. Yea, rah, rah, teachers' convention day!!!! And do you know what this means??? It means... that on Friday, the 29th of October, you can sleep late!! And then on Friday night at 7:30 in the D.H.S. gym there will be a Folk Concert, featuring "You, Me and New Rock," and "Fred Bayor." Admission will be 75¢.

Then, on Saturday at 12:15 there will

HALLOWEEN IS HOMECOMING WEEKEND

be a car rally organized by Cindy Ryan and Neil Lucado of the Pep Club. Game time is at 1:30, the start of our victorious game over Wilton. During halftime, the Queen will be named.

Saturday night, Vintage (formerly Canteen) will sponsor their first dance of the year. "Room to Move" will start at 8 pm and end at 12, and the prices will be \$2 for stags and \$3 for couples.

And on Sunday afternoon the traditional Junior-Senior girls football game will be held. Time and place will be worked out soon. So, all you amazons be sure to lift those weights and hit those sleds before Sunday the 31st. By the way, notice I said the Junior-Senior girls football game. That was only to let the Juniors think they might have a chance of beating the Seniors.

So, this is a weekend to be sure to stick around for. Darien's not all that bad if there's something to do, so here it is.

C/DAIR BEGINS TUESDAY

by Kathy Miller

C/dair is an innovative program which is being started as an extra-curricular activity. C/dair stands for Contemporary Dance, an Interdisciplinary Resource. Translated, this is a course in contemporary dance which will be integrated into the classroom. It will emphasize the creative aspect of dance in working on projects which can be used in academic classes. The course is acknowledged by the administration and work done in C/dair will be accepted by most teachers as

anything unusual this weekend, stop over! It's at the North Stamford Congregational Church on Cascade Road.

projects.

Mrs. Prescott Fuller will be teaching the classes, held in two sessions. One group will meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2:30, the other on Thursdays and Fridays. Both classes will run until 4:30. Mrs. Fuller has an extensive background in the field of contemporary and creative dance, having danced and choreographed professionally for a number of years. She has been the choreographer for the Darien Summer Theater Workshop since it started, creating dances for such productions as "The King and I," "Oliver," and their most recent production, "Hello, Dolly."

The course starts Tuesday, Oct. 26. Even if you aren't interested in the classroom related aspect of it, come and see what C/dair is all about.

STAR PARTY!

Celebrity seekers, come hither... on October 27th from 7 to 10pm at the lower Darien High School parking lot, the DHS Astronomical Society will hold its public debut, featuring a veritable galaxy of novelties. For novices, they will be pleased to introduce the stellar attractions at closer range, and welcome as well all those already astronomically acquainted. This astral affair is free, open to all ages and refreshments will be offered. Viewing apparatus and instruction will be available, but the DHSAS urges those with access to such equipment to bring it (telescopes, cameras) so as to allow more leisurely observations by the less informed members of the audience. But please, no autograph books... stars do prefer to keep their distance.

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The Development of Body, Mind, and Spirit

by Steve Dunphy

Athletics has long been the tradition of most high schools. Administrations feel that athletics develop body, mind, and spirit.

This can be true for many students. Today's youth needs to participate in recreational activities, now more than ever, because of the physical stagnation of our country.

In our school, a large stress is placed on physical education. Students are forced to play basketball, baseball, football, etcetera, under an authoritative teacher who keeps everyone in line. If a student doesn't want to participate (maybe he hates to wrestle or despises gymnastics) that's too bad! And what can students say in the matter? Nothing!

This kind of athletic program doesn't always promote the development of body, mind and spirit. For some students, it can further alienate their participation in athletic activities.

Few students really want to participate in physical education so the administration has emphasized gym to the point of making it a graduation requirement.

This conflict exists because of a gym program that is radically wrong. Students should be required to take part in a set number of sports (or, more, according to the individual) which they choose, but shouldn't be forced to participate in everything. Gym could be an elective or a free period.

What will be the effects of this kind of an athletic program? Gym will finally mean something to students because they will have the opportunity to excel in their own fields of sports.

What are the effects of the athletic program now in use? The development of body, mind and spirit cannot be mass produced through a structured method. They must be developed by the individual. Schools are made up of individuals: students should be treated that way.

Letters to the Editors

Dear Neirad,

Letter to the Editors:

I would like to commend you on your enjoyable moneyraising event, The Marx Brothers Film Festival. Even though the turn-out wasn't overwhelming on the night I went (about forty people), there was more audience enthusiasm than at any movie I've seen in the past few years. Also, since the price was only \$1.00 we got more laughs for our money than you could get at any theatre today.

Most movies these days which are advertised as being comedies raise no more than a few snickers from the audience and these are at the dirty lines. The comedy of the Marx Bros. isn't subtle, sarcastic or obscene, it's clean, clever humor which seems to have disappeared in today's movies. I hope Neirad made enough profit on this endeavor to give us another enjoyable presentation.

A Fellow D.H.S. Student

NEIRAD is Darien spelled backwards, but that's not all it is. NEIRAD is our school newspaper, and with it \$4200 in debt, the paper still manages to be offered in homeroom and during lunch every two weeks.

It's unfortunate that a lot of people are scared away from NEIRAD just because it is known as the "school newspaper". Everybbody knows that the stereotyped school newspaper is the paper that is filled with football scores, articles scribbled by school spirited, clean cut, straight "A" students, numerous messages from the principal telling us to go out and buy our little school pennants saying, "Yeh, team, go!", and an occasional fun-filled article on the Big Saturday Night Dance!

Luckily for us, NEIRAD is not the typical school newspaper. Although NEIRAD does have an obligation to

print such things as sports results, it is not all bad. We must keep in mind that NEIRAD can say what we want it to, but we must provide the words. A way, I'm not going to everybody to go out and write an article or something for NEIRAD, because I think we have heard that line a few times too many. What I will say, though, is that if you want to keep this paper alive, you must do something for it. Whether it's just buying a copy of NEIRAD, or creating something to be printed, anything and everything helps.

The other newspaper circulating at DHS is Rebirth. This paper prides itself on being free of obligations, and being able to support itself. On the first page of Re-birth (September issue), is a little article entitled "Our Purpose". Much can be derived from just that little message. The Editors of Rebirth state that the paper "need not be termed an underground newspaper", but acutally I think they get all excited, and start to giggle at the mention of them being an underground paper. They must love the idea of being naughty and circulating "unauthorized material". Another thing I noticed was Rebirth's offensive attitude toward NEIRAD. Personally, I thought the editors of Re-birth were sore at those from NEIRAD for getting there first.

So with Re-birth a complete waste of time, energy and money, we return again to NEIRAD. With NEIRAD being the only decent newspaper, and it is our paper, I think we should make it the best we possibly can.

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EDITOR'S REPLY: We appreciate your support of Neirad, but we disagree with your opinion of Rebirth. One of the most frequent criticisms of Darien is that one paper, the Review, exercises a virtual monopoly over news and comment. A one-newspaper school is no better than a one-newspaper town. Rebirth can do things Neirad can't. On the other hand, with our closer ties to the school and larger staff, we can do things Rebirth can't. We have a different focus, and we see the two newspapers not as competitors, but as companions. We hope you'll read both, and we most enthusiastically support Rebirth!

Craig Mason

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Soccer Triumphs

The Darien High School soccer team finally won a game last Friday as they turned back the visiting Greenwich team by a score of 2-1, in the second over-time period. Greenwich twinkled the twines at the halfway mark of the first period and it appeared that the Blue Wavers were again to go down in defeat. The second and third periods saw good action on the part of both teams. Darien had some good scoring opportunities but just couldn't capitalize on them. And while Greenwich had numerous scoring chances too, the clutch goalkeeping of Chris Cushing successfully held the Cardinals to one goal.

In the fourth period when all seemed lost for the Big Blue, Kevin Scully gave tri-captain Parker Antin a perfect pass and Parker tallied to tie the score at one all. Neither Darien nor Greenwich could score in the remaining time and the game went into O.V.T. In the first overtime period Darien almost scored in two instances. In the first instance, Wayne Grant missed the near corner by inches and in the second, Greg Neumann headed a cross just high of the goal. As the game moved into the second overtime period, Darien was playing inspired ball. With but 8 seconds left in the game, Wayne Grant blasted a shot past the Cardinal goaltender and Darien had won their first game of the 1971 season.

In other games these past few weeks the soccer team did not do as well, however, as they lost to Norwalk 3-1, tied Brian McMahon 1-1, and lost to Wilton, Rippowam, and Stamford, 2-0, 1-0, and 3-1 respectively. It was evident that Darien was in trouble as soon as Norwalk got out of the bus, as they were speaking three different languages—none of them English. In this tilt the Wavers were outplayed through the entire game. Their lone goal was scored by Wayne Grant on a penalty shot in the third period.

In the tie against McMahon, the goal was again scored by Old Faithful himself, tri-captain Wayne Grant, this time in the second period which gave Darien the lead in a game for the first time in the season. The Wavers played McMahon evenly throughout the regular time span as the game, again, went into O.V.T.

In the other games against Wilton, Rippowam, and Stamford, Darien was simply outclassed. While they played well, they were just no match for their opponents.

With their record now at 1-5-1, and only four games remaining to be played, the soccer team will have to work hard to beat last season's unimpressive record of 2-7-1. Good luck, soccer team, (I think you'll need it!).

P.Y.C

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The Hockey squad kept gaining momentum for their up and coming tough games. Away at Stamford Catholic High, the Darien squad was never able to become unstuck from the mud.

Succumbing to the slow place of the Catholic girls, Darien won 10-1, of which Patty Mays scored 6, Janey Fransesconi3, and Wily Devivo 2. Home at Darien, against Stamford High, the team went dashing past their guards, outnipping their opponents to the ball. The Stamford 11 rarely reached Darien's goal zone, but once they did,

they were met by the crushing foot of Goalies Sandy Allen.

In the second half, Darien winning 5-0, Paula "Kinny" Kinnunen speeded from her defensive rank to smash a wandering defensive shot from one of Stamford's players, between the goal posts. Another goal!!!

What has happened to this team? One looks amazingly, rubbing their eyes, questioning the images that appear within sight. These players are definitely the same players, only . . . they have learned how to play a winning game of hockey.



Yes friends, that's what you should do, "Quest into the Unknown." Have anything you want to say printed in Neirad's new classified section. You can sell your car, record, dope, advertise for jobs, and anything, as long as it's clean. Fill out the form below and give it to a staff dude, stick it in the mailbox in the office, or mail it to:

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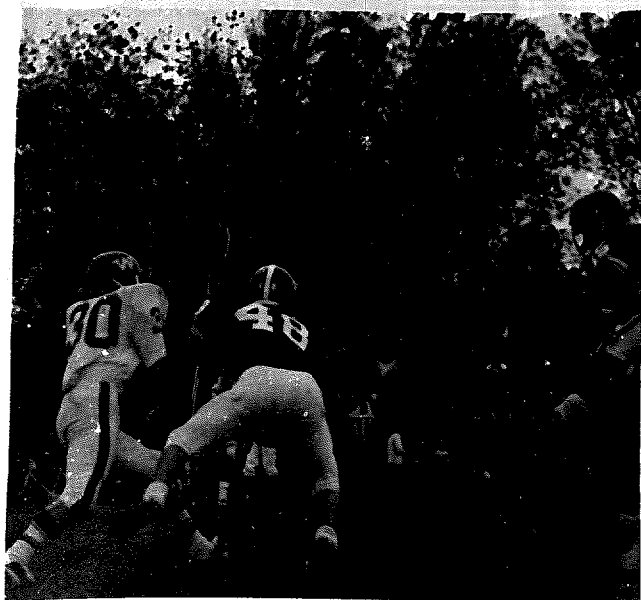
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After a poor performance against a weak Ridgefield team, Darien came on strong to beat Andrew Warde and to give Greenwich a close game.

RIDGEFIELD 0-26. No comment.

ANDREW WARDE 14-7. Led by an inspiring team effort, Darien nipped Andrew Warde to obtain their first victory of the season. The Blue Wavers put it all together and finally gave their loyal supporters something to cheer about.

Darien threatened twice in the first half on two long sustained drives, but failed to get on the scoreboard. Both defenses held strong to make the score a stalemate 0-0 tie at the half. For the first time this season, Darien showed ball control, which enabled the defense to rest up. This set the stage for the second half.

Midway through the third period, the Darien offense came to life. The offensive opened huge gaps which enabled the speedy, illusive running of Larry Hart, combined with the powerful bursts of Tim Wood, to baffle the Eagles defense. Six minutes and sixty yards later, Darien broke the stalemate when Tim Wood plunged in from the one.

Andrew Warde wasted no time in getting even. Just a few plays later, they scored on a 67 yard screen play. They added the extra point, and took a seven to six lead with only nine minutes left to play.

Darien refused to give up, however, as they overpowered the Eagles with their running game. With three minutes left to play, they finally scored on a 16 yard touchdown pass from Hart to Bramier on the option play. Steve Seyforth added two more points on the old bootleg play to give Darien a 7 point edge. The Eagles tried for a last minute comeback as they drove to the Darien 30 yard line. Here their hopes came to a sudden halt as Roger Smith picked off a Warde aerial to insure a **DARIEN VICTORY.**

The linemen, who don't usually get much ink, deserve enormous credit in the Waver's first victory. They opened up huge holes for the defense while holding Andrew Warde to 22 yards on the ground and sacking the opposing quarterback several times.

GREENWICH 21-34. Darien couldn't quite pull an upset as the Greenwich Cardinals turned them back 34-21, to bring Darien's winning streak to a screeching halt. Greenwich out hit and missed fewer tackles than Darien to give them a triumph over the Blue Wavers.

Just fifteen seconds after the opening kick-off, Bill Peters pounced on a Greenwich fumble to give Darien excellent field position on the 32 yard line. Two plays later, senior speedster Larry Hart came out of a pack of Greenwich tacklers and pranced 23 yards into the end zone. Craig Peters added the extra point and Darien quickly led 7-0.

The next time the Darien offense got the ball, they looked like they had a bad case of fumblyitis. They fumbled twice; the second time the Cardinals took advantage of the situation as they recovered the loose ball on the 16 and scored a few plays later.

The second quarter was all Greenwich as they beat Darien both physically and on the scoreboard. The Cardinals scored 13 points and continually battered the Darien ball carriers. Larry Hart was hit so hard and so often that he was ordered, much to his dislike, to sit out the second half by the team's physician. Greenwich added 7 more points to their lead on a 67 yard screen play in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Darien finally started to move. Behind the running of sophomores Mike Ludwig and Scottie Harrington, and the passing of Steve Seyforth, Darien scored twice in the final quarter. Tim Wood tallied on a one yard run and Jeff Bramier scooped up a ten yard pass from Steve Seyforth.

The score of the game could have been much higher, but a stubborn Greenwich defense stopped Darien three times inside the 20 yard line. A Roger Smith interception stopped another Greenwich touchdown and Tim Wood blocked an extra point to cut the Greenwich score.

Darien's record is now 1-5 with four games remaining. They would have to win all their remaining games to better last year's 4-4 record.

John Clinton

HARRIERS FLYING HIGH

by Jim Adlam

The Darien High School Cross Country team is pretty much eating up the rest of the county. The Harriers now boast a 6-1 record, the best in the eastern division. With the exception of their lone loss to the Hatters of Danbury, the Wavers have completely obliterated all challengers. The most recent race against Brien McMahon was perhaps the most successful so far this season. Excluding Bart Bartlett, who has a habit of finishing first anyway, all of our Varsity runners posted their best times this season on the home course at Wee Burn Country Club. Bart Bartlett and Kevin Leonard tied for first place with a time of 14:05 for the 2.75 mile course. Con Die, Rod Rahe, Jeff Dahl, John Schofield, and John Brisette completed the sweep of the first seven places, shutting out McMahon. The JV's also took the first seven places in the process of chalking up another shut-out victory.

At Danbury, both Varsity and JV lost. As far as most of the team is concerned, they really blew that race; and if the Blue Wave, by chance, meets Danbury again, they'd better watch out. Before this unfortunate defeat, the Harriers racked up five straight wins to begin the season. First to fall to the Blue Tidal Wave was Roger Ludlowe in the opening meet. In the second meet, the team travelled to New Canaan for a tri-meet with New Canaan and Andrew Warde. Although a Darien runner did not finish either first or second, our amazing team depth placed us third through ninth, whipping New Canaan and shutting out Andrew Warde.

Next to bite the dust in the wake of Big Blue were Ridgefield and Rippowam in a tri-meet at Rippowam. In this meet, Bart Bartlett, Rod Rahe, and Con Die finished first, second, and third, insuring a Darien victory.



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Field Hockey Gains Four

by Corrinne Bishop

What has happened to the much shunted, scoreless Girls' Field Hockey Team of last year? It has dried up and shriveled away. The skies were dark and overcast on the 10th of October. It looked like a poor start for the Darien "Way at Ridgefield. Then after the opening bully and ill placed drives, Janey "Franciscus" Francisconi broke away from her guard and knocked the ball down between the goal posts to score the first official Darien goal in two years. In this game, mighty Patty Mays scored 6 beautifully executed goals, a cunning Wendy Devivo outfoxed her guard for 2, and in addition to Janey's! The J.V.'s won their matches by contributions from Sue Schoefield and Jennifer Barrett.

Against Staples the team proved their mettle. Staples, as expected, proved that when their chips are down, that their surprises could still be many and varied. During the first 8 minutes of play, Darien showed again that the "71-72" season was not to be a scoreless season. Up to this point, most of the contest had been played on Darien's own territory, but then the ball was hit up to the forward line, crossing from the left inner, Wendy Devivo to right wing Susan Lucas. Approaching the goal Sue shot the ball for a goal. The ball flittered past the goalie's feet— she had no chance.

The next goal came in a finely executed unintentional play. The girls were lined up for a penalty corner on the left side of the field. Alison Barrett hit the ball hard to Wendy, her closest forward. Wendy, unable to control the ball completely deflected the ball to Patty who deflected the ball back to Wendy. Somehow the ball didn't make it to Wendy, but to Alison. Alison shot for the goal and... plunk, another goal for Darien.

Darien began to take things easy and Staples, in the second half, pulled ahead by notching two goals. The score was tied, and it looked like a glum ride home. Darien's defense couldn't drive the ball out of their own territory. Alison "Nimble Feet" hung back so slightly to catch a pass from her halfback. Upon getting the gem she and Darien went rushing for the Staples goal, leaving Staples to fall behind. Staples never caught up, Alison passed a fast, hard drive into the Staples goal, the forward line swooped in for the rush and... GOAL!!! Victory in sight, Darien played hard for the next point fearing that Staples would even the score. The blessed whistle blew. Darien reaped a well deserved victory.

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