

Connecticut set for Presidential primary

By John Penrose

The race for the presidency is well underway now, and candidates from both parties are vying for delegates in the 35 states which hold primaries or caucuses in 1980. Connecticut is one of **News Analysis** these states and will hold its first-ever Republican presidential primary on

March 25. The Democrats will also hold a primary on the same day.

The addition of Connecticut's primary to the presidential selection process gives our state added importance in the coming months. Candidates will be hunting for delegates to represent them at their party's convention this summer.

A Republican hopeful needs

998 of a possible 1,994 delegates to ensure his nomination at the Republican National Convention

in Detroit. To be nominated at this year's Democratic National Convention in New York, a candidate will need 1,666 of the 3,331 delegates. If no candidate gar-

ners the required delegate count, a compromise is reached and a candidate chosen.

As it appears now there are three major candidates for the Democrats: Carter, Brown and Kennedy. The Republicans offer four contenders: Anderson, Bush, Reagan, and the ever-present Ford. Between these seven candidates they control more than 95 percent of the delegates awarded to this date.

The players

The Democratic race is a

struggle between an incumbent President and the last of the mystical Kennedy brothers. Jerry Brown gathers the remaining votes by default and acts as spoiler.

On the other side the Republicans are in an old-fashioned dogfight. Ronald Reagan, who is 69 years old, knows this is his last chance.

John Anderson is fighting to form an image and is helped by strong showings in Vermont and Massachusetts.

And, George Bush, who conquered the "George Who?" complex, fights to remain the alternative to Reagan.

Lurking in the shadows, Gerald Ford is on the verge of entering the race.

Wrapped in the flag

President Carter has won every state but Massachusetts despite remaining in the White House. His absence from the campaign trail has brought charges that he is hiding behind the flag. The other candidates claim that he has used diplomatic and economic wiles as an excuse to remain in the oval office. Despite the validity of these allegations, Carter holds the power of an incumbent. But, for that matter, so did Ford.

A dying image

Carter's main challenge for the nomination comes from Ted Kennedy. The Senator who won his home state of Massachusetts by a margin of 2-1 is battling his worst enemy-himself. The memory of Chappaquiddick and cheating at Harvard may return to haunt the golden Kennedy name. If not, then Kennedy will challenge the President on social and economic issues, the draft, welfare, and wage and price controls, issues on which they sharply contrast.

The third man

Edmund G. Brown does not hold a realistic chance in this year's race, but he does respond to a particular section of the pop-

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Thoreau star hopes for Broadway future

By Suzanne Beauchamp

The final act of the show has begun. The star is performing the last and most famous song "Give My Regards to Broadway." While singing and dancing to the tune, tears stream down his face. The song has not only affected the audience, but the performer as well.

Brian Thomas Foyster is a 17-year-old senior who this month portrayed Henry David Thoreau in Theatre 308's impressive "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail." Brian, born in Brooklyn Heights one of three children, says his ambition is to become a professional actor.

Brian began his acting career at the age of six when he appeared in a children's theatre production with his mother and brother. "In elementary school this one friend and I would always get up in front of the class and do skits just for fun," Brian said.

The one person who has had the most influence on his life is his mother, a professional actress. To this assessment Brian agrees, "She's an extraordinarily smart woman and is going to be my manager until I turn professional."

Voice and dance lessons have filled most of Brian's time. "I took dancing lessons in Westport and had up to 10 lessons a week. I also study voice through a scholarship a local woman offered me after a performance

one night," Brian explained.

Brian Foyster has sung and danced his way through numerous musicals while at DHS. He has played Harry Beaton in Kiwanis Summer Theatre's "Brigadoon," Baby John in "West Side Story" and George M. Cohen in "George M." He has choreographed "Two Gentlemen of Verona" and performed in the drama "The Zoo Story," DHS's entry in this year's state drama competition.

In the field of acting, Brian has been nominated for the Presidential Scholars in the Arts Award. This award is presented to a select few out of thousands nominated nationwide. Winning the award will mean a trip to the White House to accept the honor.

In addition to acting, one of his other loves is gymnastics, Brian said. He was a tumbler for the DHS gymnastic team. "I had to make a decision as to which one I wanted to devote all my time," Brian said. He chose to put aside acting for awhile. "Gymnastics and acrobatics are important advantages in theatre arts," Brian pointed out.

As for the future, "I plan to study theatre in college and to learn a trade to fall back on when the going gets tough. There are enough employed actors waiting on tables as it is," Brian said. He hopes for Broadway and to become known in the theatre. "That's what it's all about!"



(Photo by Liz Marasciulo)
Spring is Here! The Green Thumb Club shows off its tender blooms on one of the first days of the new season. Members are readying spades for spring planting of a vegetable garden outside their A-Wing greenhouse.

Robbins, Saburn speak on issues in school address

By John Neeson

While President Carter's State of the Nation Address emphasized the draft registration, Iran and inflation, DHS Principal Donald Robbins spoke about sophomore advisory, General Assembly and student body communications in his annual February State of the School Address.

During the recent X-period assembly, Dr. Robbins reviewed first semester problems and gave incentives for improvements in the future.

Also during the meeting, General Assembly Moderator Jim Saburn reviewed the accomplishments of the General Assembly and the student body as a whole.

The fact that the student body often does not know what the GA is doing leaves a gap between the students and the GA. Dr. Robbins said. One solution, he pointed out, would be to have three or four all-school meetings in the auditorium where the GA and the student body could communicate on a one-to-one basis. Another solution is to have a video-taped newscast where the GA could state what is going on.

At the beginning of the second semester, Dr. Robbins took a poll from a random student group and asked, "What do you like and dislike about DHS?" The responses were similar, he said. The majority said that they were most fond of the teachers and the large curriculum. Student cli-

ques were found to be the biggest concern. Dr. Robbins explained, "It is very hard for new kids in this school to fit in immediately. We must find a way to help them. There are too many new kids eating alone in the cafeteria." Dr. Robbins proposed that new students be assigned a volunteer guide who could "show them the ropes."

Also discussed in the address to the school were the library rules. The best way to describe these rules would be "Shhhhh." Dr. Robbins commented, "Going into the library I found that many students go in not to use the resources but to socialize." He went on to say, "I'm looking for a library that is quiet not silent."

The biggest issue spoken about was the Sophomore Advisory Program. The general consensus is that the program has a large margin for improvement. Thus far, Dr. Robbins said, he has taken 25 sophomores and is working with them to help design a program for next year. Dr. Robbins said he also has several teachers helping him.

Tim Saburn, in his address before the assembly, highlighted the GA accomplishments for the first semester.

He pointed out that the GA started the year with the Homecoming Dance, sponsored by the Activities Council, Cambodia Week, chaired by GA secretary Mark Brogger, became a big success clearing \$1,400 which was donated to Oxlam. The week

consisted of a benefit concert, a presentation in the cafeteria of an educational videotape from WGBH-TV in Boston concerning Cambodia, and a day when the hot lunch money was donated by the cafeteria staff and contributions were taken in the large and small cafeterias.

The GA moderator told the assembly the parking problem led Vice Principal Gerard Coulombe and him to long hours that developed a parking policy which has worked out "quite well." Tim said, "About 280 stickers were issued with only 250 actual parking spaces available. Yet all the parking spaces are never filled." Tim also noted that every junior who applied for a sticker has received one.

General Assembly member Jean Kim tackled the tardiness problem and found it to be fairly well controlled, Tim reported. In her survey which she sent to all DHS teachers, she discovered that most teachers felt the problem was best solved on a one-to-one basis between teacher and student.

A report was made also on the GA's arranging the drive to send post cards in December to the hostages in Iran.

The meeting closed with Tim explaining coming GA events: the 18-year-old student voters' registration which took place March 7, a talent show, a Fuel Conservation Week, a May concert and a tentative field day in April.



THEATER 308's Brian Foyster and Martin Hughes rehearse scene from "The Zoo Story," DHS's entry in the Connecticut Drama festival next

New library policy causes controversy

Who can honestly say the noise level in the library is so high that students there can not study? Why must we now be bombarded with shhhhhhhhh!?! Is this all really necessary?

First let us look at how the library is constructed. A complete silence section for the last minute cramblers (which we all are) is peacefully set in the back of the room. Other sections with individual carrels are available for, naturally, individual work, although people do work together at adjacent carrels.

This leaves us the major portion of the library which contains the four-person desks. Naturally whoever designed the library meant for people to work together. Why else would four-person desks be placed there? Certainly they are not for individual work. Therefore, a certain amount of noise is generated in the library. The controversial question is what is too much noise?

To answer this question let us consider why and how many students use the library.

At the end of the school day, there is an average traffic flow of 3,500 persons (a counter at the exit of the library counts the number of people leaving). Head Librarian George Emerson estimates 250 persons utilize the library each period. Some periods have as many as 400 persons. With large numbers of persons in the library at once, the noise level is actually not as high as it could be. Why do all the students go to the library? It has atmosphere, it is comfortable and there is a wide variety of things to do there: read magazines, and books, do research or simply do homework.

The best way to improve the library noise level would be to have a place for students to go that has similar atmosphere. The cafeteria is bland and usually cold, and there is little to do there.

Suppose the small cafeteria was developed into a student center. All it would take would be a few old couches and chairs, posters and maybe a little music played at an undisturbing level.

To make the little-used small cafeteria into a student center really would not take a great amount of money.

A student center there would offer a place for students to go. It would be comfortable, relaxing and a centrally-located place for students to take their socializing.

The library would not have as many students so the noise level would go down significantly.

If the administration wants a quieter library it should not jeopardize the librarians by making them a force of "shushers."

We are very fortunate to have "teaching librarians" who are always there when we need them, even when the library is packed. With the large crowds of students they still manage to keep the noise level respectably low. We should let the librarians do what they do best and that is helping the students.

What the administration (and hopefully a committee of students) should do is develop a student center. That way the portion of students going into the library for just reading magazines or socialization would go to the student center, an idea that would not take much work or much money.

Viewpoint

Editor's note: The ideas expressed in this column do not necessarily represent the editorial position of Neirad. Readers are invited to turn in their views in editorial form to the Neirad box in the front office.

Lazy students must fight for their rights and use resources available to them

Dear Editor:
We students of Darien High School are either very lazy or extremely self-indulgent... possibly both. As individuals we excel. Our grades and scores are simultaneously the source of great pride and the root of a system which fosters individualism. The structure of this system,

however, which is bent on individual accomplishment, precludes true social unity. In short, social indifference abounds.

The problems of social indifference stem from the pressures of school—grade pressures, peer pressures and time restrictions. The drive to attain certain academic plateaus restricts one

from working for any worthy causes, much less even taking the time to find out what's happening in the world. And, of course, we must not care about such things for to care would certainly lower our grade point average. Similarly, we can't do anything that is a social "faux pas." After all what would our friends say? The last of these school pressures is the restrictions which school places on our time. "Oh, I couldn't possibly do that."
"Why not?"

A long pause punctuated by "uhs" and "wells," finally, "because I've got too much homework... and a test... tomorrow... two tests... tomorrow."

This response, or one like it, is common of students who wish to hide their apathy under the pretense of school work. There are solutions to these problems, however. The most optimistic remedy would be for the students to solve the problem. We must take more of an interest in what we are learning and not just what grade we are getting. We must get involved in the activities present in our school and in our community. The benefits of this course of action are numerous. We can learn about our surroundings first hand. We can gain self-satisfaction through the knowledge that we have helped someone or something. We can provide a service for our community, which is continually serving us. We can even have some fun, meeting new people and experiencing new things. And, we will find that our studies are helped because we have learned discipline. At the very least our college transcripts will reflect a concern for society (something that's worth an A in my book).

The alternative to self-correction of this problem is a forced compliance by the administration and the various powers that influence our Board of Education. This alternative is very real. Last fall, I was asked to talk before the Darien High School Parents Association (DHSPA), a group of over-zealous mothers which includes my own mother. After having told them of the club and activities situation at the high school, they voted overwhelmingly to recommend required club participation for all sophomores. Reactions like this one are mounting, and, unless we want to see another graduation requirement, we must do something to correct the problems of social indifference and student idleness. At the very least we should fight any attempt to force further requirements on us.

Last fall, a \$5 parking fee was imposed upon us, and we did not respond.

Last fall, the graduation requirements were raised again, and we did not respond.

Soon, the students of Darien High School will be forced to participate in activities in which they should already be involved.

We must fight for our rights, use the resources which are available to us—Independent study, clubs, community groups, work-study, etc. At least we will be showing people that we are interested and concerned. At most we will dispell the shroud of apathy and prove to those around us that we can effectively control and shape our own lives.

Department challenges French 5 letter

Dear Editor:
A number of facts stated in VIEWPOINT of February 25 concerning French 5 were misleading. It is unfortunate, even deplorable, that the editorial staff of Neirad permitted the publication of these factual errors. If facts are to be printed, they should be verified before going to press.

For many years the Foreign Language Department has offered only one level of French 5. Therefore, all students wishing to continue, those from honors 4 and those from regular 4, were grouped together in honors 5 classes. It was recognized by the department that certain aspects of an honors course were very difficult for those coming from non-honors sections. For this reason, and because a growing number of students in non-honors 4 have elected to continue, steps were taken early in the year to introduce a non-honors French 5 for 1980-81. This addition has been approved by the Board of Education and appears in the catalog for 1980-81. The department feels that it is particularly important to be aware of the need for constructive change and to respond to this need in ways that will lead to more effective teaching and learning.

This year, however, all three sections of French 5 are honors sections. The curriculum and the course structure during the first semester were identical in all three classes. Not only were the works of the same authors read, but also, in most instances, the same selections were studied. It is normal, since the classes met during three different periods, that the assignments varied. Since two different teachers were involved, it was to be expected that there would be variations in methods of teaching as well as on the emphasis placed on various aspects of the course. While the letter to Neirad implied criticism by stating that the

tests were different, this should be considered a strength since the classes met during three different periods. The need to ask different questions on tests is obvious.

It was stated in Neirad that the grades of a student who transferred from teacher B to teacher A went from a D to a B. It is true that two students transferred from teacher B to teacher A. One's graded changed from F to C-, the other's from C, first quarter, to B-, second quarter, which with a C- mid-year exam averaged out to be a C for the semester. (Neither one received a B for the semester.)

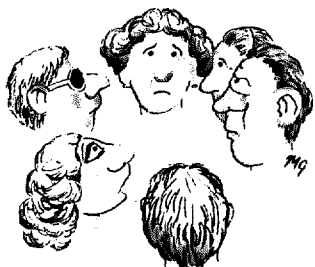
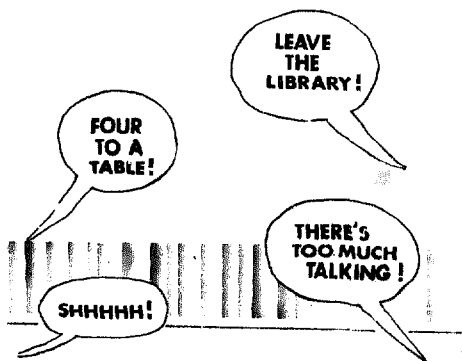
In addition, the attrition figures for the second semester French 5 have generally been lower than those for the first semester. The reason for this has been a desire on the part of some seniors, during the final semester, to explore some area of study to which they have not been exposed or to undertake an independent study project. This year, of the total of 37 students in teacher B's classes, 26 remain. Many of those who did not elect to continue are pursuing independent study and have dropped other academic subjects as well.

The letter to Neirad claimed that the majority of students in one section received C's and D's on the final exam. Some did receive C's and D's but there were also A's and B's. In the other section taught by the same teacher, there was a majority of A's and B's.

The Foreign Language Department always welcomes constructive suggestions from students in order to improve the curriculum and course offerings. It is important, however, before suggestions are submitted to the newspaper, that the facts upon which they are based be verified for accuracy.

Margaret W. Porter
Foreign Language Department

Editor's note: Facts of the story printed in the letter to the Editor column were verified. The only error that occurred was when the story stated that a student's grade changed from a D to a B after switching classes, which is what the person had on his report card. The grades were changed without the students knowing it.



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BARBARA ZOUBEK and NICKI MURPHY are two of the many parents who give up free time to do volunteer work at DHS. Mrs. Zoubek shelves books in the library, while Mrs. Murphy updates schedules in the Guidance Department.

Parents donate their time to increase efficiency

By Sandy Winship

Behind the scenes at DHS rattle the keys of typewriters and ditto machines under the able supervision of school volunteers.

About 100 mothers, fathers and other Darien citizens actively participate each week in the DHS expanded volunteer program. The program is now in its third year under the leadership of Gretchen Ternune.

The volunteers, Darien residents, either donate their time one day a week regularly or are spot volunteers, coming in to help when they are needed. During the past school year these volunteers put in more than 3,000 hours of work.

The volunteers are recruited

through the school Open House, the Newcomers' Club, parents' meetings with Principal Donald Robbins and through newsletters.

According to Mrs. Ternune: "The system runs on a teacher request basis. Teachers decide when and where volunteers would be helpful and put in a request at the front office. I try to place them in areas where they have expressed interests and abilities."

The volunteer program at DHS is a small branch of a nationwide program for community involvement.

The volunteers' jobs vary from book processing and inventory to scheduling guidance appointments. In the library volunteers:

help with inventory, shelving books and processing new books. Others serve as backbones of the Guidance, English, History, Science, Audio Visual, Art and Music Departments.

The reasons why these volunteers donate so much of their time varies. Many of the volunteers are teachers who say they want to maintain contact with a school atmosphere.

"I enjoy volunteering because I know so many of the kids," was one volunteer's reason.

Other volunteers say they find satisfaction helping the teachers and students. Nadine Goldberg, currently employed as a library assistant at DHS, was a volunteer for eight years at Boyce School. Her volunteering job lead to her present job in the library. "My volunteering paid off in a gradual way along with an emotional sense of satisfaction," Mrs. Goldberg said.

Many parents have donated valuable business time to speak about their careers and upcoming opportunities to DHS classes. Commented Mrs. Ternune, "Many fathers have been a tremendous asset in the business management program."

The high school community owes many thanks to the volunteers. With their help DHS functions much more smoothly.

and has not even campaigned in the South.

The man in the middle
George Bush's slogan has been "The President we won't have to train." He backs this claim up with some strong qualifications. Congressman, U.N. Ambassador, chairman of the Republican National Committee, liaison to China and CIA director. While some criticize the short span of his tenure at each post, it is generally acknowledged that each was a difficult task handled well. Bush's ale shares some of the qualities of JFK. At the age of 18, Bush was the youngest pilot in the Navy. He was shot down and awarded three flying medals. When he returned from the war he attended Yale, was president of his class, captain of his baseball team and Phi Beta Kappa. He then went on to become a self-made millionaire. Bush's qualifications aside, he is faced with the difficult task of overtaking Reagan.

The race is beginning to narrow out. Baker and Connally having withdrawn, but the over present Ford could enter the race in an attempt to defeat Reagan. At this late date the entry of Ford could throw a wrench in the hopes of Reagan's present challengers and ensure him the nomination. Whatever the results, the role of Connecticut will be important. It arrives at a time that could

News briefs

Typewriting II classes had real-life typing experiences the week of March 10-14 when the students provided typing services for DHS faculty.

Students received credit for doing the work which was evaluated by typing teacher Johnella Moses and the teacher who submitted the work.

A special voter registration was held for all 18-year-old DHS students in Vice Principal Gerard Coumbes's office March 7, sponsored by the Youth in Government. Students had to register by March 11 to be eligible for the Connecticut primaries.

Democratic registrar M. Elizabeth Rylander commented, "Usually we hold registration at the high school later in the year, but we held it March 7 so we could register students for the primaries and also so it would be convenient for the students."

An International Bazaar will kick off the annual World Week celebration Monday, May 5, in the gymnasium. Booths representing many countries will line the gym while International entertainers this year including Ukrainian singers, performed in the center.

The week will be filled with United Nations speakers, exchange student slide shows and a week long international lottery.

The International Dinner will be Thursday night, May 8. All proceeds from the dinner go to The Dr. John A. Rallo Foreign Language Scholarship Fund.

Friday, a Jamaican Band will perform and The International Family Folk Dance closes out "World Week" Saturday.

Comedy and singing will be main features of this year's talent show March 27 in the auditorium.

Harrison Mosher, Geoff Aymar, John Kronides, Keith Evers and the band Zoo Loose will sing at this year's show. According to Mark Brogan, this year's master of ceremonies and director, songs will be from recording artists such as Neil Young, Stanley Clarke, the Rolling Stones, and Bob Dylan.

Also in this year's show will be Liz Marasciulo, Dawson Willich, Bryan Oyster, R.J. Kelly and Bruce MacBain who will do comedy and dancing acts. The show will also feature a conclusion to the famous soap opera, General Hospital.

The show will begin at 8 p.m. with general admission \$1.50. All proceeds will go to the General Assembly.

Four DHS students left on a government-sponsored marine biology cruise March 12 from Sandy Hook, N.J.

Seniors Linda Johnson, Lissie Rodriguez and Jean Kim and junior Sarah C. O'nehr arrived in Sandy Hook, March 9, and spent three days researching marine life pertaining to their trip.

They are sailing the Atlantic coast to Norfolk, Virginia, where they will dock and then change boats. The new vessel will carry them out to sea, where they will continue their oceanographic studies.

Science Department Chairman Charles Vasquez, who is the sponsor of the trip, expects the ship with its crew of fishermen and students will dock March 24. This is the second marine biology trip this year for DHS biology II students.

A Series of A Better Chance information sessions will be held as follows: at the Unitarian Church and at the Ox Ridge School April 20, at St. John's and St. Thomas Moore Churches April 9, and at the Blanchard Center at St. John's, May 8.

For further information on joining ABC contact Ann Kimball at Person-to-Person (655-0048) or senior John Penrose.

Rugby, one of the world's toughest sports, is coming to DHS if there is enough support to organize a team.

The team needs at least 25-30 players to compete with area teams. Games will probably be played against New York and Connecticut prep schools, teams and possibly the Connecticut Yankees.

All those interested in competing can contact English teacher Jeff Bouvier, Bruce Kasky, Jim Baker or Mike Robinson. Rugby is an excellent opportunity to increase endurance and overall physical condition. The Rugby team will only be possible if it receives support from DHS students.

Special Education Aide Al Meehan will be running for the tenth time in the Boston Marathon this spring. Meehan began running in the Boston version of the marathon in 1961, with his best finish being placed a field of 300 in 1963 and his best time in the race occurring in 1975 at 2 hours 46 minutes.

Meehan began running 1959 at Stamford High and since that time has run the 52 1/2 mile London-Brighton race (Best finish 1:30 m. a. a. race of 100 in 7 hours in 1967) three times, Yonkers Marathon (finished eighth in 2 hours 46 minutes in 1975) and the Lake Winemuck 50 mile race (finished third in 6 hours 15 minutes in 1975).

Of his running experiences Meehan commented, "I was really good in high school, but I was determined to get better."

Political parties to hold primary today

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ulation. His anti-draft, anti-nuke and political isolation policies all sharply contrast with the other prominent candidates.

The actor
It has been a long time since Ronald Reagan starred in "Bedtime for Bonny," but he still has many local fans. Four years ago James President Ford he won by a margin of 3:1 in South Carolina and barely lost the nomination in James City. Reagan is a front-runner who once called himself a "New Deal Democrat" but now preaches conservative politics. He favors deregulation, tax cuts and expansion of nuclear power, while he opposes ERA and abortion.

The liberal
The surprise of the race has been John B. Anderson. This white-haired Congressman from Illinois has emerged as another challenger to Reagan. He has served for 10 terms in Congress and now seeks the Presidency. His second place showings in Massachusetts and Vermont were impressive, but they are not indicative of his standing in the race. More than half of Anderson's vote came from independents and Democrats, who were allowed to vote in the open primaries. Anderson's viewpoint is clearly liberal. He favors gun control and a 50 cent gasoline tax. The Anderson charge will be difficult, however, since he trails the



Business teacher William Brazee and senior Liz Marasciulo, hem it up after giving blood. The couple plans to donate the blood to the American Red Cross.

Ten year school accreditation begins with self evaluation

By Nelson Ehinger

Under the direction of Edward Higgins, history and economics teacher, DHS has been undergoing a self-evaluation by 23 different committees for the past two years as a prerequisite to receive accreditation by the New England Association of Secondary Schools and colleges (NEASSC) next year.

According to Dr. Higgins, NEASSC gives accreditations to a high school and college "to recognize that it is a good school overall." Accreditations can be good for up to 10 years, stated the chairman, Darien High School received a ten-year accreditation in 1970, and the only other school in Fairfield County to also receive one has been New Canaan.

"It is very rare to have a ten-year accreditation" said Dr. Higgins.

The 23 DHS self-evaluation committees are comprised of student and faculty members. Each committee is assigned a certain aspect of the school, for example the Guidance Department, to be evaluated. The committee looks for how well the department serves the needs of the students and suggests improvements to the steering committee, which reads the reports. The report is passed on to the faculty, where it is either accepted or rejected. If rejected, the department will have to have some changes done to receive a good report by the NEASSC.

NEASSC will send 30 teachers, principals and state board of education members to Darien October 5 of this year to begin the evaluation. They will stay in Darien to conduct their evaluation for four days. While at DHS, they will be given the reports

completed by the 23 committees and use them for the basis of their evaluation.

The NEASSC evaluation committee will also walk in the halls randomly asking students and faculty their opinions on academic programs, the schedule, facilities and activities, Dr. Higgins pointed out.

When the NEASSC evaluation committee has finished conducting its evaluation, it will present its report to the steering committee who will have a final chance to read it over. From their report the accreditation will be decided.

Through the 23 committee findings, Dr. Higgins said that DHS prepares the college bound student well. Improvement is needed, however, to the program of those not going to college.

He also said that according to a student survey, the school can not do anything to solve the widespread use of drugs at DHS.

Students also said they felt that the teachers do care about students.

One of the major concerns of the evaluation is how the school does the job of giving the student a good education.

"I feel the teachers do an outstanding job and show a lot of concern for the students. The good thing about this evaluation, though is that it forces you to sit down and look at yourself and see what you are doing for the student," Dr. Higgins concluded.



Dr. Jerry Seen, head of the Special Education Department, is one of many staffers involved in the extensive DHS program.

Students participate in House and Senate

By Daphne Moon and Wendy Hester

Thirty-two DHS students participated in the annual Youth in Government program, Friday, February 29, in the state capital. The student program is a reenactment of an actual political process on a state level.

Each student participated in the program, headed by YIG adviser Wayne Braun, by either writing a bill to be passed, and then debating it in the House of Representatives or the Senate, or by acting as an officer.

Each year students are elected to the offices including governor, lieutenant governor, president pro tempore, and speaker

of the House.

This year DHS senior John Penrose was elected lieutenant governor and Jean Kim was chosen president pro tempore.

Out of 32 DHS students, five were elected to act as senators, while the rest were representatives and senators.

At the end of the weekend, participants voted on the best debaters and best bills for the weekends. DHS senior, Joan Kim was voted Best Debater in the Senate, and DHS senior Charlie Keyes, Minority Party leader of the House, was voted Best Debator in the House.

Darien won the third best bill, co-authored by DHS senior Bo Lohr and Dennis Reilly, and fifth best, co-authored by DHS juniors Maddy Jahn and Alexandra Hurwitz.

The weekend was not all work, however, according to the delegates. Delegates managed to have a "good time," despite the rigid rules set. Eleven other towns participated in the convention, and there was a great deal of camaraderie, even with rival town New Canaan.

The weekend was a great learning experience delegates reported. A DHS junior commented, "It enables us to learn how to deal with people on conflicting issues and to gain insight into state government."

Special Education offers many types of services

By Sandy Winship and Allison Duffield

Seventy students are enrolled in the Special Education program at DHS this year. Students are eligible to participate in the program until they are 21 years old. There are no age limitations because the system runs on a case-by-case basis.

What does "special education" mean to students at DHS?

The Special Education Department offers instruction, pro-

grams and services to students. These programs are designed to meet the needs of individual students who have difficulties that may interfere with their personal or educational goals.

The program at DHS has been in effect for five years, mandated by state & federal laws. The Special Education Department moved into a new wing three years ago. The wing accommodates conference rooms, learning centers and private and counseling departmental offices.

What is so special about Special Education is that it helps students who would have trouble in regular education because of learning difficulties or disabilities.

A teacher of Special Education at DHS, Barbara Saitus said, "All of us are walking around with all kinds of disabilities; athletic disabilities, artistic disabilities and social disabilities to name a few. For most of us these disabilities are merely an inconvenience. We don't go out for football, or we don't go out on the dance floor. We must move into another interest where we have abilities."

"But when the disability involves learning—and school is a must—that's a special problem. We can't avoid school, college, or a career, there seems to be too much at stake. So ways must be found to get an education despite the disability."

This is what the Special Education Department at DHS tries to do—provide this education. A variety of programs are provided depending on the nature of the difficulty.

The department, directed by Dr. Gerald Seen, comprises Mrs. Saitus, Ann Powell and Mary Taylor as teachers, and Lorraine Musitano, Kit Reilly and Al Meehan as department aides.

The title of Special Education does not really explain the intentions of the department. The students have "different learning styles largely due to their past experiences," said Dr. Seen.

The department is run by a "team" who work together to design and implement the kind of assistance a student requires to meet his or her educational goals.

The team consists of Dr. Seen, the team leader, an administrative counselor, the school psychologist, a learning center teacher, the student and his or her parent. With this specialized program, the student has a good chance to fulfill his or her high

Movie review

'All That Jazz': artistic triumph

By Mark Gleason

An overload of women, work, smoking, drinking, uppers inner conflict and "All That Jazz" can be fatal—but what a way to go. Bob Fosse's ("Pippin," "Dancing," "Cabaret") lavish extravaganza of music, dancing, drama and comedy is an expression of his preoccupation with death.

The film is the story of Fosse's life, with Roy Scheider in a striking role as the Fosse-like character Joe Gideon, a choreographer-director who has several hit Broadway plays and films to his credit.

Gideon is a loveable, reckless, worn out and self-destructive star in his early 50's who can't come to terms with himself. He seems to see life as one big production number and is constantly seen flirting with death, represented in a fantasy realm by the irresistibly appealing form of Angelique (Jessica Lange), a fitting personification, as women and death have played principal parts in his life and art. Angelique/Death is the personification of a heart attack and arterial surgery that places Gideon further into hallucinatory visions of chorus lines who admonish him for his self-destructiveness, singing "Who's Sorry Now?" and "There'll Be Some Changes Made."

In the touching climax, Gideon accepts his pathetic end, seeing his death as the production number to all production numbers, a dazzling TV spectacular, that ultimate standing ovation in the sky.

Roy Scheider, as Gideon gives a splendid performance of noticeably better merit than his previous films. Fosse directs and choreographs Scheider and his chorus lines with the brilliant, magical pizzazz that brought him to fame. To behold "All That Jazz," death themes aside, is to experience the life, loves, anguish, humor, artistic failures and triumphs that go into a production, leaving the viewer thrilled and enthralled.

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Knicks and One-Hitters lead Intramural league

By Tom Kelley

It's not the NBA, or the FCIAC for that matter, but to the 80 or so players involved in intramural basketball it is truly big time.

The intramural program at DHS is not considered one of the more successful facets of the school's sports program. While there are volleyball and street-hockey leagues, the only sport that generates school-wide interest is basketball.

The basketball league, organized by math teacher George Nelson and physical education teacher Mike Sangster, consists of 11 teams. Boys and girls on the interscholastic basketball squads are not eligible to play but help out with the scoring, timing and refereeing.

The Knicks and the One-hitters, two teams made up mostly of senior boys, are currently tops

in the league. The faculty team, although not allowed to play in the championship game, has also come on strong and hopes to make its bid to finish the regular season in first place.

The Knicks are led by forward Chris Gunn. He averages over 20 points per game and is a leader out of the Willis Reed mold. Bruce MacBain, Jay Chandler and Dana Gane have helped the Knicks to the leagues best record at press time, 10-1.

Mike Koenig, Jeff Turner and the rest of the One-Hitters, a free spirited band of DHS football players, are currently second place squad in the league.

Captain Jay Sullivan, Mark Gurliaci, Andy Bella and the other members of the Hoopstars have made believers out of the rest of the loop with an impressive 8-3 record



The annual Donkey Basketball game February 26 raised more than \$400 for the winter track program. In an evening of exciting action, the juniors beat the freshmen 2-0, the seniors beat the sophomores 4-2, and went on to beat the juniors in the championship 4-2.

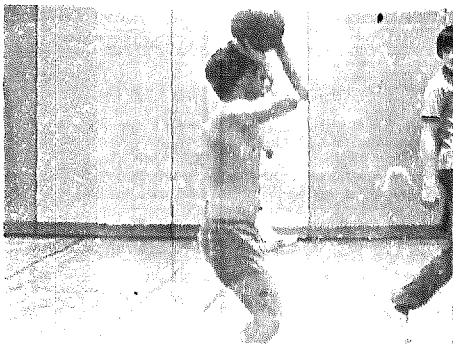
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Jay Sullivan shows his shooting skills in the intramural basketball program. The Knicks and the One-Hitters are currently leading the league.

Sports banquet ends successful season

By Linda Armstrong

The Most Valuable Player Award at the 1980 Winter Sports Banquet took on a special meaning this year as the boys' swimming recipient, senior Taber Smith, turned over the award to a junior on the team, Phil Hildebrand. At the banquet, held Wednesday, March 12, Taber said that the award should be given to the most valuable swimmer, not the most valuable senior.

Darien Athletic Director Michael Hannigan opened ceremonies at the banquet with a short speech followed by the appearance of senior Tim Saburr. Tim introduced to the students and parents the idea of a Varsity Club, consisting of varsity letter winners, who would aid the physical education teachers and supervise the Olympic Weight Training Center when needed.

Mr. Hannigan introduced each head coach of the winter teams. Each coach gave a brief review of how the team performed this year, and announced the MVP and next year's captains.

Don Mautte, indoor track coach, announced this year's MVP's as sophomore Francis Reath and tri-captain Chris Gunn. Special note was given to Jeff Messer, who qualified All-County in the two mile. Captains for the girls' indoor track team next year will be Liz Reid and Penny Gunn. Boys' captain will be Doug McKee.

George Nelson, girls' basketball coach, emphasized his teams' improvement. MVP was senior Sandy Winship and named next year's captains were Leslie Cunnings and Balister.

Four school records were broken this year by the boys' swim team the medley relay (qualifying the team for All-America consideration), John Turner, Paul Wetmore and Sean Smyth. MVP was received by Phil Hildebrand and captains for next year are Phil Sean Smyth and Paul Wetmore.

Wrestling Coach Jim Gerard announced Mark Hoffman as the most outstanding wrestler in Fairfield County this year. Coach Gerard also said Mark has earned the reputation of being the best wrestler at DHS in 13 years. It was no surprise that Mark was given the honor of MVP. Captains for next year will be Steve Palmer and Steve Brill. Co-captain Mike Flood was MVP of the boys' basketball team, and next year's captains will be Tom Kelly and Craig McCue.

The girls' gymnastic team, with a record this year of 9-9, honored junior Lisa Wood as the MVP. A special note was mentioned about Anna Fouser qualifying for the first All-County team in vaulting.

A senior at DHS was the highest hockey scorer in the state this year. Sandy McAdams, hockey coach, noted Bill Doreiman as this athlete and also the MVP of the team. Captains for next year will be Mac Budd and RJ. Kelly.

Ski team coach Doug Rubin culminated his speech at the banquet by announcing that co-captains Deydre Morrison and Peter Gaffield were the team's MVP's, with Leigh Krutz and

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Hoffman: 'The best wrestler at DHS in 13 years'

By Mark Seavy

The referee is poised as a wrestler struggles to keep from getting pinned. Then almost without warning, the referee, in one swift motion, brings down his hand to the mat with a resounding thud that reverberates throughout the gym. Yet another victory is signaled for senior Mark Hoffman.

Over his high school career, which spans two seasons of varsity and one of junior varsity competition, Hoffman has compiled a 46-2-2 regular season record. While wrestling in the 128-pound class as a sophomore, Hoffman compiled an impressive 13-1 JV mark. He then moved up to the 140 class as a junior (15-1-2) and senior (18-0), which includes a school record shattering 14 pins, breaking Joe Lombardo's record of ten.

Hoffman's only varsity loss of his career came last season at the hands of Westhill's Jerry Williams, the eventual FCIAC champion and to whom Hoffman lost in last year's county finals.

This season, though, Hoffman edged McMahon's Sinclair Smalls 4-2, in the FCIAC finals to claim his first-ever 140 county crown and then moved on to capture the state crown, downing Conard's Sal Lattizori, 5-4.

The season then proceeded to take an unfortunate turn for Hoffman after the state class "L" meet, as he sprained his ankle in a pick-up basketball game and was unable to compete in the State Open Championships.

For Hoffman, who moved here from Greenwich at the age of

two, wrestling success began early. "I enjoyed wrestling in gym class so I entered the town tourney (the annual Mather-Middlesex wrestling clash) in seventh grade," said Hoffman. His seventh grade entrance into the town tourney began unprecedented, three-straight, 98 pound town junior high championships.

Hoffman's long list of successes has not only come from the weight training he does, but from some fine coaching at the high school level. "I credit much of my success to John Nimock and Jim Girard," Hoffman remarked.

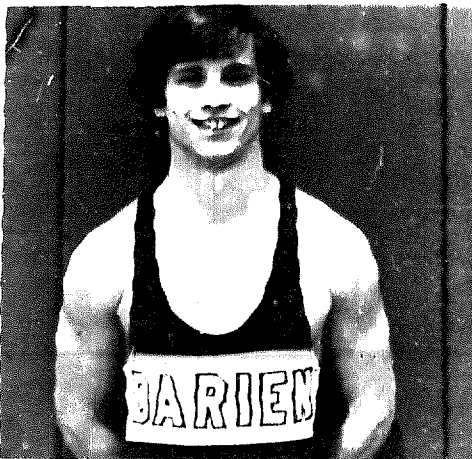
Nimock likewise lauded Hoffman for his fine ability and put him at the top of the Darien High wrestling list. "Hoffman is the best we've put out in my five years here and I just wish he had

wrestled three years of varsity instead of two."

Head Coach Jim Girard echoed those comments. "Hoffman has a great deal of natural ability, but he's worked hard and paid his dues since he started wrestling in seventh grade. He has been the best wrestler at Darien High in 13 years."

1972 Olympic gold medalist Dan Gable, who operates a wrestling camp many Darien wrestlers have attended, is the man Hoffman most admires, but unlike Gable, Hoffman asserted "I really don't have any Olympic aspirations."

Whether it be on the wrestling mat of athletics, college or career, Hoffman appears being assured of one thing, being a winner.



Mark Hoffman

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Sports briefs

"Strike three!" "You're out!" Yes, it is baseball season again, and the girls' softball team is beginning to get ready for its upcoming season.

Coach Deborah Billington said she is psyched for a winning season, even though very few members of last year's team will be returning.

"We'll certainly have a young team this year," commented Coach Billington, "but we've already had a meeting and a lot of enthusiastic soph' mores are trying out."
DHS will meet New Canaan April 2 for a pre-season scrimmage on Darien's field.



Coming off a 7-7-1 record, the 1980 golf team will attempt to better that state, under the leadership of Coach Navio Olavi and Captain Jeff Bruce.

Jeff said that although the varsity lineup has not been determined, "We have the potential to have a good season. The season will be rebuilding one, due to the

lack of returning letterman," he added.

The linksters schedule consists of 6 home meets and 9 away. Their first home meet is with the Warriors of Rippowam April 21. Matches will be played until the end of May, when the championships begin.



Head Coach Ralph Masterangelo can't complain that he doesn't have the personnel to make this season successful. The boys' tennis team has retained all of its starting players from last year.

Many players feel the previous record or 10-5 could have been better if it were not for the suspension, imposed by Coach Masterangelo, on three key players: Rob Loud, Bill Hunter and Bill White. Nevertheless, Darien finished second in league and state competition.

Many fans say Darien will be the number one contender this season.



The biggest question the spring track teams will face this year is if they can compete as well as previous years without the presence of last year's seniors.

Girls' Head Track Coach Steve Norris commented that the loss of seniors such as Jim Satterly and Mandy Sutherland will definitely be a disadvantage for the team.

According to Coach Norris, this year's girls' team can look forward to competing well in the hurdles and in some of the field events. He added that the boys' team should excel especially in the distance event: and throwing events.

Practices began for both teams March 17. The teams' meets will begin the second week in April.

Captains for the boys' team will be chosen soon. Girls' tri-captains are Pam Druggie, Linda Armstrong and Leslie Kelly.



Coming off a strong 12-3 season, the girls' tennis team will be looking to better that performance, according to Head Coach Rebecca Strominger.

Darien is fortunate to have 14 out of 16 varsity players returning from last year, including the top four seeds, Joanne Knowlton, Didi Emmons, Sue Harrington and Sandy Winship.

DHS finished third in league and state competition last year behind New Canaan and Greenwich, but Knowlton and Winship were state champions in doubles. "New Canaan and Greenwich will be tough again this season," said Coach Strominger.



With only two starting players returning from last season, Mike Flood and Jay Chandler, the baseball team boasts one of the youngest squads it has had in a long time. This, however, does not worry Head Coach George Nelson. "Many teams in the league lost valuable men from their staffs," said Coach Nelson.

Darien would like to match its 12-8 performance of last year, but it will be difficult without pitching ace Randy Rosic.

Darien must come up with a solid pitching staff to be a league contender this season. Coach Nelson said strong pitching will be the key to a successful season.



Track Captain Jeff Messer will lead the track team into another season.