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## Budget Decrease Creates Concern

Much has been said about last year's budget cuts, which resulted in the loss of nine-and-one-half faculty members. In order to gain a clear image as to the impact of this reduction, *Neirad* sought to survey some of the departments which seemed most seriously affected.

Some departments lost teachers directly through faculty reduction and some lost faculty on a full or part-time basis through reassignment to the optional programs. The optional program teachers are assumed to carry a teaching load that would otherwise be on the regular departments.

### Social Studies Department

Social Studies has sustained the greatest increase in class sizes of any department. While the average teacher class load in this department was 102 last year, this year the number has risen to 131. Dr. Jacobs stated, "This is significant for one reason in particular: teachers will no longer be able to devote as much time to individual conferences and individualized instruction. There will be less time available for annotating students' papers."

"The quality of education will probably not diminish from last year, but it will be at the expense of faculty who are perpetually tired," continued Dr. Jacobs. "We're already finding teachers who can't find the time for meetings with students during the day, and by the end of the day, they don't have the energy."

"In Social Studies, we also have been hurt by the change to five classes each semester. In this department we rely

heavily on the essay test, and reports that can't be mass scored. So even though preparation is approximately the same, what causes the greatest drain is more students in class."

Dr. Jacobs ended saying, "It's important for the Board of Education to realize that actions have consequences, and it's impossible to reduce faculty size without impairing the quality of education."

### Foreign Language

Class size, the number of students in each class; and class load, the number of classes each teacher teaches, have both risen as a result of teacher cuts in the Foreign Language Department. The implications behind these increases, says John Rallo, Chairman of the Department, are serious. The largeness of the classes means that each student has less chance for individual expression; the increased load of the teachers means that they have less time to spend with students out of class. This situation, says Dr. Rallo, puts a great strain on the teachers. It is, in turn, much less beneficial to those students who require more time in the acquisition of basic skills.

The budget cuts have promoted some changes in the approach of the department's foreign language instruction. Methods have been changed toward a stressing of the group over the individual. As a consequence says Dr. Rallo, the end result may suffer, but it is too soon to tell. "We will do our best," he says, "but the best we do now may not be as good as the best we did before."

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Member of the Green Thumb Club. The new DHS organization is concerned with ecology and plant science. (Photo by Cindy Tower)

## Council Branches Out To Students

By BILL HELMAN

The School Council of DHS, an advisory board to the principal, has had several meetings this year, organizing committees and activities for the year. Marguerite McGoldrick is the chairperson, being the first female to hold this position. Math teacher George Nelson is vice chairperson.

The Council consists of students, faculty, staff, administration, and parents. There are presently eighteen members, all of whom were elected last spring by a popular vote (sophomores will elect members later this month, after an orientation period). The School Council serves as the advisory board to the principal and makes many recommendations concerning school policies and potential policies.

Four main committees are responsible for working out proposals before presentation to the Council. The committees are: Non-academic Regulations, Academic Regulations, Curriculum Advisory, and Public Relations. Each committee has a chairperson who is responsible for calling meetings.

The Non-academic Regulations Committee concerns itself with those things that concern the school, but not academically. Among the topics that chairperson Suzi Coates and her committee will be discussing are open morning and campus, necessity of homeroom, and the smoking area-library-cafeterias situation.

The Academic Regulations Committee, chaired by Bill Helman, will be reviewing the final exam policy, the possibility of an honor roll, and the weighting of grades, among other things.

Guidance Counselor Joan Walsh is the interim chairperson of the Curriculum Advisory, for the members did not want to elect a chairperson until a student joined their committee. Possibilities of new courses, as well as reviewing existing ones, is an important function of the Curriculum Advisory.

Miss McGoldrick emphasized that the School Council is not a so-called club for the "intellectuals" but is more a club for people who care about the school and what happens to it. All meetings are open to the public, and comments at the meeting are welcome. Meetings are held every other Wednesday, usually during X-period in room B-4. It is a good place to get ideas started,

## Down Memory Lane With A Maine Man

By CINDY TOWER

Gone is the grizzly bear of yesteryear, and in its place is a smooth, well-groomed vice-principal. For those who don't know him, Mr. Gerard Coulombe is the big guy with dark sparkling eyes who is often seen walking around wearing a hat. Mr. Coulombe is a bit of a sleeper. His calm exterior and quiet voice have lulled many a miscreant into thinking he was dealing with a pushover. This has not always proved to be true.

Mr. Coulombe's headquarters is a refuge from the usual office humdrum outside. Decorated with a brilliant green rug, ultra-pink and white deck chairs, curtains and art work including a giant smile sign, Mr. Coulombe has succeeded in giving his "pad" a friendly, homey atmosphere. When asked where his bean-bag chair had gone, Mr. Coulombe replied that it had been "leaking beans all over the place," and it is probably due to the tight budget that he hasn't gotten another. Not all those desk drawers are heaped with the vice-principal's workload; in one Mr. Coulombe keeps a spoon and a jar of peanut butter to ward off fatal attacks of starvation.

### Learned English

Mr. Coulombe grew up in Maine. In his family, which still speaks French today, he didn't learn English until he was eight or nine years old. Ever since he was a boy, Mr. Coulombe thought he

would grow up to be a teacher. This seems surprising since he was relentlessly pursued by an elementary school teacher into learning English. She chased him to the library every day after school for years. At the time, he hated it and felt he was being punished. Oddly enough, Mr. Coulombe now appreciates it.

He went to St. Louis High School in Maine, which rigidly separated boys and girls. Since the boys did not have the opportunity to flirt with girls, they played a lot of football, including night games. DHS did not get around to night games until 1975.

After high school, Mr. Coulombe became an Air Force radar technician. During the period of the 1950's when

U.F.O.s were frequently reported, Mr. Coulombe several times saw unexplained blips on the radar screen which performed seemingly impossible maneuvers.

### Taught English

Mr. Coulombe became a student at the University of Maine, where he earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees in English. He married, and he and wife had two of their four kids while he was still in college. After college, Mr. Coulombe taught English at Schreiber High in Port Washington, Long Island, and became chairman of the English department. In 1969 Mr. Coulombe came to DHS as vice-principal.

Despite some ups and downs here, Mr. Coulombe says "the neatest thing

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## Conscientious Students Heed Community Need

By BETSY ADAMS and KAREN ECKRICH

The Community Action Program (C.A.P.) is a new credit / no credit course offering at DHS. The program is designed to develop social awareness in students and hopefully motivate their further involvement in volunteer services.

C.A.P. is affiliated with the Voluntary Action Center of Stamford-Darien, whose goal is "to provide a central point for the coordination of all volunteer activities and to emphasize the value and potential of voluntarism."

Assistant Principal Donald Robbins initiated this program because he is interested in civic education and feels it is important for students to be involved in the community.

### Agency and Advisor

During the first month of the program, students attend seminar sessions where the needs and opportunities of each agency are presented. At the completion of these seminars, each student chooses the agency where he or she would like to work. The student also chooses an advisor who knows him or her well and is familiar with the field of service.

After having chosen an advisor and agency to work at, each participant is required to attend the monthly C.A.P. meetings regularly, average three hours per week in the field of service, have a satisfactory evaluation from the supervisor, and promptly submit a written report at the end of each ten-week period.

Dr. Robbins cited the help of Mrs. Anne Kimball, who is the southwestern Fairfield county coordinator of V.A.C.; Mrs. Betsy Rich, the Darien coordinator; and Miss Dorthy Herrmann, school social worker, in developing C.A.P.

## Rally For Pedagogue Pep!

Pep-spirit; the presence of this element is the vital, burning issue at the moment. Perhaps this is the proper time to have a pep rally for a forgotten team: the pedagogue platoon.

We've got to fire up these teachers. Some of them drag along as if they have a great deal of work to do. Don't they enjoy seeing *all* our smiling faces in the classroom — at once? The more the merrier! Aren't they pleased as pineapples to grade more and more tests? Don't they live and breathe only to grade our papers? *Neirad* thought these people liked to read. What better way is there for a teacher to spend all his spare time than with his loving students? It keeps these intellectuals out of trouble.

The school could structure this pep rally in a fashion similar to the previous one. For a uniform look, the teachers could be dressed in fatigues as they jog through a hoop constructed of last year's Bio 2 term papers. After the excitement of a contest between the classes to see who can recite their ABC's the fastest, our pep rally would reach the climax as our professors are presented with gifts. Munchkins dressed up as "an-apple-for-the-teacher" could present a survival packet for this year of budget cuts to each including a box of Wheaties and a bottle of Geritol. Ah, the splendid grandeur of it all... Gee whiz, this is such a keen year. We have to do something to stop these scholars from worrying about the quality of education. Sit back, relax; gosh we're all just here to have fun!! Why worry? Whoo knEads anne ed-Jicashun ennywaie?

## Faculty Members Face Larger Classes

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English Department

"It has entirely wiped out the remedial reading program," commented John Black, Chairman of the English Department. Dr. Black referred to the status of the English Department after the faculty cuts of last year.

Floren Harper, a former member of the faculty who taught on a half-time basis, was another loss to the department. Miss Harper taught some drama courses as well as various English courses. "She was really an inspiration to the other teachers of the department," Dr. Black explained. "She has written extensively, and a bit of her teaching techniques rubbed off on the whole English Department," he added.

Fred Piderit, formerly of the English Department, has transferred to the Alternative Learning Program on a full time basis. The English Department has also lost the services of two teachers on a partial basis, because of this year's curriculum options.

Class sizes have been forced upward. Most teachers have also been forced to take on five classes.

"Teachers aren't able to do the same quality job," he added. "It is physically impossible to take on such a heavy work load and to function at a high caliber at the same time. There is no time to spend with a student who needs help or just wants to talk. With such a large faculty cut, people wondered whether or not DHS could still function. Well the answer is 'Yes,' we are functioning, but not as Darien High School. In New York City, the schools 'function'; that's why I came to Darien five years ago. I wanted to do more than function..."

### Guidance Department

The faculty cuts have hampered the Guidance Department's ability to serve students, according to Gerald Heffernan, chairman. This year the department has lost the services of one full-time counselor, the consulting psychologist, and last year a clerical aide. Without these staff members, the department has found itself greatly overloaded.

Mr. Heffernan feels, "The situation in guidance has a potentially harmful effect on all DHS students, especially the juniors and sophomores. In the first semester, in particular, the guidance counselors are busy with the seniors, helping them with their post-graduation plans. A natural consequence is that this gives the counselors less time to meet with underclassmen."

Mr. Heffernan now has 130 counselees; last year he had none. The other four counselors have about 30 extra students, bringing their load up to 270 students each. In addition, the counselors are handling more students with emotional problems, with the aid of one less professional psychologist.

### Library

"In action, we've found it to be worse than we thought it might be," stated George Emerson, Head Librarian, in reference to the projections that were made due to last year's cut of one librarian.

The library staff has had difficulty teaching entire classes about reference techniques this year. "We've been trying different ways to teach the same materials, but they have not been effective ... trying to teach large groups about reference materials hasn't worked."

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## VIEWPOINTS

### Student Knocks Teacher Apathy

By KELLEY CLOUGH

It has recently come to my attention that there seems to be a general lack of support among the faculty when it comes to school activities. I wouldn't say that this shortage is apparent among all the teachers, but I have noticed it with a large enough quantity of teachers that I feel it has become a problem — a problem which has gone by unnoticed for too long.

I do have evidence to justify my claim. A precedent was established which requires three to four chaperones, namely teachers, in order to hold a dance. Two representatives from the Activities Council approached the faculty at a meeting to ask for volunteers to chaperone at their upcoming dance. They said that the teachers showed no interest at all. Only one teacher volunteered.

Apathy also seems to be hitting classrooms. Students have gotten the impression that teaching class has become a chore for some teachers, and that as long as kids show up for class, they might as well teach them, since they really have no other choice. The feeling of indifference is coming across to the students, and a similar feeling is being created in them. This is not the ideal classroom situation, where neither teacher nor student could care less if they were there or not.

As I walk around the school I see many people, both students and teachers, wearing the spirit-enhancing buttons. The spirit among the students has definitely been enhanced this year, and I think the administration has a lot

### Lights Go Out In Darkroom

By LISA EMMONS and  
FREDDIE MILLETT

This viewpoint is to inform students that every day Mr. Robert Cygan, the photography teacher, is forced to turn into a pumpkin promptly at 11:30 a.m. Unfortunately at this time the darkroom doors lock and at least 45 students are left out in the cold for the rest of the school day, unable to use the facilities offered.

Last year the photography labs were open all day and after school. This time has now been cut in half in spite of the fact that the amount of students taking photography has doubled.

Try to imagine 45 students cramming into the darkroom during three-and-a-half hours a day, the week an assignment is due. Some only have one free period to accomplish the complicated work of developing, washing, drying, enlarging, and cleaning up that is involved with this course.

The Budget Crunch hit Darien High School's Art Department. This cut out half a teacher, decreased the photography classes' time by 50% and

to do with this. They have really made an all-out effort to increase school spirit. They have been very successful among the students, but haven't had so much success with the faculty. When I see teachers wearing these buttons, I realize that very few teachers actually come out and cheer on their school.

Something is being done, though. The Activities Council is going to ask the faculty that they chaperone at least one event this year. This way, the same teachers who always have chaperoned for everything will not be in the same position this year.

A school consists of two groups of people — the teachers and the students. School activities can't function without a combined effort of both elements. It seems that students and a certain group of teachers are carrying their weight. But it's always the same teachers. Perhaps the lack of spirit is due to the fact that teachers do have more classes this year, and they feel that they give enough of themselves from 7:45 to 3:00 and in preparing at home for their classes. I can sympathize with this. But, I'm not looking for an excuse. I'm looking for a solution. There should be a natural interest among the faculty to come to a football game, where they can forget their teacher roles for a while and have fun with the kids and the school. There are teachers that do this, and they do it because they want to, not because they feel that they have to. I wish this feeling could be aroused among more teachers. If the faculty doesn't support the students in their activities, where and to whom does this leave them to turn to?

also dropped the graphics class, which was well supplied with materials and equipment that other high schools aren't as fortunate to have.

This loss hurts more than students interested in the field of art, but the yearbook staff and *Neirad* as well.

Mr. Cygan's time and energy are being wasted, teaching part time at the high school and traveling to elementary schools in the afternoon.

Not only is Mr. Cygan a teacher in the Darien Public Schools System but he, in the past, has helped with community projects such as The Darien Summer Theatre Music Workshop. This example goes to show that Mr. Cygan is interested in the community as well as his job as a teacher.

We both feel that this particular budget cut was imposed rather carelessly, considering that no one was trained to cover Mr. Cygan's hours when he unnecessarily joins the rat race of society. Is that the only solution? We hope this cut is reconsidered realistically.

### Alumni Rep Promotes Pep

By TODD BURGER  
Drake University

In response to Ms. Lane's Viewpoint (*Neirad*, Sept. 27) "Pep Rally: Chaos As Therapy," I think she missed the point entirely of the event.

Your years in high school are the most important of your life, and the more you get involved in school activities the more rewarding your high school experience will be.

Granted, the idea of a pep rally may be childish, and when seeing it, may look confusing. But anything that will bring the school community together as

a whole body, functioning and trying to enjoy themselves, should not be ridiculed.

In my three years at DHS, school support of teams and school spirit were disgraceful, if not entirely non-existent. A pep rally may seem stupid, but I for one would have enjoyed having them, if it brought the school together.

I will always have fond memories of Darien High, and cherish them and the friendships I made during those years. You have the opportunity to work and cheer along with your fellow students. Do not do anything to jeopardize that opportunity.

# 'Neirad' Examines Ice Cream Pros And Cones

## Second of a Two-part Series

Neirad continues its search for the perfect cone and the super sundae in this second part of its ice cream survey.

### Howard Johnson's

Wandering into Howard Johnson's on a relatively slow evening, we were fortunate to arrive during their fiftieth anniversary celebration. The trimmings of this gala event included a colorful placemat describing sumptuous sodas, sundaes, and desserts, each with a red, white, and blue color scheme.

With a choice of 20 flavors, three cone sizes \$.40, \$.50, and \$.60, we finally decided upon a mocha chip cone and a toasted almond fudge sundae. The ice cream was smooth, the mocha chip wasn't skimpy on the crunchies, and the toasted almond fudge did taste like almonds. The sundae also included whipped cream, nuts, a cherry, and a small sugar cookie. The sundae did come in a fair-sized dish but didn't justify its \$.95 price. The pre-packed half-gallons run \$2.69.

The service was swift and the environment clean; however, HoJo's doesn't offer anything new or unusual and can be heavy on the budget. ☺☺☺

### Carvel

Carvel Ice Cream Mart, located next to the Darien driving range, is another ice cream store specializing in "soft ice cream."

Carvel has good variety; you can select from a sundae, ice cream sundae, root beer float or milk shake all priced at \$.75, but actually should only be about \$.60. We recommend them all for their flavor content, except the ice cream soda, which by the time it is half consumed, tastes like a glass of club soda and chocolate syrup mixed. The thick shake float for \$.95 and the Banana Barge for \$1.25 are exceptionally good but overpriced.

Carvel offers vanilla and chocolate ice cream, and a third flavor which changes from day to day. When talking with the manager, he explained that the flavor can be any one of 15.

Carvel also sells handpacked ice cream, as well as birthday cakes, the birthday cakes at \$3.95 being the most expensive item. For those of you on a tight budget there is the Flying Saucer, which is a round ice cream sandwich for only \$.25 ☺☺

### Dairy Queen

Looking for something scrumptilyicious? Dairy Queen, located in Stamford, just a mile or so over the Darien line, is where all sorts of goodies can be found.

In the ice cream department, there is everything an ice cream freak could crave for, even ice cream cakes. Everything seemed to be fairly priced and the portions are good-sized. The cones start at \$.30 for a small, with medium and large cones \$.40 and \$.55. For a nickel extra, one can have a cone dipped in one of six flavors: chocolate, butterscotch, cherry, peppermint, lemon, or lime.

The more lavish desserts include Strawberry Short Cake, Brownie Delight, and sundaes, all priced at \$.85. Milk shakes selling for \$.65 and \$.75

were another good selection with a perfect consistency. The flavor assortment includes all the regulars as well as coffee, pineapple, and banana. As well as other items, hand-packed ice cream is also available: 1/2 gallon at \$1.70, a quart at \$.89, and a pint for \$.55.

In addition to all these mouth-watering food delights, you'll find quick service, clean facilities and change in your pocket. So the next time you feel your stomach grumble, rush on over to Dairy Queen for a great eating experience. ☺☺☺

## Summer Expeditions: Sculpting, Hiking, Biking

By GEORGE GARFIELD

During this past summer a number of people at the High School were involved in unusual and interesting activities. Reports on a few people's summer activities follow.

### Sculpture

Lisa Emmons spent five weeks at the Rhode Island School of Design, in Providence, R.I. The Rhode Island School of Design, which offers one of the largest varieties of art courses, also offers a pre-college summer program.

The summer program was run on a weekly schedule. Each person's schedule was based on the "major" on which he or she wanted to focus. Lisa chose sculpture as her art major and her weekly schedule devoted two days to her major. The other three days were spent in art classes in silk screening, design and drawing, with occasional art lectures and shows in all three. On weekends, art classes were not held and the students participated in parties and dances along with field trips.

Lisa feels she obtained "a taste of college life and what you should expect." After spending part of the summer at the art school, Lisa has decided to pursue art in college as her major. All in all, she felt the experience was a great one and would have liked to stay a bit longer.

### Survival Expedition

Tom Rollins spent five weeks in the National Outdoor Leadership School

(N.O.L.S.) expedition course in the Wind River Mountain Range in south central Wyoming.

The N.O.L.S. course was scheduled on a daily basis. Each morning after breakfast and before the hikes the group would set the schedule for the day. During each daily hike the expedition would stop at a suitable wilderness area and hold a class on fundamental wilderness skills which corresponded to that day's hike.

Along the course of the whole expedition Tom enjoyed the "scrambling" (snow and rock climbing) the most. Besides the "scrambling," Tom got a "kick" out of the four-day survival expedition, of which he was the leader. Tom commented that survival made him "dream of food a lot," but added that it was a great learning experience. Survival ended the five-week wilderness trip. Tom commented, "A good time was had by all" including himself.

### Bike Trip In France

A five-week, 1200-mile-long bike trip through France was the summer happening for Martha Seagrave, Charlie Skinner, Clark Porter, Linda Tharp, and David Herbert, DHS French teacher.

Most nights were spent in inexpensive youth hostels along the route. They

had breakfast at the hostels and usually made the rest of their meals, except for an occasional visit to a restaurant.

The bike trip itself started off in Paris and moved south. While riding south the "bikers" visited various cathedrals and chateaux.

The group reached the town of Bourges, where they packed their bikes onto a train and went to Avignon. Avignon is a very old city, as Martha described it, and they were there in time to see some of its culture come alive. There was a large festival which featured plays, music, art and photography exhibits, and movies. The group spent approximately two days in Avignon and then moved on to the ruins of the town of Les Baux, which is a city destroyed by war in the Middle Ages.

From the Mediterranean coast they rode into Carcassonne, which Martha says "was incredible." "One big castle" is how she described the city of Carcassonne, which is surrounded by walls.

As the trek continued, after many other stops, they reached the famous wine country and the city of Bordeaux.

The trip, which ended in Paris, was one which the entire group enjoyed very much and which strengthened their leg muscles, as well.



Daredevil Skinner peddling through French wilderness. (Photo by Mr. Herbert)

## Pom-Pon Girls To Spice Games

Sometime soon a troop of blue and white garbed gals will liven a football game half-time show. Yes, Darien High has a new group to boost school spirits — the Pom-Pon Girls, a march and drill team.

Approximately 30 girls will do dance routines as the DHS band provides the beat. Thirteen girls will carry flags, while the rest hold pom-poms.

It was Assistant Principal Gerard

Coulombe's idea to form the pom-pon squad. He thought the girls would get more people involved and proud of the high school football team by showing that they have team spirit.

At this time, Mr. Coulombe and Donald Cunningham, band director, are the girls' advisors. However, Mr. Coulombe stated that he is looking for someone with more experience in the area to advise the Pom-Pon Girls.

## THE PATRICK WAY

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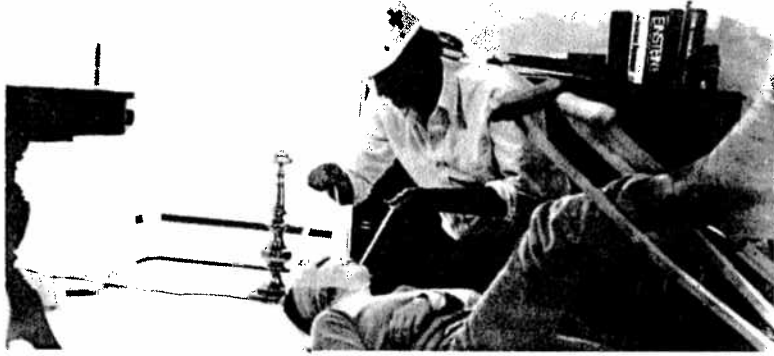
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Paid for by the committee to re-elect William Patrick  
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Course instructor Bill Helman demonstrates first aid techniques to student Cappy Craig. (Photo by Lane)

## Cuts Cause Pain; Staff Feels Crunch

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been difficult for the librarians to maintain last year's education programs."

### School Nurse

Because of last year's faculty cuts, frequently there is no nurse on the DHS premises in the afternoon.

Maureen Pollart, School Nurse, was reduced to part time. Although Shirley Boone, R.N. and Director of Health Services for the school system, has an office at DHS, she has many meetings to attend which take her from the area during the day. Thus, afternoon there is often no one on duty here, and emergencies must be handled by the Middlesex Jr. High School Nurse.

"Naturally, we had to cut back our programs because we didn't have the personnel," stated Mrs. Boone. Last year, many programs which dealt with cancer, blood pressure and alcohol were offered to educate DHS students.

Mrs. Pollart said, "The sad part of it is that many people view school nursing as emergency care instead of preventative medicine."

This has been a sampling of the sentiments which were repeated in many seriously affected departments.

### Other Departments

Industrial Arts and Mathematics were also among the departments which suffered the loss of a teacher.

In addition to those mentioned, one half of a teacher's time has been reduced in the Family Studies, Music and Art Departments.

The Science Department was reduced to one less full-time staff member when one teacher transferred to the alternative learning programs.

Other departments experienced budget cuts, but were not subject to direct staff reduction.

## Student Saves Life Seniors Teach First Aid Course

By JAY COOK

A first aid course, the first full-credit student-taught course in the history of DHS, is a part of this year's curriculum.

Taught by seniors Lisa Doble, Jamie Foote and Bill Helman the Course covers both standard and advanced first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The first aid segment of the course is divided into sections, for example, wounds, burns, and poisoning among others. CPR, or external heart massage, is taught as a separate unit and was one of the first in the course. Lisa, Jamie and Bill rotate teaching by sections, thus cutting down on the in-class teaching time they each have.

The purpose of the course is obvious: it helps to prepare the student for a possible medical emergency. Tom Aulenti, a student in the course, was the first to learn the value of his training. Shortly after learning CPR, Tom, seated in the New Canaan movie theater, noticed a gentleman two rows in front of him, obviously in distress, slump over in his seat. Immediately Tom leaped into action, putting to use his newly learned CPR skills. Moments later help, in the form of a New Canaan policeman, arrived, followed shortly by an ambulance. The gentleman, a heart attack victim, survived, thanks largely to Tom's quick action.

When questioned about his efforts, Tom replied, "I was scared to death; I

wasn't sure I was doing it right." He added, "I was happy I knew what to do. I think everyone should take the course. You never know when something like that can happen."

Another person who thinks that everyone should take the course is David Herbert, DHS Foreign Language teacher and in-school advisor to the course. A veteran of the course himself, Mr. Herbert said, "First aid is something every student should know ... and [should be] a requirement for graduation."

You may wonder whether or not the students teaching the course are qualified. Each is an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and a member of Post 53. In addition they are accredited by the American National Red Cross as first aid instructors. Jamie and Bill are also accredited CPR instructors.

When asked about the rigors of teaching life Bill replied, "The class has been very good, no trouble at all."

Homework, mostly reading assignments and worksheets, is assigned to supplement class work. Periodic tests are given; the first, on CPR was passed by everyone in the class. The structure of the course is not rigid. Stress is placed on the areas the instructors feel are more important, although all areas are thoroughly covered.

"Our objective," said Bill, "is to upgrade the level of emergency care at home, and hopefully to save some lives." "Most of it is common sense" added Jamie. All students are encouraged to continue their studies in this field. However, continued Bill, "It's hard to get into a more advanced course unless you are a member of some rescue operation, but I hope they do."

## Coulombe Reflects...

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about DHS is the student body." The worst thing, in his opinion, is that it is difficult to get things going because the school has so many individuals. Mr. Coulombe thinks he has a hard time developing spirit and enthusiasm among the parents as well as among the students. "The sad thing is that when kids are performing, many parents can't find time to come watch and be proud of their kids," he said.

### Free Day

When asked how he would spend an entirely free day, Mr. Coulombe said he would probably go hiking in the woods of Maine. He also enjoys reading a lot of war stories, as he says, to "let my aggressions out." He likes visiting museums, acting, eating Chinese food, and joining in the fun at DHS dances.

Mr. Coulombe admits that for the first two years of chaperoning, he wore cotton in his ears. But then, "my teenage sons play a lot of rock and stuff, and gradually I got used to it — perhaps because I'm deaf now?!" he added. "Another thing is that today's dancing is a lot easier than the foxtrot and the jitterbug."

The other DHS assistant principal, Donald Robbins, was asked to comment on Mr. Coulombe. He replied, "Mr. Coulombe brings infinite enthusiasm and variety to DHS. I am particularly envious of his collection of hats!" Mr. Coulombe's zodiac sign is Virgo, and like other Virgos, he is a hard worker, strong and determined. But he considers himself, as he once referred to Dr. Robbins, "really a marshmallow."

# SHE WANTS DHS TO BE THE BEST



Many families choose Darien because our schools are very good. Carolyn Brotherton thinks Darien's First Selectman ought to help students and parents keep things that way.

Carolyn is a teacher. She has a son at Mather Jr. High and a daughter at DHS. She was President of the Council of School Parents. (She wants to move from a career at the head of the class to a career at the head of the Town.)

DHS students are working in Carolyn's campaign. She wants their help now, on election day, and when she is First Selectman.

## Carolyn's Day is Coming

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DHS hockettes hopping high as they shoot for States. (Photo by Anne Morris)

## Field Hockettes Continue Winning Ways

By MARY McGOLDRICK

The Girls' Field Hockey Team has fared well this season and holds a record of four wins and two ties.

Darien hosted a fair Norwalk team on Sept. 29, in a scoreless game. The j.v.s. then overtook their counterparts, Darien scoring eight goals. Darien's strong defense managed to keep Norwalk's scoring at a minimum, Norwalk only scoring one goal.

The following day Darien encountered a strong Danbury team away, nipping them 2-0. The aggressiveness and speed of Darien was evident in this duel as the whole team performed well. Sue Atkinson and Gail Grimes were scorers for the Big Blue.

Sheehan, a varsity team that placed third in the state last year, defeated the j.v.s in a close battle. The final score in the unofficial game was Darien 1 and Sheehan 3.

Next the girls faced an excellent McMahon team at home on Oct. 2. Darien came on strong in the first half, playing sharply. Gail Grimes executed some hard drives at goal, scoring the goal for Darien.

As the action continued, McMahon sharpened up and managed to even up the score. Both Elizabeth Drugge and Patrice Vorwerk performed tremendously in this game, as did the goalie, Betsy Seel.

The j.v.s. extended the fine performance of the varsity by creaming their counterparts 4-0. Lisa Doble scored within the first five minutes of the game with Betsy Adams, Karen Eckrich and Lisa Shanahan scoring the other three goals for Darien.

Darien tripped Warde 3-0 in a home game on Oct. 8. Once again fine performances were shown by all team members. Darien's stick work, as well as speed was superior to that of Warde. Libby Pierpont scored all three goals

for Darien with fine assists from Karen Eckrich and Wendy Birr.

Darien j.v.s. beat their counterparts also, showing an excellent performance which include speed and aggressiveness as key factors. Sue Atkinson scored the two goals for Darien.

Another scoreless tie was the outcome of the October 10 home game against Trumbull.

Although Darien took 11 shots at their opponents goal, they couldn't manage to get the ball past the Trumbull goalie's pads. Neither team showed much speed or aggressiveness.

The j.v.s. however played an excellent game in crushing the Trumbull juniors 5-0. Darien displayed a well-rounded attack with scores by Betsy Adams, Sue Atkinson, Nancy Campbell, Kathy Deegan and Lisa Doble.

## Swimmers Take Their Mark

By SALLY SPEED

The DHS Girls' Swim Team's record dropped to 0-3 as they lost a meet on October 3 to a very strong New Canaan team, by a score of 119-53.

Despite the fact that New Canaan captured first place in every event except one, there were quite a few standouts for Darien. Donna Smith captured first place in the diving competition, winning by three-tenths of a point over her fellow teammate, sophomore Karin Gess.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Cindy Atkinson, June Hazelton, Kelly Clough and Trudie tenBroeke, and the

400-yard free relay team of Jenny Taylor, Diana Hermann, Ginny Smith, and Tina Bray, both had strong finishes for second place.

Other standouts include Kelly Clough, second in the 500-yard free event; Cindy Atkinson, second in 100-yard back; June Hazelton, second in 100-yard breast competition, and Jenny Taylor and Diana Hermann, who captured third in the 100-yard free and 100-yard butterfly events respectively.

Co-Captains Trudie tenBroeke and Susan Harrington have high hopes for improvement as the season progresses. Trudie commented, "So far we've been swimming against the top teams, so we haven't been doing that well. However, we are working toward the states on November 8, where we hope we will then be able to beat some of the teams that beat us in the early part of the season."

The team lost a lot of talented seniors from last year's team, but has also gained a lot of younger, very enthusiastic swimmers from the junior highs. Trudie feels that when they have gained some more experience in high school competition, many of them will be outstanding.

Both captains cited the dedication of this year's new coach, Jim Barton. Both feel that he is a "really great guy with a genuine interest in us."

As the season progresses, the girls plan to work harder and harder towards the states. Morning practices will begin soon, as a step towards their goal of a state championship.

The girls' latest meet was away on Friday, October 17, against McMahon. Results were not available at press time.

## Gymnasts Make State Champs Tumble

By SUE ALLARD

In what was termed the big meet of the season by Co-captain Anthony Totilo, the Boys' Gymnastics team trampled Greenwich 102.7 to 84.25 on Tuesday, October 7, at home.

The team was psyched for this meet. "We thought it would be closer than it was," Totilo stated. It was quite a satisfying win for the Wavers as Greenwich had won the State title over Darien last year.

The team captured all but two first places. Co-captain Joe Pagliarulo won the horizontal bar with 6.7 and the still rings with 7.6; Totilo was victorious in parallel bars with 5.6; Anthony DiSilvestro took the side horse with a 6.1. Other strong performances were made by: Peter Stanton (second in floor ex), Peter Francesconi (second in side horse), Totilo (second in still rings and long horse vaulting), Pagliarulo (second in parallel bars), and DiSilvestro (third in long horse vaulting and parallel bars).

Earlier this month Darien took on Newington at home and scored a fantastic 111 to Newington's 71.05. In an understatement, Totilo remarked, "... we did pretty well... I guess we were up for that meet."

Darien took every first place in this contest. High scores were the norm for DHS.

Stanton took first in floor ex. with a 6.8. Totilo placed third with a 6.5 and Ken Holmes fourth with 6.45.

In horizontal bar competition,

Pagliarulo won with a 6.65, followed by Totilo with a 4.7.

In the side horse battle, junior Josh Moltz emerged a winner with a 5.7 score. DiSilvestro and Francesconi placed second and third respectively with 5.65 and 4.85

In the still rings, Pagliarulo once again took command with a 7.6, followed by Totilo with 6.35.

Stanton took long horse vaulting with a great 8.2, and was followed very closely by Totilo with an 8.15 and John Reichart with 7.8.

Pagliarulo, Totilo and DiSilvestro swept the first three places in the parallel bars with 6.7, 5.45, and 4.54 as their scores.

Although not quite at its best, Darien still managed to overpower Hamden on Friday, October 10, by a 93.15 to 71.40 score.

Darien placed first in every event except one. Those who placed first for Darien were: Stanton in floor ex. with 7.0, Pagliarulo in horizontal bar with a 4.5, and Josh Moltz and DiSilvestro tied for first in the side horse. Pagliarulo took two other firsts: parallel bars and still rings.

Other good performances for Darien were made by: Holmes (second in floor ex.), Totilo (second in horizontal bar and parallel bars), Clay Moltz (second in still rings and third in long horse vaulting), and DiSilvestro (second in long horse vaulting).

Darien takes on Waterford next at home on Friday, October 17.

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## Booters Stumble, Drop Three

By BERRY JAMES

The Blue Wave Soccer Team struggled through the mid-part of its season by beating a weak Rippowam team, tying undefeated Stamford, losing a heartbreaker to New Canaan, bowing to Danbury and Staples, and tying a scoreless decision with Wilton. **Rippowam 3-0.** The first period lacked offense because of damp field conditions. Although the difference in team skills was obvious, the Wavers couldn't put any points on the board because of a lack of crisp passing and aggressiveness. Thus, the first half ended up scoreless.

With a chance to regroup at halftime, Darien put its passing game together to keep the ball in the Warrior half of the field the majority of second half play. Fullback Matt Clinton opened the scoring for Darien on a head off a Ted DeSelding cornerkick. With Clinton's shot finally cracking through the Rip defense, the Wavers started to make more opportunities for themselves. Sophomore Bob Brady put his first goal of the season with Clinton on the assist. Brady also closed the scoring with an unassisted score.

**New Canaan 0-1.** Next the Wavers hosted perennial arch rivals New Canaan and suffered a grueling 1-0 defeat. The Wavers came out strong and hustled throughout the game. New Canaan scored late in the first-half when a Ram player gained position in front of the Darien goal and headed in a direct-kick. The Blue Wave had several scoring opportunities but could not seem to find the range.

**Danbury 1-3.** The Wavers then dropped a 3-1 decision to Danbury in the second overtime battle in two days. Darien opened up the scoring early in the second half when Bobby Brady bent twine after picking up a pass from Allistair Donaldson. A poor call by the referee resulted in a Danbury penalty kick late in the second half. The Hatters took advantage of the kick and sent the game into overtime. The Wavers pulled all their strings in an attempt to win, but two costly defensive errors led to goals by Danbury.

**Staples 0-3.** On Friday, Oct. 10, the Wavers traveled to Westport and took on a highly regarded Staples squad. Two quick goals by Staples in the early

going set the tone for the remainder of the game. Just when Darien appeared to be taking control of the game Staples struck again on an angled shot from their star forward Doug Moans. The Wavers held the Wreckers scoreless in the second half.

**Wilton 0-0.** On Columbus Day the Wavers traveled to Wilton and fought a defensive battle which ended in a 0-0 deadlock. The Wavers controlled a good part of the play but once again could not find the range. Goaltender Vinny Ferraina turned in a fine performance, turning away 21 Wilton shots and registering his second shutout of the season.

## Rams Bomb Blue; Wavers Bounce Back

By A. YOUN GAMERICAN

After a disappointing loss to New Canaan, the football team bounced back and continued its winning ways by defeating Ridgefield, 6-0, on October 11 at the DHS field. The win brought Darien's record to three wins and two losses, which includes the demolishing of Wilton three weeks ago.

Wilton was a big offensive team, racking up endless yardage against early season opponents with their wishbone-option offense. Things were different against Darien, though, as they could manage only 150 yards of total offense against the defensive stalwarts of the Blue Wave.

Meanwhile the Darien offense was having a field day, performing its own type of "option" offense. Pete Bonnano scored on the first play of the game, a 65-yard scoring romp. Although Bonnano was injured early in the game, he still rushed for over 90 yards. Dave Chandler, Nick Toscano, and Tom Watkins spearheaded the running attack with Bonnano absent, and racked up nearly 250 yards.

The defense kept getting the ball back for Darien, as Scot Bondlow intercepted a pass and John Horne recovered a fumble. Home's fumble

## Bad Start Humbles Hustling Harriers

By JAY COOK

A horrendous start has not discouraged the DHS Cross Country Team. After dropping their first four, the harriers won four of their next five, upping their record to 4-5.

In the season opener against powerful teams from New Canaan and Warde, the Harriers were indeed humbled. Darien failed to place a man in the top ten, being trounced by New Canaan 15-46 and Wilton 22-33. Captain Tom Rollins was top finisher for Darien followed closely by junior Steve Watkins.

Against Greenwich and Ridgefield Darien did a little better, losing to Greenwich 15-50 and Ridgefield 15-45. Once again the top finishers for Darien



DHS Booters in action against Danbury. (Photo by Dick Ferris)

recovery was the start of a Wave drive that saw Bob Marchesi score on a sweep just before halftime, giving a 13 point edge to Darien.

Wilton finally scored, but it wasn't enough as Marchesi got the aerial game untracked. Passes to Justin Vorwerk and Bill Bogardus set up runs by Toscano and Watkins, as Chandler scored up the middle for six more Blue Wave points.

The game was put out of reach as Marchesi continued to baffle the Wilton defense. He hit Wiggy McAuliffe on a twenty yarder and then found Bogardus all alone in the end zone for the final tally.

Darien dropped its second game of the season, 36-13, to New Canaan at the New Canaan field. It was a frustrating game for DHS, for the team was looking to end New Canaan domination in this series and start a new streak for the Blue Wave. Coach Mautte was obviously disappointed with his team's performance saying, "This was the year to get them ... we let them off the hook." True, it appeared as though Darien would indeed run all over the Rams, as they had done the week before at Wilton.

The powerful, unpredictable Darien offense rolled to the first score of the

were Rollins and Watkins followed closely by Bob Ferguson.

In the team's first win, against Warde, four runners made the difference. Rollins, Watkins, Ferguson, and sophomore star Pat Jackson were instrumental in defeating a weak Warde team 21-36.

Darien destroyed a weak McMahon team 16-46. Rollins and Watkins tied for first, followed closely by Ferguson and Jackson. The score of this meet was ego-building.

A tri-meet against Norwalk and Stamford Catholic resulted in Darien's third and fourth victories of the year. Ferguson was top performer for Darien, running his best time ever. The 24-31 victory over Norwalk and the 26-29 win over Stamford Catholic even Darien's record at 4-4.

A defeat at the hands of Trumbull, 24-35, dropped the Harriers below the .500 mark once again. However, three DHS runners, Rollins, Ferguson, and Jackson ran their best times ever on the DHS home course.

Coach William McCarthy commented, "The toughest part of the season is over; we should do better in the second half." Captain Tom Rollins added, "We should finish the season with a winning record. Everyone is running well."

game, a Chandler blast for six points. Toscano, Watkins, and Marchesi all made key gains in the running oriented drive, and it looked as though Marchesi was heading the Wave for another field day.

Almost as if the outside force of tradition was controlling the game, New Canaan didn't do a thing wrong the rest of the game. Helped by 75 yards in penalties, the Ram offense moved the ball against a bewildered Darien defense. A referee's decision gave the Rams a disputed two points and Darien trailed at halftime, 22-7.

Darien stormed back and blocked a New Canaan punt. Watkins scored and a comeback was clearly in sight for the Wavers. On the ensuing kick-off, New Canaan coughed up the ball and Darien appeared to be headed for another six points. They established a drive, but lost the ball on a fumble. From there it was all down hill as the Rams scored against a disheartened Darien defense twice in the closing minutes of the game.

"We turn around and lose a ballgame by beating ourselves," exclaimed Coach Mautte. He promised his Wave would be ready for their next game, against Ridgefield, for they wouldn't dwell on the New Canaan game. "It'll be 365 more days before we get another shot at New Canaan," commented Mautte.

Ridgefield was stunned, 6-0, at the DHS field last Saturday. The defense bounced back after a tough New Canaan game and held the Ridgefield Tigers scoreless.

The offense moved the ball against a stingy Tiger defense, but had trouble putting the points on the board. In the second quarter, Marchesi found a favorite target, Bill Bogardus, in the end zone and hit him for six points. The conversion was no good, but those points stood up for the victory. The inclement weather made it tough for Blue Wave rushers, as well as for the passing game, but Darien threatened many times. Twice Darien was inside the ten yard line and failed to score.

The defense had their own type of field day. Bondlow, Chandler, and Watkins picked off passes, as Ridgefield failed to mount any drives and spent most of the day on defense.

Mautte has high hopes for his Wave, and says, "If we get 48 minutes of consistent football, played the way I know we can play, we can win six in a row." Trumbull (#1 in state) and Staples (#8) are the teams to beat, and Mautte has complete confidence in his team and their abilities. "If there's no 'pat-tycaking' and if everybody does his job we're an unstoppable football team," added Mautte.

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