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## 1969-70 Class Officers Elected on May 8



Next year's class officers, elected on May 8. First row, l. to r., for the class of '71: Reuben Jeffery, President; Roger Beatty, Vice-president; Noel Cogburn, Secretary; Mary Ellen Quirk, Treasurer; Sue Reichart, Representative at Large. Second Row, l. to r., for the Class of '70: Reid Graham, President; Sally Knowlton, Secretary; Bill Lewis, Treasurer; Mary Miller, Representative at Large. Missing is Tom Bonaparte, Vice-President.

Darien High was bustling with political activity last week as the time came for the election of next year's junior and senior class officers. Twenty-nine students, hoping to win offices, submitted petitions, made campaign signs, and presented speeches. Eight candidates were eliminated in the Tuesday primary, and of the remaining twenty-one, ten were chosen on Thursday as officers. Each class elected students to fill five offices: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Representative-At-Large.

The week began with a morning assembly in the gymnasium and due to the poor acoustics of the building, the assembly was widely accepted as a failure.

The walls of DHS were plastered with the usual colorful signs, each advertising its respective candidate. They came down, however, on Tuesday, be-

cause of the primary. Most went back up. Wednesday for the remainder of the week.

The students voted Thursday morning and the results were announced at 2:45 that afternoon. They read as follows:

For the Junior Class - Pres: Reid Graham over Howard Newman, Vice Pres: Tom Bonaparte over Ed Mulvihill, Treas: Bill Lewis over Nick Roome, Sec: Sally Knowlton over Marie Muller, R-A-L: Merry Miller over Robin Venarde.

For the Sophomore Class - Pres: Reuben Jeffery over Peter Sweeney, Vice Pres: Roger Beatty over Nick Ney, Treas: Mary Ellen Quirk over Hayes Clark and Lyn Littlefield, Sec: Noel Cogburn over Nancy Sherman, R-A-L: Sue Reichart over Nancy Stanger.

The entire school joins in wishing the winners luck at their jobs for next year.

by Peter Fox

## FOUR DHS MERIT SCHOLARS

by Mary Dugdale

From nearly 800,000 candidates, four students from DHS are among the 3,000 high school seniors to receive National Merit Scholarships this year. These four are Bruce L. Beegle, H. Scott Bubar, Stephen C. Rodemann and W. Scott Wheeler.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation wanted to emphasize that "the individual wins the award in the merit program. The high schools are not to be judged on the number of scholars, because it is an individual honor. While the school deserves credit for its role in developing the student's ability, Merit Scholarship winners are usually products of a combination of able parents, wholesome home

influences, effective schooling and other background experiences within and outside of formal schooling."

Bruce plans to specialize in chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1967, he was chosen as the best chemistry student and has been selected to attend two special events for outstanding science students. Bruce was awarded an American Cyanamid Scholarship, and has been a member of the National Honor Society. He has also been a member of the high school band, orchestra, and dance band; active in cross country and indoor track; and has been in the science and chess clubs.

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## HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS 18 JUNIORS

by Don Kennerly

At an assembly on Wednesday, May 14, eighteen Juniors were inducted into the Darien High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. A group of seventy Juniors with the prerequisite 3.0 grade point average were judged on the basis of scholarship, service, leadership, and character in determining who would be invited to join.

The guest speaker for the assembly was Curt Seltzer who spoke about high school and college protests. Mr. Seltzer received his A.B. at Oberlin College and is currently doing graduate research in the area of student protest at Columbia. He is research assistant to Professor Alan Westin of Columbia Teachers College. Professor Westin is writing a book on High School disorders for the Office of Education.

## SAM & DAVE SEND AUDIENCE

The DHS auditorium, on Sunday May 11, was the scene of the wildest, rockiest show ever put on for Darien students, as soul singers Sam and Dave and their company socked it to a spirited, but disappointingly small audience. Yet, the year's third and final DSO concert was disappointing only in that respect, for every person who saw the performance will agree that he lived three of the most entertaining hours of his life on that Sunday afternoon. The hilarious atmosphere, characterized by clapping, shouting, singing, and dancing, won't be forgotten for some time to come.

Sam and Dave's dancing, seventeen piece soul band put the audience in the wild mood that lasted for three hours by opening the show with several instrumental numbers. The company's singing, joke-telling emcee then introduced the Sharmels, four girls who wailed out several contemporary soul numbers, including the ever popular "Every Day People". Roy Redman, a soul man from Miami followed, the excellence of his performance heightening the interest of the spectators who were eagerly awaiting Sam and Dave. Martha Hendricks did several Aretha

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## Mangini Selected to Head 1969-70 Neirad Staff

Editorial Staff Members Named

by Scott Bubar

Mark Mangini has been selected to head the NEIRAD staff as Editor-In-Chief for the 1969-1970 school year. Positions on the new editorial staff will also be held by: Don Kennerly, Assistant Editor; Lynn Francesconi, Managing Editor; John Reichertz, Business Manager; and Juan Butler, Circulation and Distribution.

Mark's appointment was announced at a staff meeting, on Friday, May 2. The meeting developed into an impromptu seminar on the role of the paper in the high school and the community at large and on possible new directions for the paper in the year to come.

Mark is replacing Scott Bubar as Editor. Other members of the past year's editorial staff are: Ann Warren and Kathy Kraig, Assistant Editors; Jan Reichard, Business Manager; Stu Traver, Sports Editor; and Sharnie Nelson, Circulation and Distribution.

Mark, chosen on the basis of his writing talent, administrative ability and interest in the paper, has written for neutral, throughout his sophomore and junior years and has worked on production for recent issues.

Aside from his work on NEIRAD, Mark has been Vice-President of the DSO for the 1968-1969 school year, and was responsible for the highly successful DHS Ski-Skate Sale. He is a member of the chorus and will be a member of the All-Connecticut Chorus next year. Mark will be going to France with Youth for Understanding this summer. He will be president of the Latin Club next year, is a member of the French Honor Society, has worked in Theatre 308, has been a member of the Student-Faculty Climate Committee, and tutors at Ox Ridge Elementary School.

Don Kennerly, new Assistant Editor, has participated in intramural athletics, was a volunteer at the YMCA in tenth grade and is currently teaching swimming and supervising the gymnastics team at the Y. He has worked with Theatre 308 and is involved in Young Life.

The new Managing Editor, Lynn Francesconi, is a member of the girls' gymnastics team, is active in the band, orchestra, and Modern Dance Club, and is a member of the Latin Club. Lynn is also a member of the Stamford Police Association Silver Falcons Color Guard, which won the State

Championship weekend before last, and of the Darien Community Band.

NEIRAD's new Business Manager, John Reichertz, has worked on production throughout the year as well as writing for the paper in his sophomore and junior years. John's brother, Peter, was "right hand man" to last year's Editor, Jon Bigelow, who is now news director of the Brown Daily. John has participated in junior varsity basketball and intramural baseball.

Jean Butler, who has been placed in charge of Circulation and Distribution, teaches gymnastics at the Darien YMCA and trampolines at the Stamford YMCA. She will be teaching a class for retarded children for Stamford Aid for Retarded Children this summer and will be taking a SPRED night course next year. She also teaches Sunday school and has worked backstage for Theatre 308.

## SPRING CONCERT

by Lynn Francesconi

The Darien High School Spring Concert delighted students and townspeople on Friday night, May 9, 1969.

The Darien High School Band, directed by Mr. Clois Ensor, opened the program with the pompous sound of "Voluntary". After playing two other pieces, the band concluded their section of the program with the dynamic "Dragoons of Villars Overture", the climax of their performance. At the concert, the volume of the band filled the auditorium, in contrast with the weaker sound, which was produced on the large football field.

The advanced choir followed the band and performed six selections. Anya Trash sang a solo in "Johnny Has Gone for a Soldier". Molly Seagrave, also a member of the Advanced Choir, accompanied the choir on the guitar, in "Lovers Love the Spring".

Mr. Edward Jantsch directed the Advanced Choir and

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EDITORIAL

YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE

"There's nothing to do" is quite a common phrase among DHS students, but it couldn't have been more out of place last weekend, when, on three consecutive evenings, three totally different, totally unrelated, yet totally entertaining performances were presented at Darien High School. And yet, even when these performances were held right under our own roof, in our own auditorium, the percentage of DHS students at each one was far below what it should have been. Anyone who spent the weekend in Darien and didn't see at least one of these shows is a most unfortunate individual.

Friday night's Spring Concert proved to be a display of the musical talent, both vocal and instrumental, of the many DHS students who appeared in the show. However, they outnumbered the few students in the aud-

ience. On Saturday night, the Darien Interfaith Human Rights Council sponsored "The Beauty of Blackness", a musical documentary presented by Voices, Inc., a black theatre group. Their moving presentation received a standing ovation from a packed house, but a house of which DHS students comprised only about one fifth. The weekend's climax came on Sunday, when singers Sam and Dave showed an ordinary group of kids, the fastest moving three hours of their lives. The room looked more like a dance hall than an auditorium; kids left their seats to rock, clap, and dance in the aisles. But everyone was seated long enough for it to become apparent that there was room for several hundred more spectators. Vagrancy in an atmosphere such as Sundays is indeed a crime. Many programs like those

of the past weekend are put on in Darien by the students for student enjoyment, and it is up to the students to know when to take advantage of them. For example, tomorrow night's Junior Prom and the Memorial Day Computer Dance are being held for you students. Let's hope that they draw nearer to capacity crowds than the Sam and Dave concert did. Granted, the spring brings many student expenses, but the Spring Concert and "The Beauty of Blackness" of the past weekend cost just one dollar each, and those who saw Sam and Dave got more than their money's worth for \$4.50. It isn't that money is no object, but they say that where there's a will, there's a way, and if more students had the will to take part, the way for more interesting weekends could be much clearer. (M.M.)

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DSO REPORT

by Richard Jewett

The DSO meeting was held on April 30th and Vice President, Mark Mangini, called the meeting to order. It was announced that \$100 was paid to Piri Thomas from the sale of ribbons. The balance, at this time, is \$1902.70.

The procedure for class elections was outlined at this meeting and the elections were held from May 5th to 9th. Petitions for junior and senior class officers were submitted by May 2nd and voting was done in the home-rooms. The primary elections were held May 6th and after some discussion, it was decided that all posters should be down before the results would be announced. Tickets to the Sam and Dave concert were on sale the first weeks of May.

Neal Conolly reported the findings of his Intersection Committee. Drastic changes in the traffic pattern are impossible at this time and the only possible change would be in the bell system. Without bells, everyone would be let out at the different times and this would aid the situation. The only bells would be a warning bell and late bell in the morning, lunch bells, and a dismissal bell. Neal also put forward a motion to create an auxiliary post for the senior class. It would be called the Toastmaster General and serve no purpose except to promote better class spirit and allow a student to have a post which would not be serious in nature. This motion was defeated.

CORRECTION

In the article "The Question is Open Studies; The Answer is Up to You" the sentence reading "Mr. Burgess tried to make it very clear that the Juniors were being denied the Open Study Halls because the administration doesn't think they (Juniors) can handle them".

should have read "Mr. Burgess tried to make it very clear that the Juniors were NOT being denied the Open Study Halls because the administration doesn't think they (Juniors) can handle them."

New Canaan - Darien Computer Dance went on sale on May 5th and the cost is \$1.50. The dance will be May 30th in our gym. Questionnaires were given out with the tickets and they must be in by May 15th.

On May 8th, an emergency meeting of the DSO was called to discuss the slow ticket sales for the Sam and Dave concert. The concert cost was \$5,500 and at this time the DSO had only collected a small amount. The tickets cost \$4.50 or \$3.00 and even if the DSO had sold out the auditorium it would still not have covered the cost of the concert. Tickets were handed out to the representatives at this meeting. Tickets were also given to both junior high schools but other high schools in the area would not accept tickets. They agreed to give announcements over their public address systems.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fellow Students;

Just what do you want? You've gotten you're smoking area. You now have a time and place in which you can smoke. So why must you smoke in my car? The week before vacation I found two girls I did not know, smoking in my car! Now, I don't smoke, and I don't allow anyone in my car to smoke. But, wasn't enough, I have regularly found ashes in my ash tray. I might add here that nobody uses my car but my brother and I, and neither of us smoke.

You might ask, "Why not lock your car?" I used to think that there was no need to lock it. . . . That I could trust you fellow students to respect private property. Consider this a fair warning. Next time anyone is found smoking in my car, without either my brother's or my permission will be considered as trespassing. Signed, Dan Tirpack

Education Subject of Radio Program

by Kathy Greeley

Last Wednesday at the Source Library, a panel discussion was held on "Power - Where The Student Stands". It was the third in a series of broadcasts over WSTC and was also videotaped for CBS news.

The two guest speakers were Dr. Thomas Molnar - professor of French literature at Brooklyn College and Columbia, Dean of Freshman Henry Coleman. Both speakers had five minutes to present their viewpoints. Dr. Molnar the academically conservative viewpoint and Dean Coleman the academically liberal.

There were six students on the panel, two from DHS - Terris Devereaux and Scott Bubar. The moderator was Blaine Leighton, a social studies teacher at New Canaan High.

Dr. Molnar felt the universities were being used as a "service station for society", that they had lost their academic purpose. He wanted smaller, more strictly academic schools. He also felt students should have no administrative control. Dean Coleman felt the university should offer many types of educations. He agreed that students should not have administrative control, but they should be granted advisory positions. Neither man supported the extreme student radicals.

Next year, another series of discussions will be held at the Source. They are open to the public and at present juniors are needed to be on the panel.

Music Students Enjoy "Tosca"

by Lynn Francesconi

A small group of DHS students travelled to the Metropolitan Opera in Lincoln Center, Wednesday, April 16, 1969 to see the opera "Tosca."

The role of Tosca was sung by soprano Ina Delcampe. Many people were expecting a svelte, lithe Tosca and were surprised to behold a buxom, rosy-cheeked actress portraying the much sought after woman. The corpulence of the soprano was one factor which seemed to place this opera into the category of fantasy instead of reality. Many could not imagine any man falling in love with any woman other than a slim, beautiful girl.

The scenery was very cogent. The extreme largeness of it made the cathedral and prison scenes very real. One of the high points of the trip occurred between the 2nd and 3rd acts, when the curtain was opened and the afternoon audience, comprised of students, witnessed the changing of the scenery. This "performance" was done by only 35 or 40 men. Frequently between the acts, members of the DHS band and orchestra viewed the orchestra pit to see how the chairs, instruments, and places were arranged. Many members noticed the co-operation and teamwork between members of the orchestra with each other and with their conductor.

For many new opera viewers, the opera seemed a bit strange. For instance, the action was much slower than in a movie or musical. However, the action did not detract from the excitement of the opera. The opera was sung totally in Italian, and would have been hard to

follow, had the DHS students not attended the required sessions intended to familiarize them with the background of the story. These sessions, lasting about an hour each, were conducted by Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Jantsch. During this time, the students saw film strips of the opera and listened to the music.

The seats which the students occupied were close to the orchestra and were actually, some of the best in the house. Credit must be paid to the Darien Community Association for contributing a considerable amount of money towards the trip.

Mr. Thompson, Mr. Jantsch, and Mr. Habert travelled to New York with the students in their reserved train car. The railroad company gave the DHS'ers an entire section of the train going to and coming from New York. On the trip home, a few commuters enjoyed and commented on the spritely singing of the DHS chorus which definitely brightened their busy, rainy days.

This was the 25th year that Mr. Thompson took a group of students to an opera. Undoubtedly, this was the 25th year that commuters and travellers to Darien enjoyed the strains of music reverberating throughout the train.

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# CEREBRATING

by Luke Granfield

## UNC MUNDO

like a kid wishing everyday Christmas or every season spring my idea will sound unreal. One world is an idea which is said to go against practicality, which seems to go against the past history of man, but which, I think, does not go against man. I do not want this idea to be considered practical, though, I want it to be considered perfect, the perfect state of man.

Nationalism is an ugly idea. It has produced all the wars in the last 500 years, stopped progress in most fields of knowledge, and stopped people from getting together to know each other. There are a lot of people out in the world - tear down your fences and they can be found. And these fences of nationalism are only inventions of man. We began on Earth, not in the United States, Russia, France or China.

No flag is as beautiful as a person, but patriotism thinks so and patriotism is a waste of time and spirit. It is an excuse for people to act like animals and is like the klansman's mask, simply hiding hate. I hope that if there ever is one world that its flag is simply a picture of man painted in a rainbow of colors.

When and if one world is created man can settle down to becoming man in the purest sense of the word. And the variety of life will be so great that no man will live a lonely, dull life.

Perhaps, after man has developed his one world to the fullest he will change again and realize that he is part of something else-one universe.

Franklin tunes and really sent everybody when she did James Brown's "I Feel Good". By this time each song was receiving standing ovations, and the fervor of the spectators mounted.

Following intermission, Sam and Dave appeared amid the excitement created by those dancing in the aisles, and the entire crowd clapping its hands to the bone. Each song brought a more dramatic response from the audience, and by the time the duet sang its million seller "Soul Man", the auditorium walls were shaking.

Everyone pressed closer and closer to the stage, and Sam and Dave were soon shaking hands with many of the kids. The soul in the air never let up for a moment, and the curtain closed amid shouts of "MORE. MORE." The entire afternoon was truly phenomenal, and DHS will be talking about Sam and Dave for a long time.

# STUDENTS VISIT JOSE LIMON

by Marna McMaster

On Thursday, May 1, eighty students and teachers (including Mrs. Light, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Jantsch, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Emmot and her dance club, and Mr. Thompson) travelled to the Brooklyn Academy of Music to attend a program by the Jose Limon Dance Company.

The program consisted of two dances, choreographed by Jose Limon. In the first dance, "La Malinche", was performed by three dancers (two men and a woman). Their only prop was a large, crossed stick that became a sword when it was held parallel to the floor. The cross-sword represented the tyrannical influence of the church in Mexico. The dance was developed with certain movements involving the cross-sword.

The second dance, which was easier to follow than the first, re-enacted ten compositions of music by Bach. The dancers would move from their separate groups into one form at the beginning of each new canon, or round.

Before the program, Mrs. Jean Fuller, a dancer, choreographer, and teacher at Darien, gave the Humanities students a background on modern and folk dance.

# COMPUTER DANCE

The D.S.O. in cooperation with New Canaan High School's Teen Council will sponsor a Computer Dance, Friday, May 30th, here in the Darien High gym.

Tickets for the dance went on sale May 5th, costing \$1.50 each. They will remain on sale until May 23rd. When a person buys a ticket he will receive a questionnaire which he must return to the D.S.O. office by May 23rd.

Continuous music will be provided at this dance by two bands, The Doppler Effect and The Chain. Decorations for the dance will be different. Pizza and refreshments will also be provided.

the Girl's Glee Club. The Glee Club sang 3 selections, which included Gerstnow's "Clap Yo' Hands", and the ever popular "What the World Needs Now".

The polished professional brass sound of the Hance band, directed by Mr. Thompson, followed the Glee Club. Their selections included "Tuddy the Toad", "Side By Side" and "The Girl From Ipanema". The boys comprising the Dance band rehearsed after school and at night under the direction of Mr. Thompson.

# HOT IN THE LOT



Photo by Richard Lunn

## Zippy's '64 Impala

For this issue of NEIRAD I have selected a truly hot car at DHS. Bob's 64 Chevy Impala is the first car this year to be rebuilt for drag racing. The engine was bored out 30 thousandths and over sized deep notched pistons were installed. The heads were milled down 15 thousandths for ultra high compression. A 3/4 race cam and lskly high performance lifters were installed. Bob has also gone to the Mallory racing ignition system with a reworked distributor, 30 degree advance at 3,000 rpm. He sent his

4 barrel carb away to have the four jets drilled out 40 thousandths. He converted it from an automatic to a 3-speed and added Hurst linkage and 4,000 lb heavy duty clutch. He has a 4.11 posi rear end to top it off.

To add to the great engine, Bob, or Zippy, has a black interior with bucket seats and an excellent tape deck. The car is a convertible for those hot summer days.

Zippy plans to add Doug Headers, 10 in. Holley, and a Corvette cruise ratio 4 speed (when he blows up the three speed) by Casey Nickerson

# LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETIES INDUCT STUDENTS

by Page Cannon

On May 5, 1969, the French, Spanish and German Honor Societies sponsored an induction and reception in the Family Studies Room for their new initiates.

Inducted into the French Honor Society are Ann Bark, Scott Bubar, Gail Goerner and Steve Roden in all elected for the second year, and Nancy De Blasi, Kathleen Dunphy, Joan Lindgren, Mark Manghi, Robin Wakeman, Patricia Whithead, Scott Wheeler and Robert Whelan, all elected for the first time. In order to become a member, one must have maintained an A or A minus average for three semesters and the decision is made after the mid-year exam in the junior year. The recipients receive a Certificate of Membership awarded by the Association of Teachers of French and a Certificate of Excellence awarded by the Conseiller Cultural of l'ambassade de France, and each student receives the Societe Honoraire de Francais de Darien High School.

The German Honor Society requirements are slightly different. Each person must have had 90% or better for one year in any class of second, third or fourth year German. No more than five students can be accepted from each class. This year's members are Gail Goerner, who is in third year German, and Sue Nikola, Debbie Reinhold, Valerie La Forge and Ruth Schaefer in second year German. These students receive awards similar to the French Honor Society.

The Spanish Honor Society is sponsored by the National Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. The Darien chapter of the society is named, "Los Campeadores". The requirements are three consecutive semesters of A or A- average while in High School. The

Scott Wheeler plans to attend Amherst College and is interested in pre-medicine studies. He has also received an IHM Corporation scholarship. Scott has been a varsity tennis player; a regular columnist in NEIRAD; a member of the Latin Honor Society, the French Honor Society, and the National Honor Society. He has served as a piano teacher, and is vice president and musical director of "Sing-Out Stamford."

Dr. Bruno was very proud of these boys and told the Merit Scholarship Corporation was very pleased with the quality of the scholars selected this year.

# AFS WORKDAY

by Molly Seagrave

On Saturday, May 24, The International Club will sponsor an American Field Service workday.

The Workday is the major fund-raising activity of the AFS section of the International Club. The money earned in this project will be used to send a Darien student abroad for the summer under the AFS program. On the night of the 24th a Block Dance will be held and that money will be used for the same purpose.

The Workday is an annual event involving the entire student body. Any interested students are requested to sign up in their homerooms or in the SA room. Jobs will be assigned on the 24th at DHS. Participating students are not required to spend the entire day working - they may specify the hours they are free.

initiates for this year are, Scott Flick and Jean Radocy in fourth year Spanish, Robin Wakeman in third year Spanish, and Marilyn Hett, Tom McVicker, and Barbara Shaw in second year Traditional Spanish.

The Latin Honor Society did not honor its recipients at this reception, but will do so later in the year at their annual ceremony, the Florida. These students must have maintained an A average for three quarters of the year. For Latin three and Four Ann Dietrich and Robert Whelan are to be honored, for Latin two, Jane Genster, Thomas Whelan and Deborah Mayo, and for Latin one, Peter Fox, James Gamill, Richard Jewett, Susan Ratcliffe, Charles Felder and Nicole Fisher.

All of these thirty-four students have received scholastic honor not easily achieved and deserve the congratulations of the entire school.



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# NEIRAD SPORTS

## TRACKSMEN PURSUE EXCELLENCE

by Dennis Sullivan

Darien's meeting and trouncing of Andrew Warde, 120 to 25 (14 firsts), was not without casualties.

Though Steve Craig won the pole vault, the pit, which looks like a cross between a quagmire and a septic tank, is lined with cinder blocks which are supposed to soften the impact; Craig's ankle went one way and his body the other, result: sprained ankle. But tracksters are tough (we growl a lot) and Craig will soon be back in action. Though Warde's hurdles looked like the remains of Roman chariots after a 135 mph impact collision, Darien swept the high hurdles with Hendrickson, Lindner, and junior Al Brunner. Also, Hendrickson again won the low hurdles and broad jump (the pit resembles a hole dug just to hold sand). Poccia took firsts in the 100 and 220 yd. runs, while Bob (the beautiful body) Beatty with the magic shoes burned the dirt to win the 440 with 53.9, followed by Tinker and Stringer. Farrington again won the 880 at 2:09, followed by Beegle and junior Pete Kinnunen, and was also able to pull a first in the high jump. The mile and two mile was swept by Darien with Fahey winning the mile. Doug (squarehead) Wood won the two mile followed by Sullivan and Ed Swain who also took third in the mile. Woody also placed second in the mile. The triple jump was swept by Joosten, Lindner, and Hendrickson, while the 880 relay team of Poccia, Oswald, Farrington and junior John Fitzsimmons won at 1:38.9. Rollins, Beatty,

Stringer, and soph. Randy Jones won the mile relay in 3:50. Geo again won the shot put, while Fenichell showed great improvement as he approached the DHS discus record with a throw of 142' 8".

The Big Blue's running and spirit was tremendous as it next met and crushed Roger Ludlowe by the score of 107 to 38. Taking 13 firsts and both relays, the teams' success was marked by an improved performance by almost every performer on the team. Hendrickson again took firsts in the high hurdles and broad jump while flubber-heeled Eric Joosten won the triple jump at 41' 2 1/2". Darien again swept the 440 in the same order as before though the winning time was 52.9. Brian Lindner took the high jump at 5'8", while Farrington won the 880 at 2:06.3 closely followed by Bruce Beegle. The yo-yo Mike Fahey (who tells good locker room jokes) showed very outstanding achievement by winning both the mile and two mile against extremely formidable Ludlowe opponents. Both his mile at 4:33.5 (4:33 is Darien's outdoor mile record) Fahey holds the indoor record at 4:34.5 and his two mile at 10:06 are his best times. While Geo won the shotput at 42'8" and Bill Wright the javelin, Pete Fenichell came through with a first in the discus (also a second in the shot) at 129' 7". The mile relay team won at 3:42.8, while the 880 relay team, with Farrington in the place of Hendrickson, won at 1:37.8.

As the Blue Wave journeyed up into the back woods of New Canaan on April 28, they had great cause to be surprised as they hit N.C.'s track, or an unreasonable facsimile thereof, miles and miles of sand dunes; actually, all that was needed was the roar of the ocean to make the scene appear as a beach. However, this article's purpose is twofold: one, inform the unwary of the teachery of the N.C. track, and, that being done, two, inform the public of Darien's achievements, such as the taking of 13 out of 15 firsts and the 97 to 48 score. Paul Hendrickson remained unbeaten in the high hurdles while also taking firsts in the low hurdles and broad jump with an outstanding jump of 22' 1 1/2". Rick "Porky" Poccia also racked up firsts in the 100 and 220, while Mike Fahey was a double winner in the mile and two-mile. The 440 again saw Darien sweeping with Mark "Bozak" Tinker John "Bozak" Stringer and Bob "Honeybuns" Beatty. Darien also swept the 880 with Geo Farrington, Bruce Beegle and Pete Kinnunen; Farrington also took first in the high jump at 5'8". Brian Lindner took first in the triple jump while Bruce Manchon and John Wasserein took firsts in the javelin and shot put respectively. The mile re-Stringer and Scott Rollins remained unbeaten extending the streak to 18. However, the most outstanding performance of the whole meet was given by our new star, Joe Bozak, who, single-handedly (but double legged), took first, second and third

in the decathlon, hammer throw and 14 yd dash. Due to wind conditions and his fopferstam which lerndrad during the dash, J.E. declined to participate in the 5 3/4 mile dash.

On May 9, Darien met and obliterated Stamford (12 firsts both relays) 110 to 35. In a highly inspired meet, two schools records were broken and five events were swept. Hendrickson showed excellent form as he got the ball rollin' by defeating tow of the best high hurdlers in the county with a time of 15.4 (against the wind). While Poccia again won the 100 and 220, he was closely followed by John Fitzsimons' performance in placing second and third in the mentioned events respectively. Tinker, Stringer and Beatty again swept the 440 as they have in every meet this year with the winning time at 52.3. While Beegle, Kinnunen and Farrington swept the 880, Jeff King and Eric Joosten won the pole vault and triple jump. In the mile, Mike Fahey burned the track to set a new school record at 4:32.8. Then about 1/2 hour later, in the two mile, which Darien swept with Dennis Sullivan and Steve Rodemann taking second and third, Mike set a new permu-track record at 10:01.6 which is only two seconds from the school record. However, not to be outdone, Pete Fenichell first won the shot put, with Dave Miller and John Wasserein completing the sweep, and then went on to cranslerl his lambdam in the discus with a new school record at 145'9".

Tennis is unlike many of our team sports in that the outcome of the team match depends upon the individual contests. There are five singles and two doubles matches which comprise an inter-scholastic battle. A team needs to win four of these seven matches for a victory. Since the singles are played first, the outcome of the team match is often determined before the start of the doubles competition. If the match has not been won in the singles, strategy becomes most important in choosing the pairs for the doubles.

Tennis is also one of the few sports that develops its own clique. Since the premium is placed upon individual play, players soon develop reputations. The players usually know the "fish" of the conference. Darien traditionally eats teams like Andrew Warde, Danbury, and Stamford Catholic for breakfast. The Blue Wave has already gobbed Warde and Danbury by a score of 7-1. Stamford Catholic has dropped out of the league this year. Then there are the teams such as Staples, New Canaan, and Roger Ludlowe, who view Darien with a little bit of disdain. Darien, however, has pride. The team was never so high up for a match as it was for Staples. Yet although the individual scores were close, Staples won 6-1. Ludlowe with some questionable maneuvering in doubles, placing their No. 1 and No. 3 in the second doubles, won 5-2.

Sophomore Dave Brindley, the No. 3 player, and Senior Jim Biddle have both played very well so far, each having compiled a 4-1 record in singles competition. Senior Chris Hawes, the No. 2 player, has a good 3-2 record for his spot. And his record might have been 4-1, if he had not played one of the most outrageous cheaters to set forth on a court, at Staples

## Long Skirts and Croquet! No More!

by Lynn Francesconi

Girls' activities, especially sports, have progressed tremendously since the beginning of the 20th century. By shortening their hemlines, girls were able to participate in a vigorous game of tennis, golf or bowling. The women have doffed their rustling silk skirts and abandoned the game of croquet for a brief-short and sweater set and a sport like track or baseball.

In the present time, it is not uncommon to see girls jogging in baggy blue sweat pants and sweat shirts. As a matter of fact, D.H.S. has 22 juniors and sophomores jogging every afternoon (except Friday). They are members of the girls' Track & Field team, coached by Mrs. Karen Emmott.

Junior Captain Patsy Reese heads this squad of covorting kids. The co-captains are junior Pam Bateman, and sophomore Lyn Littlefield.

Incidentally, besides jogging, the girls are pretty good at all the other Track and Field events, as they have already proven. On May 6, Tuesday, the Blue girls lost to a strong New Canaan team. Pam Bateman placed first in the 50 yard hurdles and Martha Hart placed first in the 440.

In the meet against Rip-pewam, on May 7, Pam Bateman again won the 50 yard low hurdles and she tied with Patsy Reese for first in the high jump. Sophomore Midge Mehlig won the 100 yard dash and the 440 yard dash. Sophomore Linda Browne won the 220 yard dash. Second places included Pat Reese in the shot put and Pam Bateman in the long jump. Sophomore Nancy Geyer placed third in the long jump, and classmate Lyn Littlefield placed third in the 440.

The next meet will be held on the home track a-

gainst Staples, and on May 20, Tuesday, the DHS team will be hosting the regionals at the Darien track on Tuesday, May 27 (rain date May 28).

So, if you are a staunch admirer of pulchritude and of a dynamic and energetic sport, and not so ardent for a languid game of croquet, it is suggested that you venture down to the DHS track on Tuesday, May 20, to see the vivacious DHS girls run it out with Staples.

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## Golfers Get Good Start

With last year's starting four back again, the DHS golf team has opened its season by winning three triangular meets, one single meet, and splitting one triangular meet. The starting four this year consists of (two year captain,) Todd Robins, Gary Swartz, Randy Lunn, and Junior, Mark Matthews.

The four began in the tri meet at Wee Burn Country Club on Monday, April 28, defeating Norwalk 5-0 and Trumbull 3-2. The following day the team faced Stamford and Brian McMahon, defeating them both by the identical score of 5-0. On Wednesday April 30, the team lost its match to the defending State Champions, Staples, by three strokes, while beating Norwalk 5-0. This meet took place at Staples home course, giving them a great advantage. On

Monday, May 5, the team faced Trumbull and Danbury. They won both matches beating both Trumbull 3-2 and host Danbury 5-0. The next day the team beat Rip with senior Rick Weber getting his first action.

This year the club will compete in 24 meets, their largest season ever. The other members of the team are Pete Helweg, Bill Lewis, Dave Devondor, Don Mikolasy, Jeff Haynes, Dave Jostitas, Dana Jostitas, Jerry Prentice, Bob Shepherd, Rigby Barnes, Paul Chudy, Craig Griffith, Charles Roome, Steve Vosburgh, and Marty Womer.