EXPERIMENTAL WEEK O.K.'d—
"The Best is Yet to Come."

EXPERIMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK—THE PLANNING BEHIND IT

The three days of experimental education to be held (hopefully) at DHS on January 26, 27, and 28 are the result of an idea which began to take shape last summer. The first official action on the idea was a letter sent from Dr. Bruno to the DSO Curriculum Committee Chairman, Julie Genster, on October 4, proposing implementation for a week of Experimental education. Dr. Bruno felt the idea had potential if carried out effectively, and encouraged the committee to begin planning.

The Curriculum Committee began their plans by developing a questionnaire and distributing it to teachers and students to find out what courses people wanted and taught in those courses. Toward the end, a list of close to 100 courses was compiled, based on the response to the questionnaire.

In December, the plan was presented by Julie Genster, Reuben Jeffery, and Dr. Robbins to the Council of Darien School Parents and the Advisory Committee of High School Parents. The main purpose of this session was to hear their reactions and suggestions. The general reaction was favorable, and several valuable suggestions were made.

However, it was shortly after this meeting that it suffered a major setback. The week, it was originally proposed, was reduced to a three-day period.

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CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
NÉTS OVER $1000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
by Peter Sweeney

From the start, when the first Christmas Tree was hoisted up the flagpole, until the very end, when the unsold Christmas trees fed the flames on the historic Darien Improvement Fund, the 1971 Darien High School Christmas Tree Sale was a success, according to its Co-chairmen, Bob Morris and Pete Sweeney. The Sale, which began December 7th, when over 800 trees arrived from the Buchtel Christmas Tree Farm's North Pole Nursery, ended 17 days later with the Senior Class Scholarship Fund receiving $1000 richer. The entire sale, in which 600 trees and 300 wreaths were sold, was marked by a most jovial atmosphere, as it was attested by many a customer. The Senior Salesmen were all of the Christmas Spirit and should be praised.

Although the first week of sales was a slow start, and the weather weathered the tent, the weather was marred, the sudden, spontaneous revivification when on the night of December 11th, an "office party" for the Christmas Tree Sales workers was held in the confections stand. Arrangements were handled by the Hartshorn-Sweeney-Trynides, the Humane Society, the Foot and Heating Company, and the Vitti Bouncing Service. Besides giving a lift to the party, they also recovered some new artistic achievements which can be viewed on the walls of the stand. The sales increased astronomical in the next few days, so another party was planned for the following weekend. However, it suddenly suffered from attending as she lectured on the evils of over-indulgence. Naturally our sales dipped, so a new method to increase sales had to be found. The following day, the Co-Chairmen of the Littlefield Rent-a-Sleigh to provide transportation for Santa and his five elves, in an all-out advertising campaign, which turned out to be tremendously successful. The final week of sales was characterized by a new wave of orders, and the trees at any price. Dave Ursome went completely berserk as he set an all-time record for total sales of a total of 897,000 pine needles in 6½ days.

Now that the sale is over, the Co-Chairmen would like to extend their appreciation to the corps of 40-old people who gave so generously of their time and effort.

Will fascism come to America? Sure. But here it will be called anti-fascism.

—Huey P. Long

Louis Lemming, Enemy Number One, Wanted in Six States for Putting Jelly in People's Shoes.

Independent Study: A Move Toward Self-Learning
by Cindy Schmalzried

The plans for an experimental study week and the increase in applicants for the independent study program, which is now under the direction of Mr. William Curnin, indicate a trend in DHS, as in much of the United States toward self-learning.

For the increase in seniors and juniors applying for Independent Study this year over last year may be hard to determine, but the facts are these. This year, ninety-eight applications were turned in and eighty-five were accepted, as compared to fifty-five last year.

Reasons for Rejection
Because of the larger number of applicants, the criteria for acceptability were slightly more restricted than last year. Mr. Curnin gave, as some reasons for rejection, his feelings that the subject applied for did not fit the purposes of the I. S. program, could be done outside of I. S., or was not defined well enough by the applicant.

Full-Time Independent Study
This year, twenty students are taking full-time Independent Study. This means that they are dropping either four or all five of their courses.

According to Mr. Curnin, nine students have given up five courses, and eleven have given up four courses. Again, this is an increase from last year, when only three students dropped all of their courses.

Evaluation of Independent Study Projects
Students on Independent Study will again, as last year, present what they have accomplished in the school in June. Their projects will then be graded satisfactory or unsatisfactory by their sponsors.

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Classrooms à la Picasso

It's nice to see that the Board of Ed. is finally taking drastic action towards an urgent student need—that is, repainting the classrooms. So far this project has been a dazzling success. The new colors for the classrooms have transformed them, from dull drab dungeons into nauseating torture chambers. Now that's progress. The choice of colors, from vomit yellow to blush- ing pink, now gives the student a choice to either get sick from the course of the classroom.

The pleasant odor exuded by the paint is most commendatory. In fact, a few students seemed to enjoy it so much that they hung around the painters all day sniffing like hounds.

This whole process is quite unique, but I myself would prefer paisley wall paper pasted on with airplane glue.
January 20—
NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

By Craig Mason

Two years ago, on January 20, 1969, Richard M. Nixon was inaugurated as the thirty-seventh President of the United States. Thus, he has now completed one-half of his term. Let us look at his record, which should prove the suitability of this editorial's title.

With President Nixon in the third year of his term, he has long been a popular choice. Among the young people of this country, he encouraged the very divisiveness he said he was trying to prevent.

Politicians in one of the greatest crises this country faces, has enjoyed protection from the fiery speeches. Mr. Agnew has been in the news, for the young. Today, the skies are blacker and the rivers filthier than they were two years ago. Manufacturers have been encouraged by the President to cut back on pollution, and to initiate a program to end this noisy by-product of our industrial society. United manufacturers realize that the President's program, while a step in the right direction, will not solve all the problems.

Mr. Nixon's record on the economy is also somewhat worse than his. Although the unemployment rate seems to be the only effect his program has had, this possibly marks the first time in economic history that inflation and depression have existed for the same people at the same time. Yet the President refuses to ask Congress for the funds needed to bring about the economic changes that are necessary.

Mr. Nixon's attitude toward disarmament is equally hypocritical—though he is so interested in disarmament the U.S. has, after all, sent delegates to the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks in Finland—why does he call for more money for "defense" projects? And why does he continue to advocate pouring more money into the A-BM, a system which many experts say is of doubtful efficiency?

Finally, we should look at the Nixon record on Vietnam. In August 1968, the Republican Convention, Candidate Nixon's policy sounded like the end of America's troubles: "I pledge to you that the foreign policy objective of our next Administration will be to bring an honorable end to the war in Vietnam." In May, 1970, President Nixon played a different tune: expansion of the war into Cambodia. While U.S. troops have apparently been pulled out of that country, and the Administration continues to announce troop withdrawals from Vietnam, men and $37 billion killed and tax dollars are still being thrown away in that miserable country. Mr. President, how many hundreds of American servicemen have been killed since you took office? How many billions have you spent to defend the corrupt and tyrannical government of South Vietnam?

Your brilliant rhetoric is an inspiration to everyone in this country, Mr. President. Perhaps you should listen to yourself. There was a haunting phrase in that acceptance speech which seems especially pertinent—"America is in trouble today not because her people have failed, but because her leaders have failed." Yes, listen to yourself, Mr. Nixon. Certainly there is no relation between the truth and the clever fictions you mouth in most of your speeches. America is in trouble, despite the brilliant programs you constantly propose, but which never become concrete reality. If you could only narrow what you say and what you do, you would have accomplished much. We are not infants, Mr. President—"we don't have to be entertained at bedtime with your fantastic stories. It is easier to make speeches than to act on your ideas. Talk is cheap, however; Mr. Nixon, the country is becoming less satisfied with talk. Your orations cannot be too comforting to the family whose son has been killed in Vietnam or to the man forced out of work by your "anti-inflationary" policies. It is time for you to start acting on the hundreds of suggestions you've talked about. Listen to the people, Mr. President, and listen to your speeches. One last quote from your Acceptance Speech: "I see a day when this nation is at peace and everywhere on earth there will look to America as the shining example of hope realized and dreams achieved." The electorate of this country has placed you in a position where you can influence this country toward peace. You can make it at least part of your vision a reality. For two years, you have ignored your campaign promises. You still have two years to make up for lost time.

If the second half of your term is like the first, then January 20 could well be designated a national day of mourning—the inauguration of Mr. President more interested in delivering speeches and in playing politics than in serving his people.
"BLOWS AGAINST THE EMPIRE"

January 15, 1971
NEIRD

Paul Kantner

Down on the streets today,
Travelin' through the canyons of man's achievement.
Its cold and it slashes our bodies naked.
But we find warmth.
For, "It's a fresh wind that blows against the empire."

This album is a gathering of minds of one of the most creative "energy centers" of our culture.
They have assembled to voyage on the "Jefferson Starship" in the not-so-far future.
Paul Kantner, Grace Slick, David Crosby, and Jerry Garcia have mapped your journey through the heart of the universe, weaving musical patterns into summits of experience.
Each of the year's Grateful Dead's vocals on, "Sunrise" and "A Child is Coming," voices which challenge the gods in their perfection.
Garcia and his guitar fly away together as the rest of the group enters in on another superior cut entitled "Snoopy." Illustrations in the album's lyric pamphlet are very appropriate.
First, the "Death of a Friend" gave his message to Garcia. And now he's giving a message to us.
In our opinion, the album is one of the best composed in a while. And it would certainly be worth your while to enter this masterpiece into your permanent collection.

- The Contributors

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Hey, gang. GUESS WHAT? No, sorry to disappoint you, Neird is not going out of business. BUT... our noble Art Editor has given the time to Taco salesman at Nedick's has decreed that a contest be held! Some huh? Huh? What is, is that Neird is in desperate need of cartoonists, 9000, if you want to be considered a full-fledged work in print (big deal, right?) just submit it to: NEIRD NEAT-O PECHEE KEEN CARTOON CONTEST NEIRD OFFICE, 8 A. ROOM

All work has to be in Black and White. And the draw of the same size that you want it to be in a want. As a special PRIZE (we're!), a box of Whitman crayons, 16 colors, will be presented to the first cartoonist to get his work printed. These are special crayons of great sentiment, all signed by the Art Editor and the German III-Miss Gibson's Period 4 Senior English Class, so they are a worthy trophy. PLEASE SUBMIT SOME LACK AND WHITE CARTOONS QUICK OR ELSE I'LL LOSE MY JOB!!! (Keep 'em coming). The decision of the Art Editor is final, and favoritism will not enter into it, however checks may be made out to KAHUNA.

Perfect valor is to do without witness, by what you would do before the world.

THE HISTORY OF ROCK

Introduction
This is a continuing story of Rock. It starts in 1954 and runs to about 1964. Where I believe everyone began to consider themselves Rock Historians. This is only the first part of the article, the other sections will be in the following Neirads. 1. The Great-'54

1. The Crow's-1954
Not much is really known about the Crow's, except that they produced a number of odd-sounding country songs that placed them at the top of the charts. The three singles that they turned out were; "Huckleback," "Lend Gone," and "Pink Champagne." These recordings had quite a success and were definite influences on Rock because they paved the way for others to follow.

2. Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard.
Chuck Berry was a guitarist from way back. As he grew up, he developed quite a style. His rhythmic rotation of his hips, his screaming and bowling music, and his phenomenal guitar playing combined to make him one of the most influential figures of Rock and roll today. The Beatles, The Stones and many others played his songs five years after his music was considered dead by many music critics. Two things are interesting to note about his influence on music. One is that being a Negro possibly hampered his quest for fame. A leading New York music critic has made the statement that if Berry hadn't been a Black, he might have enjoyed quite as a success, much the same as the Beatles' fame. Another interesting point is that most of his followers were white. The Blacks of the pre-rock era condemned him for deviating from the traditional rhythm and blues.

3. Jerry Lee Lewis
Jerry Lee Lewis was another screaming, gyrating musician who hailed from the South. He had this in common with Berry, but he was white and pounded a piano, not an electric guitar. It is interesting to note that he was riding the crest of fame and was brought down by a scandal. At age 25 he married his boss player's (who was 13 and some say his cousin) and was hated by his public. He was asked to leave the best hotel in London with his new wife Myra. At the last concert he gave before going into semi-retirement, he appeared on stage and was met by total silence. After making a comment along the lines of "You shore are quiet out that," he was hit by a barrage of items ranging from garbage to broken chairs. He was known for many wild songs, such as "Great Balls of Fire!"

4. Little Richard (Richard Penniman)
Little Richard was Jerry Lee Lewis' Black counterpart. He played the piano sitting down while Lewis stood up, but that didn't have any exploitive effect. His facial expressions, primarily his google-eyes gave him quite a resounding visual appeal. While working as a dishwasher in a restaurant, he wrote the song that rose him to national fame. A real hit in the South, it was entitled "Tutti Frutti." Little Richard is now coming back with concerts and new releases. Little Richard is my favorite of the three early rockers.

5. Bill Haley and the Comets
There was still a lot of music, but in 1954, Bill Haley and his Comets released a song entitled "Rock Around the Clock" which was probably the most influential song in the history of rock and roll. Haley was a band leader from the South. Although he was a white adult, he gave the young people something to identify with. Always appearing with a greased-down curl flapping down over his forehead, he was an instant hit. Teenagers were ripping seats out of theaters where they saw "Blackboard Jungle," in which "Rock Around the Clock" was the title song. This all came as a shock to society. For he was an unassuming, quiet man. He even went so far as to say that he was not even for what he had said. He was proud of what he had done (musically) in the 1940's which was to combine Dixie, swing, jazz and country music together in a form of music that was new.

To this day, "Rock Around the Clock" remains the largest-selling, non-seasonal record in history.

PUNK REVIEWER
vs
EMOTIONS?

I have come to the conclusion that writing music reviews is a fantasy of futility. I imagine that one may come to a futile end if you attempt it. "Love Stories" are produced this year. After all, there is a fairly sharp eye for "good movies." I have been driven to distraction by a movie with the feel so hot-shit-simple-soap, but which a million other people got choked up by.

A punk high school reviewer is not going to erase the wrenched emotions that many people felt when they saw "Love Story." They witnessed fatally sick (yet beautiful) Jenny Cavillieri whiter away in the arms of her loving husband feeling-good. "Love Story" the first time that eternal love and utilitarian beauty lost their battle, and brought forth tears. The story is as well. "Grease's" Miss Grug, falls in love and then kills her to a hungry dinosaur. Erich Segal, a Yale classics professor, wrote "Love Story" and I am congratulated for creating a story that is such a success; yet I feel that "Love Story" should not go down in the history books as a classic. In a year of "exploitations" "Love Story" has created another category. A popular cut of the exposed emotions is what "Love Story" is all about. That is certainly a success. But critics start labeling "Love Story" as one of the years ten best films someone has to be brought back to reality. How can one not cry when they witness a beautiful girl die on the screen in the arms of her loving husband and the audience around you has already ruined a dozen handkerchiefs. It succeeds in what it set out to do, to create emotions, but that is about the only thing that this overrated see-spot-run-hit-the-nice-postman succeeds in.

Obvious grabs at the emotions may satisfy a few people, but in the realistic days of the seventies hot-shit-simple-soap-opera is far from this punk reviewer's best of the year list.

Big thrill-right?
Phil Williams

REACH OUT
by Lyn Littlefield

Reach Out is a new program for students who enjoy working with people. There is opportunity for work experience with people of all ages.

The most popular facet of the program is tutoring. Starting in January, approximately 20 students will be chosen from Ox Ridge and Tokeneke elementary schools. A "big-brother"" program will be established for those interested in helping preschool children.

In connection with Courtland Gardens of Stamford, D.H.S. students will be helping the elderly and mentally retarded.
THE DRAFT
Dr. Curtis W. Tarr, director of Selective Service, ordered local draft boards on Oct. 26 to withdraw deferments immediately for all men who request that their deferments be withdrawn.

In the past, on a minute's notice a deferment he was required to keep his men until he was eligible. Action with a student deferment, for instance, had to retain it until he left school or reached the age of 24.

Under the lottery system, men with numbers above the highest number on their boards are free from the draft forever, as long as they were classified I-A that is, eligible to be drafted. If a man reaches the age of 1A status without being drafted, he is moved to lower vulnerable categories in the following years.

Dr. Tarr has announced that men with numbers above 195 will not be taken this year. Thus, the thousands of men with deferments who have numbers above this ceiling benefit by giving up their deferments in classified I-A during the year and face their maximum exposure in a year which, for them, already is safe.

Men who receive lottery numbers last July, however, couldn't use the ruling to their advantage this year because the top-priority group of 1971 and dropping a deferment now would only expose them to the draft for the entire year. It is known what their chances are. If a student is not certain whether his number will be reached, he can hold onto his deferment until late in the year.

If it appears that his number is safe, he can drop the student deferment. If, however, it appears that his number is going to be reached by his board, he can keep the deferment and hope that the ceiling will be lowered next year.

All a man who wants to cancel his deferment must do now is make a request in writing to his local board. If he wants the draft board to renew his expiring deferment, he must give it proof in advance that he is still entitled to it. The board is not obliged to find out for itself.

These deferment classifications apply under the new ruling:
- IS : High-school student deferment
- 2A: Occupation deferment
- 2C: Agricultural deferment
- 2S: College student deferment
- 3A: Deferral for fatherhood or hardship to dependents

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Before the taping each team determined three categories of competition to present to the opposing team, one of which the opposing team would choose for its secret challenge. The Secret Challenges were in the areas of ping-pong, push-ups, and American History. One ping-pong game and the push-up race ended in noble defeat. The other ping-pong game, played by Dan Franz, and the American History competition wrapped up the victory of the second side in New York.

Success and enjoyment of the afternoon escadade was heightened by certain members of the DHS communications department who took on Dr. Bruno for his donation of time and effort to the project. Also, the enthusiasm of Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Schaefer, Mr. Alderman, Mr. Crane, Mrs. Selby, and Mrs. Carneal added considerably to the event.

DARIEN SKI TRIPS PLANNED
The Darien Ski Club, under the leadership of Mark Whiteley and Mark Schulyer, will sponsor several ski trips to the Hunter Mountain Area. The ski resort is larger than Magic Mountain, with a total of 24 slopes and 14 lifts and tows. Snow-making covers over 150 acres of the area.

The trips are planned for the following dates: January 16, January 30, February 6, March 6, March 20, and April 3. The price is a reasonable $15.00 which includes transportation to and from the area in a deluxe coach, all-day all-lift tickets, and lessons if desired.

Space is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are needed. Buses leave Darien Railroad station at 5:45 AM and return Saturday evening. To make your reservation and for further information, contact either Mark Whiteley, 655-3098, or Mark Schulyer, 655-5471.
Committee Proposes Changes

A committee composed of Mr. Heffernan, chairman of the Guidance Department and student Reuben Jeffrey and Nick Ney has proposed a number of changes in the present DHS requirements for graduation, course credits, class rank, and other policies related to the Guidance Department. These proposals, which are designed to modernize the school's education system, have been sent to the Departmental Committee, which will make any additions or amendments which it feels are necessary. Some major changes will be sent to the Board of Education for a vote deciding whether the official Board policy should be changed. It is believed, however, that minor changes can be made by the Departmental Committee itself, working within Board requirements.

Among proposed changes are:

- The reduction of credit requirements for graduation from 18 to 16, a five-course per year requirement, allowing a student to take as many courses as he desires.
- The number of five courses will still apply to all but seniors, but might be abolished in open campus classes. The new system would also abolish the limit of five credits per year, as well as a student's taking ten subjects taken prior to ninth grade, new subjects taken at summer school, and some courses and electives to be open to the public for the first time.
- Exemption from the introduction to the University of the Shade of Difference, by Allen Drury.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Dana Fishe

"In the Philippines all you think about is parties, parties, and more parties...here my social life is more quiet—like here you go out only a few days, or a lot more than during the night."

"No, it's contrary—I have a big group here that I think cause all my afternoons I went to school and Saturday mornings, too. So we had a very short weekend...in summer we are all out every night, but during the class time it is impossible."

This comparison was made in a recent survey of five foreign students now at DHS. The discussion included Marianne Gulithe from the Philippines and S. L. Chiang from Laus, both on AF5, Evelyne Buvry, a YFU student from France and Eugeine and Michuel Kunekawa, whose family moved to Darien from Japan.

As they discussed the social life at home and at school, S. L. Chiang agreed with Marianne in that he found his social life here to be different from in his village. Eugene: "There was hardly any difference."

They were asked about the kids they have met here—"are they hard to get to know? Friendly or not? How do their 'interests' compare with those of their friends?"

Eugene and Michelle, having attended an American school in Japan, found their friends basically the same in both countries. Evelyne said: "They're all very nice...I came in August and my sister, (American sister) helped me make a lot of friends, and we went to a lot of parties and I met a lot of kids. And every time I needed help, you see, there was always somebody around.

Evelyn said she probably prefers this over a large city like Marseille, where she said, "you have your group of friends and that's all, and when you're alone, you're alone...and it's very difficult to meet people."

Question: For you exchange students, how does your family life here compare with that at home, especially in terms of the relationships between parents and kids?

Evelyne: "There is no difference, my American family is just like my own family...we have a lot of fun.

Song: "I think it's the same, but the ways in the upbringing of the children are a little different because they give the child more money and they let them do this.

"Do you think that's bad or...?"

"No, I think that's good. I think it's good.

Well, in your family at home, do the kids have more respect for their parents?"

"Yeah, in my family we have more respect for the parents, but it's not always good 'cause you know—"you want to do something, and they won't let you."

Everyone agreed that DHS is much easier than any of their schools at home, they all had attended classes for about seven or eight hours a day, except for Marianne, who had school for ten hours! I asked Marianne if she thought she is learning as much here during the shorter day. She said, "Yes, here I'm learning just as much, but what I want to learn.

No course selections are allowed in any of the other countries.

Question: Is school here stricter or less strict than at home?

Marianne: "In the Philippines school's a lot stricter. Well, maybe that's because I went to a private school...The discipline is very much enforced, and we never mix

THE SNURF SCENE

By Fink S. as told to Kahuna

One of the big new sports to dominate the winter slopes of Darien is snurfing. The snurfboard is a piece of laminated wood approximately ten feet in length and equipped with a removable rope, which is the new attraction. To get the last word on snurfing, Neirad went to Rick's Shuttleworth, captain of the Darien International Surfing Team, who iscurrently

When asked about his 1971 team, Rick stated, "Rob Morris, one of the top contenders for the World Cup, has unfortunately been knocked from the competition after a serious collision with the bottom of Pratt's Hill that resulted in, according to the doctors, either a slightly fractured shoulder, a slightly separated rotator cuff, or a growth. (A growth!!)" Hayes Clark and Bill Crouse are currently running for rookie of the year honors. Wright, a well-known surfer who frequents Gilo Beach, Long Island, and is a bit of a partier, has taken up the sport and can be found at Pratt's, Wee Burn, or any other local hill ripping the place apart (partying too).

To Neirad's inquiry about equipment, Captain Shuttleworth commented:

"Board designs have gone wild this season. Most surfers are riding Brunswick Super Racing Model Snurfboards, mostly with nose and V-bottoms. There are other models, however, Ted Eng designed one which has a knicked nose, flat bottom, and five (count 'em) tracks instead of a skeg. It may not turn too well, but watch him fly!!"

All in all, Captain Reeko foresees a good season for his team, with returning to the experienced competition, while the hot young rookies fill in the ranks with real talent.

boys with girls. (in school)!"

Evelyne: "I think my school is less strict, you can have open end in the morning, and we can talk to the teachers and disagree with them, too...and you can be late to your courses too, without problem."

After hearing about Evelyne's liberal school, it was a surprise to hear Seng's comparison: "It's less strict here because in Laos we have to do exactly what the people want us to do...we can't talk or anything, just listen. It seems to me we have more freedom to do everything in the class; you can do everything you want here...in my country it's different."

Question: Can you tell the United States turned out to be different from what you expected? Did anything especially surprise you? Evelyne's response was a big surprise, in which Seng agreed, was almost flattering: "When I came I was thinking that the United States is a lot of traffic, and big towns and stores—very impersonal. And when I came here I was very surprised in a good way, 'cause I think Darien was just the contrary and there was a lot of advantage!"
SKATERS POST 6-1 RECORD

by JAVITI

Halfway through their WHL season, the Blue Wave skaters stand rock solid atop the first place throne. Scoring records show the Wave have scored 38 goals to their opponents' 23, and the Blue Wave's scoring is Rigby Barnes with 16 points, the result of six goals and ten assists. Junior Jim Flanagan leads the scoring in this group with six, with eight. Other Blue skaters in double figures are Rob Varney with 14, Franklyn with 14, Flanagan with 14, Reekto Shuttleworth with 12, and Pissa Pete Clinton with 11. Leading members of the penalty club are THE SHOT Hendrickson with 5, Rob Varney with 3, and Flying Don Harris with 3.

In total points, the Wavers have collected 35 goals, and 33 assists, for a total of 91 points. Not bad for half a season.

Back to live action. On December 19 the Blue skaters met Tom Palombo of the Plains crew. Tom and friends were put down very nicely 5-6, as it was realized that another WHL foe has been introduced to the competition. The White Plains boys held the Wave scoreless in the first period, but the Wavers took the lead at the second. But with 2:28 elapsed in the second period, co-captain Lindsey Franklin found the opportunity to add to the White Plains twine on a pass from Ron Vernee and Pissa Pete Clinton. With 1:28 left in the second period, Tom Senders sent the puck gally past the White Plains goalie on a speedway breakaway. With 1:01 left on the clock, the Wavers were a little taken aback by the not yet unleashed talent of Palombo. However, the Blue skaters waited until 7:11 in the period to score as junior Jim Flanagan scored on a shot on a pass from line mates. Bill Engle added another tally on a pass from Lindsey Franklin and the Waver was 5-2 to the Wavers.

In their first official match of the season, the Blue grapplers, under coach Phil Rash and co-captained by Roger Beatty and Chuck Hunter, defeated Wilton 28-18. The victory was assured in the second to last battle, the 185 lb. class. First year One Arm Beatty pinned his opponent in the third period. Following Roger's decision, Charlie Trayler put the icing on the cake as he decisioned the Monster 10-1. CT is now recovering from rables contracted in the match.

Wilton took the early 8-0 lead in the match as Craig Peters was pinned. However, while sophomore Greg Hill was decisioned by his seasoned opponent, the Wavers grabbed the next six matches, starting in the 148 lb. class where Kevin Harvey decisioned his opponent 6-0. In the 121 lb. match Chuck Hunter decisioned his opponent 7-0. Jim Faseley decisioned his man 9-1 to put the Blue grapplers in front 9-3. Super-stud mediumweight Jeff Castle, brother of the renowned music reviewer, downed his man 7-1, followed by Maynard Biggar's 12-2 victory.

North Chip Hart came up with a 9th, which was matched by Wilton as the next two Wilton men were even. With the score still 20-18, Darien ahead, Beatty and Travers pulled through to finish the match.

Gravity is an imposing carriage of the body designed to conceal the absence of the mind.

Most chaste women are hidden treasures; safe, because no one is searching for them.

GYMNASTS UNBEATEN

The Blue Wave gymnasts of Coach Isadore Battino, the man in the funny looking pajamas, remain unbeaten after competing in five meets. The team included a trip to Greenwich where the Blue muscleman knocked off the defending state champions in the first of the sectional competitions between the rivals. Also a home victory against Hartford Public and an incredible clogging of the jitters, for the team went swimming and gave an exhibition, while the Jaycees contributed last team. Coach J. R. Robic and brought home the laurels. This occurrence was verified by certain names that appeared on the absentee list the next morning. The fifth victim of the Wavers was East Lyme High School here in the robin egg blue O'Farrell Brothers Memorial Gymnasium. In the meet, Gimpy Felder took three firsts, including a victory in the full routine from co-captain Richard Ward, and super stud gymnast Richard Ward. Gimpy also took care of the other over-scored men, as well as edging Richard in the parallel bars by one-tenth of a point. Richard took care of floor-x, long horse vault, and horizontal bars, as the dynamic duo swept the six available first places. Starring for the Wavers was sophomore Peppertop Warren whose acrobatic ability on high bar and parallel bars will keep him in the first division. After a routine of his own, Mr. Felder, Gimpy and Tom Benson, Tom took a third in the long horse vault, being held back by the muscleman in the high bar, and his third in the parallel bars. The Wavers are shooting for the state championship, but must avoid any mistakes. If they lose a meet, they will be out of the picture. In the CTAC and CIAC meets before bringing home the trophy. Remember boys, don't forget to do your homework, eat your dinner, and go to bed at night, and Fuego, Gimpy, and Thomas, behave yourselves.

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