BRUNO “APPALLED” BY BUDGET CUTS

Theodore Sorenson—Graduation Speaker

The highlight of the senior graduation ceremony on June 18 will be an appearance by Theodore Sorenson. The noted Kennedy aide, writer and a contender for the United States Senate last year, will give the commencement address.

The graduation ceremony in which Mr. Sorenson will participate is only one of the many senior activities being planned for the year’s end. The class officers, in preparing these programs, are intent on modifying traditional activities so as to better meet the needs of the class and to encourage full participation from all segments of the grade.

Plans for the graduation, including several procedural changes, are progressing well, and a class has tentatively been selected: Crosby. Still, Nash and Young’s “Teach Your Children.”

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NEXT YEAR’S STAFF CHOSEN

The selection of next year’s Neirad Editorial Staff has been made and the final results are in. Next year Betsy Ammer and Craig Mason will share the responsibilities of the editorship. Betsy was this year’s co-editor, and among his other activities, she is a page assistant, and assistant. Children’s Librarian at the Darien Public Library, and an acknowledged master of the Art of picking the right size type for newspaper headlines.

The rest of the staff is as follows: Managing Editor, Peter Saverine; News Editor, John Holme; Copy Editor, Dana Fisk; Feature Editor, Nancy Brokway; Community Editor, Jill Meisenhelder; Art Editor, Pa Van Trappen; Sports Editor, Peter Clinton; Assistant Sports Editor, Cory Bishop; Business Editor, Kevin Corrigan; Photography Editor, Steve

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DSO Officers Plan To Involve Students

DSO 1971-1972 officers, from left to right—Joe Genster, Liz Vandenhuevel, Don Maley, Sandy Ferree, Red Rube. To effectively change the structure of the DSO to enable more student ideas and opinions to be heard and acted upon is the main objective of newly elected DSO President Don Maley.

By expanding the assembly program, Don hopes that more student ideas can be heard, and something can be done about these ideas.

Don explained that he wants to place more emphasis on the role of school and what kids do out of it. He also intends to have another AEW next year, somewhat like this year’s.

Treasurer Red Rube wants to make sure all factions of the student body are represented in the DSO next year. He feels that in order to get more involvement from the student body, all kinds of students must be represented.

Any change for the better, says Vice-President Joe Genster, is bound to attract student interest. He feels that more student involvement is necessary to make any change in the DSO effective. Liz Van Den Heuvel, Corresponding Secretary, also advocates student involvement—her reason for running for office was the large amount of student apathy present in DHS, and she hopes that next year a lot of this apathy can be corrected.

Sandy Ferree, Recording Secretary, feels that a revision of the DSO structure is necessary for it to get the student success next year. She feels that there is a definite need for change in order to get more student involvement.

It seems that the 1971-72 DSO officers are going to make more student involvement their main objective, and they are ready to change the DSO in order to reach that goal. But, of course, they can only improve the conditions for student involvement—the rest is up to you.
A Response to “Trends in Education in Darien”

I'm grateful to Neirad for permitting me to respond to Mr. Robert Castle's article in the March 24 edition.

Let me state first that I appreciate the positive and articulate contributions that Mr. Castle made for Darien's schools while he served on the Board of Education.

Mr. Castle stated that the hallmark of U.S. education is its experimentation. I believe that our experimentation has been important but that our real hallmark is the universality of educational opportunities for American youngsters, particularly at the university level. No country even approaches the U.S. in the percentage of students who are admitted to colleges and universities.

It seems to me that the most responsible critics of our educational system are Charles Silberman, Neil Postman, and George Leonard. They criticize us for operating “joyless” schools. But where does the bulk of the experimentation in “joyful” schools take place? Not in the U.S. This experiment has been concentrated in England by American educators originally heard of Summerhill in England long before they heard of the Bank Street School in New York City or of the innovators in North Dakota (of all places)!

Royle and Ox Ridge Schools (at least) in Darien are responding now to the concept of open classrooms. It is significant that two faculty members from Royle are visiting England for three weeks early this summer to observe open classrooms there.

Teacher tenure does not seem to me to be the problem that Mr. Castle sees it as. At the present time, if a teacher has completed three years of satisfactory service in one school district, he is granted tenure. Only about 60% of the teachers who begin work in Darien achieve tenure. After a teacher has been granted tenure, he still can be fired for incompetence, inefficiency, immoral behavior, deletion of his job, and other sufficient cause. If an incompetent teacher remains on his job, then his administrator is to blame, not the Teacher Tenure Act.

Some parents become enraged at events that occur in the schools. Controversial topics such as sex education or exploration of diverse political views would not be touched by some teachers if they were not protected by their tenure.

Historically, tenure was created out of a need for it. A recent New

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Neirad's 1970-1971 editorial staff, seated left-to-right—George Hill, Eugene Myers, Nicholas Ney, Craig Mason, faculty advisor Miss Helen Donohue, standing left-to-right—Peter Bigelow, Richard Jewett, Phil Williams, J.A. Vitti, Betsy Ammer, missing is Kevin Wright (wearing suit).
JACK CAPOCCI SPEAKS: THEN & NOW

By Phil Williams

Mr. Jack Capocci is head custodian for Darien High School. He is a soft spoken, dedicated man who has many things on his mind, yet rarely gets to air his views.

He is bolder than a head custodian for 21 years. He came to this country in 1957 after receiving a sponsorship opportunity from his father who was here. He came to this country from Italy he worked in a bakery six and one half days a week, 10 hours a day for one dollar per week. He did not feel he was being exploited because many people around him did not have jobs.

Mr. Capocci sees his job being the most important job in keeping the high school functioning. He and the other custodians are here long before school starts to make sure that the school is safe and warm and in good functioning order for the students and faculty. He feels that his job is often a thankless one and that the students don't really know what it takes to make this school comfortable for them.

He puts in many a late hour at the high school and afterwards, does outside work for people in Darien. He is proud of his staff and he feels that they are "fine, conscientious workers."

He is bothered by the harrassment certain members of his staff get from students. He feels that the students on the whole are nice, polite kids yet it's the students who want to have fun at the custodian's expense that bothers him. Specifically, he spoke about the harrassment of one member of his staff, John Macari (alias Snowman), who has received, and who he has felt quite hurt by. He has been taunted with obscenities and called names.

"He was very, very hurt. He knows he's not a hobo and he does not understand the abuse."

Mr. Capocci feels that the harrassment is less this year but it still exists and that certain unfeeling people are still hurling other members of the custodial staff.

Mr. Capocci is proud of his family. His wife is a lifetime Darien resident and three out of four of his children have graduated from Darien High.

He feels that there is a difference between past students and recent students who have come to DHS. He feels that there was more respect for elders in former years, and that the kids had more respect for themselves. He feels that the biggest difference between the old and the new students is the amount of freedom.

"I never used to see kids walking arm and arm or kissing, they seemed (old students) to have more..."

When they were doing something wrong they would watch out for authority. Kids are getting away with much more today than ever before." Mr. Capocci only feels that the freedom is bad when it is abused. He is the authority in his house. He wants respect and he feels he gets it. He has worked hard to put his kids through college and he has always given him respect.

Mr. Capocci feels the concept of the father being the ultimate boss of the household is a good thing about Italian families. It was hard for him to raise his children in Darien as his idea of raising children conflicts with other families' concept of the same function.

On the national scene, Mr. Capocci doesn't like to make many comments because he says he does not know all the facts and problems behind the closed doors. He feels that he can't judge things by what he reads in the papers because he doesn't know the truth or all the facts. He wants to witness things and then judge, not read second hand and judge.

Mr. Capocci said that he and the other custodians don't discuss political topics yet they do have definite opinions. Mr. Capocci agrees with President Nixon's honorable withdrawal. He feels we have made a commitment and that we should not break it or we will lose prestige. He and the other custodians talk during lunchbreak, the usual topics of conversation are the old country, what they see in kids today, and the amazement they have for the things that the kids are reaching for today.

Mr. Capocci likes to take trips to Italy every few years. He brought his family back to the Old Country and took them to his hometown, which was and still is pleasantly lost in the Italian foothills somewhere between Naples and Rome. The town's population was still an even 300. He took them to his old house, which had four rooms, an outside bathroom, and no hot water. His younger daughter was honestly amazed that he was able to grow up without a living room.

Mr. Capocci feels that this is a result of the affluent life of Darien.

Mr. Capocci is education consistic in a grade school are not to receive a high school diploma, which he regrets. He said that the current custodians have had little formal education and one of the biggest problems they have in the high school is the language barrier.

Mr. Capocci said that he judged any educational opportunities for education that he could manage. He is not able to continue his school because he was forced to earn money to survive and help his family in Italy. He attended P.S. 45 in New York for a while. He also would sneak into lectures at Fordham University on Sundays and sit among the regular students.

When he came to Connecticut, he attended a trade school in Stamford High school for a while. When asked whether he felt it was good that a teacher and a student to get to know each other outside of class, he had a definite opinion. He felt it was good to

be friends but your positions should be respected. A student should not violate the authority of the teacher and should give the teacher the respect due him.

Mr. Capocci says that his staff does not mind picking up trash because that is part of their jobs, yet they do feel that unnecessary trash, such as the trash found in the senior commons is a manifestation of people who are not considerate of others. He would like to see students take on a part of keeping the High School neat.

His opinion about rock concerts is mixed. He feels that rock music and the concerts are fine if you like that sort of thing.

The Beatles..."They are crazy, they come over to make money and for it; they are laughing at us now."

Woodstock..."I think it was a disgrace; bare people in the pictures, they were acting like animals. This is supposed to be a civilized country; are we going forward or backward? Clean fun, but that was a disgrace."

The law in this country..."I feel that the law is good, too many people are getting away with too much, there should be a limit."

Roller derby..."It's all right."

Mr. Capocci feels that kids grow up too fast in the U.S. He says it is because of the media. "It shows how much and is easily available to kids. He said that at fifteen he was not even aware of sex but in the U.S. it's a different story."

Neirad..."It's okay as long as you tell the truth." When asked if he felt there was more journalism mistakes he said that there is, but that's okay because "people are suppose to make mistakes. It's asumed you will make a mistake. That's why you have erasers at the end of pencils."

 evaluator of girls' sports activities. Cory's interests include music, tennis, and field hockey. Former Neirad reporter Kevin Corrigan will have the dubious pleasure of handling the "books" for Neirad next year. He should be interesting to see Kevin try to pull Neirad out of it's $4,000 hole. Steve Watson is a member of the photography club and the DSO, and president of the Cross Country team. History teacher and part-time writer Miss Helen Donohue will again give her sage advice and guidance to next year's staff as faculty advisor. Bob McGillic
The idea sounded very good to some students and teachers. The retreat would not be completely unplanned, and the chances of its success were high. However, for some persons that were still unknown, the project did not seem possible. On only fifteen students and six faculty members signed up to go, and some of those people had not paid by the final date. Perhaps the time of year to be present - perhaps the publicity - but the fact was, the retreat was cancelled because of lack of interest.

There seem to be at least two schools of thought about the present generation (namely us). One is that young people are setting an example for the world with their care and concern about other. This retreat was a chance to show your concern, if you have it, and the results speak for themselves. The second school of thought is that our generation is marked by a huge epidemic of apathy. If this is true, then it is up to each one of us to stop saying to ourselves, “Well, if they think I'm so apathetic, I'm going to do as I please even less than I do.” Let's stop feeling sorry for ourselves! The only way to stop people who shout “Apathy!” is that any young person has to get off our rear ends and get involved. There is room for improvement everywhere. The power and the opportunities are there and we have to reach up and grab it!

Nancy Sherman

**SENIOR CLASS PLAY ANNOUNCED**

I found many similarities between the characters in Macbeth and the characters of the other playwrights. A narrator-singer is pressed into service, while somewhat reminded me of Stage Manager in Wilder’s “Our Town.” Gopher Gulch is the imaginary setting for this play, which epitomizes the Old West, just as Camelot and Brigadoon epitomized the fairy lands of another time and place in their usage. In my opinion, if Mr. Rosenberg attempted to satirize American Theatre at that time it might be characterized by Mike Harshion, whom everyone knows and loves. The supporting cast will include Rick Case, Kevin Wright (and some of those will wish him to leave his impressions on the wings). Kevin Moffat, Connie Bergin, Matt Scott, and Linda Browne, along with an assortment of circus clowns and ringling Bros.

In conclusion, just as Mr. Rosenberg was the last of the seniors to step on stage, I believe the senior class is the most well-produced to suit the play, which has a mixture of truth. What do I see? I see sensibilities expressed on a stage that is furnished on a stage that is furnished. Of many seniors, up on a stage that is furnished on May 26, at which time the cast of Ballyhoo! will take the stage. Dick will take his father to the charge of a host, and I know he will be a host! This is a class that is graduating. This is a class that is graduating. This is a class that is graduating. This is a class that is graduating. This is a class that is graduating.

Bill Ward

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**THE READING**

happy songs of life
sing me silent melodies of beauty
as i gaze into your age of innocence
reaching searching demanding
your surrender
as early morning blues harbor round my soul
watching dawn sacrifice the serenity of night
creating squalls of confusion in my existence
another day unfolds
dear jesus
i am dying

Nicholas Ney

**THE TELLING**

TELLING lies to the young is wrong.
Proving to them that lies are true is wrong.
Telling them God’s in his heaven
and all’s well with the world is wrong.
The young know what you mean. The young are people.
Tell them the difficulties can’t be counted.
and let them see what will be
but see with clarity these present times.
Say obstacles exist must encounter
sorrow happens, hardship happens.
The hell with it. Who never knew
the price of happiness will not be happy.
Forgive no error you recognize,
it will repeat itself, increase,
and afterwards our pupils
will not forgive us in what we forgive.

—Yevgeny Yevtushenko

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A VISIT WITH THE DUCHESS

by Rob Varney

As I approached the Duchess Restaurant on the Post Road, my first impression was that the establishment had greatly changed in the excellence of its Top and, for that matter, the mediocrity of Hagers (the place has changed management over the years).

The lot, it seemed, could have been used as a field project for an environmental action group. I asked my guide and Duchess employee Craig Griffith about the countless cups, plates, half-eaten burgers, and other paraphernalia scattered about. He replied:

When it's cold, it's too much of a bother to clean the place up. So we just let the dogs take care of it.

After this had sunk into my brain, I stepped up to an attractive red brick counter and placed my order. There are only a few stools inside Duchess when it rains or is cold you must either eat standing up or take your order home (and take one guess what I'd do). Anyway, the hour was off the grill, and I must say that the eating was a pleasure. The place was furnished with antique, a detectable treat, and the cheeseburger was a juicy delight. The milkshake, as it's made from a mix, was OK.

So, all in all, the meal was a success. However, because the Duchess is good the prices are high. Task: Dogs run 49¢, burgers 69¢ and cheeseburgers 79¢ (I think). In other words, The Duchess isn't out to do you any favors.

After the meal, Craig and I continued our tour to the backroom facilities, and as it turned out I was very happy that I had postponed this until after eating. Palsied on the walls were the usual encouragements for employees to excel, but rather the 7th Avenue side show. Naturally, my Puritan instincts took command, and I quickly hurried to the scene after I had picked my stomach on the motor (lodge). Also, while eating one gets the impression that Louis Johnson's is a pioneer in food-scarf recycling.

FOR A LATER EVENING SNACK what else but Watson's? The reason that sunk a thousand appetites is almost always open, and is noted for its famous "Find the Hamburger" contest. Buns go for 29¢, double cheese-buns for 39¢, double cheese-buns for 49¢, and so on.

For you boys, Watson's is an idea place to bring a date for some cheap food, but you've really got to hate her to do it.

HAPPY EATING!

*Prices are approximate.

Bob Varney

NUCLEAR

Garbage Dilemma

As a final for the year (the new staff takes over next issue), we will visit briefly a variety of restaurants in Danbury.

FOR BREAKFAST: one may dine at the Pancake House on the Norwalk line. The Pancake House is where the Continental Cuisine (dinners from around the world) prices have been raised since the restaurant opened 3 or 4 years ago, and for the average Danbury they are high. That place is frequented by families, with little urchins spilling syrup across the table making havoc with the atmosphere.

FOR LUNCH: One Saturday, I was guest at 6 Rabbit Lane, where the menu featured some made pizza pie. The cooks were Ruby Barnes, who moonlights as a beautician, and Jim Gamell, the computer guy. No tennis shoes. My unused hosts followed my serving unusual pies. Someone's punch card got mixed up, for the pies looked like diseased ravioli. As for taste, I would have thought with the frozen pies one buys at a supermarket.

FOR DINNER: what would be more fitting than that having weary Americans, Howard John- son's? We have lived in Darien for almost a decade, and somehow the Pie-man has steadily deteriorated each year. Even their 'world-famous hotdog' sold me out, and the bun tastes like it's buttered with Mel-Fry, a deep frying greasy.

There are two other businesses that have the notion that everyone loves the HOJO's atmosphere. This might explain why it takes so long for the waitresses to take your order and the cooks to prepare your food (if you order dinner, a long time after well done). The restaurant has been sold, and the new owners are still trying to get the mess through. However Johnson's is a pioneer in food-scarf recycling.

P.Y.E.

Environmental Teach-In II

by Libby Jones

The Thomas School in Rowayton, Conn., held P.Y.E.'s Environmental Teach-In II on April 21, 1977. In addition, a registration began at 9 a.m. and people from nearby schools and from all over the country came to listen and take part in the day's events. Headmaster Arthur Harper began the day by reading a letter of commendation from President Nixon to the P.Y.E. club and to its founder, Mrs. Joy Lee, a former biology professor at Brown.

In the morning, there was a panel on population. Dr. Herbert Horne, from Harvard Medical School and Mr. Joel Bacher from the Stanford University Universalist Society expressed their views on the various aspects of the population explosion, while Mr. Paul Beach, Assistant Editor of Triumph magazine, stated that his belief is that the population explosion is a myth (Mr. Beach was not present).

After lunch, which was provided by a Health Food Booth and/or the Junior Class Lookout, the afternoon workshops began. There were twelve workshops held three times in one hour long sessions on topics such as organic gardening, wetlands, garbage recycling, ornithology, and the evil aspects of ecology. Also present in another seminar were Mozart, a tortoise; Charlotte, his red-kneed tarantula friend; a rat; and a twenty-foot python (It was weird).

To conclude the day, several authors read works by 'The Future' and Robinson Jeffers. The message of the day was: Man, being an animal, must realize his existence with nature. We must understand man with nature, not man apart from nature.

Libby Jones is a senior at Thomas school and helped in organizing the day's events—Ed.

NEED A SUMMER JOB?
CALL 655-3570

Looking for a summer job? The Darien Youth Advisory Committee has established a Youth Employment Service to provide students with part-time and full-time work. The service will initiate and include odd jobs such as babysitting and yardwork, and will hopefully grow to include office and store jobs.

The Service will begin Monday, May 10 and shall extend throughout the summer. Students needing jobs and people wishing to employ students may call 655-3759 between 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday through Friday. A volunteer will take the caller's name, address, and qualifications. The student will be informed when there is a job opening.

The service is non-profit and supported by the community. A full-time hired coordinator will run the Youth Employment Service this summer.

V.E.S. has been set up for the benefit of unemployed Darien students. If the program proves successful this summer, it will be enlarged upon for next summer. Please call your support by calling 655-3759.
NEIRAD'S SURVEY OF STUDENT OPINIONS

During the latter part of the week of April 26-30, Neirad conducted a survey of the attitudes and opinions of the Darien High School student body concerning many of the important problems and situations facing us today. We feel that student opinions must be known and registered, especially in such volatile times as these. Hopefully, as the information from this survey is circulated perhaps some benefits will be derived.

Besides, we hope that this survey will be of interest to everyone. Neirad received approximately 250 responses to this survey, after 1,000 questionnaires had been passed out to the student body. We feel that this response is adequate and that this survey does give insights into the thoughts and feelings that prevail amongst all the students.

We are also aware of the private and controversial nature of some of the questions, but we do not hesitate to take responsibility for the project in order to achieve the objective of identifying and measuring student attitudes.

Breakdown of Total Response

Grade Average
A's-11% B's-63%
C's-24%
D's-2%

Sex
Male-55% Female-45%

Class
Sophomore-43%
Junior-27%
Senior-30%

1. Do you plan to go on to college?
   Yes 90%
   No 10%
   Undecided 0%

2. If so, how have you most affected your decision?
   Parent 4%
   Counselor 2%
   Myself 86%
   Other 8%

3. Do you feel that our participation in the Vietnam war should be:
   Economic Only 21%
   Military Only 5%
   Econ. & Military Neither 9%
   Natural 63%

4. Would you participate in a violent protest against the war?
   Yes 10%
   No 10%
   Undecided 80%

5. Are you in favor of the lottery draft?
   Yes 34%
   No 34%
   Undecided 32%

6. Are you in favor of the use of atomic bombs in warfare?
   Yes 59%
   No 41%
   Undecided 0%

7. Do you think the national voting age should be lowered to 18?
   Yes 70%
   No 30%
   Undecided 0%

8. Would you favor abolishing the electoral college, and basing national elections on popular vote?
   Yes 70%
   No 30%
   Undecided 0%

9. If the following men were running for President in 1972, who would you vote for?
   Nixon 12%
   Humphrey 2%
   McGovern 2%
   Muskie 6%
   Kennedy 4%
   Ramsey Clark 6%
   No Answer 0%

10. Do you feel that President Nixon is doing a good job as President?
    Yes 31%
    No 29%
    Undecided 40%

11. Do you think that the law enforcement agency in Darien is:
    Doing A Good Job 47%
    Doing A Poor Job No Answer 53%

12. Do you think that "right to search" laws are justified?
    Yes 30%
    No 47%
    Undecided 23%

13. Are you in favor of the registration of rifles, hand guns and other weapons?
    Yes 25%
    No 75%
    Undecided 0%

14. Do you believe that private citizens should have the right to use weapons in defense of:
    Their Life Both 49%
    Their Property 31%
    No Answer 21%

15. Are you in favor of government control of industry?
    Yes 38%
    No 62%
    Undecided 0%

16. Are you in favor of the censorship of motion pictures?
    Yes 44%
    No 25%
    Undecided 31%

17. Would you be willing to limit your family to two children in order to help população control?
    Yes 27%
    No 73%
    Undecided 0%

18. Would you mind living less electrically, provided you knew it would help reduce the pollution problem?
    Yes 25%
    No 75%
    Undecided 0%

19. Do you consider yourself to be a member of an active religion?
    Yes 49%
    No 41%
    Undecided 10%

20. Do you feel that your problems are:
    Unique Shared by Others No Answer 11%
    9%
    96%

21. When you have a problem, with whom do you most often discuss it?
    Father 49%
    Mother 38%
    Brother or Sister 7%
    Relative 5%
    Close Friend 9%
    Other 50%

22. Do you approve of the use of LSD, Speed, heroin and other such drugs by high school students?
    Yes 61%
    No 24%
    No Answer 15%

23. Do you approve of marijuana use among high school students?
    Yes 40%
    No 59%
    No Answer 1%

24. Do you think that the penalty for the possession or use of marijuana is:
    Too Severe 63%
    Not Severe Enough 36%
    No Answer 1%

25. Do you believe that high school students who use drugs do so because of:
    Physical Need 24%
    Psychol. Need 10%
    Need To Conform Need To Rebel 66%
    Other 4%
    No Answer 0%

26. Where do you think sex education should be taught?
    Home 66%
    School 29%
    Other 5%

27. Do you approve of premarital sexual intercourse?
    Yes 90%
    No 10%
    Undecided 0%

28. Do you believe in the use of contraceptives or other means of birth control?
    Yes 90%
    No 10%
    Undecided 0%

29. Do you favor legalized abortion?
    Yes 30%
    No 70%
    Undecided 0%

30. Do you believe in the concept of communal living?
    Yes 68%
    No 32%
    Undecided 0%

31. Would you consider an inter racial marriage?
    Yes 45%
    No 55%
    Undecided 0%

32. Do you believe that liberal groups, such as the Black Panthers, are effective in furthering the cause of blacks?
    Yes 90%
    No 10%
    Undecided 0%

33. Are you in favor of imposing severe penalties on civil rights demonstrators when disturbances are created?
    Yes 71%
    No 29%
    Undecided 0%

34. Do you feel that professionalism and dedication among educators today is:
    Lacking 53%
    Satisfactory A & T Good No Answer 20%
    51%

35. Have any instructors whom you believed to be poorly qualified have you worked with during your high school program?
    Yes 12%
    No 88%
    Undecided 0%

36. How many instructors whom you believed to be poorly qualified have you worked with during your high school program?
    1-3 36%
    4-6 36%
    7-10 28%
    11-20 0%
    21-50 0%
    51-100 0%
    Over 100 0%

37. Do you believe your high school program offers students the opportunity to:
    Engage in social activities 88%
    Obtain a good education 12%
    No Answer 0%

38. Has your high school curriculum permitted you sufficient time to engage in personal interests?
    Yes 84%
    No 16%
    Undecided 0%

39. Do you approve of President Nixon's policy of regular troop withdrawals from Vietnam?
    Yes 69%
    No 29%
    No Answer 2%

40. Do you think that the U.S. government should base troops in foreign countries?
    Yes 33%
    No 66%
    Undecided 1%

41. Do you think that the U.S. should send troops to Israel if it seems that country is going to fall under the pressure of Arab forces?
    Yes 33%
    No 66%
    Undecided 1%

42. Would you defend the United States if it were attacked by an outside force?
    Yes 80%
    No 20%
    Undecided 0%

43. Are you in favor of busing black children into white communities?
    Yes 29%
    No 71%
    Undecided 0%

44. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S TOP THREE PRIORITIES SHOULD BE?
    Most Frequently Mentioned
    a. Pollution and ecological problems 74%
    b. Aid to poverty in this country 66%
    c. World Peace-ending the Vietnam war 66%
    d. Stabilizing the economy-fight inflation 36%
    e. Civil rights-desegregation 20%
    f. Law and order 14%
    g. Education 12%

The people were friendly and the weather was nice. In San Francisco I met a lot of people. It was the beginning of the day...
The papers and police said there were 200,000 people, but as a witness and a marcher, I know there were at least 500,000 people in Washington. In San Francisco there were (the papers say) 150,000.

I went to Washington Friday, April 23. I got a ride down to our nation's capital with a beautiful woman, Lina Fowler. The ride down was just the beginning of a weekend which was one of great happiness and awe.

The New Jersey Turnpike and other highways all the way down were full of people going to Washington—Grandparents, parents, straight youth, freaks, children, and babies. Stopping for gasoline was beautiful. The people smiled and said hello. If you had no money, they gave it to you. Passing people in cars with smiles, and horns beeping hello…peace.

Arriving in Washington, I went to St. Stevens Church—Marshall Headquarters. What is a Marshal? "Marshals are ordinary demonstrators who accept responsibility for the tone of their demonstration. The training focuses on the basic job of serving fellow demonstrators. Marshals should be able to:

- give essential information
- convey confidence
- think quickly and keep cool during trouble
- help coordinate, if necessary, with other marshals

The marshal's attitude toward fellow demonstrators, potential disrupters, and strangers, will influence the tone and help insure the success of the demonstration. They are not police nor should they act like police. At times they help in the orderly flow of traffic, or in the isolation of a problem, but this is for the march and not to replace the police. This is further translated in the fact that when the people they serve have a problem, the marshal attempts to help by getting help and often by pitching in himself. The one thing all demonstrators and marshals must remember is that the intent of this demonstration is massive, peaceful, and legal.

There at St. Stevens, I had my second training session, and was given my assignment...to be a walking marshal between 11th and 12th street on Pennsylvania Ave., right in front of the P.B.I. As a marshal, I had to be at my post around 8:30 the morning of April 22—the big day.

On Friday night, the National Peace Action Coalition (NPAC) provided housing for me in a large house in Virginia. There the people were given as much food as they wanted, were able to take showers, and slept in beds. BEDS! I thought I was going to sleep in a church, the Y.M.C.A., or in a park. BEDS! These people were fantastic.

During the night people kept coming. Busses, trains, and cars from all over—People came from Florida, Michigan Canada, Maine, and all the states in between.

The marchers assembled at The Mall in back of the White House around 10:00 in the morning. There they got into their particular sections and groups. The march got underway at about 11:00.

Throughout the day people of all walks of life were conveying concern for our Indochina involvement in a peaceful, uniformed manner. I passed out water for people who were thirsty and was given overwhelming thanks in return. People gave me apples, ice-cream, oranges, nuts, and sandwiches. I was stuffed, but grateful in the end, for I did not get anything to eat or drink that night except for a long cup of coffee.

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LINDNER GOES WILD AS TRACK TEAM WINS THREE

The Blue Wave tracksters, coached this year by Mr. Michael Sangster and Mr. Edmund McElroy, won three of their first four meets, due in large part to the efforts of co-captain Brian Lindner. Buggs has won 15 out of a possible 16 first places in his events which include the low hurdles, high hurdles, high jump, and triple jump. His only defeat occurred in the Waverly meet over Greenwich where he took a second.

Co-captain Ubangi Bill Wright has yet to be beaten this season in the javelin and he has been placing in the discus and shot put.

The Blue lost their opener to powerhouse Danbury as Lindner took first in the javelin, Peter Weith in the 880, and Bruce Jones in the 2-mile run.

The Wavers went wild against the Stamford Catholic Band as they took 13 of 15 firsts, only two Catholic victories being won by Darien native Jack Whitehead, who took the 100-yard dash and 220.

Blue scores clipped the wings of the Greenwich Cardinals to earn the Wavers the victory.

In the low hurdles, high hurdles, and high jump, Rod Reahe in the 440, Weith in the 880, Watson in the triple jump, and Swede in the discus, Ubangi Bill in the javelin, Pete Johnson in the pole vault, and Norm Selevier in the long jump. Second place went to Bruce Moody in the 880 and Darien's Raul Town in the shot put, Lindner in the triple jump, and Fred McIntyre in the high jump. The Wavers took the mile relay and swept all three places in the shot put, high jump, and javelin.

The Blue tracksters topped Ludlum's 48-42 as Lindner again came up with four firsts out of Darien's nine. Bruce Jones was a double winner coping both the mile and the 440, while Vincenzo put up a good showing in the 880 and 100-yard dash. Raul Town again took the javelin, Weith the 880, and Reahe the 440, while the Blue took the mile relay, Ubangi Bill in the shot put, Lindner in the triple jump, and Fred McIntyre in the high jump.

A third place on the Blue side went to Bruce Moody as he took the mile with a fine run to break the 4:30 barrier.

The Wavers swept the triple jump as Bruce Moody and Peter Weith, who took a rotten second in the long jump. Other second place winners for the Blue were Bruce Moody in the low hurdles, Rod Reahe in the 440, Weith in the 880, Watson in the long jump, and Town in the shot put.

It was sorry to hear of Coach Battino's recent hospitalization, and we were worried to try to control the Javanese, and just had to learn his leash the hard way.

DIAMOND CREW LEADS DIVISION WITH 5-3 RECORD

The Darien High School Varsity baseball team, coached by Nelson and captained by Ralph Savinon and the everefficient pepperpot ballplayer Nick E. Fuego Velloisi, wins the East I Division of the FCIAC baseball league with a 5-3 won-loss record.

The season started off the season with a 5-2 victory over Trumbull. Savinon was the winner as he also collected two hits, both doubles, as the team knocked in two runs. His battery mate, catcher Jimmy Costello got a pair of hits as two members of the Funeral Home Field Staff, Joe Kubiak and恰克·科利, and the old redhead Doug Lawrence knocked in a couple more runs.

The Blue next overwhelmed the club from Stamford High by a 9-0 margin as the defending batting champ, Nick E. Fuego Velloisi, picked up two hits and Saverine was again credited with the victory. Ralph got two hits as did the Pepperpot, while Nick E. Fuego Velloisi picked up the ball in the field to knock in two runs and bring his average up to the 1.000 mark where it still stands.

The Wavers took the raisals as they handed the Wavers a 9-3 defeat on the fielder's day. After the team's line-up went off without a hitch, the bottom of the seventh, the Wavers had them through the remaining three innings, while in the ninth inning Pepperpot W. picked up the last two runs as he drove in a pair of singles.

The Wavers ended the season in the Pepperpot who leads the team in hitting with 10 hits in 24 at bats for a .417 average. He is followed by Bill Groves with 23, Larry Hart with 20, and Larry Mott with 15.

In a match marred by inclement weather, the Darien Tennis Team lost its first match of the season to State-Champions New Canaan.

The Blue was ready for an upset, as a pre-season report from the desk of Coach Gordon Bridge predicted the strongest squad in Darien history. However, in the singles event, Darien dropped 4 of 5 matches, with Rick Watkins collecting the only victory. "Waddy," as his teammates affectionately call him, played brilliant racket ball, as he managed to win each and every point shot with crushing forehand slams.

Losing singles matches were Matt Mokowski (3-0 in sets), Captain Linley Franklin (2-4), Sophomore Jim Fisher (2-4), and Mr.

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GOLFER SET FOR EXPANDED SEASON

The Blue Wave varsity golfers were rained out of their first outing of their 19 event schedule, when they were to play at Trumbull and Danbury at the Ridgewood Golf Course. Coach Mott was dissatisfied with the thirty candidates this year, the only returning letter winner being captain Bob Shephard. The seven Varsity GPers, Dick Brock, Peter Angelou, Joe Talbot, John Sullivan, include Bill Pistor, Rick Beamer, and the Bianco brothers Steve and Rick. Sophomore players are Ray Voorhees, Pete Angelou, Dave Heath, Chip Harrington, Stuart Stecker, Nelson Henry, Wayne Darlin, Mark Coleman, standout men's partner, Martin Martin, and Anthony McPherson, a superstitious Steve Castle, and hockey star Eric Hanson, Steve Ellis, and Serwy Jerry Greg Neuman. In addition, they have the support of the fathers, Russ Weber, Ken Scribben, and Rob Geese as their most prominent supporters.

Home meets will be played at Rye and the Darien C.C. All real living is meeting.

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