Pelletier Vetoes Mahavishnu Concert

By Rocky VanMunching

The long-awaited concert, which was to have featured the Mahavishnu Orchestra, has been cancelled. It was planned for May 27 and was to play at Darien High School.

The concert plans have been plagued with troubles since the beginning. Jim Pelletier, who has been involved in the project, has indicated that the concert would be held on May 27.

Dr. Neil Postman, professor of Media Education at New York University, has been chosen by the senior administration to be the new principal at Darien High School.

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The speeding scene: How to avoid the blotters

By Roger Horine

In 1972 there were 400 resident arrests by uniformed police and 80 per cent were for speed violations. Chief John W. Jordan estimated in a recent "Neirad Interview" that 80 per cent of arrests are for speeding.

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Viewpoints

Political Pressure Eliminates Concert Hopes

By Jim Case

There will be no concert for Darien High School again this year, the reasons for which are explained in Steve Watson’s article. There are a few points that need to be brought out. It is high time that school administrators, mainly the superintendent, have the awareness to realize that what matters goes on in the high school or anywhere else which is not progressive is going to be opposed by these reasons were related directly to the negative response of Dr. Pelletier when he stated that he did not want a concert at DHS. Contrary to the beliefs of many, the blame cannot be attributed entirely to one individual but to a few number of people. This is not to deny that Dr. Pelletier did, in fact, say that he did not want the concert, but let’s first briefly examine some of his reasons.

The first reason which may have triggered this controversy was the attendance at the Canoe Park Concert March 31. It seems highly unlikely that a fight at a dance is sufficient grounds for stopping a concert. This was merely an excuse for making evident the negative attitude which had already been established long ago.

This leads directly into the next reason which refers to the plan for the four-year high school. Dr. Pelletier is afraid that if there were any kind of trouble whatsoever, the plans for the four-year high school would be jeopardized. The idea that if any trouble were started, it would create a generally bad atmosphere for the incoming freshmen by the superintendent, who knew very little of it until the last minute, after it had the full approval of the Activities Council, the assistant principal and the principal himself. What is not to say that next we will receive a phone call from the superintendent saying that he will not permit the Theater 300 play to be performed because he does not like its content.

It is important at this point to thank Dr. Robbins for the gargantuan effort he gave in the attempt to make the concert proposal a reality. He had no choice but to back down after pressure was exerted on him by the superintendent. Also, it is necessary to thank Dr. Bruce for his approval of the proposal. He, too, had no choice but to back down.

In conclusion I would like to say I am totally sympathetic to the idea of a four-year high school and I believe it to be a necessity for our town. However, I am strongly opposed to the idea of town politics becoming involved in school activities.

Spring Passion:

Too Much Of A Good Thing

Walking through the halls of Darien High School one realizes that there is a handful of couples who cannot seem to control their sexual drive while in public. We find this behavior unnecessary and even repulsive. It is not the couples who hold hands while walking down the halls, nor those who give each other a quick departing kiss we are condemning, but rather the couples who insist on publicly going beyond these simple acknowledgements of affection. We are offended by the couples who disturb traffic by performing an endless embroilment at the intersection, the couples that roll on top of one another distracting Spanish students, and the couples that make stomachs turn as they oscillate between bites of a submarine sandwich. These displays are becoming so rampant that a person who can no longer abide the overt behavior has no place to go.

Perhaps action should be taken to make these exhibitions more easily avoided for the majority of the student body. The administration could set up a special study hall for the passionate lovers where they could release their energies undisturbed and unnoticed. This designated room, “the Passion Pit,” would be open to all couples during their free time.

Another solution which would confine the sexual activities of these couples to a more limited geographic area would be to schedule a “kookie break” each day at mid-morning. Couples would crowd into the Senior Commons to do their thing, thus, not distracting anyone. The period would be reminiscent of children’s “cookie breaks,” because some children can’t go through the whole morning without a snack.

A final alternative would be to set up a co-ed gym class offering instruction in lip calisthenics and body massage. Besides clearing the halls of these couples, this class should also encourage attendance in physical education among those who otherwise couldn’t bear to be away from each other for such a long period.

Whatever solution there is to this problem, it is necessary for one to wait for the School Council or administration to act upon it! If indeed you do find this behavior as absurd as we do, take action as a DHS teacher did recently. Attempting to stop his class, he found one of his students in a passionate embrace with a “friend” in front of the open door to the classroom. Previously the teacher had been reserved in his opinions on this touchy subject, but today he decided to act. He went over to the young man on the shoulder, and said, “Come on, this is getting ridiculous.” It is.

‘Billy Jack’ Comes East

Who is Billy Jack? He is an Indian in a half-breed, a war hero who hated the war and turned his back on society by returning to the reservation where he was raised. He returns to Indians, the wild horses, and the teen-age students of a freedom school. He is an ex-Green Beret who uses Hapkido karate to protect the students and the woman who runs the school, Jean Roberts, from the hatred of people of the nearest town. Jean, a pacifist, and Billy are in love with each other, though neither will acknowledge their feelings for the other.

The essence of the film is Billy’s attempt to stop the townspeople from destroying the school and the hide; it is also his struggle to overcome his violent nature. Jean is caught in the middle of her pacificist ways and the school suffer much of the violence in the picture.

Billy Jack is an incredibly honest film. The characters are contemporary from page 1 Americans caught up in their own hatreds and prejudices, trying to reconcile it all through the use of violence. The townspeople are not inherently bad; they merely have only what they cannot understand.

Billy Jack, played by Tom Laughlin, is a man searching for a peace that his violent nature has never allowed him to know. Delores Taylor, as Jean, is a beautiful and physically brutalized woman. She believes in “turning the other cheek” to violence, she is misunderstood, hated, and physically brutalized. As you watch, you cry and bleed with her. She is capable of hating, but she tries desperately to return love to those who persecute her.

I urge you to see Billy Jack, not for the karate fights, but for the violence, but rather for the picture as a whole. The film is realistic and our town officials, then this is a classic example of “jaundiced journalism.”
By Andy Walworth

Spring has arrived and the sweet perfume of love is in the air. It has been said that spring turns a young man's fancy to love. However, this spring, it seems, has turned some DJIsers into wild, sex-starved animals, whose uncontrolled passion has transformed the hallies into a veritable den of iniquity.

"Neirad" decided to do some extensive research into this "nook" epidemic that has hit our once pleasant high school. Editors John Clinton and Chip Harrington turned to me. "Find out what you can," they chortled. "Spate no expense; cut no corners. Get that story!!" With their words still ringing in my ears, I stepped out into the hall and tripped over what at first appeared to be an intricately attached pair of Siamese twins. One can imagine my surprise when, upon further inspection, I realized that I was actually viewing two people knotted in a rather passionate embrace.

"Excuse me, loving couple, I wonder if I could ask you a few simple questions..."

"Ooh, baby, caress my every desire! My body torques for your touch!"

"Uh, yes, well, what possesses you two to make love at this ungodly hour of 8:30 a.m., when the mere thought of a French kiss turns most people's stomachs?"

"My lusty passion knows no bounds! More!" With this, the young lady grabbed me, and before I knew it, I too was tied into this writhing love-knot. This is ridiculous." With that he directed my attention to a pair of love-kids whose activities were partially concealed by a Coke machine. "Or this..." he added, nodding to a couple on the floor in the corner.

I sighed, and decided to return to headquarters. I made my way to the Seniors Commons, in search of a moment's peace. I found a seat with Miss Lindsay McGrath, and we discussed the nookie problem. "Well," said Lindsay, "I think they do it for their egos. They have to show everyone how very much in love they really are. Actually, they only showed their insecurity."

Wayne Grant, noted band leader and no small time "swinger" himself, remarked, "I think they go too far. A little kiss on the cheek, a hug, okay, but this is ridiculous." With that he directed my attention to a pair of love-kids whose activities were partially concealed by a Coke machine. "Or this..." he added, nodding to a couple on the floor in the corner.

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I entered the classroom, expecting to find the boys hard at work at the drafting table, performing the mysterious rituals as editors must. Instead, I found them peering out the window, with looks of awe upon their countenances.

Curious as to what spectacle could possibly stay them from their editorial duties, I looked out the window myself, and saw not one, not two, but three couples engaged in the "threes" of ecstasy, rolling in the dirt. Wiping a tear from my eye, I turned to my editors. "Come, boys, my story is ready."

"Woefully, I related my sad tale of the moral decay at our school." Great, Ace... Top right stuff," cackled Harrington. I submitted the tear-stained manuscript. However, I wondered if my efforts had been in vain. Would the readership respond? Would the nookers and nookies halt their activities long enough to read my story? Could they read at all? Ah, it was a dejected "Neirad" reporter who trudged through the door and into the corridor. And then, all of a sudden, I saw this sweet little sophomore chick....

"Neirad" To Poll

"Neirad" will be polling all students at Darien High School about drug use and attitudes next week. Responses will be gathered through a formal survey conducted in an extended homeroom. All responses will be completely confidential, and compliance in answering any, all, or none of the questions is voluntary.

The poll results will hopefully shed some light on what is, for many, a hazy subject.

A Spring Look At The Nook Dilemma

By Steve Watson

In this series I have attempted to give you the best food in town for the least money. In this last installment I will break that unannaished record to show you the absolute rock-bottom of the late-night eaters.

A few years back Life magazine singled out as "the worst food on the East Coast." Although the restaurant has changed hands and been renamed the Savarin Restaurant) and improved somewhat since that time, The Nutmeg Inn still deserves the title.

Located between exits twelve and thirteen on the Connecticut Thruway, the basic appeal of the Nutmeg Inn lies in the fact that it is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The attraction stops there. The complete lack of atmosphere and even cleanliness becomes apparent from the moment the expectant diner enters the door. (Do not be alarmed at the squitcha-squitcha-squitcha sound when you walk in — it is merely the soles of your shoes sticking to the grease, dirt, and spilled food that forms a layer over the floor.) The quality of the food itself ranks just below that of our own cafeteria, and the prices are completely out of line. I cannot make specific recommendations about the menu, as I have sampled only one dish — the mince pie. It was, in fact, the only piece of mince pie I have ever eaten that tasted like chill. Crunchy chill, as a matter of fact. The milk that I washed the dessert down with was sour.

Before I sign off, there are two restaurants whose merits have been called to my attention.

Bess Eaton, Donuts (High Ridge Road, Stamford) Although the quality is not quite as good as Daniel's Donuts (see Neirad Feb. 13) Bess Eaton offers an intriguingly varied selection that includes Plain, Old-Fashioned, Chocolate, Almond, Walnut, Peanut, Chocolate-Sprinkled, Rainbow-Sprinkled, seven jelly varieties, (try the Black Raspberry) eclairs, and honey buns. Drinks, franks, and hamburgers are also offered.

TJ's (Post Road, Norwalk) Formerly the Marcus Dairy Bar, TJ's offers good food and a congenial atmosphere. Prices are high (a cheeseburger costs $1.60) but the menu does offer some pleasant changes. Beer and wine are available. Good night and eat well.
The Darien Blue Wave Baseball team rolled to five consecutive victories before being downed by Andrew Warde last week.

Pre-season reporters and coaches felt Darien was definitely one of the teams to beat this season, but one neighboring town's newspapers wrote that "Darien probably has the best line-up around baseball team to come out of Fairfield County in many years."

The Wave began the season April 11 against the defending county champs of Stamford High School. Kurt Kole was on the mound for the Black Knights just as he was last year when he hurled a two-hitter to defeat Darien under the lights in Cubeta Stadium to win the county title for Stamford. Things were different this year as the Wavers crushed the Knights 8 to 0 behind the two-hit pitching of junior Jeff Bruno and his gaffers. Mike Tracy and Scott Harrington had two hits apiece and Steve Seyferth added a triple that nickered in three runs. Jim Case struck a single and a RBI sacrifice fly.

Darien traveled to Brien McMahon Friday, April 13, and walked away with a hard earned 4 to 2 victory against a strong McMahon team. All-county pitcher Mike Tracy was on the mound for the Wave and he hurled a five hitter in the 49 degree weather. Darien scored first as Steve Wright walked and rode home on Steven Seyferth's triple. McMahon scored two runs in the fourth inning on hits. Darien came right back as in the fifth inning. With two outs, Darien's Paul Nolde lined a single to right field. The runner scored on Dave Harrington's triple down the right field line. Dave Harrington scored as Scott Harrington hit a sharp single to deep center but was caught just short of the fence.

Mike Tracy Wavers came back and rallied to win 7 to 6 as Jim Case relieved Copeland to pick up the win. Scott Harrington had two hits for the Big Blue while Ed Lechak added a double and Dave Harrington ripped a triple.

The Danbury Hatters were Darien's next opponent. The Hatters had scored 25 runs in 4 games and they went back to Danbury having scored 55 runs in 5 games as Mike Tracy pitched superbly in shutting them out on a three hitter. Darien scored its only two runs in the first inning as speedster Scott Harrington beat out an infield hit, Jim Case followed with a single, driving in Harrington. Steve Wright followed with a single, he was sacrificed to second and he rode home on a clutch hit by junior Jeff Bruno. That was all the runs Tracy needed as defensively the wavers infield gobbled up every ground ball that was hit.

Track Team Off And Running

The Wave kept splashing along by drowning the Bears of Norwalk 100-94. Darien traveled to Roger Ludlowe for its next encounter and had its second 100 point meet. The wave destroyed the Bears of Westhill in Stamford as the mighty Blue trounced the Vikings 8 to 0 behind the four-hit pitching of Jim Case. First the Wavers knocked the division favorite Ridgefield in a 72-72 win. A strong team effort capped by a clutch performance from the Blue mile relay team of Alan Dragon, Tom Hendry, Ken Darbyshire and John Brissette meant the downfall of the cocky Tigers.

Today the Blue face Rippowam away at 3:30.

The team is very optimistic and sees their chances of winning the FCIAC's as quite good. In addition to the talented squad, the schedule lends itself to a successful campaign with 14 home matches and one away. The home meet this year will be Wes Burn and the Country Club of Darien.

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On April 19, Staples of Westport became Darien's fifth victim. Junior lefty Ron Copeland returned to his winning ways as he scattered 4 hits in double home a pair, and Mike Tracy drilled a run-scoring single. Darien went on to score five more runs making the final score nine to one. Seyferth added three hits including a triple, and Scott Harrington also added a triple while Ron Copeland clubbed a double.

Coach George Nelson's charges invaded unbeaten Andrew Warde April 24 and felt their first taste of defeat as errors and no hitting contributed in handing Warde sole possession of first place. Darien collected three hits, two of them by Scott Harrington and the other by Jeff Bruno. Senior Mike Tracy suffered his first defeat in two years as he was relieved by John Risoli in the fifth inning with the score 3 to 2. Warde added another run in the sixth inning to win 4 to 2.

Things were different the next day up at Westhill in Stamford as the mighty Blue trounced the Vikings 8 to 6 behind the four-hit pitching of Jim Case. The Wave pounded out eight hits. This win put Darien back in a first place tie with Andrew Warde and New Canaan as Warde showed there true class by being bumped by wireless Greenwich.

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