Business Booming
In Commerce Courses

By DON SMITH

"Business education is no longer just typing," said Robert J. Santella, Business Department head at Darien High School Business Department. In a recent Neirad interview, Mrs. Santelle was quick to note that during the 1974-1975 school year there will be 160 more students taking courses in the Business Department than during the present year.

One of the reasons for this boom, the Business Department's director said, was a change in curriculum and the awareness that business courses help the student understand the responsibilities that the new major is bringing with it.

Another reason seems to be that today's youth is questioning the need for college. "Kids nowadays want to think for themselves," said Mrs. Santelle.

A recent government study of the occupational outlook for the next 15 years indicates that the nation will be up a group of 1,000 typical students only 700 to the college or university degree. Only 1,000 will be in "vertical" type of education, while the other 700 will be in "horizontal" type of education. The latter, Mrs. Santelle explained, dazzles with its "get it, get it, get it" rapid and supplying a "raw writing (is a personal type of shorthand) and a unit in business law that meets the current needs, as well as typing and shorthand.

Next year a course is planned on investing, one on business management and another that is called "The Student Bank." The latter, Mrs. Santelle explained, will involve the setting up of a local bank for a week or two, and the student will be in the business world, work with the bank's president and the bank's administrator.

"Santella said, "If we try, I feel that we can be a real plus in the school community."

Adams To Retire:
25 Years Of Classics And A Cause

By BILL JOHNSON

To anyone of the Darien High School faculty members, Mr. Adams was a well-liked teacher. His reputation at the school was one of a gentleman who was always kind and helpful to students. He was a popular teacher, well-respected by his students and colleagues.

Mr. Adams came to Darien High School in 1949, after a career that stretched back to World War II. He was a graduate of Colby College and had taught in Darien for 25 years.

Mr. Adams taught English and was also involved in the Midshipmen's Club, a group founded to support the Navy during World War II. Mr. Adams was a major part of the club, and he was always there to help.

Mr. Adams was also involved in the local community, serving on various committees and organizations. He was a member of the Darien Community Association and was involved in the local library.

Mr. Adams was always there to help, and his kindness and generosity were well-known.

Mr. Adams was a true gentleman, and his influence will be missed by those who knew him.

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End of an Era

Dameis High School will lose a great deal of professionalism with the retirement of faculty member Christopher A. Adams, not because he is an excellent teacher, even though he is, but because he represents an age that has since seen its values replaced by the tolerance of necessity. Mr. Adams has stood for scholarship, a quality that seems lacking in the manner of teaching now offered in several departments. He has been able to turn what some people might regard as "wasted" subject material into good-exercising exercises. By his departure and his obvious yet unspoken expectations of his students, Mr. Adams is able to gain the student's attention, respect and desire for knowledge.

To be a student in Mr. Adams's classroom is to be one of two possible people. One is characterized by a sleepy look and the ready answer of "I don't know," or "I'm still thinking about it." This student is scourred by Mr. Adams, and appropriately so. Now the attitude of this student is intoned, not glorified. "Make the course more interesting," he shouts with his "Joy English," many later educators shout. Now many students are not challenged, able to sit in a variety of desks just like they have done in half a year, and watch the good documentary film be able to deliver in 50 minutes. Many are held down in part by a system that allows heterogeneous groupings to squabble the bright students to the level of the poorest.

Now students are given true "free cuts" and are virtually expected to take advantage of several more benefits before the finality of a failing grade is left to leak the mathematics. Although it is clear that many students could not stand to learn by the Adams method, it seems that the same students are the ones who are most likely to be the one who criticizes the teacher whose accomplishments he will achieve. Several teachers could teach the subject that Mr. Adams does. Yet, few, if any, could capture that quest for scholarship without appearing superficially hypocritical.

Adams Has Taught "In Cause Of Scholarship"

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siveness at DHS today. "It's hard sometimes to even teach... Right now, I do not think there is a particularly school community at Dameis High School. Mr. Adams's last disagreement with the school administration over the advancement of the school was over the advancement of the small school."

GRADUATION TO FEATURE BEUDEL

The graduating class of 1974 will have its commencement ceremony on April 21 on the football field. The graduation will feature an address by Bill Beuel of the Eyes and ears news team.

The actual graduation ceremony will commence at 10:30 p.m. Each graduate's family will be allotted four tickets. Following there will be a reception in the gymnasium room by the junior class.

The annual graduation party will take place at the Italian Center in Stamford. The cost per person will be $2.50. Entertainment by two bands, plus door prizes.

Placement English Examination, which the administration required of all students during their sophomore year of. I think students themselves commented on it. On the contrary, it's one of the best things I've done.

Mr. Adams plans to spend the future writing, with two books already in the planning stage. He is also planning a book on Shakespeare, named after Mr. Adams's favorite author. The other is tentatively entitled: You'll Never Believe It. The book will deal with Mr. Adams's thirty years of educational experience. He also intends to teach abroad, which he has been doing for the many years past. With his wide experience, many other countries have been among the countries that "I've thought in terms of teaching, but I'm not interested." He has also considered returning to psychology, something he had practiced and taught. "I find that I still have the knack."
Frate Hears Views In News Store

By TOM GAMMILL

Behind the counter of the Darien News Store, Gennaro W. Frate, Darien's representative in the State Legislature for the past 24 years, Mr. Frate is probably Darien's most well-known Republican politician. His store has become a mainstay for people seeking political information and advice.

Mr. Frate will be running again this fall for a fourth term in the legislature. He was the House Chairman of the Transportation Committee, which has been recently involved in mass transit issues. Mr. Frate talked with New Fairfield staff recently about his career as a retail businessman and legislator, national issues, and town problems.

Many direct questions about Darien concerning the school budget cutbacks, and low-income housing could not be answered as Frate does not become involved with them in the state legislature.

Mr. Frate opens his store in the morning and stays until his wife comes in at about nine. He then leaves for Hartford but is back at the store usually by the late afternoon.

"Some of the recent sessions, however, have lasted so late I'm not home until eight or ten.

"I'm very fortunate that my wife takes over when I'm gone, and that my grandson helps out in the afternoons. If they couldn't handle it, I'm afraid I would have to quit working at the legislature and spend full time in the store. The pay for a legislator is not very good, so most of us have two jobs. Many lawyers-also insurance brokers are the only legislators in the retail business.

Mr. Frate feels he has an advantage over many politicians, because he becomes involved with a lot of people in his store. "I get to talk with my customers and learn what they need and expect from their representatives.

"There is a need for small businesses like mine. In a department store one does not get the same personal attention, and the customers don't know the person whom they've bought from.

Since reapportionment there have been fewer women in the legislature. "There was a time when a town sent two people to the state, usually a man and a woman. Since reapportionment, though, the men have usually won over the women.

Mr. Frate noted that the "No Lend dem" policy on Tookense Road has affected the store. "It has been hard to keep up with the flow of traffic from business. We're promised, though, as it now only affects from three to six.

A new Darien ordinance which is being vigorously supported by Mr. Frate would also take traffic away from his store. "But I support it. Being a legislator, I have to do what's best for the town, not myself.

As for Connecticut's Senator and fellow Republican, Lowell Weicker, Mr. Frate thinks he's doing the job well despite of his personal lack of influence.

"I don't want to take any part in0 investigating campaign funds. I don't want to be involved in any of the things, and I wonder if he's doing something wrong.

Concerning the impeachment issue, Mr. Frate thinks we should take the course of the Constitution and that Nixon should be impeached and pay the penalty if he's done something wrong.

"He shouldn't resign. Though, we have a Constitution which tells us what to do. I'm not saying anything in the president's right to impeachment - it's for the courts and Congress to decide. I'm concerned with local issues.

With WatergateMr. Frate's upcoming campaign for reelection: "I don't think it's as bad as it's been. I'm going to run as a Republican on my record and the accomplishments of the General Assembly."

The Formal Finale 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' by ANDY WALWORTH

The annual Junior Senior Prom, sponsored by the Junior Class, was held on Saturday, May 15, at the Patchogue Estate. Entitled "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the garden party featured two bands, both of which competed for the title of "best band" and a cash prize.

The evening was highlighted by an excellent rhythm, jazz, and blues band called "Roofless Blues" whose professional performance was such that the audience, judging by the applause, was very satisfied with the performance.

Mr. Frate feels it is still too early to endorse any candidate for Governor and definitely too soon to comment on the Presidential election. "Two years is a long time, and we don't know yet who is going to run.

As far as heresy is concerned, Frate believes it is a good job preparing kids for college. "The youth should be interested in local and state affairs," said Frate. "They should make an effort to vote and out."
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