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Marion Brando will have the honor of kicking off Homecoming Weekend when he steps in On the Waterfront, winner of eight Academy Awards, on Friday night, November 8, at 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. in the DHS Auditorium.

On Sunday afternoon, the homecoming football game between the Wavers and the Staple's Wreckers will be held at the DHS football field. The game will begin at 3:00 p.m. during the halftime, the Homecoming Queen and the float winners will be announced.

"All Things Must Pass" is the theme for Saturday night, with the dance on Saturday night, which will feature "Stonehenge.

Hearty hunger will be appeased on Sunday morning with a tasty Hotcakes, a pancake breakfast, which will also feature such items as bacon, orange juice, and coffee.

Junior and senior girls will dress in their annual football game (with somewhat predictable results) on Sunday at noon on the DHS football field.

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The Time Is Right For EEW

By JANE ADAMS and MEG MCGRODDY

A new series of articles will be conducted on the topic of the Homecoming Queen, a position that has been traditionally held by a female student. The purpose of these articles is to provide a platform for students to express their opinions and ideas on the role of the Homecoming Queen and its impact on the school community.

In past years, the Homecoming Queen was often viewed as a representative of the school, embodying the values and spirit of the school. However, in recent years, there has been a growing movement to reconsider the role of the Homecoming Queen and its significance in the school community.

The articles will explore various perspectives on the role of the Homecoming Queen, including its historical significance, its impact on the school culture, and its relevance in today's society. The articles will also examine the challenges and criticisms that have been raised regarding the role of the Homecoming Queen, such as issues of gender, race, and privilege.

The articles will aim to provide a diverse range of voices and perspectives, featuring students, faculty members, and alumni who have different experiences and viewpoints on the role of the Homecoming Queen. The goal is to foster an open and respectful dialogue on this important topic, where students can share their thoughts and engage in meaningful conversations.

Open Campus Can Work

By SUE ALLARD

Recently, I had the opportunity to observe a new program at Darnall High School known as "Open Campus." The program was designed to provide students with an additional opportunity to explore their interests and gain valuable experience outside of the traditional classroom setting.

The program is open to all students, including those who may be struggling in their academic performance or are seeking additional support. The program offers a range of activities, such as community service, extracurricular clubs, and workshops, which are organized and facilitated by faculty members and community organizations.

According to the program coordinator, the response has been overwhelmingly positive, with students expressing a sense of ownership and engagement in the learning process. The program has also had a positive impact on student attendance and overall academic performance.

The program is currently in its first year, and the school is hoping to expand it in the future to include more activities and support services. The school is also considering ways to increase the visibility and accessibility of the program to ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate.

Letters

Youth for Understanding Invites Applications

To the Editor:

Youth for Understanding International Teenage Peace Program is seeking applications from students for its summer program. The program is designed to bring together teenagers from different countries to promote understanding, cooperation, and peace.

Applications are available online at the program's website, and the deadline for submission is June 1. The program provides all expenses, including transportation, accommodations, and meals.

The program is open to students who are between the ages of 16 and 18, and who meet the eligibility criteria. The program will take place in different countries, and participants will have the opportunity to visit museums, historical sites, and cultural events.

The program aims to foster a sense of global citizenship, and to encourage participants to become agents of change in their communities. The program has been successfully implemented for several years, and has had a positive impact on the lives of participants.

We encourage all eligible students to apply, and to become part of this transformative experience.
DHS Responds To 'The Call Of The Wild'

For the past few years there has been an increasing interest in camping and outdoor adventure at Darlen. This interest has been reflected in the formation of an outdoors club as well as several smaller expeditions organized by interested students and teachers. Noticeably, there has been an increase in the number of students who have participated in recent camping expeditions and other outdoor experiences.

Outdoors Club

One way for a DHS student to get involved in outdoor activities such as camping, backcountry, and bicycling is to join the Outdoors Club. Founded last year, the club serves to bring together students with a common interest in outdoor activities and gives them a chance to participate in them. The club is led by faculty advisors David Herbert and William McCarthy. Mr. Herbert further describes the club as "an umbrella for the different outdoor interests within the school."

Among the many possible trips to be planned for this season, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, winter camping, bike trips, backpacking, and canoe trips can be included.

One of the more interesting trips of the Outdoors Club was a bike trip to the Pennsylvania Dutch country last spring, which took the participants through the rolling countryside for four sunny days, staying at youth hostels during the nights.

The club also participates in training courses such as first aid, and has occasional guest speakers and films. Their meetings are held on Wednesday, during the color period. All students interested in an outdoor interest such as activities are invited.

Ice and Rock Climbing

Another form of outdoor activity is rock and ice climbing. This sport is widely misunderstood by many people. Before starting a climb one must have either a great deal of knowledge of the sport or be with an instructor who has had much experience and is considered an expert climber.

There are various programs throughout the area that teach the basic techniques needed to climb. Jim Lummis and Kurt Schrieber, two seniors, are planning to learn to ice climb. They enrolled in a course sponsored by Eastern Mountains Sports. They plan to head up to New Hampshire for several days and with small groups they started right out climbing, learning techniques as they went.

Ice climbing is relatively new compared to rock climbing, although essentially the same basic skills are used. John and Kurt hope to have an ice climbing expedition approved for independent study.

Bike Trip

Robert Lyons of the English Department is an example of a person who has acted on an individual interest in outdoor activity.

Mr. Lyons bicycled 136 miles, from Williamsport, Massachusetts, to Darlen the weekend of October 12 and 13.

Mr. Lyons commented that it is psychologically very hard to make a long trip unless it is broken up. He wanted to be at least halfway through or further by the end of the first day. But it turned out that on Sunday he had the larger part of the trip to cover. Mr. Lyons rode straight down Route seven. "It's a very scenic route," he said. "I have been up to the Berkshire Country before and really liked it. So I decided to bicycle from there, because it was about the distance I wanted for the amount of time required."

Since the beginning of April, Mr. Lyons has ridden 2000 miles on his 10-speed. During the summer he rode 100 miles each week. Now that school has started, he averages 50 miles a week.

Mr. Lyons is planning on several bike trips next spring and summer. One trip he has been thinking about is from Burlington, Vermont, down to Darlen. He said he would like to do these trips with the Outdoors Club if their schedule worked out.

The Salisbury Expeditions

The Salisbury Experience was introduced last year by David Hartkopf of the Salisbury Department. The concept of the expeditions was to motivate students in the social sciences through direct exposure to historical sites, rather than studying them from a textbook. The program also involves self-examination by the students of their potential. Neird hopes to elaborate on the expeditions more fully in a future article.

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Gridmen Rout Rip, Tumble To Trumbull

By TODD BURGER

After losing two games in a row, the Blue Wave got back on the winning track by shutting out Ripponaw 17-0, here at Darien, Oct. 19.

Junior halfback Nick Toscano, taking advantage of the holes opened up by the offensive line, scored two touchdowns, as he and his running mates ran all over the Ripponaw defense.

Quarterback Bob Marchesi, running the Darien offense, mixed his running and passing plays well in leading Wave to their decisive output.

Bill Bogardus kicked two points after touchdowns and added a field goal to complete the scoring.

The Wave defense drowned the Ripponaw offense, shutting them out for their third straight week. Dave Cusano had an interception at the defensive effort.

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Hockeys Ride High For States

By MEG McGOLDRICK

The girls’ field hockey team ended its season with a record of 7-0. The girls qualified for the state finals, which began on Saturday, November 2 (results were not available at press time).

The team traveled to Wilton on Tuesday, October 15, and won easily, 8-0. The first goal was scored by Julia Hendrickson. Wilton’s goalie lay on the ball, but Darien left half Leslie Milne got to take a penalty shot and scored. A few minutes later Milne scored again.

When the goalie committed another foul, Allison King scored on a penalty shot. In the second half, Hendrickson was assisted from Gail Grimes. On October 17, an undefeated Staples team came to Darien and was upset. This win for Darien qualified them for the state finals. In the first course of the game Allison King scored for Darien. But Darien ended up defending its goal for the rest of the half. In the beginning of the second half, Milne scored. But Julia Hendrickson broke the tie with a successful drive for the corner of the cage. The game ended with a 2-1 win for Darien.

Darien lost 1-0 to a tough Ridgefield team at home on October 21. Ridgefield scored in the first half and after that the play traveled back and forth.

The team’s last game was against Warde on October 23. Warde blanked them 3-0. After a scoreless first half, Coach Rebecca Strominger decided to switch the lineup up to a 4-4-2 formation. Hendrickson scored the first goal, and Leslie Milne made a goal on a penalty shot. Near the end of the game Hendrickson got the ball down the field on a break away and scored the final goal.

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Booters Wind Up Season 6-4-4

By MATT CLINTON

The DHS soccer team concluded its regular season play with two wins, two losses, and a tie.

McAuliffe — Darien dropped its third contest of the season on Oct. 18 to an excellent team in McLean squad by the score of 4-1. Despite the lack of scoring the Wavers turned in a fine game. The lone Darien goal was scored by Matt Ammer on a free pass from Sal Ferraioli.

Ludlowe — In a come-back victory the Wavers defeated Ludlowe 5-1 on Monday, Oct. 21. Ludlowe struck first at the 25 minute mark of the first half on a well placed shot which just slid past the outstretched fingers of goal tender Vinni Ferraioli. Once again he was assisted by Sal Ferraioli who sparked the Darien offense by sending his crossfield pass by the Ludlowe goalie. John Dugdale scored the game winning midway through the second half. Matt Ammer received the same assistance on the goal. This victory qualified the Wavers for postseason play in the state tournament.

Norwalk — Next the Booters traveled to Norwalk on Friday, Oct. 26 and played the Bears to a 0-0 tie. Despite impressive scoring opportunities, the Wavers could not put home a goal. The Blue Wave held their opponents to just eight shots on goal while the offense had 14. Goalie Vinni Ferraioli captured his fourth shutout of the season.

Striders Stumble, Drop Last Four

By JIM CLARK

The Darien High School Cross Country Team was expected to compete strongly in the latter part of their season as they lost their last four straight, and concluded their regular season action with a 6-9 record.

Things looked bright for the striders as they began the last third of their season with a convincing victory over Stamford Catholic at our home course Bee Burn Country Club. Again DHS showed their superiority as it has throughout the season with only one dual meet loss. Darien beat the Cats 10-8.

The striders next met with the Ridgefield team at their home course. Darien took the win against the Ridgefield team 10-8.

Next came Danbury on Danbury’s home course. Darien placed first for the Blue Wave, but DHS’s second man Jim Lewis placed fifth and Tom Rollins came in eighth, for a 22-34 defeat.

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