Catania Sets Cut Policy
In ‘Unilateral Decision’

By TOM GANNILL

Students who cut a class once will see their second quarter grade reduced one-half letter, due to a revised attendance policy revealed by principal Salvatore Catania during a special afternoon homeroom period, Friday, November 16. The policy, which will be used for the remainder of this semester only, went into effect Monday, November 18.

Unlike the previous policy, the new attendance rule does not allow for a “free cut.” One cut automatically drops the quarter grade one-half letter. Cutting the class a second time will reduce the student’s grade another full letter. A third cut from a class will result in automatic failure for the quarter. Those students who cut a class during the first part of this quarter will receive retroactive amnesty.

Although Mr. Catania discussed the policy with department chairman shortly before it was announced to the school community, the final decision was a unilateral one on Mr. Catania’s part.

Open Letter

In an open letter distributed to faculty, staff and students the week after the policy change was announced, Mr. Catania explained his rationale for the unilateral decision. “Many of the good people representing the Darien High School community had in good faith discussed the potential of a new school policy with me and among themselves. No meaningful and applicable recommendation could be suggested and agreed upon at that time. This, therefore, became my obligation, pure and simple, to make a statement before too much time had passed and to make it without involving others since it was obvious that the decision would not be a popular one.”

Mr. Catania hopes that a more “flexible” policy can be drafted with cooperation of the Council for the second semester, which will still be as effective as the new attendance policy.

Ski, Skate Sale Successful; Subsidizes Scholarships

The annual Ski and Skate Sale, which raises money for the DHS Scholarship Fund, was held this year from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria, Saturday, November 16.

The total of this year was approximately $7,500; from this money 60% must be paid to people who donated items for the sale, plus expenses must be added.

People started lining up outside the cafeteria at 7:45. By 9:00, well over 200 people were lined up waiting to get in.

As in past years, there were skis, skates, ski boots, poles, and skilinting clothes that were either consigned or donated by people or local sport shops. This year there was also an ice boat and various equipment for cross-country skiing. Much of the best equipment was bought before 10:00.

By BRIAN HUBER

Commentary

Homecoming ‘74 well represented what homecomings have become to DHS in recent years. Fewer alumni seem to be returning to their alma mater than in the days of old for the purpose. While some students prepare activities in hopes of a successful weekend, others consider homecoming little more than a big dance on Saturday night.

This year’s homecoming began Friday evening with the movie On the Waterfront. Unfortunately, this is an example of the trouble in finding a good addition to make homecoming more appealing. The showings tended to displace the certain technical troubles which can occur with films that play in the auditorium. The sound was unclear at times and the print spilled numerous times so that the true value of the movie was lost. Perhaps the times of the showings were a bit odd since the turnouts for a 6:30 viewing was fewer than 40 people and even less at a 9:00 show.

The idea of the box lunch on Homecoming Saturday was once a popular and original idea. This year, however, any enthusiasm seemed to have faded out since the attendance was rather low. At halftime it was announced that the float contest winner was the excellent entry by the junior class. Second prize went to the sophomores with no entry really coming close to the junior class. The Homecoming Queen was Karen Fitzpatrick and Chris Popov was selected to the new honor of Homecoming King.

The dance became the highlight of the weekend, with a tremendous amount of people cramming into the half of the gym reserved for the spectacle. Few will deny the effectiveness of the band, “Stonehenge,” to produce a powerful performance. The music was alive and good for dancing. The band’s stage presence was not rowdy or unpleasant as is true of several area groups. They were very professional and really dance that way.

Sunday morning’s “Homecoming Hotcakes” provided a tasty meal, a minor miracle since it came from the DHS cafeteria grill.

The girls football game on Sunday afternoon provided plenty excitement for the junior and senior girls. With all things considered this year’s homecoming had its share of enjoyable moments. However, I’m afraid that the enthusiasm for classic homecomings has faded forever.

New Board Member

Cooke Urges Student Concern

By MARTHA CONSTANCE

“I guess I’m a little bit of an idealist,” says Lillian S. Cooke, newly-elected member of the Board of Education. “I just think that people really can get along if they communicate with one another and express their feelings.”

In a Neirad interview, Mrs. Cooke talked about some of her ideas concerning Darien High School, stressing the need for open lines of communication between the Board of Education and young people. Though she herself has no children at DHS, she has formulated her opinions by listening to high school students discuss educational policies.

Mrs. Cooke believes in an English curriculum that would give the students a strong background in the basics required for college. While favoring the idea of an elective system, she wonders if the present number of mini-courses offered at DHS can accomplish this. “I think education should be pretty definite and specific. So many times we hear ‘the students aren’t motivated,’ I wonder whether the large range of electives offered now isn’t just confusing them.”

Mrs. Cooke thinks that the lottery system used in course registration con-tributes to the lack of direction of the English elective system. “I think a lot of students are upset over the lottery system. A student may go to register with four of five different schedules in his pocket. After a certain point, he continued on page 4

Bargain hunters cash in at the ski boot table at the Ski and Skate Sale. (Photo by Jim Clark)
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After interrogation of some people connected with Homecoming the reasoning was put that the goat is not a member of the school community. This ground rule should have been stated before the nominations had taken place.

The time is right for an explanation of this injustice to Gertrude. If there is to be any more voting in school, I hope it will be done in a more democratic fashion. Why vote when the committee will decide for you?

Carola Murphy, Homecoming co-chairman, presented Neirad with the following information concerning the Homecoming elections:

The Homecoming floats specifically stated that the students were to nominate two males and two females from their class, who they felt had contributed much to DHS.

Only seniors could nominate senior representatives, one of whom becomes the Homecoming Queen. Juniors and seniors voted for candidates in their own class, who were to represent them at the ceremonies. In order to be nominated for the Homecoming Queen, it will be done on the basis of popular vote.

The total number of seniors who voted for Gertrude was not enough to give her a majority. All the sophomores and junior votes for Gertrude did not count, as the sophomores and juniors were eligible to nominate a senior queen.

Gertrude is not a member of the school community, nor has she contributed anything to DHS. We have never seen Gertrude at school or in a classroom.

The Homecoming committee invited Gertrude's escort to bring the goat to the half-time ceremonies on Saturday, October 21, to receive an honorable mention. However, Gertrude never showed up.

To the Editor:

I have received a copy of the October 22 edition of Neirad. I was interested in the fact that students are still trying to convince the administration that open campus would be desirable for DHS students and beneficial to the school. The editorial mentioned that truancy would not be a problem. I believe my own problem that might develop probably would have transpired without open campus.

I was on Independent Study the second semester of my senior year. I signed in and out of school very frequently and I would also go so far as to say that I was off school grounds more than on it. Neither my grades nor my attendance were affected because of my freedom to go and come as I pleased.

In closing, I would like to say that I believe open campus would be beneficial to Senior High School students. I also believe students should be expanded from the open campus program if they abuse it.

Sincerely,

Walter Towers
University of Richmond
(DHS Class of 1974)
'Neirad' Conquers The Kitchen

In the spirit of George Plimpton, many Neirad staffers have visited numerous classes and activities and have attempted skills with a varying degree of success. Here is the first of what may be a series in future Neirad issues.

By Matt Clinton
and Huck Hough

"Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to enroll in gourmet cooking and attempt to master the culinary skills," said Editor-in-Chief Thomas Gammill.

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Mr. Catania's revised attendance policy appeared to be a hasty and desperate attempt to provide the school with a second quarter attendance policy. The policy was announced to an unscheduled homeroom period during the last ten minutes of school on Friday, November 15. The fact that Mr. Catania called for a homeroom period at such late notice, and his admission that the policy would be temporary until a better one could be programmed, further supports his lack of conviction or confidence in the policy.

The speed with which the policy was constructed will undoubtedly have negative effects and make life harder for everybody. Were parents officially informed of the policy change before it went into effect? Why wasn't the policy at least discussed with the faculty?

In Mr. Catania's printed message to all faculty, staff, and students that was circulated the week after the announcement was made, the principal stated that "in order to have a successful community exists; it is important that the expectations of the individual situation. Mr. Catania labeled these rules as "prescriptive policies" and felt that they were suitable for only people "who didn't want to make decisions." Mr. Catania personally felt that these kinds of rules were hard to work under.

We feel that the revised cut policy is just as inflexible as the former one, as it does not take individual circumstances into consideration. Mr. Catania's promise that a student upon his third cut will fail a class with "no discussion" is an example of the rigidity of the revised policy.

Mr. Catania cannot expect a feeling of "openness and trust" at DHS unless he allows continuous and meaningful communication between himself and the school. According to Cookman, Educators, the student who called the committee not to make decisions that "come as a surprise."
A Campus That Would Not Crampus

By SUE ALLARD
and MISSY MCMAHON

One becomes more aware of certain inadequacies in the Darien High building after a visit to the enormous campus of Greenwich High School.

One is first impressed by the large area in which the school is located. The contemporary building with a rather stark exterior houses a modern school structure within. In an effort to give the school a "homey" air, there are many indoor plants and trees, sculpture, carpeted halls, and all small open classrooms with doors.

Student Center

Darien High School students would be most impressed with the spacious "student center." Located in the middle of the school complex, a great deal of the student population congregates in this area, in which there are spiral staircases leading to the second floor. Here students can spend their study halls and eat their lunch. There is a sectioned-off area in the center which is the designated smoking area, and like DHS they have "a lot of trouble" with students smoking outside of the smoking area. However, unlike DHS students, smokers are not suspended for this offense.

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Darien Diners: From Pasty To Tasty

By GRACIE SPOONE

Review

Side-of-the-road diners are usually passé with most diners preferring the more familiar food chains such as McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken. With the idea that one of these diners might be the exception, we paid a visit to the Darien Diners, a small restaurant that found itself in the middle of nowhere. The Diners staff is friendly and welcoming, with a menu that includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner options.

The simplicity of the diner's decor is what sets it apart from other diners. The walls are adorned with pictures of local flora and fauna, and the tables are covered with white cloth napkins and silverware. The atmosphere is relaxed and inviting, and the staff is attentive to their guests' needs.

Advantages to a small diner such as the Diners would seem to be friendly atmosphere and homemade specialties. Both, however, seem to be lacking. Regrettably, one can feel like an intruder into a private club of local regulars (a birthday party for the waitress was held when I stopped in). As for home-made goods, the apple pie was heavy and pasty, with a heavy, unappealing crust. The mashed potatoes were not as appealing as they should have been. I also sampled a grilled ham and cheese sandwich, a bit overpriced at $3.50, and found it good but nothing out of the ordinary.

Bradlee's Kitchen Restaurant

If you want a place to test out your Alta-safe or want to learn to appreciate our culture's food, Bradlee's Kitchen Restaurant is the place to go. The restaurant, located in the Bradlee's shopping center in Norwalk, is patronized by such local dignitaries as Bradlee's employees (who constitute about one-fifth of the patrons) and lost shoppers.

The food is fairly expensive and not very good. I was served a tuna fish salad sandwich, excessively chopped with mayonnaise, on stale bread, and charged $7.90. The broccoli pudding tasted like...well...I didn't really taste anything, least of all pudding. Milk was also somewhat overpriced at $1.00 for the small size. The restaurant is staffed by a couple of unsavory ladies who do an excellent job of reading the newspaper and a fair job of serving you, assuming you can get their attention. The interior of the restaurant is done in contemporary Salvation Army. Some of the painting is missing and the paint is chipping in places. It is, however, surprisingly clean and rather reminiscent of a truck stop without the truck drivers.

The Driftwood Diner

Situated on the Post Road at the end of Richman and Drive is a tiny diner called the Driftwood. It looks somewhat like a Depression-era lunchroom, with chipped paint on the walls and cinder blocks. The diner would appear to be a haven for the down-and-out, with the men sitting around and talking about their lives. It is definitely the place to go to enjoy some delicious food. The Driftwood, in comparison to its neighbors, has faster service than the Red Rooster, much better food than the IHOP, and more of a personal touch than the Friendly's.

There is still the matter of atmosphere, however. The restaurant itself is extremely small in area, which may be cozy, but can tend to get a bit claustrophobic at times. Besides the food, the best thing about the Driftwood is that it is inexpensive.

Cookes Adds Flavor To Board

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MRS. COOKS offers that more students take an interest in the actions of the Board of Education. "I wish more kids would come to our meetings just to see what's going on — just to listen and ask questions. They should familiarize themselves with the procedures and the budget and the programs, in order to understand the problems involved and the decisions that have to be made. We're all in this together.

"My own personal point of view is that I don't think any Board member should be elected. I would like to see more dialogue between students and the Board. They (the students) should never get the feeling that the Board's there just for them and they're way down here.

Mrs. Cooks encourages groups of students who have an opinion about a policy change put on the agenda and make a presentation before the Board. "This should be cleared with the principal and should be in no way away his authority," she added. "The presentation should be well-thought-out and should represent a majority of the student body.

Mrs. Cooks has been active in Darien education for the past eight years and has, among other positions served as chairman of the Middlesex Junior High parent group, and vice-chairman and treasurer of the Darien Council of School Parents. This is her first term on the Board of Education.

"I'm just getting my feet wet right now, so I can't be too specific about the Board, but I'm looking forward to working on it. I'm not going in with any preconceived notions that I want to see this done or I want to change this. I hope to heck I can do a good job."
Strom's Girls End Season

By MEG McGOLDRICK

The DHS field hockey team was shut out 3-0 by a strong New Canaan team in the first round of the state tournament. November 8. New Canaan went on to lose in the next round.

The team was playing New Canaan for the second time. Darien lost to them before. Both teams were playing very well and it seemed like a close game until New Canaan scored near the end of the first half on a great shot off the corner. The play traveled up and down the field without any more scoring until New Canaan made the final goal in the last three minutes of the second half.

Coach Rebecca Strominger said the team played an excellent game, but she felt that New Canaan was just a little better. She remarked, "The team put forth 110% effort. It was a shame it wasn't enough."

Blue Mermaids Manage To Stay Afloat

By SUE ALLARD

Darien High's Aquamaids ended their regular season with a close loss to New Canaan, 66-58, at the New Canaan Y on Friday, Nov. 15. Thus, the DHS Girls' Swim team completed its schedule, achieving a 4-6 overall record.

"Team spirit peaked at the New Canaan meet," according to Libby Dunne, team coach. "Darien lost to New Canaan, ranked first in the state, by a mere ten-point margin."

Miss Dunne felt that the reason the team did not fare better than its 4-6 record, was attributed to the fact that Darien, ranked seventh, swam the majority of its meets against teams ranked in the top eight in the state.

This year's team was co-captained by Kathy Brameler and Cindy Fair. Mike Plant coached diving. Co-captains for next year's team were not picked at press time.

Seniors departing from this year's team include: Kathy Brameler, Carole Murphy, Kathy Kassim, Cindy Fair, Marlene Neuman, Vickie Bennett, Kim Devito, Holly McCallum, and Paola Bodon.

Miss Dunne F-straddled Brameler and Sophomore Sandy Cloud, as key swimmers and mentioned sophomore Cappy Craig and senior Vicki Bennett as key divers.

DHS's Aquamaids were scheduled to compete in the Sectionals on Tuesday, Nov. 19. Those who qualify will compete in the State on Nov. 23.

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How many stores that sell ski equipment and apparel give you professional help in making your selection? Very few. But one of those select few is right here in Fairfield County, Darien Sport Shop. A professional ski shop where you find professional personnel and probably the highest regarded ski shop in all of New England.

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Booters Bounced Out Of States

By MATT CLINTON

In the opening round of the CIAC State Tournament, the Darien soccer team upset thirteenth ranked Enfield in a comeback thriller by the slim margin of 3-2. The Waverlys came out strong and controlled play for most of the first half. However, they were unable to score and the first half ended in a 0-0 deadlock. Enfield scored once in the third quarter and again early in the fourth quarter to take a 2-0 lead. Then, just one minute and 20 seconds remaining in the game, Matt Ammer put Darien on the board when he slammed in a John McLean corner kick.

With only 15 seconds remaining in regulation play, Sal Ferraino took a beautiful pass from rookie midfielder Ted Feiling and then hit Mike Frate, who was all alone in front of the net, for the tying goal. This perfectly executed play put the game into overtime.

The score remained even until four minutes and 49 seconds into the second overtime period when Tom Croczyk, a passer and quarterback, ran around with the ball. As the Darien defensive unit turned in another fine performance, the Staples' defensive unit had an easier time with the Darien offense as the Blue Wave reverted to their early season act of follow the bouncing ball. Numerous fumbles killed Darien drives before they had a chance to develop and they squandered themselves right out of the game.

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In the next game of the tournament the Waverlys were not so fortunate as they drew number one ranked Buckley High and suffered a disappointing 5-1 loss.

The game was not so lopsided as the score indicates. In the first half the Waverlys outplayed their highly favored opponents, but once again were unable to score and they fell behind, 1-0. Darien's lone goal came in the third quarter on a long blast into the upper left-hand portion of the goal by Larry Cauzin.

In the fourth quarter Darien put much of its defense in an attempt to tie the game up. The enabled Buckley to increase their margin of victory.

The game concluded a 7-4 record for the Waverly and Coach Cauzin's first season with Darien.

The annual All-County selections as picked by the coaches of Fairfield County were recently announced. Co-captains Sal Ferraino and Mike Frate were chosen for first and second teams respectively, while Matt Clinton, Paul Hendry and Hank Stanton received honorable mention.

Gridmen Fumble Two, Wind Up Season With 5-5 Record

By TODD BURGER

During the weekend of November 9-10, the Waverly Gridiron featured Darien for the annual Homecoming football game. In contrast to the week before when Darien had their highest scoring output by compiling nineteen points against Andrew Wards, the offense went on the blink and got blunted by the Wreckers 10-0.

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The Waverly offense stalled and Darien again drove down the field in the second quarter.

With a third down and three yards to go for the first down, Marchesi attempted a pass but senior fullback Todd Burger was unable to hang on to the ball and to add insult to injury was wrapped hard by a Waverly defensive back, so Darien had to punt the ball to end the drive.

Wilton scored to tie the game at 8-6 and that's how the first half ended.

Defense took over in the second half as both teams battled it out for a scoreless third quarter.

In the fourth quarter the Wilton quarterback ran six yards for the winning score to end the Warrior drive.

Final score: Darien 0, Wilton 12.

The loss left Darien with a 5-5 record of five wins and five losses, and with last year's record of 5-2-2 gives Darien two years in a row of fine football.

The team's record is misleading as it does not show the determination of the Blue Wave, as they were in every game right down to final gun.

Leonard Goes To Berlin

By JIM CLARK

The Cross Country Team of Darien High, under the helm of Coach William McCarthy, did better in post season action than their season might have predicted, as they finished ninth in the counties, twelfth in the sectionals, and sent their captain, Larry Leonard, to the States.

Darien almost missed the counties when they arrived, as the race was about to begin. With no time to look over the course or warm up, they ran the two-and-a-half mile course of Hubbard Heights Golf Course. Darien placed ninth out of 16 teams, defeating all the teams they had beaten in their regular season plus Westhill to whom they had lost. Darien's top five, minus senior Jim Lewis, placed well, with Leonard taking eleventh, junior Tom Rollins capturing thirty-eighth, junior Rob Joseph placing sixty-third, sophomore Bill Ferguson taking sixty-fifth, and senior Jeff Saverine finishing sixty-ninth, out of a field of one hundred and fifteen runners.

Next came the sectionals at Danbury High School and again Darien fared better than what was expected as they took twelfth out of 20 teams. The five-man tandem of Leonard, Lewis, Rollins, Saverine, and Ferguson placed well capturing 19th, 34th, 45th, 73rd, and 76th places respectively out of 130 runners. Leonard's 10th place enabled him to qualify to run in the states' (first 20 runners in the sects. go to the states) at Berlin, Conn., where he finished his Cross Country career at DHS placing 77th out of 170 runners in the State.

Though Darien only had a 5-5 season, they do have some fine talent coming back next year when the team will be looking for better results. DHS unfortunately will be losing some fine runners in Leonard, Lewis, and Saverine, all who are graduating this year.

Leonard was also selected for All-County honors.

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