Cops: Kids: Is There Mutual Harassment?

By SANDY WARD

Is there growing animosity between the students and the police of the community? Do the kids feel that the police just want to get them? Do the police think the students are unusually cruel to them? To determine this, DNB News editor Suzanne Allard interviewed several DHSS students and Police Chief John Jordan.

"The students feel that kids in general are getting more unruly," said Jordan. "I honestly feel that they're, in response to a question pertaining to student-police relations, "but they had only been two years ago," he added.

Chief Jordan explained that a few years ago the students had to deal with the beach and school problems. However, last year, they had no problems at the beaches and in the schools as far as the police and the students were concerned. As for schools, he stated that most problems have been caused by the students, whereas last year there was "a really serious problem."

Jordan said that several high school students are master of police stopping their cars for what they see as an apparent reason, "There was a number of accidents related to drinking. The main reason was not to

By SUZANNE ALLARD and MARY MCCOLDRICK

Vandalism occurs throughout DHSS in various ways. It is performed both consciously and unconsciously, whether it be the act of throwing a brick through a window or the tossing of a rock through a window. Neirad saw the sights of the vandalism and comments on it.

"I believe that one reason why we have some problems with vandalism is because students will not stop until it's too late. Students will not say, 'No, you're doing something wrong,' to other students," stated Donald Robbins, assistant principal.

Principal Gordon Bruno made the following observations on the subject of vandalism: "I am confident that we are over some of the serious problems with drugs. Kids have decreased in numbers and we see some new outlets; vandalism might be one of them now. I think the police can take advantage of the fact that things are heading in the right direction and that there are not as many things as before that have been tightened up."

Both Dr. Bruno and Dr. Robbins noted the current grading system: "I feel that the system is a great part of the problem in sheer numbers," said Dr. Bruno. In the past, there was less of a basis for a grade, and the system is that the students should know that there is a certain number of the rule that have been tightened up."

Dr. Bruno stated that the students are the best students he has seen in a long time and that he is happy to have them.

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Council Homeroom Bill Slows Suspension

By BILL JOHNSON

The School Council has passed a new policy on homeroom attendance after months of striving to achieve an agreement with the administration. The new rules do not change the requirements for daily attendance, but the controversial system of penalties for tardiness and cutting has been altered. The School Council of Brookline has indicated that it will sign the new rules after passing the necessary legislation.

Under the new policy, a student's third unexcused absence from homeroom would be punished by "guiding" him or her to a specific location for one free period each day. The fourth unexcused absence would require guiding during a total of ten free periods. The fifth of these absences would have the same penalty that it has in the past, three days' suspension.

The new policy is the result of the non-Academic Regulations Committee of the council and an ad hoc committee of five that has been working with the DHSS and other administrators for the past several weeks. Perhaps equally important, the actual meaning and implications of suspension were revealed at this meeting (Pah. 6). Its definition by the administration followed the speck out meeting of Jan. 15, where it became clear that no one on the council or in the administration had a full understanding of suspension as it was pre-scribed by the Board of Education. Council member John Hart pointed out that Board Policy 614 states that students who are not suspended are entitled to make up all work that is missed. At a previous meeting, Assistant Principal John Martin explained suspension to the council as an ad hoc committee, but at this meeting, it was clear that students did not have the right to make up work after suspension and that any work missed during the suspension period would not be credited.

Now that the Board's definition of suspension is clear, the DHSS may not have to choose assignments for students to take home from school to them. Its main punitive effect will be in counting toward the allowed number of homework grades (a total of 10 assignments per course) from class. At the Jan. 16 council meeting two unusual bills were given the exam review day at the end of the school year. (The review day will probably end in May.) The other bill requires the principal to make a report on the attendance policy every other month, and that he meet with the council thereafter to determine which school policies are in the public interest and which authority and which under the council's. Dr. Bruno has approved the measures.
Silence Is Golden

The library's latest effort to maintain a quiet atmosphere is a laudable one. During the first semester, the noise level there was often phenomenal. The loud talking and general noise-making were obnoxious and distracting to the students who were seriously trying to study.

Generally, quiet conversation is acceptable in the library, but conversation which is audible from one end of the room to the other is not. The staff is not directing its present campaign against the truly quiet conversation, but rather against those students who find it difficult to remain even somewhat quiet. To maintain a quiet study area in the library, there must be a concerted effort by everyone to keep the level of conversation down.

Even though talking is permitted, the library should not be merely a place to congregate with one's friends. Other places in school are designated for that purpose such as the senior common and the large cafes. Those who wish only to talk should use these and not sit in the library.

Because there are areas in which to talk and because of the space limitations throughout the school, the library should in part be reserved for those who wish to use its materials, including magazines and newspapers.

We therefore support the library's effort to keep the library a quiet study area for those with work to do. We do not feel it's too much to ask of students that they reserve one place in the school for quiet work. The logical place appears to be the library.

Restroom Revamped; Custodians Congratulated

Neoyal wishes to applaud Head Custodian Jack Capocci and his staff for their endeavor in handling the problems that existed in the former room in the intersection.

Within 24 hours of the publication of an editorial concerning that room and its lack of facilities, the restroom once again had running water. Soap and mirrors soon followed. It is obvious that Mr. Capocci and his staff are trying to maintain the best possible facilities for the students at DHS.

Mr. Capocci states that some young rowdies had crowded under the sink to turn off the running water. We wonder what kind of creds would go through the time and trouble, not to mention the expense, of gobbling on a men's room floor, just to turn off a faucet.

The problem of vandalism is plaguing our school. Windows are being broken, books have been tampered with. And within a week of their installation, the new soap dispensers had been damaged. Granted, student halls offer few alternatives for whiling away the pre-breakfast hour. But cleanliness, and students are being gummed in their efforts to move about the campus. The normal wear and tear upon the school cannot be avoided, if we maintain this freedom. However, vandalization of property cannot be tolerated.

Council's Homeroom Policy An Improvement

The new homeroom attendance policy which was recently passed by the council is certainly better than the one instituted by Principal Jordan Bruno this summer. Grounding, though not the best punishment, is a superior one to suspension. Giving the problem should not be considered the final answer to the homeroom question. Alternatives to both the mode of punishment and the necessity of home- room should be explored. Something must be done with suspension, more than just allowing the same to be eliminated completely. Students should not be punished academically for something which has nothing to do with academics.

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Jordan said that under normal circumstances a policeman can search only what the reason and pick up, "That's considered a lawful search; you can't open your trunk or anything like that." On the other hand, he said, if an officer sees the best of a gun, a reasonable suspicion, he has the right to order everyone out of the car for his own protection. "The officer doesn't have to give you a reason," he added. He went on to say that if a student wanted one, the officer will tell him, "If you want a reason, you can come back and I'll give you a reason." Jordan went on to say that if a student wanted one, the officer will tell him, "If you want a reason, you can come back and I'll give you a reason."
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By JIM GROUT

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Senior To Have Directing Debut With 'Androcles'

By TONY GAMILL

"You're not doing it the way I want it!" Stuart says, peering at a member of his cast as he directs a line of business. "I want you to change the delivery to show some passion." You can see the actor's face light up as he takes the direction and changes the line to something like, "I..." The next day, Stuart's production of "Androcles" will be performed in the school's auditorium for the first time in the principal's office. "I see what you want," says the actor, and mirrors the director's emotions.

The rehearsal continues, with each member of the cast making an all-out effort to please the director. "This is our first chance," they say. It is their first time on stage. "We're going to make you proud," they promise. "Androcles" is a classic story of friendship and loyalty, and the cast is determined to give the best performance possible.

Looking at the company, nothing seems to be lacking. "We've worked hard," Stuart says. "I've done this before and I know how to make it work." The crew has spent hours on the set, and the set is ready for the opening night. "We're going to make this a show to remember," Stuart promises. "Androcles" is a classic story of friendship and loyalty, and the cast is determined to give the best performance possible.

"I have worked in all phases of theater," Stuart explains. "I've been involved with acting, directing, and even stage management. "I've been there before," he says. "I know what it takes to put on a successful show." The cast is excited, and the audience is eager to see the production. "This is going to be something special," they say. "We're going to make it a night to remember."

"What have I learned in all phases of theater?" Stuart continues. "I've learned how to work with actors, directors, and the audience. I've learned how to work with the sets, lights, and costumes. "I've learned how to make it all work together." The cast is excited, and the audience is eager to see the production. "This is going to be something special," they say. "We're going to make it a night to remember."

Literary Magazine This Winter's Best Buy

By ROGER HORINE

If a quarter is burning in your pocket, an excellent value this winter's issue of Current, the literary magazine. Not only does Current contain the usual amount of interesting prose and poetry, this issue looks like a truly professional job. The staff has apparently discovered that it is important to make the copy look as expertly produced as to having it completely written. Almost the entire magazine has been professionally typeset with justification for the creative prose — a dramatic improvement over the typewritten pamphlets of previous issues.

Art work, however, is sorely lacking. There is room alongside many poems for more than usual amount of room for drawings, somewhat reminiscent of the intricate designs Coco Cummings produced in the current issue. Also, the only clue to the reader that Current is now a professional publication comes at the very beginning. Below the stylized masthead there is a caricature of a young girl. It appears as though this bit of hand lettering had been done with an old crayon seconds before the press deadline.

"It was good to see," Bob Dylan says, freshening bit of all-too-human humor amidst some others that are seemingly written so that the reader will utter the ponderous words "beau", or "deeply" poured under his breath. This, of course, is not to say that every poem was not so blatantly obvious in all his work. Donald Bell's "mountains of poetry" is obviously a well thought out and skillfully executed statement on abstract communication.

In prose, the two most fascinating treatments both concern the same subject: a blind girl. Written by Lynn Henderson and John Petersen, the two have simple plots that end with a twist on the traditional. "They lived happily ever after" endings.

Clearly, a lot more could be said about this issue, but the only real advice the best advice is to buy a copy for yourself.
**Boys' Gymnastics Team Cops County Crown**

**By ANDY WALSH**

The DHS Boys' Gymnastics Team flipped, rolled, and swung its way to the county title on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Greenwich gym. The team totaled 111.85 points, outscoring second place Greenwich by over seven points. The team captured 13 of the 21 places, including three firsts. Greenwich took four firsts, but Darien's consistent depth and precision were more than enough to beat the strong Greenwich team.

Cocaptain Walter Dorrrell took a second place in the floor exercise, and Kim Bailey placed third. Kim Bailey took the second place medal in the high bar, performing a difficult routine that wowed the Greenwich ana. Cocaptain Mick y Witt took third. Dan Hofmann, a junior with his eye on the state title, managed a second in the pommel horse, while Mick Witt took a third.

The team's performance was a testament to their dedication and hard work. The team members trained rigorously, pushing themselves to achieve excellence in each routine. Their success was a result of their teamwork, determination, and perseverance.

**Court Five Lose Eight Straight**

**By TODD BURGER**

The Blue Wave Basketball Team's record for their first eight games was two wins and six losses. And although this record was nothing to get excited about, things were looking up for Darien as in their eighth game they routed Greenwich 71-48, and had played good basketball in games previous to the Greenwich game.

Since then, at the time of this writing, Darien has played eight games and lost all eight. After Greenwich, the Blue Wave travelled to Trumbull Jan. 19, and lost by the lopsided score of 73-43.

Darien then came home and faced Roger Ludlowe on Jan. 22, and lost their most frustrating game of the year.

Darien could not handle Roger Ludlowe as the Blue Wave defeated the visiting team 77-46. Greg Gillman was high scorer with 23 points.

The Blue Wave then faced the number one and two teams in the Western division of the PIAA in Rippowam and Brian McMahon.

Rippowam was first on Jan. 25 and they put out shot Darien. Darien shot 46% but took a total of thirty-five shots compared to Rippowam who attempted fifty shots. Chip Tallman was high scorer with 17 points, and Joel's Nicola was the only other Wave in double figures with 10 points.

Next opponent for the Blue Wave was Brian McMahon on Jan. 28.

In the fourth quarter McMahon destroyed the hopes of Darien fans who were looking for some miracle upset, and started playing basketball. They completely dominated Darien in the final quarter of the game 77-43.

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**Pucksters Ride High As Play-offs Near**

**By ARCHIE CLARK**

The pucksters bucked with their play-off bid hanging high with three recent wins, a key tie, and one loss, putting their season total at 10 wins 4 losses and 1 tie in PIAAC East.

Darien returned to their home ice, on Monday, Jan. 28, to host a loss to McMahon, whose 9-0-1 record makes them the closest team to Darien in the PIAAC East.

Darien took the scoring late in the first period, but that was all they were going to get. Early in the second period Darien answered when Hoak Rough flipped the puck past a sprawling Ludlowe goalie on a picture play from Steve Franklin.

Then midway through the final period Jim "Garbage Man" Grant picked up a loose puck in front of the Ludlowe goalie. Ludlowe's only other opportunity was denied by Darien's dazzling defense and precocious penalty killing unit. An extremely important win for the wagash Wavers.

Darien returned to the road Wednesday, Jan. 30, to face the Cardinals of Greenwich at the Byram Bank. Darien's Co-Captain Bob Bianco, Walter Dorrrell, and Kim Bailey they took first, second, third, and fourth places consecutively. Special congratulations are in order for Bob Bianco as he hit his routine perfectly and made some very difficult and beautiful moves.

John Lamont took a sixth.

Walter Dorrrell capped the county title of best-all-around gymnast, amassing 34.7 points in six events. Kim Bailey took the second, proving his value in the team and the fans.

**Cinderella Take Third;**

**By GARRY LEONARD**

The Darjeen High Indoor Track Team climaxed its five weeks of developmental meets on Tuesday, Feb. 5, by taking the place in the Eastern Championships.

The meet has been participating in weekly developmental meets at Wilton Field House, where every team in the county comes to compete.

No team scores are kept in the developmental meets, though Darien competes have shown well.

Among the highlights of those past five meets were Al Drago's record setting run in the 600-yard dash, and the consistent victories by both the mile relay and the 1000-yard relay.

In the 1000-yard relay consisted of Brian Sullivan, Dave Harrington, Doug Roberts, and Scott Hughey, to capture county honors for Darien.

**Hoop Harem Makes State Tourney**

**By JANE ADAMS**

"We're developing consistency, which is very important," commented Coach George Nelson in a Neirad interview recently. Coach Nelson is justly pleased with his girls' basketball team as they have improved their record to 7-2.

The Wavers, playing a steady, medium paced game, overmatched Wilton 65-27 on Friday, Feb. 1, which made Darien eligible for the state tournament. Frequent break aways and interplay perfectly, as Darien enabled Debbie Grant to tally ten points, the high for the day, with Julie Hendrickson- ning the game.

Driem pulled it all together against a strong, New Canaan team on Thursday, Feb. 15, defeating the Rams 45-32. The team warmed to the fast pace quickly with their aggressive defense building New Canaan, but Darien's own offense had trouble shooting. The second half tied in the second half when Darien started to streak ahead and New Canaan's effective lay-ups.

The New Canaan team tied in the second half when Darien started to really move and two key players fouled out. Debbie Grant and Julie Hendrickson again took the high scoring spots with 16 and 12 points respectively. Mr. Nelson added that it was a "very good game" and that "everybody played well."

The JV's made their record 7-2 with a disappointing loss to an experienced New Canaan squad. The JV's were shooting well in the first half of their best game of the season, but the Rams came out on top 42-32.

The Wavers met Ridgefield away on Friday, Feb. 8. Results were not available at press time.