First World Week Set For April 3-9

By LINDA BORNHUEFTER

During the week of April 3-9, the Foreign Language Department will be sponsoring the first World Week at Darien High. Numerous activities are tentatively scheduled for the week. The highlight of these activities will be an International Bazaar which will be held in the gym on Thursday during school.

One of the concepts behind World Week is to involve all the departments in the international cultural activities. For example, the cafeteria will be serving a different international meal each day during the week. Some morning announcements will be made in different foreign languages. International music will be played over the P.A. system during passing time. Tuesday night the Spanish Club will be sponsoring a Spanish Fiesta, and Thursday night the Latin Club will be sponsoring a Latin Banquet.

Thursday will bring about the culmination of the week's activities with the International Bazaar. At this bazaar will be exhibits and activities ranging from an "omopah" band to a fashion show. Also included in the schedule are events such as a tea stand sponsored by the Spanish Club, a French cafe sponsored by the French Club, and an exhibit of German foods along with the "omopah" band sponsored by the German Club. Also, the Special Education Department will be sponsoring a food booth on Hawaii. The Outdoors Club will be sponsoring a Renaissance Fidget Ladder, a game played in Europe at fairs during the Renaissance period. The A.P.S. and Y.P.U. organizations will present a slide show and various exhibits of foods, crafts, and dances. The History - Social Sciences Department will sponsor a Mideastern and an African exhibit. There also will be exhibits of the Japanese and Italian cultures. An Indian exhibit will be displayed in the library showcase. A parent from the community will be at the bazaar teaching how to decorate Ukrainian Easter eggs. The international atmosphere will bellow through the gym as the Madrigal Singers sing English songs and Soviet poetry.

International organizations of the community will also participate in the week's activities. Included are The Indian Council, The Indo-American club, and The International Women's Talk Group.

According to French teacher Barbara Kna, advisor to the club, the main objectives of the activities of World Week are to make Darien more culturally aware and to raise money for a new cafeteria.

Speaker, Date Set For Graduation

By JOHN TIBBETS

The questions concerning the date of graduation this year and the identity of the speaker have been answered. The speaker is none other than Robert Davis of the English Department, and the date, after being originally moved from June 1-4 to June 23, has been set for Thursday, June 22.

Matt Nichols and Sue Garfield, co-chairmen of the senior class, were responsible for the choice of Mr. Davis as the graduation speaker. Ms. Garfield commented, "After reviewing the situation for a while, Sue and I agreed that the last two graduation speakers did not have anything to say of value that related to IHS students. With Mr. Davis as our choice we feel that we have found someone who has contributed a lot to the school with his work on Nearad, who has a great rapport with the students, and who can mix his sense of humor and seriousness to deliver a speech that will mean something to the graduating seniors."

The new graduation date was set back because of the snows of January and February, which has been finally scheduled for June 22. The date was changed to accommodate more events that requires that 180 school days must be made available to high school students.

When asked why the graduation date had been set for the twenty-second when 180 school days would place the graduation on the twenty-third, IHS principal Donald Robbins stated, "The mandate says that 180 school days..."
Summer Program Offered In France

By MARK CLOWES

Nearly all foreign language instructors agree that the best way to learn a language is to visit a country where the language is spoken. For this reason, twenty Darien High School underclassmen have an opportunity to study in "Summer in France" course, which is for six to seven weeks this summer. The course is sponsored by John A. Rollo, Ph.D., chairman of the DHS Foreign Language Department, is open to all sophomores and junior students who have had two or more years of French.

The trip will run from the first week in July to the last week of August, during which time the students will spend a week in Clermont-Ferrant, in central France at a chateau or boarding school. Students will be under the direct supervision of French professors and will have opportunities to put their knowledge into practice by visiting towns in the area.

The students will also spend approximately two weeks vacationing in the Riviera, France's popular resort area, staying with French families. Here the DHS voyagers will have the option of participating in the summer in France program, continue to a French teacher before April 10.

Do SAT Courses Better Scores?

College Board Seeks An Answer

By GREG BURNS

Many students at DHS are, or recently were, enrolled in SAT preparation courses. The College Entrance Exam Board has found that those courses do not improve the scores of the students, however, their view is not accepted by everyone, and many feel their conclusions questionable.

Experiments with the SAT scores of students in the preparatory classes are occurring now at various high schools around the country, including DHS. Whether these courses are beneficial is a difficult question: through experiments, the College Board is attempting to gain greater insight into the issue. A number of DHS students are currently enrolled in both private tutoring services and in-school preparatory classes.

Vincent Hall's preparation classes rely basically on formal vocabulary lists and verbal concepts to increase verbal scores. The SAT study skills program offered at DHS by Elizabeth Gallagher involves reading comprehension, sentence completion and analogies, the purpose being to familiarize the students with the test format. According to the statistics on the SAT, Harold Lilly's Prep and Drill course offers review in grammatical English and helps the student attain a test score of 600, the standard written English, another part of the SAT, and the Achievement Test. A number of courses in both schools are private courses deal with basic formulas and sample problems. All preparatory classes are given ample SAT test questions, and these varied combinations are purported to increase the test scores, which have been on a downward trend.

The College Entrance Exam Board's explanation for declining SAT scores is that television, relaxed academic standards, lack of motivation, and discrimination against those courses do not improve the scores of the students, however, their view is not accepted by everyone, and many feel their conclusions questionable.

"My outside guess is that prep programs are more likely to prepare you for the math section of the test, whereas the verbal section," said Guidance Department Chairman Gerald Huggins. There are many verbal skills that are only acquired over a period of years."

Dr. Haller commented, "General reaction of the students to my gentle tutelage has been excellent. Since the technique of taking a vocabulary test is learned along with a great variety of facts and review words, I've never been convinced that my course benefits the student, I wouldn't teach it."

Ma. Gallagher said, "Whether preparation is successful has yet to be proved, but the preparation should at least help the students perform at the upper limits of his ability."

Junior Don King said of the Kaufman Tutoring Service: "I thought the eight weeks of both verbal and math instruction for $100, 'Math wasn't covered extensively enough to be of any effect; they [the Kaufman Tutoring Service] concentrated on the verbal aspect.'"
DHS Ecology Groups Form, Will Promote Recycling

By GAIL BRUGGEMEYER

The Environmental Action Group and the Recycling Committee are two new DHS groups that have been formed to promote recycling.

The Environmental Action Group is the latest addition to the roster of school clubs and organizations. This group is headed by English teacher Leonard Kirl and has 15 active members. The group has many activities planned that they feel will be beneficial for both the high school as well as the town of Darien.

The main goal of the group is to set up a recycling center. It will be located at either the high school or a convenient area in Darien. The citizens of the town will be able to drop off cans, bottles, or papers one Saturday a month. The profits of the center will go to the club's treasury to help start other drives.

The club would like to see paper products such as cardboard trays and paper cups used in the cafeteria. The plastic and Styrofoam that are being used presently are not biodegradable and therefore are not recyclable.

In commenting on the purpose of the newly formed club, Mr. Krill said, "We hope to raise the environmental consciousness of the students and help Darien develop a strong recycling program."

The junior class has also formed a new committee under the supervision of Leslie Yager. They will be collecting aluminum soda cans in the cafeteria for recycling. The main purpose of this recycling drive is to clean up the cafeteria. There will be little if any profit. There are approximately 400 cans of soda consumed daily and it will take 52 cans to make one pound for which the committee will receive $0.07.

"Originally, my idea was to make money for the junior class, but when it comes to making money, one should stick to newspapers."

A bin has been placed at the front of the cafeteria for soda drinkers to deposit their cans. The committee will appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping clean up our cafeteria.

World Week Ready To Roll

Doug Morrison and Jay Chandler, co-chairmen of the Tour de France bike race, are pictured here with cycle track mayor Kysie, gearing up for the World Week activity. (Photo by Richard Ferris)

World Week Ready To Roll

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World Week is traditionally known as Spring Carnival Weekend and will be held this year from Thursday, April 30th to Friday, May 1st. The weekend's activities will begin with a casino on Friday night. Saturday there will be a scavenger hunt and Sunday there will be a tailgate dinner and ice skating at the Darien Ice Rink. There will be a breakfast on Sunday morning followed by international games and a Tour de France bike race in the afternoon.

Abby Fuller and Laura ten Broeke are co-chairmen of the weekend and the faculty advisor is history/social studies teacher Carolyn Krebs.

The co-chairmen for World Week are Manette VandeStande, a Y.F.U. student from the Netherlands, and Alice Stokke, a sophomore working on the week as an independent study program.

Hot In The Lot Resurrected;

Sykes' Chevy 'Wears It Well'

By DAVID NUNEZ

DHS students awaken! Among the four - wheeled ranks out in the high school parking lots is a "living" legend, a rolling relic -- social studies teacher George Sykes' 1937 two-toned (gray - white) Chevy.

Purchased showroom - new by his grandmother, who drove it only to church on Sundays (really), the car enjoyed five leisurely years. The vehicle was then a second car for his parents. Dr. sykes required the car ten years ago, and although he plans to sell it this summer because "it's time," he says it has sported a record of highly reliable service.

The car's V8 engine is probably its best feature, according to Sykes. In the face of the chiding remarks of friends and colleagues vis - a - vis his car's deteriorating aesthetics, he counters, "It's what's inside that counts."

Due to the nature of its use in the past and present as transportation to and from Sykes' home, the car has racked up only 71,000 miles in all of its 21 years.

For this and other reasons (the fine under - the - hood workmanship most notably) the owner says he has had numerous offers from high - schoolers and others to buy the car. On several occasions upon returning to his car after school, he has found short notes and telephone numbers on the windshield from people requesting to buy the vehicle. It is the opinion of this reporter that it is perhaps these little "reassurances" that have prompted him to keep the car this long. In the words of a true connoisseur, he says fondly of his decade - long "friend," "Like good wine it seems to get better with age."

In closing this story, let me say that although it could use a few body and interior repairs and may be the butt of many "crude and ill - directed" jokes, it is well worth recognition as a prime specimen of an era of past automotive grandeur. For those of you now looking for that dream car Dad would never buy you, this could be what you've been waiting for as it seems that Sykes will sell in time for summer. (For prospective buyers: the line starts at the history office.)

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Spring Teams Differ In '78 Pre-season Outlooks

The Darien High boys tennis team has begun preparation for the upcoming season. Racquets are being strung, legs and lungs are being run into shape, and matches to determine seeding positions have begun.

The team will be trying to uphold the previous excellence established by last year's team, which posted a 13-0 mark, along with capturing the county and state crowns. Last year's graduation will deprive the team of their top three men. Chris Fenichel, previously state champ; Bob Harford, and Ted Delidding will no longer be with the team. This year's captain, Bill Banks, commented, "It is true that losing top quality players like Fenichel will hurt us, but I think that we have many new good players, and a new team spirit which will help us tremendously."

Returning lettermen along with Banks are John Tibbetts and Luke Sabatier. Up and coming players on the team are Tom Kelly, a junior; and Robby Lourd, a sophomore. Both players have great potential, and could be top men on the team.

First-year mentor Ralph Mastrogallo is very optimistic about the team. He feels that, since our second- and third-year teams in the league such as Westhill that will be tough opponents, but overall he feels that the team looks very good.

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The Blue Wave golf team comes into the 1978 season on the heels of last year's 7-4 squad. Navio Oguri, head coach of the golfers, has labeled this "a rebuilding year."

Senior-captain Sammis has a 6-1 record as number three man on the varsity last year as a junior. Senior Glenn Darinzo and junior Bob Kessel and three other junior varsity players will very well crack the starting line-up.

When asked who the top candidates for the four varsity spots are, Mr. Ottavi said, "On our varsity, our accuracy is definitely the number one man. Glenn Darinzo and Bob Kessel are possible starters, they have JV experience. Other promising candidates are juniors Bob Roman and Jeff Bruce and sophomore Bruce Paul Fleck, and Jeff Williman."

Sammis was asked for an analysis of this year's club. "This team is inexperienced, but I feel we have potential and can surprise a few people. I would not put us on a level with the very good teams, but we can do well against the rest of the league. Staples and Greenwich should be the premiere teams in the FCIAC."

Darren has 15 matches this year with six being at home. Darien plays its home matches at Bee Burn Country Club, Woodway Country Club, and Country Club of Darien.

This year's edition of the DHS baseball squad, in the words of head coach George Nelson, will have to be "steady, consistent, durable, and not flashy. ..."

[IN ORDER TO WIN, THE BASEBALL TEAM WILL HAVE TO BE] steady, consistent, durable, and not flashy..."

[Head Coach George Nelson]

County Championships.

The girls' spring track team will be trying to take its third FCIAC title in a row now this year. The Wavelettes, who already have a string of three FCIAC titles in indoor track, will be the favorites and tough to beat in the county championships.

Head Coach George Nelson

Private Schools, Lack Of Summer Leagues

Head List Of Woes For DHS Basketball

By LARRY KELLEY

Second of a two-part series

Basketball during the summer is a favorite pastime of the city athlete. Street courts are filled every day with kids playing basketball. Many city high school players have jobs as basketball instructors at day camps in Stamford and Norwalk. Hence they play basketball all year. During the summer in Darien and other suburbs the kids go to their country clubs, go on vacations, play tennis and baseball; some even have sailboats.

When asked if a summer league at Weed Beach would help basketball in town, Tom McNamara, captain of Darien, said, "It would help the guys who have a desire to play all year round, but unfortunately there are not enough kids in town who want to devote that much time to basketball."

Tom Kelley, captain of Middlesex Junior High, has different views as to why Darien falls short of the city teams. He states, "Everybody says that Darien kids have too many other things to do rather than play basketball. This is true, but Darien loses many good basketball players to private schools. Matt Mr. Corby, Kevin Santos-Buch, Lloyd Gilgoe, and Brad Bradley could all start for Darien this year, but they go to private schools. I am sure that schools in Stamford and Norwalk do not lose any key players to private schools. Unfortunately for basketball lovers, an individual's first obligation is to get an education over the sport itself. If the Blue Wave could have those four who would be on the team, it would have made Darien a contender."

Richard Erickson, head mentor of DHS basketball, stated at the last practice of the year that a weight-lifting program should be required for all school members. Strength is something that the Waveaters lacked this year, and if the program is successful, it would be a big improvement. It appears that many measures such as this must be taken for Darien to reach the top in basketball.

The hockey team has spring and summer hockey leagues in which many of the team members participate. They also have been brought up through your junior program. The result of all this is a county championship, which the hockey team won this year.

"Most teams will be running for us, but I think our experience will allow the team to overcome this."

This year's junior varsity squad will be coached by first-year mentor Jeff Brammer.

The boys' track team will try to match last year's success when it opens up at home against Wilton and Andrew Warde High Schools on Monday, April 10.

The team posted an 11-4 record last year and finished third in both the county and state Class L championships. Second-year coach Douglas Finch has high hopes for the coming season. "We have a good chance at winning the state Class L championship this year; it's just a matter of putting everything together at the same time."

The nucleus of the team will come from the 100-meter dash, the 880-yard dash, the 4 x 400 relay, the long jump, the triple jump and the discus.

Junior Liz Handley will help DHS girls in the field events. Liz is a great high jumper and javelin thrower. "I'm looking for her in the spring," Mr. Ottavi said.

The girls' tennis team is confident. "We have earned a reputation in the county and the state. Most teams will be running for us, but I think our experience will allow the team to overcome this."

Larry Kelley, Matt Malley, Doug Stevenson, Bill Waggener

Jim Satterley, Regg Jones, Pat Jackson, and Matt Malley (left to right) make up the team's 440- and 880-yard relay team that will be gunning for the state crown in June. (Photo by Richard Ferriera)