China—U.S. Relations Recalled

By Mary Metayer

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mary Metayer is a senior who was a member of the group of 46 Red China students and faculty that traveled to the People's Republic of China last spring.

When Richard Nixon opened the doors to China in 1972, it was presumed that a normalization pact would follow, eventually. The surprise was that cover-up by Red China has occurred much sooner than anyone expected.

Overlooked, the normalization contract with Peking is a question of 1) do we wish to extend a nation whose forces may try to suppress our own cause? and 2) if we do not, do we then fail to recognize a nation whose inhabitants comprise one-fourth of the world's population?

The matter is not easily reckoned. President Carter has negotiated a treaty with the Chinese. Still nothing is resolved. There are both advantages and disadvantages to the President's recognizing China. In the long run, time will be the best judge of the decision.

Throughout my stay in China last spring, I was aware that the Chinese were making a move to open the Bamboo Curtain and drop China's long-worn mask. But I had no inkling of what was to come—the full recognition of Peking. And I didn't perceive the extent to which the Chinese "eagerness" would affect the United States, either.

This realization on the part of the Chinese was reflected in a number of ways. In particular, the attitude of one Chinese worker comes to mind. Bowing to the slight, an elderly woman told me "Americans are our friends." The same note rang again. I heard the phrase from other factory workers and peasants in the fields.

Most of the Chinese I encountered from city to city, and notably the tours guided assigned to our group, were helpful and most hospitable. Not only were they gracious hosts, but to a degree that I had not imagined. Basing mind in their community back and forth, they were also receptive to our viewpoints.

The Chinese made a conscious effort as a group to make us feel at home. Whenever we visited a school, factory or commune, we were welcomed one commune sometimes containing three mahogany tables and ten cups set at each place. We would be seated and then would listen to a spokesman tell us facts about that particular institution.

An average briefing would include, for example, when Middle School No. 1 was built, how many students were currently enrolled and what subjects the students studied and, always, what changes had taken place in ten years.

The Chinese are very concerned with change and especially progress. They have set the pace and are going and say they wish to achieve modernization of farms, factories and the armed forces by that year.

They are looking for new methods and better ways to boost their economy and increase knowledge in the sciences. Of course all of this is an attempt to keep up with the two pace of the United States and other leading nations.

It is not altogether surprising, then, that at the end of briefing sessions, our Chinese spokesmen often turned and asked our group if we had any helpful suggestions for our soils and crops, as we do for our own. In this spirit, we, having bumped ideas new about secondary school teaching methods.

Accordingly, the Chinese have turned to the United States for as much supply for more advanced technology as China needs. They have requested our methods and ideas—and, consequently, our friendship. They realize that if they and in the just rapid results, they must first acquire a base.

The aim of the Chinese government is modernization.

On the same note, I feel obligated to add that aim is what the government hopes to achieve. There is a discrepancy between the Chinese government officials and continued on page 3

Seniors Graduate at Mid-Year

By Viviane Carley

Stating that mid-year graduation represents an unusual way to achieve the goal of graduating, Dr. Joseph B. Porter, superintendent of schools, opened graduation ceremonies on Thursday evening, Jan. 25.

Diplomas were awarded to 21 students of the class of 1979 by Principal Dr. Donald C. Robbins at the conclusion of the ceremony in the auditorium, before several hundred parents, relatives and friends.

Highlights of the program were greetings by John C. Zimmerman III, vice chairman of the Dexter Board of Education, and by Eva Musci and Gina Zangrillo, graduation co-chairs.

William D. Brazae of the Business Department delivered the commencement address entitled "Choosing a Career." He said students should be in no rush to think about their future and should enjoy their work and get satisfaction from it, and should choose between the two the philosophers. "Work to live or live to work." He pointed out that the students of Dexter were among the top 1 percent of the nation.


Cupid's Arrows to Fly Feb. 14

By Kathy Evans

Valentine's Day is a holiday full of romance and affection, when little girls dress up their gowns and sweethearts exchange candy and valentines. Although it is celebrated around the world, very few people know exactly why and how this holiday came about.

The more widely accepted theory, however, is that this was the day the ancients Roman holiday, Lupercalia, a festival for young lovers. Young men and women chose partners for the festival by drawing names from a box. Then, throughout the day, the two exchanged gifts as a sign of affection.

On Valentine's Day eighteenth Century English women would write several names on scraps of paper, roll each into pieces of clay, then drop them in to a glass of water. The first paper that rose to the surface supposedly had the name of the woman's true love.

No one knows when people started exchanging valentines. Some historians believe that the tradition began in the early 1400's, when a French duke named Charles, who was in prison, sent his wife a rhymed letter on this day.

Though nobody knows for sure how Valentine's Day got to be what it is today, there is no doubt that it is an important time when people express their heart's feelings to someone they love.

Ms. Marshall Granted One of Two Darien Sabbaticals

By Jennifer Eckrich

Ms. Geraldine Marshall, English teacher at DHS for 12 years, is the only teacher from DHS who has been granted a sabbatical leave this year. She is sharing her year leave from Jan. 1 to June with T. Bouvier, a Middlesex Junior High School teacher, who will be sharing the other half of the leave, from September to January.

Ms. Marshall will investigate the possibilities of obtaining available resources and will inform school administrators connected with programs of available grants planned for their projects. She will assist program directors in writing proposals and completing applications.

A sabbatical, which comes from the word "sabbath," is a program that teachers may apply for after they have completed seven years of teaching.

Ms. Marshall's background includes studies at Harvard, where she received her masters degree, Whiston College, Yale University and University of Paris. She is advisor to the literary magazine, Current, at DHS.

Faye Giglio, head of the English Department, has been working along with Ms. Marshall on a grant to put on an active week of Shakespearean and Elizabethan activities open to the public. The Connecticut Humanities Council has agreed to the grant and the festival will be held in the fall of 1979.

"The Taming of the Shrew" will be presented by theater 308. Also, lectures and performances related to Shakespeare will be shown as part of the activities of the first annual Shakespeare Festival.

Replacing Ms. Marshall is English teacher Ann Blodgett.
When It Rains It Leaks

E-Wing has a problem which threatens the safety of both students and faculty members. During heavy rain, water seeps through the ceiling and drips down onto objects below, posing a risk of damage to books and equipment. It is particularly concerning because there is a fire hydrant near the area affected, and water damage could compromise the building's structural integrity.

Although construction was completed over a year and a half ago, this problem still exists. Part of the delay has been caused by a discrepancy between the contractor's plans and the building's actual condition, but there is no guarantee that the problem will be fixed in the near future.

Dr. Donald C. Robbins, principal, stated that he feels that the contractor has an obligation to fix the leak. Dr. Robbins calls the situation "an ongoing and constant problem," not necessarily a design flaw but one that requires constant monitoring and maintenance.

The Board of Education Building Committee was made aware of the problem, and a meeting with the contractor came in, but has yet to complete the job. In the meantime, the maintenance crew has been busy caulking windows and emptying barrels filled with water from the roof.

Fred Pocci, plant manager for the Darien Public School System, says that leaks in the roof of a new structure are normal. "When we're talking about heavy winds or storms, water will come in from an angle, different leaks will sometimes show up."

Mr. Pocci stated that a leak-proof roof can be designed, but costs are prohibitive. Meanwhile, whenever a leak shows up the contractor will be notified.

One student suggested that if all efforts to patch the roof fail, the administration could place an illuminated sign above E-Wing corridor. Flashing on and off, the sign could read: Caution, travel through E-Wing may be hazardous to your health.

Dr. Porter: 'What Snow?'

As winter sets in, there is a prevailing thought in the minds of most students: the possibility of 'snow days.' Because of a snow-caused school closure, students are forced to either delay the opening of Darien public schools for one hour or for the entire day.

The Darien Police Department alerts Dr. Porter the previous night when any unusual weather conditions are expected to delay school opening. The police are in a position to inform whether schools will be opened, delayed for one hour or closed. This is usually done before 6 a.m., and is then announced over the radio. The fire whistle is blown at 7 a.m. indicating school has been closed.

Sometimes, when a delayed opening is decided, it is changed to a closed decision by the time another hour has passed.

Except on very rare occasions, there are no provisions for an early closing due to stormy weather once students are at school. Therefore, inclement weather is handled as drivers and school crossing guards are not available unless scheduled in advance.

June Speaker Sought

As June graduation nears for the Class of 1979, the group will have a decision to make.

Members of the graduation speaker committee must evaluate lists of potential speakers submitted to them by students. It is their responsibility to make the final choice, not only for the main speaker but also for the student speaker. While Neirad does not recommend particular individuals, we encourage students to submit a recommendation and make a decision for someone who can not only deliver a message that will offer the graduating seniors an interesting insight, but someone who is an inspiration, whose words will choose someone all can look up to. Perhaps most importantly, the graduation speaker should be someone who 20 years from now, will be proud to speak in their graduation.

Speaking of speakers, Neirad would like to congratulate William Breeze of the Business Department for his speech to the junior graduates at their ceremony.

For the second consecutive year Mr. Breeze has been elected to give the January graduation 'speech,' a testimony to his position as an ambassador among the students. He returns this year and in so doing makes all who know him glad they do.

Cheating: Can Anyone Stem the Tide?

With exams far behind, and second semester in full gear, this seems a relevant time to discuss the unolved problem of cheating.

The loss of respect that our teachers must feel for students who cheat has not had any effect on the academic standing of students who still do. The frustration of many students, however, has become almost unbearable. Long hours of studying should not have to be followed on exam day by whispers of "Move your elbow I can't see your paper," or what's number 6, 7, 9..." while you're trying to concentrate on the test anyway.

The typical excuse for a student to cheat is, "I'm doing so well in this class, but had no time to study for this test. If I cheat, my parents won't be angry, but what about the student who has been doing well and also found the time to study?

With the amount of competition at Darien High, no one is doing anybody a favor by letting a neighbor copy his test.

The many methods of cheating are known by all, used by many, but done by few. With the fine members of our faculty at Darien High, so eager to teach, how is it so that many of them fail to see these everyday occurrences?

Why should some students give up hours to study, if others who don't receive the same grade take short cuts? 

Student Voices Problem For Earlybirds

The Darien High School Library should be opened earlier than it is.

The library usually opens around 7:30 a.m. and students who come in after that time must wait until 8:00 a.m. for the library to open. This means that students who arrive at school between 7:00 and 7:15 must wait to start their school day. This problem arises, among other things, from the fact that there are very few people in the library before the first period in the morning.

This situation is also one that students who are interested in studying for these periods do not have a chance to do so. For example, some students who have a history class that requires a great deal of reading and studying must wait until the library opens before they can start working.

The library also has certain other advantages for students who study in the cafeteria. The cafeteria is open earlier than the library, and students can enjoy a meal while they study. However, the library provides a more quiet and conducive environment for studying, making it the preferred choice for many students.

A Banquet Loved By Many, Respected by Few

Dear Editor,

Many parents, teachers, students, coaches and athletes look forward to the annual sports banquet, held in the fall and spring. During the past fall banquet this year, many participants expressed their gratitude to sports and coaching professionals for their hard work and dedication. However, there were also some concerns raised about the cost of the event.

Some parents felt that the banquet was too expensive for what was offered, while others believed that it was a valuable opportunity to show appreciation to those who have given their time and effort to support our sports teams. The school administration is aware of these concerns and is considering ways to make the event more affordable for all involved.

On Becoming a Second Semester Savant

By Tony Shanahan

Becoming a second-semester savant means that the student has endured nearly the entire contents of his teaching, has been taught through true experience, and has become a true master of the course. I have been taught the significance of the Bill of Rights and have become familiar with the amendments of the Bill of Rights. I have been taught the difference between the imperfect and the perfect tennis player in the French language. I have been taught the difference between a sinus and heart attack. I have been taught the difference between a word and a sentence. I have been taught the difference between a verb and a noun.

For instance, I have heard several students who have not been unanswerable through the years. They are often asked, "What are you doing now?" And with a response toothbrush? If only one can break your heart, why are you afraid of people who do not care? If someone is a free spirit, as George Burns might ask, why are people offended with words that describe physical acts of love while they approve of words that describe violent injustions against people? Another area which has not been explicitly explained is that of businesses. I have often wondered what the qualifications were to be able to print lists. White, if we really do know the price of everything and the value of nothing, wouldn't it be natural for them to move into appraisals? Lastly, if that's true, it's any food can perform, what does that say about the IQ of your hired help?

Questions that I have heard from the media have never been answered in my three years at high school. The four most prominent ones are: Do you have someone you're always being compared to? Will your husband choose point or stay? Do you spill sell? And what does service mean to you in these areas? These are important questions. A high school education should prepare you to go out into the real world and answer these questions.

The smoking area was closed on Friday, Jan. 24 and Monday, Jan. 27 as a result of a fire there set behind the kitchen. According to Assistant Principal George deFazio, the school has been unable to get an immediate repair of the fire that led to the closure.

The fire was contained to a small area, and there were no injuries or injuries reported. The school is working with the fire department to determine the cause of the fire and to make any necessary repairs. The smoking area is expected to reopen soon, with changes made to prevent similar incidents in the future.
Tangled Teachers Trust Audio-Visual

By Glenn Heintz

The lights have been shut off and the students become restless. For some reason the film projector will not run. Pandemonium begins to break out. What can be done?

Within minutes of sending out a call for help, a well-trained DUCCT student arrives at the faculty's request. He is a member of the Social Studies Department, which takes the most advantage of A-V equipment. He is able to make use of the equipment within a matter of hours.

Now the two students are ready to work in the A-V office. They are students not content to just sit in the classroom. They are interested in providing a worthwhile service to the DUSD.

Under the experienced direction of Art Lalique, head of the A-V office, the students are able to help teach the faculty their use of the equipment. Mr. Lalique says that he feels they derive a lot of satisfaction from helping out teachers and peers. The students are very creative in finding ways for participating in A-V.

"Mr. Lalique responded, "However, many of the students will go on to college to work for the A-V Department. Whether they are the student who has not paid for his tuition this year."

The Daleyville School System is a member of the Educational Film Cooperative, a group lending libraries of films. Without this group, most of the films that Daleyville students see would not be available.

"With the price of motion picture films ranging from $15 to $500, the A-V budget would be very, very large," said Mr. Hastings.

"The A-V department also gives students who have minor musical talent in class an opportunity to view it at a later date.

"But before you begin, it is the Social Studies Department which is the most advantage of A-V equipment, due to the amount of material historical activity available.

Students are allowed to check out A-V equipment for after-school activities, and the number of requests has increased.

In the past, the Mr. Laline has been responsible for writing the scripts for the A-V clubs. Last year the group raised a school fund for the A-V department by raising money to help the MIB. The student who has not paid for his tuition this year."

To borrow equipment, see a film, or to get help on an A-V related project, students should visit the A-V office. Chairmen are the group who Mr. Laline or any other of his assistants will be able to provide the solutions.

The A-V crew is made up of ten members who perform such tasks as setting up video tape players, printing overhead transparencies and recording tapes for use in the foreign language class. Some of the students are now planning to go to college to work for the A-V Department. Whether they are the student who has not paid for his tuition this year.

"If it's gonna be a smarter!"

Kirk Hugheen, co-director of Once in a Lifetime, feels confident that this spring's Senior Class play will be one of the finest in the school's history.

With a star-studded cast of more than 80 colorful characters, the Mon-Har George S. Kaufif

The cast of "Once in a Lifetime" is also being featured by Liz Peterson and Paul Arthur. During the three days of casting in mid-December, almost 25 percent of the class of 1979 tried out for the upcoming March 22 and 23 production.
Small School Demands Big Work

By John Tibbetts

Editor's Note: Former Neirad Editor John Tibbetts graduated from Darien High School in 1972 and completed his first semester at Principia, a small college in Illinois, and offers the following report of his experiences.

How would you like to spend three hours a day on each subject at DHS? This is one of the many differences I found at Principia, a small college in Illinois.

DHS is effective in getting the student to consider new ideas, and I liked this ability at college. I felt especially at home with my college English class where, although there was much more work to do, the analysis of literature and writing of papers were similar to what went on in my

Alumni Relate College "As It Is"

By Linda Armstrong

The How It Is Program recently held a meeting with the seniors at DHS and present freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors in college. Their purpose in coming back was to relate their experiences of college.

Eugus Goes To State Competition

Drama director Jon Edwards and a cast of six are making preparations to travel to the University of Bridgeport April 7, which was called Theater 308's "best ever" state drama competition piece, "Eugus." The group, which starred Richard Barton on Broadway, is the complicated story of a 17-year-old boy and his psychological problems. In a emotional outburst, the boy blinds six horses with a metal stake in order to prove himself to society.

Three sophomores, a junior and two seniors were chosen for lead roles. In addition, a small stage crew and students masquerading as horses will accompany the cast to the state competition.

The psychiatrist is Dawson Wallace, the boy, Martin Hughes; the boy's mother, Maggie Fearson; his father, Kip Hathagen; Bill, the boy's friend, Lisa Harrison, and Hester, Liz Peterson. The play will be presented in the DHS auditorium Thursday, April 5, prior to the state competition.

News Briefs

DHS Principal Dr. Donald Robbins addressed the senior homerooms the first day of the second semester to state that he, homeroom teachers and Senior Class advisors were "mutually seeking cooperation from the seniors to use the homeroom time to communicate more effectively." Seniors were told that communications and attendance in their homerooms have become crucial to their attention. Students with "excessive latenesses" to homeroom or those who "caused problems" would be required to take final exams, regardless of grade averages. Students without excessive tardies will be exempt from final exams provided they have a B average or better in the class and the teacher agrees to the proposal.

Five ski trips are being organized for DHS skiers because of their increasing enthusiasm for ski holidays. Young Life members will leave (tonight for skiing at Park City, Alta and Snowbird in Utah. The DHS ski team is sponsoring a trip next week, February 11-10, to Sun Valley, Idaho.

Darien Youth Commission recently offered a day trip to Tannister Basin and plans more excursions. The Darien Sport Shop offers weekly transportation to local ski areas. Forty sophomores recently participated in a class-sponsored ski weekend at Whiteface Mountain, the skiing site for the 1980 Winter Olympics.

Free Period Options, a new program, is being organized by the General Assembly. Under the program beginning next month, prominent men and women with varying professions and hobbies will be quest speakers.

Br. oke Baker, assistant moderator of the GA and organizer of the new project, said Free Period Options will be available to students who have free periods during the speaker's visit to and classes where the speaker's subject pertains to the course.

Principals Donald Robbins and members of GA said they feel that the program will give students exposure to the world for work. They said it will be successful only if students show interest and participate.

The Junior class met on Jan. 31, during an X-period, and were informed about college and career clinics planned for this winter. All college-bound students are required to attend one of eight college clinics and/or one of several career sessions during the second semester.

At the assembly, juniors were informed about College Board and Scholastic Aptitude testing, visiting colleges, financial planning and course scheduling for senior year.

Jenny Cox, senior, was chosen as a finalist in the annual Wells College Poetry Contest. The contest offered a "Symposium on Writing" for the 25 finalists. Jenny attended the three-day workshop at Wells, a women's liberal arts college located in Aurora, NY. The finalists spent time with guest poets writing and comparing each other's poetry.

Eleven students successfully auditioned for the Western Divisional Orchestra, Band and Chorus of the Connecticut Music Educators Association. A total of 20 students were approved for the All-State Chorus and 11 for the All-State Band.

Having completed the first step, these students will continue to compete for the State Chorus and Band, which will be announced in early May. Vocalists Camille Johnston and Marcie Tobin were named to the Divisional Chorus. They will each perform a solo audition in March for the All-State Judges.

Greg Hartvigsen and Lisa Kinneman were named to the Western Divisional Orchestra, along with Shoji Mizunoto, Sue Dan, Nancy Madigan, Alexandra Hurwitz, Donna Davis and Ted Zatruck.

The DHS students performed at the Western Divisional Festival at Brian McIlhenny.

Phantom Sends Threat to Library

By Jay McManus

The library administration has been the victim of a recent act of terrorism, which, according to Head Librarian George Emerson, has thrown the staff into "a momentous downpour.

At 3 p.m. on Dec. 22, 1977, Luisa Ramazani reported the theft of a black rubber table rim. The next morning, Mr. Emerson went through the book depository dot finding an individual, calling himself "the Phantom."

In the note, the Phantom demanded that the library staff be lowered to insure the safe return of the table rim. To counteract this measure, Mr. Emerson has decided to raise the security level in the library since the table rim is returned. He states that the library staff is willing to hold a summit conference with the Phantom's representative about the library free press and is waiting for a response from the Phantom.

Mr. Emerson says that he is taking this action in an effort to avoid "irrational behavior. The next thing I know, they'll steal Mrs. Burkhardt, and I'll be without a secretary." Furthermore, Mr. Emerson is afraid that "This is just the tip of the iceberg. God knows what that second demand may do next."

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Hoping For States

By: Gail Bruggemeier

Midway through the season the DHS basketball team has a 500 record. Their latest game at point guard was against local Ford Catholic. The Warriors were defeated by Catholic 63-59, January 19.

Going into the second quarter the Crusaders had the edge, 11-16, but the Hoosiers were not about to be defeated, and they gave Catholic an exciting second quarter. Every time Catholic scored, Darin came back with two points to match the score. The shot at halftime was 29-27 in favor of Darin.

After the first half the Warriors came back, showing poise and team effort. Midway through the third quarter the Warriors had a 39-33 lead their biggest lead of the night. Once again Catholic’s Brian Maquire pushed through with three consecutive baskets to gain the 2 point advantage. From that point on the Crusaders capitalized on costly Darin mistakes. "The turning point was the middle of the third quarter," said DHS coach Rick Ericson. "Catholic got some slack off the press and piled up uncontested buckets. We were in control until then."

At the quarter the Warriors were without top scorer Tom}

Hockey Team Wins Three To Stay On Top Of FCIAC East Division

By Doug Page

Midway through the hockey season, DHS leads the FCIAC’s eastern division.

The biggest win was a 19-1 thrashing of Andrew Warde’s Crusaders. Fairfield Prep handed Darin its most humiliating loss, 5-1.

The Wave’s latest victories were at the expense of Westhill, Roger Ludlowe and Norwalk.

The Wave rolled over Westhill, 11-2. Sophomore Mac Budd put Darin on the board early in the first period with an assist from co-captain Bill McGill. DHS player Bill Hunter had a hat trick, scoring once in the second frame and twice in the third. DHS went on to score eight points within the first seven minutes of the third period. Waverie Pitts topped off the win with the Wave’s goal in the last 22 seconds on the final frame.

Fresh from its Westhill win, Darin went on to register its single period season high scoring mark by pushing nine points past Roger Ludlowe’s Tigers in the second period enroute to a 13-3 win.

DHS co-captain Steve Olsen scored first with an assist from Hunter and Bob Coats, scored to tie the match at two.

During the second frame, McGill scored and assisted two other goals to lead the DHS attack. Waverie price and Coats tallied the victory with a goal each in the final period.

An assist from Coats and Bill Stanton topped the win for Darin with a goal each in the third period. The Wave drowned the beats 1-3.

Waverie Tim Apleton scored first with an assist from Aubie Har- tigan. Norwalk’s Tom Morgan scored two minutes later to tie the match 1-3. Three minutes later Daniel Gallivan scored to give Norwalk one point lead.

Darin shot right back with two goals. The first score was by Jeff Grady with an assist from Hunter and Price. The second was by McGill with pass from Hunter to make the score 3-2.

Norwalk scored first in the second period to tie the match 3-3. Midway through the same frame, Hunter scored an assist with an assist from Nick Hathaway and McGill. Hartigan topped off the scoring for the period to give Darin two point lead.

"The goal situation hasn’t affected the outcome of any of the games," said Head Coach Searle.

"We can beat any team, the problem is that our composition is not as strong as other clubs," said McAdams.

Swimmers Remain Undefeated

By Nelson Ehinger Jr.

Led by co-captains Steve Barton and David Burt, the Blue Wave swim team remain undefeated.

For the first time in four years, Darin has beaten Notre Dame of West Haven, a traditionally tough team, 89-82. Steve Barton was victorious three times, winning the 200 yard free, the 500 free and was the third man on the decisive 400 free relay. Scott Galligan won the diving, and Don Jones won the 100 breast second place. Paul Wettmore added a win for the Wave by causing by the 400 Individual Medley. With the Blue Wave ahead by one point going into the 200 free relay, the quartet of Taber Smith, Peter Burt, Steve Barton and Geoff Mullen came out on top to pull Darin over the powerful ND. 'Til we remain undefeated.

The Blue Wave defeated Wilton, 93-75. Darin started on the right foot by winning the 200 yard medley, consisting of Steve Barton, Sean Smyth, Geoff Mullen and David Burt. Taber Smith had two wins, taking the 50 and 100 freestyle. Once again Scott Galligan took first place in the diving, as Doug Jones took second. Steve Barton edged with a win in the 100 back, giving Darin the 11th win of the season.

En route to a 13-3 victory over Westhill, Waverie Bill Hunter slides the puck under Westhill’s goalie. (Photo by Kim Cannon)

The Darien girls indoor track team placed fifth in the county meet, losing its four-year title and coming in second to a strong Rippowam team Jan. 24, at the Wilton Field House.

Coach Del Mautte commented, “We are very happy with the performance of each athlete, we would have some tough competition, we will bow proud of our four-year title.”

Highlighting the meet were the relay teams. The short relay team of Mandy Sutherland and Julie Lincolen won the 400 relay, Carole Savaresi, senior, and Germana Fabbi, sophomore, made a fine effort in each with a record which would have been a county record had it not been disqualifed due to a late handoff.

The long relay team was one second off the county record with a time of 3:12. Running this event were Leslie Kattan, Sharon Grady, senior; Lynn Murray, senior, and Germana Fabbi.

Other outstanding performances were made by Carole Savaresi who placed second in the 400-yard run, Mandy Sutherland who won the 200 yard dash, Carol Savaresi who ranked fifth in the 300-yard run, Julie Lincolen who was fourth, and Leslie Kattan who placed sixth in the 600-yard run.

Mautte said, “I would like to congratulate all the girls who worked hard, it was a good season and performed to the best of their abilities.”

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Arch Rival

By Linda Armstrong

Co-captains Patty McKenna and Debbie Doughman have contributed the most toward the first half of the girls basketball team’s season. While their current record is 2-6, Coach George Maquire feels his team will just lack maturity and experience.

The team’s biggest victory came against arch rival New Canaan Jan. 3, when Doughman made 16 points toward the 50-35 dominating. The game, Darin beat Wilton 39-35, Dec. 15. Debbie Doughman was once again high scorer with 15 points.

Coach Nelson is hopeful they will show some maturity and poise for the upcoming meets. He said the most important teams will be Stamford, Norwalk and Rippowam.

The DHS wrestling team ran its season record to an impressive 4-1 with one loss and another easy win by a score of 36-6 over Stamford Catholic Jan. 9. The team’s intrepective start, the DHS boys State Class I L champions do not look realistic.

The team’s overall record can be attributed to a strong, balanced team. Leading the matmen thus far is junior 145lb. performer by Steve Bril (10-1), co-captain Frank Palmer (9-1),