Tidal Wave captures Class L state title

By Doug Page

"Winning ain't everything, it's the only thing," legendary football coach Vince Lombardi used to say. Mr. Lombardi's philosophy became part of the Darien football team's as it won nine straight regular season games, the Fairfield County crown and the Connecticut Class 'L' Championship.

The Blue Wave had to last undefeated season in 1963 when they were the FCIAC Western Division Champions. Darien was 7-1-1 in 1964 and again won the FCIAC Western Division. Since that time, the Blue Wave have not had a lot to cheer about.

This year, under second year Darien High School coach Jack Davidson and the FCIAC and Class 'L' champi-
nessary of Darien football, the Blue Wave has been

In the regular season the "Tidal Wave" defense of Darien allowed 29 points. The Blue Wave, the FCIAC leaders in rushing yards and scoring, became number one ranked defense in the state. The defense, under quarterback Jay Chandler, scored 200 points and became the second best scoring unit in the FCIAC.

The Blue Wave won its first playoff game when it defeated the Greenswich Cardinals 17-0 for the FCIAC Championshio on Thanksgiving Day. Chandler was named to the FCIAC's "Most Valuable Player" for rushing 107 yards and displaying fine leadership qualities.

"It feels great to win the award, but it's too bad the whole team couldn't have been there to receive the honor," Chandler said.

Before the game took place, manager Phil Van Musschenbroek said in an exclusive interview, "I'm not going to tell you your prediction. because you'll print it.

DHS tops county in SAT's

By Linda Armstrong

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Comparisons were also made between boys' scores and girls' scores. The report said that it was important in interpreting the SAT scores relative to results from the 1969 samples to the scores from the 1979 samples.

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Why are these seniors smiling? Because their Christmas tree arrived. There to receive the pines were chairman Tuber Smith, Tom Callahan, Bruce MacBain and Jay Chandler.

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Overall math scores between males and females were investigated to a greater degree. By dividing both years into three groups, top, middle and bottom, the investigation revealed a consistent difference existing in the scores of the top group on the SAT math. During the 11 years, the top males have been performing at much higher levels than the top females. Similar differences also exist within the middle and low groups. On the other hand.

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Christmas tree sales to benefit seniors

By Pam Druge

"With sudden reap the aged pine

trees fall. One crash, the death

hymn of the perfect tree

A poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson describes the 600 trees that have fallen this year for the Darien community. The pines are in stock at the Senior Christmas Tree Sale on December 25 on the DHS football field.

Profit received from the New Hampshire buyers are the major contributor for school's账户 given to worthy seniors at the end of the school year.

Since last year's sale which netted $5000, was such a tre-

mendous success 600 trees and 800 wreaths with over $1000 seniors gave Tom Callahan, Jay Chandler, Bruce MacBain and Tuber Smith at the Darien held an additional 200 Christmas trees and 200 more wreaths.

The majority of trees are bal-

nance with a number of other sales made.

When a Darien resident buys a tree or wreath he not only fills his home with Christmas spirit but he also shares the spirit by mak-

ing possible scholarships to needy seniors to cope with the increasing college costs.

The senior class advisors are Mrs. Terri Roubos and Mr. Douglas Pausen

Holiday spirit glows in Christmas concert

By Rachel Murray

Candles will glow in the audi-
to-rium at 8 p.m. Thursday, De-
cember 20, during the annual Christmas Concert. All DHS musi-
cal groups perform under the supervision of Choral Director Keith Shawgo and Instrumental Director Donald Cunningham.

The concert will open with a candlelight procession by the Girls Ensemble. They will per-
form three pieces from "Ode-

mony of Celos" accompanied with harp.

The DHS Chorale, or mixed chorus, will perform "Hark! How the Bells," a medley of Christ-

mas music written by Irving Berlin.

The orchestra will play num-

bers from "Nutcracker Sweet" choreographed by Darien dan-
cer Angela Ringrose.

The Tubes Singers will sing two medieval Spanish carols and "Hallelujah Chorus. The Ephox, a swing choir newly formed this year, will perform "This We'll Be," "The Christmas Song" and "Chris-

mas Wishes." This will be their first formal debut at DHS.

The Christmas Concert will close with all the instrumental-
ists and singers performing the traditional "Kodaly Christmas" from Handel's "Messiah." The spirit of Christmas and togeth-
erness will be at its peak when the vocalists and instrumentalists of the Music Department join in unison for this piece.

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Opinion

Judge individual not college choice

DHS’s antagonist, the Daren Taxpayers’ Association has again launched an attack. Neirad refutes the judgmental views of Rudy Saffrik, its spokesperson for the group.

In a recent newspaper article in The Darlen Review, Mr. Saffrik discussed his belief that “parents are lured into thinking that students at DHS are attending better colleges than is the case.” He then suggested that Barron or Caja and Birkhbaum classifications of colleges are more meaningful than those of the American College Testing Service used by DHS.

Lists and numbers are important to our everyday life, but should they take precedence in a student’s evaluating the college he chooses to attend for the next four years? What a disservice to the many students who choose a college primarily for its program. There are other reasons, too: diversity, environment, costs.

A sampling of colleges for a list in Barron’s (the fourth list from the top) included a few choices for a student to make in conjunction with his career goals. Indiana University is well known for its music program. There is a fine architectural school at the University of Oregon. Sacramento University has an outstanding forestry school. That university, as well as Iowa University, is well known for its program for the development of writers.

Oral Roberts is noted for theological studies. There is an excellent drama department at Miami University. Springfield College offers a fine course in studies for physical education majors. The list goes on.

Mr. Saffrik and the Daren Taxpayers’ Association have missed the point of education at DHS. Our teachers, guidance counselors and principals aid the students in thinking of themselves as unique individuals. They are guiding students to consider all aspects of the college costs. It will then be a better decision for a student to compare options. I believe Mr. Saffrik and the association will realize this.

The school has a fine reputation. Any more praise would cause us to blush. And when DHS is criticized for declining SAT scores, residents should not lose sight that Barron’s ranked Barron 6th in the country. (I would like to know numbers testing the tests can’t be overlooked. Darlen has led Fairfield County in scores over the past eight years. Never in the history of DHS have there been as many National Merit Semi-finalists and Commended Scholars as exist in this year’s graduating class.

Mr. Saffrik and the Daren Taxpayers’ Association should familiarize themselves with high school students as individuals and honor their personal choices before publicizing biased judgments.

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Viewpoint

Turnout for ABC talk proves student apathy

Students at Darlen High School are avid viewers. A few weeks ago, DHS sponsored an assembly during which invited welcomed students involved with A Better Chance (ABC) from New Canaan High School spoke to DHS students. A meager 60 students or so showed up to listen.

This assembly should have been mandatory. It was one of the most educational assemblies ever presented at DHS. All students who missed this assembly should really feel deprived. The students from ABC spoke of their experiences in New York and the South Bronx before they were chosen to better their education in New Canaan. It was moving and I really made me stop and think of the dreamworld they are living in compared to the lives of minorities. Not enough people really appreciate our community.

Many things are taken for granted. We live in a luxury society. If more students went to hear this assembly maybe they would have realized this. Many people in Darlen are blind to the ‘other part of the world.’ A mere 60 students were present at this assembly out of 1,200 DHS students. Many people crowd the stands at football games. Most take time out of their busy schedules to do this. But when a worthwhile assembly is involved, most people say that it’s a waste of time. Most students would rather have an open end.

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Football team plays, wins with ‘class’

When looking at the Darlen High football team this year, many fans have overlooked how “classy” the team was. During the conference Darlen was majority on vaca-

tion. It could be easy for a team to get cocky and put other teams down. But this never happened on the DHS football team this year.

Sophomore speaks against ‘boring’ Soph Advisory

Now that the Sophomore Advisory Program is over, the time has come to determine if it is honestly evaluated from the standpoint of a student.

Unfortunately I have a view about the Sophomore Advisory Program. That is, it is considered a waste of the student’s time.

My greatest praise is that by attending the advisory period we were exposed to several sessions designed to make us aware of students that have already been found. We could then make a more informed and repetitious of the same old advice we have been hearing since our elementary school years.

One exception to this was a presentation by the National Council on Alcoholism. In this case, young teen counselors who related well to students were very informative and not in the least bit boring. They did their job in a period sopho-

mores had come to dread. It would be foolish to suggest that the advisory program be eliminated, for it has the poten-
tial to be a truly worthwhile part of Darlen High life. Yet perhaps future programs would react more favorably if several of the tedious activities were deleted.

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Neirad’s editorial policy

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The Editor

To the Editor:

We the sophomores are really on the verge of a riot. Since a riot would only get me into more trouble, I do not recommend it. What is on my mind is the responsibility of writing to the good people Neirad. S.A.P. was a waste half of the time, but assigned study is a total and complete waste of time. I would like to see more space in the paper.

Mr. Warren, you have to publish this letter. By the way, you have only three days left to publish my letter. I have not given up hope that you will.

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**News/Features**

A ring dance is being planned by the Sophomore Class Council to celebrate the distribution of the class rings. The Sophomore Class Council is also starting to organize for the annual Carnation Day Sale. Sarah Bobble is in charge of class fundraising.

The Senior Class bloodmobile donated 118 pints of blood to the Red Cross. November 30. More than 150 teachers and students 18 and over gave during free periods.

**Junior Class Dance**

The DHS Chorale rehearses "The Hallelujah Chorus" for the Christmas Concert to be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in the auditorium.

**News briefs**

The Ski and Sales team, held November 17, raised $4,500 for the 22 scholarships DHS sponsors. The sale, chaired by senior Larry Marsh, was sponsored by the Activities Council.

**Reviewers' poll**

"The Two Gentlemen of Verona" by William Shakespeare

The survey raised stage set was seen artistically to portray the scene as intended by the director, John Guille and Marie Shaper. The orchestra, perfectly played, gave the stage more support both technically and musically to the players. Thanks to听取 and praise given by Brian Hughes and Frank Poiriera, respectively, the final act was well-rounded and entertaining.

**Movie review**

**Kramer vs. Kramer:** an affecting drama

By Phil Van Munching

For most of us here at DHS, "Is the Blues All Too Bally?," for Edw Dunne nationwide, "the season for great films!" We are not the exception. Early summer, more movies are released at Christmas times than at any other time of year.

This year's range of films includes Steve Martin's first starring role in The Jerk, authored in part by Martin and starring such as Chevy Chase and Don Knotts, and Steve Martin as Steve Martin's first starring role in The Jerk, authored in part by Martin and starring such as Chevy Chase and Don Knotts, and Steve Martin. Most of the reviews for the movie are positive, with a few reservations about the length and pacing.

The success of Kramer, though in directing Robert Stigwood's handling of what could be very dry material, the film's tight-laced direction is to sensitive to each character and his movements such that one might walk on the lawn, see the film and be affected by it.

In addition to supporting roles, Fred Kerner was commandant as the Emperor of Mihi, and Jim Karren was effective at Tirino, the Emperor's choice. Jim Karren is well as a student and his workmates were in awe of his performance. The film was terrific in "Pears," and together with Tirino, Speed, and Proteus, mesmerized the audience with "Reaper's Love's Revenge."

The citizens of Veromafinan, Martha Ashby, Adele McWitty, Betty Richards, David Smith, Christine Socks, Marcia Torn, Cheryl Van Slaa- den, Mike Yates and Tom Zou- bez, played and danced with veneer. They gave the production up and zappness.

And last, but not least, Crab- Zebedee in real life was dog, a perfect specimen who exhibited masterful control while working through the electric full company in the finale.

The production was obviously a joy to see on stage as well as the show. The standing ovation was well deserved.

By Pam Dugale

Two Gentlemen of Verona: an adaptation of a Shakespearean play

The Two Gentlemen of Verona, a romantic and romantic comedy, was performed in the auditorium on November 30. The play is a study in love and friendship, and the plot revolves around the themes of love, friendship, and betrayal.

Juliette Blau, played by Margie Donaldson, who struck stardom in her role, were particularly impressive.

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Neirad recaps a time of war, a time of scandal, a time of peace

By John Neeson

After the protests and demonstrations of the 60's, many persons predicted this decade would be a more reserved period, but we learned that was not so.

In the beginning of the 70's, news and demonstrations carried over from the previous decade on Kent State was one of the more radical disturbances. We learned from this decade that when Americans don't agree there will be protests. Women's liberation, gay rights and abortion are only a few of the social issues that erupted during demonstrations.

The Vietnam War disgraced America: the gallant soldier was unheard of throughout the decade. Americans could never forget our involvement in Indochina. The war itself was followed by books that rubbed the American flag further in the ground.

Faith in the nation's government was wiped out by the scandals in Washington earlier in the 1970's. Now, at the end of the 70's, some of that faith has been restored.

The bicentennial year brought back the red, white and blue in a repainting ceremony across the nation.

The end of hostility and the beginning of peace is always something to celebrate. Peace was brought to the Middle East and for the first time in 35 years we obtained friendly relations with China.

The 70's were remembered as a time of hot-rodding and sock-hopping, the 60's went down as a radical period, and the 70's will go down in history as a time of war, a time of scandal and a time of peace.

The decade began with the Vietnam nightmare overlapping from the 60's. President Nixon tried to de-escalate the war in Southeast Asia and South Vietnam's troops attacked Cambodia. Four Kent State students were killed and ten wounded by the Ohio National Guard in an antiwar protest.

Women's equality took its stand that year, adding more strikes, marches and demonstrations.

The U.S. economy was at its worst since World War II with recession and inflation beating on the stock market.

Apotheosis went up, but almost didn’t come down. One of the spacecraft's oxygen tanks burst sending the lunar landing gear into space, threatening the lives of the crew. The astronauts, however, survived due to rescue from mission control and their own efforts.

Muhammad Ali stepped back into the ring after four years of being in exile. He was stripped of his title because of his refusal of military service. His first fight was a non-title victory over Jerry Quarry.

The war in Indochina continued bringing nothing but trouble to the United States. The Lieutenant Casey incident proved how gruesome the Vietnam War really was. Galaxy was a war movie about the Vietnam war and its impact on the American people.

The protests in Washington continued and Americans discovered the U.S. involvement in Vietnam was filled with secrecy when The New York Times revealed the Pentagon Papers.

The value of United States currency dropped drastically and as a solution President Nixon froze wages and prices.

The Heller-Slater story of Charles Manson led to the conviction of him and three members of his "family." They were found guilty of murder in the 1969 Sharon Tate-La Bianca case.

Homosexuals had taken enough and gay liberation broke out. They demanded equal rights and to be treated equally.

Miniskirts and hot pants became a new fashion, while the mini skirt, which had arrived last fall, quickly appeared.

Television (revealed Archie Bunker, the prejudiced and ignorant American), Archie brought laughter, but at the same time was thought provoking.

The electorate, the group that ruled America, officially broke up. Paul McCartney, John Lennon, George Harrison and Ringo Starr went their separate ways. The group had not been writing together after the "White Album" in 1968. McCartney has worked the hardest and has had the most success since the separation.

Henry Kissinger, Secretary of State, claimed that peace was closer in S.E. Asia but, unfortunately, it didn't happen.

No peace agreements were made and the fighting got worse. Seven years later China's leaders welcomed Nixon to Peking after 23 years of unfriendliness. The 1972 Presidential election ended in a landslide victory for Nixon over George McGovern.

Seventeen members of the Israeli wrestling team were killed by the Palestinian Liberation Organization in the Munich Olympics.

The Women's equal rights movement finally paid off when an amendment to the constitution was passed by the Senate prohibiting sexual discrimination.

U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz racked up seven gold medals, a record in the Olympics.

The Vietnam War came to a halt for America, but there was little celebration. American POW's came home and the war seemed to end when it was revealed that the government had been deceiving the public in a secret war in Iran.

The U.S. public was upset with a "neutal" Cambodia in 1972.

The race for the presidency became the first in 25 years to take the Ford-Carter format.

Watergate went into the courts and Congress. John Dean revealed that President Nixon had been directly involved in the cover up of the Democratic National Headquarters break-in. Nixon's tape of his oval office became among the xlabeling and ranked even more bizarre. President ordered Attorney General Elliot Richardson to the Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox in hopes of concealing his tapes of telephone conversations. Instead Richardson resigned and Nixon later that afternoon ordered Deputy Attorney General William Webster to fire Cox. Ruckelshaus refused and resigned. The President, in a last-ditch effort to get the story off the public relations track, had received an acceptance by Solicitor General Robert H. Bork to have Cox fired. The event was called "The Saturday Night Massacre."

The economy was hit hard by an Arab embargo which sent American's to long gas lines and expensive fuel. "Conservative Fuel" and "Do It Your Way" became popular chants.

The sting and American Graffiti, movies about gangsters in the 1950's and hot-rodding and prequel jokes in the 50's, were popular films.

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All defeated George Foreman to become the World Heavyweight Champion.

Congressman Wilbur Mills cut his political life short when, after a night of revelry, he jumped into the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C. with a stripper, Parri Fox. Miss Fox became known as the "Tidal Basin Bombshell" and Mills later admitted that he was a recovered alcoholic.

Bare bottoms were seen running by in large public places as "Frisbee" became a favorite pastime.

Cambodia and South Vietnam fell to Communist forces. Cambodia to the Khmer Rouge and South Vietnam to North Vietnam. South Vietnam pleaded for help, but Congress refused. South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu and General Vicente were assassinated and the United States for abandoning their people. A dramatic departure was left for America. The Watergate scandal came to a close with several arrests and convictions. In J.R. Haldeman, John Ehrlichman, John Mitchell and Robert Maiback were all convicted of complicity in the cover-up.

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President Ford became a target for assassination. The first attempt was made by Lynette Fromme, a member of the "family" follower. She pointed the gun at President Ford, but the bullets were never fired in the second attempt Sara Jane Moore shot at Ford, but missed.

The CIA was accused of illegal wiretaps, burglars and plotting to kill foreign leaders.

It was also found out that Martin Luther King Jr. and others had been harassed by FBI agents.

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All beat Frazier in a unanimous 12-round decision. The movie Jaws had many people on the beaches instead of in the water. And the film Monty Python and the Holy Grail had many people on the floor.

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A total of 1,000,000 in an unaccounted 10-minute round victory.

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White House Budget Director Dickey Lee was forced to resign after federal investigators found his bank balance had been altered by the Federal Reserve Board.

A fireman's Memorial Monument was dedicated in Austria. A famous peace talk was held in lunch in a small town.

The last of the long, hot summer was over. It was not a popular fact. America's great white tunes "Rocky" hit the dance floor and looked the part.

The final days of Watergate. Nixon's end, the last of the Watergate.--By the death of a leader.

Mr. Nixon, former Governor of California, was elected President of the United States, bringing millions to the home. But he became the first President to be impeached by the House of Representatives. Mr. Nixon had been defeated by a landslide in the United States.

The proposal has yet to be ratified by the U.S. Senate and is technically not a legal binding treaty for the United States.

United States Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Brezhnev, was hailed as a hero. The Moscow government announced that Russia had won the war.
Shoji toots in all-American band

By Sue Reese

Sitting on a stool in the back of the Audio Visual Room, Shoji Mizumoto asks if he can tell some jokes to add to his interview, but he says they probably can't be printed.

No jokes need to be told when Shoji is around because he himself is an entertaining person.

Shoji was recently named to the McDonald’s All-American High School Band made up of two representatives from each state.

Donald Cunningham, school band director, nominated Shoji to the band. Seventy-eight were nominated from the tri-state area alone. The nominees were narrowed down by their credentials.

In the McDonald’s Band, Shoji plays the flute for concerts and the piccolo for marching.

Thanksgiving, Shoji was in the nationally televised Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. The day before Dhs was performed at Carnegie Hall during Christmas vacation. Shoji will join the band New Year’s Day to practice for the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, Calif.

Shoji, 17 years old, stands 5’7” and is Japanese. He was born in Bangkok, Thailand and has lived in Japan, Hawaii and California before moving to Hawaii when he was 15.

Shoji’s father gave him a flute for Christmas when he lived in California and ever since has had music.

“I enjoy music more than anything else,” Shoji said.

Along with playing the flute and piccolo, he plays baritone saxophone.

Shoji takes private music lessons with Paul Rolan who once a week, practices for hours playing and singing each day. Shoji gives Mr. Rolan most of the credit for helping him.

Shoji’s entire family is musical. His mother plays the piano, his brother is the violin, the viola, the University of Toronto, and his seven-year-old sister also plays the piano.

Shoji is president of the Modern Music Masters and a Tudor Singer at school. He plays the alto saxophone in the school Stage Band. He played in all-state orchestra last March. Last year he played in the Norwalk Youth Symphony.

Shoji is also a well-accomplished gymnast in the Dhs band. The team was undefeated until the state tournament when they took third place. Shoji won second place for all-around in Fairfield County. He won a gold medal for the pummel horse and two bronze medals for the rings and parallel bars.

Shoji says he attributes all of his success to God.

Shoji enjoys Dhs immensely. His favorite classes are Trigonometry and Chemistry. He is applying for the Paul W. Meade scholarship for one year, offered by Dhs, to study at Union Conservatory of Music. If accepted, he plans to attend.

Senior Pam Jaffe, a fellow musician, said, “Shoji doesn’t come off as being very smart, but he is.”

When asked how he felt to be a member of the band, Shoji said, “I’ve had a real exciting year, and it’s not even over yet.”

SAT studies show Dhs is at top

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Both boys and girls scored higher than the national average in the combined math and verbal scores of students who took the SAT I and II.

The Scholastic Aptitude Test Report is one of several College Entrance Examinations Board (CEEB) tests published by the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, N.J. While there are similarities between the SAT and the achievement tests, the latter primarily tests content knowledge in one particular area.

Because the SAT is an aptitude test, it is difficult for a high school to improve its students’ scores. However, the SAT score of a student’s class is affected by the amount of reading each pupil does. It’s not just the result of the student’s score on the test, but also the amount of reading done by the student.

“I can’t say it’s easy to improve a student’s math score,” the English teacher explained. “While it is possible to improve a student’s math score, it is difficult to improve the student’s score on the test.”

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The 70's: a decade in film

By Mark Gleson

One of the most critical periods in film history, the 70's, introduced vast changes in the studio system and in motion picture themes. The new trends of this decade actually began in 1969 when Easy Rider, made by young, untried filmmaker, became a success. Consequently, the legendary moguls of Hollywood soon lost their power to a new generation of college students and late-night movie buffs. With a scholarly approach to the arts, and a Luchino Visconti use of filmmaking that previously came with years of experience, many of the new filmmakers had box-office hits by age 30. Their creations, Star Wars, The Godfather (1972), Jaws, Animal House, and American Graffiti, are among the top grossing and most entertaining films of this or any decade. Today's directors have little interest in the "message" films of the 70's, and are concerned with treatments of day-to-day frustrations of modern life. They found in Rocky, Saturday Night Fever, American Graffiti, and Taxi Driver, and the out of the ordinary circumstances found on outer-city people, as in Deliverance and Heaven Can Wait.

The President's Men, has also been successful, portraying compelling views of power and corruption.格力 ranged from the zany mind of Mel Brooks and Mel Brooks and other hits, to the exhilarating One Over The Cuckoo's Nest and Woody Allen's Annie Hall and Play It Again Sam. In the late Seventies we can see the grip of the insanity of the war in Vietnam, a war that was going to change the world forever.

The DSH Christmas concert may have to be censored.

The American Civil Liberties Union has taken a position on an interpretation of the First Amendment to the Constitution that will change some Christmas traditions. Christmas carols such as "Silent Night" are in violation of this amendment according to the ACLU. The controversy involving the ACLU came about in a public high school in South Dakota. The school's choir planned to sing "Silent Night" for the Christmas concert. An ACLU member decided to make a case of it.

The First Amendment involves the separation of Church and State. The carol "Silent Night" is centered around Christian belief and, therefore, should not be sung in a public school, according to the ACLU.

Controversial lines in "Silent Night" are the line describing the baby as a "Holy infant" and the line "Christ the Savior is born." The reason why certain Christmas carols would be banned in public schools many goes along with the reason why the morning school prayer is no longer practiced.

The violin virtuoso adds talent to DHS

By John Hornbostel

The violin seems to be a natural extension of sophomore Alexander Markov's body. The listless box with four strings comes to life in his hands and emanates sophisticated music, reflecting the mastery the DSH sophomore has played in his native Russia.

Alex's special talent as a violinist and his Soviet background make him an interesting addition to Danlen High School.

Alex and his family emigrated from the Soviet Union three and a half years ago mainly because of his violation playing. Leavv Russian isn't easy and Alex considered his family "very lucky" to have received visas visas. They applied during a time when there was an exodus in the waiting line. They had to wait only two months. Normally the delay lasts for years, Alex said.

After receiving his visas, the Markovs flew from Moscow to Vietnam where they stayed for two months. Then they came to New York. Now the Markovs live with relatives in Danlen.

Other relatives Alex has in America include his 88-year-old grandmother and a cousin. Communication is difficult with relatives in Russia. The DSH sophomore said, since their letters must be sent through other people.

The Markovs are a violin-playing family of three. Alex said that in Russia his parents were sometimes told what music to play, one of the reasons for the family's emigration.

Alex, a flexible long-haired young man, was at and at first sounded quiet. But after a while he opens up and his eyes look directly into yours as he begins to talk more.

He has a quiet sense of humor because he at least halfway smiles at one of my jokes," English teacher Jack D'Ambo observed of his English II student.

Influenced by his parents, Alex decided he began playing the violin when he was six. His mother plays the New York State Symphony at Lincoln Center. His father, who was a well-known violinist in Russia, performed as a soloist at Carnegie Hall recently.

Alex, himself, played at Carnegie Hall last spring in a concert. He also participated in concerts last year while attending the Juilliard School of Music in New York City. Considered one of the best music schools in the world. Now that he lives here, he said he has less time for concert participation. But, Alex said, he prefers DHS to the Juilliard School. Although he is not at the music school he continues to study violin with his father.

During the school week, Alex said he does not find much time to practice. One day he might play for his roommates, the next, for two or three hours. On weekends he usually plays up to live hours daily.

Alex enjoys the classical music of composers like Bach & Handel. His favorite violinist is an African-made Peressino.

His most admired violinist is Kreisler, an Austrian who lived in the United States before his death. Alex also said he would like to play with contemporary violinists.

One of the interests of the Soviet emigre is ping-pong and soccer.

Although Alex feels that music in Russia is stronger as a whole, he said it's America has many outstanding musicians.

In Moscow Alex went to the Central Music School where he spent six years a week in school, typical of Russian school week. Alex said they had to read a lot about the way of going in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Alex looks English for a year in Russia, "but it don't help" in some of this, his teachers say he speaks English well.

After high school Alex said he plans to major in music, preferably at Yale University.

He would like to follow the lead of his father, he commented, and become a soloist, as exposed to a member of a symphony orchestra, so that he could be free to play what he wanted.

Alex's musical talent and unusual background make him a unique addition to the DHS.