DHS Parking Citations Said Null and Void

By Greg Burns

The 500 parking tickets distributed by a DHS teacher’s aide in September and October to un-stickered cars in the parking lot do not by law have to be paid.

Dr. Donald Robbins stated that the tickets, which are identical to standard Darien Police Department parking tickets, are void because at the present time the police do not have legal power to collect them.

The school administration does have the authority to issue and enforce internal fines for parking because the lot is the property of the Board of Education.

As an example of an "internal fine" is the 5 cents a day penalty for overdue library books. However, the parking ticket fine required the ticketed person to mail the fine to the police department, not directly to the school and, therefore, the property of the school.

A car cannot be issued a police parking ticket in the high school lot because there is no ordinance, regulation or statute. An example of a no-parking area, where a ticket can be distributed to a parked car, is the circle in front of the auditorium and gymnasium, which is a fire zone. The no-parking area extends down one side of Nutmeg Lane and a no-parking sign will be posted on the other side of Nutmeg Lane in the next few weeks because of snow removal. In other words, no cars will be allowed to park on either side of Nutmeg Lane.

This will place even more pressure on student parking lots. The Darien police chief and was instructed by the Darien police youth officer as a "special policeman.

In Case of a Disaster
Do Not Panic, Repeat...

By Peter Croncota

"Duck on command and cover head and face with hands. In students’ handbook under the "Emergency Operations Plan," gives this procedure for students and faculty in case of a natural disaster. This plan has been practiced until the end of July, 1979. Mr. Loughran will take over as superintendent of schools August 1.

Mr. Loughran is no stranger to Darien school system. He first came to Darien in 1970 after being a junior high assistant principal in Greenwich where he still resides. He was principal at Hindley School for three years followed by two-and-a-half years at Mather Junior High School and one-half year as interim principal at Middlesex Junior High School.

Mr. Loughran, a native of Greenwich, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in physical science from Iona College and a Masters degree from Columbia Teachers College. He then took a two-year graduate course at the Bank Street College of Education entitled "The Principal as an Educational Leader.

In an interview with Neirad, he outlined a number of strengths of the Darien K-12 (Kindergarten through 12th grade) system.

His quality of our professional staff (teachers and administrators), the students, who have an interest in learning for us to develop and motivate, are students and teachers to line the corridors facing lockers and walls.

The third plan is used for a surprise nuclear attack or natural disaster. This plan has students and faculty duck under desks and cover their faces with their hands. This will protect the eyes from blinding light.

For the first time since the Kennedy years, students are learning the meaning of the Cold War and its effects. President Jimmy Carter has passed a bill to provide $2 billion for a new civil defense program. The program plans for the speedy evacuation of 140 million Americans from "hot zones" (what will be done with the "test") and prepares educational plans in the event of a DHS for immediate emergency evacuation in case of surface nuclear attack.

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In the next issue of Neirad, the Darien Inter School community will respond to the historic visit of a Japanese diplomatic relations with the United States and China. Darien High School was one of the first public high schools in America to have a group of students and faculty travel to China.

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Here We Go Again

Once again the parking problem at DHS has reared its ugly head. Once again the administration is faced with the task of resolving a dilemma that has beset this high school for the past several years. After beginning a new program for the registration of motor vehicles and distribution of parking stickers to juniors and seniors and then the enforcement thereof, it has become known that parking citations cannot be given to those who do not hold permits legally enforced. The burden of blame for the failure of this latest effort cannot be placed upon the administration. The policy would have, and should have, worked. With the cooperation of the students and those responsible for establishing the ordinances, or rather the lack of it, the option to make legal the ticketing of cars, there would be no serious problem.

We urge the town and the Police Department to help crack down on this problem before we are stuck under several inches of snow, when getting to school becomes a hazard, not just a hassle.

Though some will urge that the parking lots be open to all students on a first-come-first-served basis, this is just the type of modus operandi that should try to be avoided. It was this lack of an organized system that showcased the need for a parking program just two short years ago.

In the spring when many sophomores receive their licenses, a parking lot that is presently at just below its capacity to contain autos, becomes a hundred or so spaces too small. This figure must then be increased by the number of juniors and seniors, who don't have a sticker now and that park on Nutmeg Lane, who will also try to squeeze in. What are those that get here after the lot has been filled supposed to do? Turn around and go home and then walk to school? Somewhere that just doesn't seem feasible.

WALT? Why don't all those who get to school too late to secure a parking space just go into a holding pattern like the planes at JFK and just circle the school until given clearance to land, so to speak.

Caution Necessary During Holiday

This is the time of year that most all of us are full of good will and love. The Christmas season is rich in laughter, good times, the joy of giving. However, it is also the time when students engage in social gatherings take place. This is a note to party-queens. We realize that you've probably heard it a thousand times, but it's worth hearing a thought that you should think twice before you are without hazards. This drive slowly and carefully.

Those who don't drive, the supped "big sport" of "skitching" or getting a free ride on the back of a car is not a sport, it's sheer self indulgence. The Ideas expressed in the column do not represent the views and "positions" as possible.

Dikeman of Norwalk

Chairman Writes Concerning Student Rep

Dear Editor: I read your editorial concerning student rep and am enthralled. It is not to be replaced by a competent method of control that is fair to all students.

The existing method of control, parking by permit, is unfair for numerous reasons. The permits were distributed during the last week of August, a time when many students were vacationing. When these students returned and requested a permit, they were no longer available, as many permits had been distributed to students who did not even hold a driver's license.

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Student Argues for Open Campus

Dear Editor: The high school years are said to be a time of preparation. They are years of learning, experiencing, and gaining a sense of responsibility. Many people feel that high school students are overly pro-
tected and that they are situated in an environment not closely enough related to the real world. Why, then, are the people of Darien so avidly opposed to the concept of an open campus?

I have often heard teachers re-
mind students that after gradu-
atution they will be faced with the real thing and that they will no longer be under the protective supervision of high school. These warnings have often
materialized into real problems. Many young adults as they leave high school especially those not planning to attend college, are not prepared to face the world. Consequently, these people often become confused and feel like lost astray.

What I am proposing is to make this high school a more reality oriented system. The act of achieving this simulation is to change policies from a mostly closed campus to an open one where students would be allowed to come and go during free periods.

The main argument opposed to the idea of open campus is that teenagers do not know how to handle such responsibility and that many would take advantage of the freedom and cut their classes.

The truth of the matter is that prohibiting students to leave school grounds cannot force them to attend class. The small percentage of students who would not go to class if there were an open campus, do not go to class now.

Teenagers must be forced to realize that they must accept responsibilities if they are to find their place in our society. I am not overlooking the fact that the school is legally re-
able for all students during the school day. There would have to be some changes made in the policies, and I realize that it would take a lot of work. However, in the meantime, students and members of the faculty who feel inclined to do so could start a peace campaign advertising the arguments that I have outlined.

Janet Warren

Student Challenges Dikeman Request

Dear Editor: The trip to China last spring by a group of 46 DHS students and teachers was an experience which has educated 46 and hundreds who have learned from accounts of the trip. The China trip was a great success, but the media attention that took place in the October Neirad, threatened the educational efforts of one man, as reported by Mr. Dikeman of the Darien Board of Education.

Alan Dikeman of Norwalk termed the "China visit as a "junket" and brought the Darien Board of Education before the Freedom of Information Commission to obtain the names of the parents of partici-
pants and a list of financial contributors. We believe it is unfortunate that the Commission has sided with Mr. Dikeman. I support the Board's decision to oppose the Freedom of Information Commission and to bring the case to court. Mr. Dikeman should not be given the information he has requested.

Under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, an individual has the right to "ob-
tain records... of all public agencies..." but believe that another basic right would be trampered by full filling Mr. Dikeman's request.

The parents of the students in question have the right to the information they desire to give their children.

The Freedom of Information Act was enacted as a way for the public to know what public agencies and public officials are doing. The right of an individual to ob-
tain records from and attend meetings of public agencies is fair and just, but believe that another basic right would be trampered by full filling Mr. Dikeman's request.

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I feel that the Act should be amended to prohibit an individual's invasion of privacy.

An individual's right to privacy is a fundamental right shared by all American citizens. This right should not be usurped by any group, including the Freedom of Information Commission. If Mr. Dikeman's re-
quest is met, it will set a dangerous educational precedent as such information can be abused less frequently. It would be a dangerous precedent because of fear of harassment. Mr. Dikeman might more ap-
propriately be focusing on the standards and those of his associates from the Student Government, the Society, rather than question the integrity of DHS students and the same Darien citizens.

Sincerely, Dorety G. Perkins

Darien Board of Education
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The Enquirer is an independent newspaper. As such, the result of the film is a depersonalized mixture of overgeneralizing neurotics. Why is Mary Beth Hurt incapable of being creative? Why does Diane Keaton act four-dimensionally? Why did Geraldine Page go insane in the first place? Why did Woody Allen make this movie?

A notable aspect of "In-Terceptors" is the brilliant photography by Gordon Willis. Even more impressive is the camerawork done in "Days of Heaven," directed by Terrence Malick and starring Richard Gere and Brooke Adams. The movie is set in the Texas panhandle at the beginning of this century and is about a migrant farm worker, his little sister and the various problems which result when his girlfriend marries the wealthy owner of the farm. There is shooting death, destruction, etc., etc. As usual, the photography is pretty effective, but the absence of any real dialogue in the film is distracting. Director Malick perhaps means to express the story of the film almost exclusively through the camera. It is all very beautiful to look at, but that's about all it is.

Fernando's Alphonse says: "The Boys from Brazil," based on a book and a film, is beyond the pretentiousness of the other two films. The story is so overblown and it is all a bit like looking on someone else's movie masterpiece. Gregory Peck and Lauren Oliver ham it up to the zenith degree as a Nazi and an American Nazi avenger investigator who is pursuing him. Mr. Peck's thick white moustache and white leisure suit, strait ahead the scene as if he were having the time of his life, and for a while the audience shares in his enthusiasm. Unfortunately, the holes in the threadbare story (including a plot to clone Adolph Hitler) become ridiculously absurd and the picture falls apart.

Fernando's "A. Wedding" is probably the biggest disappointment in the film. Mr. Allen seemed to have mastered the art of movie making. Pictures like "M*A*S*H" and "Nashville." But, this work all of its considerable talents are totally wasted. The film is inadequate to involve the upstairs between two wealthy families. The characters in the film are very coy at the wedding reception and everything that could possibly go wrong does (including adultery, death and other assorted bizarre occurrences).

Mixed Year for Movies

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Board of Education has come into proper perspective, I found myself wolverine the "pack" in movie manner with a volatile background in writing being the most attractive. Hats off to the Darien High English Department.

The courses I took this past quarter were definitely challenging. I spent five or six hours of studying a night being the norm. I do hope that I ever did in high school.

Certainly, the course at this large university are relatively small. I had courses with two "two to four" students, but the other three ranged from 25 to 45, not unlike the teaching atmosphere at Darien Central.

The increased studying at college did hamper my social life. I found that my activities very carefree. Free time was at a premium, and most of the time was wasted. Being at a large school it was a matter of trying and being active to get involved with, but rather deciding which one. There were so many things offered that it took me most of the fall quarter to find out which ones were good and which ones were to be avoided. What it boils down to is that at a big school even the best can find his niche somewhere on campus. There are people getting together that are the kind you love to be with. In the process, one encounters an entire range of personalities and activities, an experience that is important in growing up. In the same vein, I am going off to college brought about of significant changes in me myself as a person. I found to learn the art of time management. Without efficient use of time, the life of a student can be serve-race. I found the work load simply does not allow for other activities. I also found myself self-revitalizing my abilities and goals. I had to find out if they matched, and in searching for a major, a harsh light is thrown on a person. The reality of one's skills and the ability to use them suddenly come into sharp focus.

Overall, going to college is also a call for maturity. The student is a part of the course of the next four years being up on his shoulder, and new adjustments have to be made. The task of getting along with another person, your roommates, must be coped with. The first quarter of college for a freshman is a very important experience. Depending on the individual, the experience can shape an entire new direction into a venture into one of life's or a literal hell.

Experience at a large university has thus far been an adjustment to be sure, but definitely worth the price. In the next issue of New, one of our ex-students relates "Life At A Small College."
Gymnasts Year Looks Promising New Members Exhibit Potential

By Kathy Evans

During the week, practically everyone has left DHS by 6 p.m. except for a few dedicated girls who make up the girls' gymnastic team. From 3-6 p.m. one can find them working diligently preparing for their upcoming season.

Ann Geruso is this year's captain and Mrs. Mary Martinis, a gym teacher at Mater Juniors High School, is the coach of the 19 girls on the team. Looking at the team right now, she said that she feels that it will be very strong if the girls put their minds to it and if there are no injuries.

Last year the team placed fifth in the state. Combining the experience of the returning gymnasts with the potential of the new members, the team is hoping to do even better this season, which officially opens the beginning of January.

Gymnasts captain Anne Geruso practices on the beam. The girls are looking forward to their season opener Jan. 5. (Photo by Charlot Ras-Allard)

Grapplers Have Potential to Win

By Rick Richmond

A new team coach has started the team. Jim Girard told Neird that the overall quality of the team is one of the best in the state. He said that the team has the potential to win big if everything is in the right place. He is, however, "cautiously optimistic" about any predictions due to the team's lack of depth.

Filling all 12 weight classes may be a problem due to a small turnout at tryouts.

Girard stated, "We are a team to be contended with and other teams know that. Although we are not a pre-season favorite to win the state or county championships, we have a strong nucleus and should be right in there.

Last year the team won seven out of the last nine matches to finish 7-10-1 overall, and, according to Girard, "we keep that string going if we gain some early momentum before we hit some of the tougher teams on the schedule." This year's top weight classes should be 112 lb.-Ron Ferreri and 120 lb.-Mike Algiere.

This year's squad features four members all with experience, including five returning starters (tension, 128 lb.-Ron Ferreri, 138 lb.-Frank Palmer and Vinnie Parrillo and junior, 140 lb.-Mike Kolb). The probable starters are listed here in their weight classes:

112 lb.-Steve Burt
113 lb.-Tom Nasuti
114 lb.-Brett Goldenberg 
(We are looking for anyone who can make 114 lb. and wants to wrestle.)
120 lb.-Steve Palmer, Tim Gould or Phil Lopiano
128 lb.-Ron Ferreri
138 lb.-Frank Palmer or Mark Hoffman

Darien hoopsters practice following their record-breaking 107-75 victory over Ridgefield Tigers in recent tap-off tournament. The hoopsters finished third overall behind Stamford Catholic and Wilton. (Photo by Charlot Ras-Allard)

Athletes Receive All-County Honors

By Gail Bruggmeyer

The fall season all-county awards have been announced and many of the members of the award represent Darien High School.

All-County Football: The football team has three first-team and two second-team players.

Juniors: tale, Mike Fidone, Paul McKenna, Sue Harrington

Senior: Tom Rutten, Bill Burke, Kim Satery.

Field Hockey: All-county field hockey awards are: first team, Paul McKenna, Sue Harrington

All-county all-county awards: second team, Patty McKeeman, Dave Lynch, Honorable mention, Julian Sherwin, John Bibi, Jim Satery.

Volleyball all-county awards: second team, Lydell Kugun, and honorable mention, Debbie Dougman.

Soccer: All-county soccer awards: first team, Tim Appleton, Ron Ferreri, John Rose, Mike Fidone, Honorable mention, Julian Sherwin, John Bibi, Jim Satery.

Boys' Cross Country: All-county cross country awards: first team, Tracy Stewart (diving)


Gymnastics: All-county all-county awards: first team, Tim Appleton, Ron Ferreri, second team, John Rose, Mike Fidone, Honorable mention, Julian Sherwin, John Bibi, Jim Satery.

The basketball team is looking forward to improving last season's disappointing record of 3-17. Basketball fans could often be heard last year saying, "Wait til next year." Well, it's next year now and with their whole varsity team returning, they are ready to shine.

Head Coach Dick Ericson said he feels that the team has a way to go, but the fans will be seeing some exciting basketball.

Seven players, all of whom saw a lot of varsity action last year, will be battling for the five starting positions. They include co-captains Tom McNamara and Jim Larkin, Mike Kolb, Drew O'Rourke, Dave Graham, John Bavier and Dave Ruotolo.

"The competition will be very tough this year," commented Coach Ericson. Last season Darien finished sixth in its eight-team division. Most of the Eastern Division teams have many returning lettermen, including division champion New Canaan.

As for the team's goal, Coach Ericson is optimistic. "We're capable of a .500 season, but we have to play well. If we accomplish that, then we'll be in contention for a playoff spot and will qualify for the state tournament."

The team will be having a 20-game season. Coach Ericson hopes to see many fans at the 13 home games. He commented, "It adds so much to the atmosphere of the game when you have a crowd behind you."
Lindy, Sats, Suds Lead Winter Tracksters

By Pam Druuge

"The major concern of the indoor track team is to give students the opportunity to make use of their God-given talents and to do their best," says Coach Del Maute. He seems to have achieved his goal. The boys are defending the State Open Track title and are going for their fourth straight year as county champions.

The 85 students involved in this sport meet twice a day. After school, running Hansons (a two-mile track) from the high school, down Hoonah Road and back) or on rainy days, dashing through the halls of A, B, and E-Wings.

The teams that are cited to give the most competition are Trumbull, Darien, Westport and Staples for the boys and Ridgefield, Stamford, Rippowam and Staples for the girls team.

Leading Darien's boys for this year will be captain Jim Sattler, who was named to the state for the 400-yard run last year. Most of the team is untutored, so some help should be provided by juniors Jeff Messer, Jeff McKee and Chris Flynn and senior Tony Derbyshire in the long distance events.

Although most of the sprinters graduated last year, returning are seniors Scott Montogmery and George Zepo. Coach Maute sees potential in many other newcomers as well. The girls have lost their best miler, Joan Corsiglia, but have many returning veterans, the stand-outs being co-captains Julie Lindenbergh and Manch Sutherland. Other outstanding girls are seniors Karen Degan, Sharon Grady, Carol Bethell and junior Leslie Kelley.

Coach Maute hopes to have an assistant next year, since the program has become so popular. At this time, Coach Bill Brazee is helping with the field events, and Coach Karl Lawrence and Coach Steve Norris will be working with the long-distance runners.

Pucksters Drop to Arch Rival

By Grisy Smith

Midway through the third period puckster Abu Hiragen scored two goals to lead Darien High to an opening 3-2 victory over the Greenwich Cardinals.

All did not start off well for the Wavers. In the opening period Cardinal Jeff Callen put the puck past DHS goalie Jeff Roney to give Greenwich an early 1-0 lead.

Early in the second period Waver Bill Hunter picked up an assist from Bill McGill and Bob Price to tie the match 1-1. Greenwich came right back in the last two minutes of the second period.

Waver Harligen was assisted by Bob Courts for the first goal and Jeff for the second. Sandy McAdams, new head coach of the DHS hockey team, said, "The game mainly depended on the players control of each play."

"It's going to be a difficult season. Everyone will be gunning for us," said Coach Adam. "Greenwich is ready for us but, I don't feel that the other teams will be as good as Greenwich was tonight."

McAdams went on to say, "I feel we've got a good chance of doing well in the states and the FCIAC. I expect a lot of good competitions to arise from other sports programs in this area."

The girls had no real heroes. "Each goal was scored by different people." Coach Adams commented. "It was a team effort."

New Head Hockey Coach Sandy McAdams

By Gail Bruggemeyer

The Athletic Department held its annual Fall Sports Banquet Dec. 7, complete with dances and an awards presentation.

The ceremony was headlined by Barteno presented as the master of ceremonies in the awards presentation. Each head coach of the eight fall varsity sports made a short speech summarizing his or her team's season. Then with the help of this year's captains, the coaches announced the captains for fall 1979 and the most valuable player for the fall season.


Volleyball: 1979 captains, Meg Schopp and Julie Cooper; 1978 MVP, Debbie Doughtam.

Soccer: 1979 captains, John Penrose and Mike Flood; 1978 MVP, Jim Sattler.

Field Hockey: 1979 captains, Liz Marasciullo and Sue Har

rington; 1978 MVP, Patty McKenna.

Cheerleaders: 1979 captain, Rob Scott; 1978 MVP, Tom Kratzke.


Boys' Swimming: 1979 captain, Jeff Meser and Jeff McKenzie; 1978 MVP, Jeff Messer.

Cross Country: 1979 captains, Pam Jelloff and Judy Engel; 1978 MVP, Karen Brogger.