Robbins Reviews Results Of All-School Workshop

By KAREN MacMURDY

Recently, Donald Robbins, DHS principal, conducted an assembly to inform the student body of the results of the All-School Workshop held in December.

Dr. Robbins began by commenting that he felt the procedure by which the entire student body was divided into eighty groups to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of DHS had been an acceptable and worthwhile one.

Those areas which students considered problems of DHS are: lack of teacher availability, insufficient number of counselors, the intersection-class size, lack of a student center-senior privileges and/or senior commons. Building structure, lack of communication between the student government and the student body, the student government in general, the smoking area, and closed campus.

In response to the complaint about class size — namely that the classes are too large, Dr. Robbins stated that he has asked the Board of Education for additional staff (one math teacher, one social studies teacher, one part-time English teacher and one part-time business education teacher) to alleviate overcrowding in the classroom. Additional staff would also help relieve teachers of some of their non-teaching duties which, in turn, would make them more available to help students.

Dr. Robbins has also requested a full-time secretary who would spend much time with the guidance department so counselors can spend more time doing guidance work as opposed to paper work.

Dr. Robbins feels the complaint

Coulombe Discusses New Administration, Contract Bargaining

By GREG REILLY

Assistant Principal Gerard Coulombe has recently explained his views concerning general aspects of the school which he helps manage and oversees, his role in the functioning of the Activities Council in the student government and his work in the DEA.

Dr. Robbins stated that the creation of a student center is "extremely difficult" because of the DHS building structure. (Although it was recommended, a possible student center was cut from the building budget.) However, Dr. Robbins feels that "although we don't have a student center per se, we can make what we have large and small cafeterias) a quasi-student center by scheduling free-time activities there."

In response to the request for senior privileges and/or a senior commons, Dr. Robbins said that he does believe the senior class should have certain privileges or traditions and is urging the seniors to make suggestions concerning what exactly they would like.

"Lack of communication between the student government and the student body can be solved by more all-school meetings and more school-wide publicity of what goes on at the meetings," said Dr. Robbins.

Disatisfaction with the present student government structure in general may be improved by more student involvement in the future — possibly a student senate "dealing with matters of substance."

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Councils’ Progress, Roles Explained

By LESLIE EVANS

While on-going efforts are being made to recognize successfully the student government, there are still many DHS students who do not understand the function of the two councils under the present system.

As the present time, there are two main councils that comprise the DHS student government — the Activities Council and the School Council. (This excludes the class councils whose main purpose is to promote class but not school-wide activities.) These two governmental bodies are responsible for determining the activities and proposing regulations for the entire school community.

Each year, the Activities Council coordinates the traditional annual activities, which include Homecoming, the Ski and Skate Sale, and the Spring Carnival. This year, however, the Club has experimented with some new activities. The most dynamic idea was to hold the Maze Concert which took place last November. Unfortunately, due to the lack of student participation, the Council lost approximately four hundred dollars.

The Activities Council is attempting to bring more cultural activities into the school by creating school-wide assemblies. The first assembly featured the Kinkos dancers, and the most recent performances included such musical groups as the University of Bridgeport Jazz Band and the blue-grass group called the Helium Brothers.

In the beginning of the year, the Activities Council sponsored an exchange program with local schools to see how their school life, but more importantly, their school government, functioned. Half of the Council went to New Canaan High School, and the other half visited Greenwich High School for two days. It was a successful program in that many ideas concerning activities were shared between the schools.

The Council is also interested in providing activities during the day which students could use during their free periods. Hopefully, the committee (set up by the School Council) entititled, "Free period for Aid the Activities Council in creating more in-school activities.

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PARKING: A STICKY PROBLEM

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The idea is not a bad one. However, not every one of the stickers has been put into use. One problem is that many of them do not have enough adhesive material on the back and they don't stick to the cars. Another is that many students do not seem to be taking the plan very seriously, and are simply ignoring the stickers. However, the administration plans to redistribute the stickers when the weather gets warm. When this is done, a better effort by both sides must be used to give the plan a chance to be effective.

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Tracksters Monopolize

"If they run the way I think they should, they should win. If they get all chocked up, they may not," said DHS Indoor Track Coach Bill Brazer just before the Girls' County Championship race on Feb. 9.

The Wave girls apparently kept their cool at the Wilton Field House, though, as they captured the county crown for the second year in a row.

"The girls ran up to their potential and better," the jubilant coach declared afterwards. "They did a fantastic job defending their championship and will remain champions of indoor Track for another 365 days.

For the DHS team, it was more than a victory. The team took either first or a second place in 12 of the 16 events. It was a monoploy.

"I've got some very talented young women," the coach said. The skilled sophomore 50-yard dasher Mandy Sutherland had some close competition from a Westhill girl, but she did not actually race against each other until the final run-off. Even then, though, she stunned, Man además to the victor of the event with a 6.1. Mandy also picked up a first in the 300.

Jean West not only won the high jump, but set a new county record of 5'2" as well. "She did it with God-given talent. She hasn't even reached her peak yet," Assistant Coach Bill Brazer stated.

In spite of injuries which had kept Jean Corsiglia from competing during the crucial weeks before the meet, she managed to sweep the mile with a time of 5:38. DHS also took first in the 1000 due to the sparkling performance of Karen Deegan.

Kathy Scholtz and Beth Buzingame heaved the shot to a 45'6" first and a 39'8" second place respectively. Both the short relay (Sutherland, Deegan, Savares, Ellery) and the long relay (Shanahan, Hammond, Tattle, Corsiglia) achieved second place standings.

Co-captain Kathy Shanahan placed second in the 600. "There were three kids that I knew could beat me; two did," she said. The other co-captain, Lynne Ellison, tallied up 6 points for the team by running a 7.5 clocked second place in the hurdles, while Julie Lindenberg took third in the event.

Eileen Pollard leapt 10' in the high jump, which placed her third. Carol Savares, 300-yard runner, dashed for a third place standing. Sophomore Kathy Kanning captured a fourth place in the two-mile. To round it up, fourth and fifth places were taken by Jane West and Mandy Sutherland respectively in the long jump.

"We did just our best," Carol Savares said. "It wasn't as nerve-racking as the first meets were." The purpose of the first meets, the developmental meets, was to prepare the tracksters for the Counties.

By JEANNE MUELLER

Assistant Captain Dan Grady starts a rush up ice after recovering a save by goalie Brian Peoples in the Blue's 2-2 tie with Stamford. (Photo by Richard Berrill)

Frozen Wave Clinches Divisional Championship by JOSH MOLTZ

The DHS Ice Hockey Team climaxed its brilliant season Tuesday night. February 8, in Norwalk, breaking a 2-2 deadlock with three goals in the third period to defeat the Norwalk Bears 5-2 and clinch a first-place finish in the FCIAC Eastern Division.

The Blue Wave, which concluded the regular season with a 10-5 win over Andover- Harwick Wednesday night, February 9, in Bridgeport, ended the regular season with a 15-5-1 record, and figured to continue its success run in the FCIAC.

Assistant Captain Dan Grady commented, "I think the team's performance in the FCIAC because we have beaten Greenwich and New Canaan." Darien tied Stamford, the other team that will probably be competing in the county playoffs. In regard to the state championships, high scoring junior wing Tom Holland said, "We have a good chance to make the finals or semi-finals in the state, as we will just be touching our peak.

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The second line of Holland, Bogardus and second defensive man Craig Sinclair rounded out average of over four points. Behind this power play goal, their opponents averaging only about a half goals per game, and have accumulated four shutouts between them. Darien finished the season with 89 goals, as an average of two and four half goals per game, and allowed only 43, with their opponents averaging only about two goals a contest.

True key to the Frozen Wave's hot season has been the team's small depth. Coach Clark has three solid forward lines and two steady defensive tandems to throw at the opposition, and in most cases the Blue has been too much to handle. The "first" line, consisting of seniors Barrett, Dan Grady, and Williams, has been broken up often this season, and is just now getting a chance to work together for the first time all year. The second line of Holland and senior Doug Howard is the team's big scoring line, and has produced the most points in the team's play from the very early season. The third line is composed of sophomores Jeff Grady, Tim Appleton, and Bill McGinley, who are gaining experience rapidly and are already better than most opposing lines.

In addition, a solid, well-matched defense backs up the potent offense. Clark's top pair, Sinclair and senior Lucien Wadell, and Bill McGinley and senior John Williams form each other almost perfectly. Sinclair is the offensive-minded defenseman, while Wadell brings back and plays a more defensive game. The second tandem of junior Frank "Mad Dog" Corso and sophomore Tony Ferrante is an any-way a carbon copy of the first pair.

Jenny Doble: Queen by JEANNE MUELLER

Which of the following did ski coach Ed Hedegaard-Schou say about Jenny Doble, who is the DHS girls' team star, co-captain, and Ski Club treasurer?

a) "She just has mastered the snow pullow.

b) "She ought to become an inverted aerial performer (hot dog skier)."

c) "She will someday meet and marry Jean-Claude Killy."

Answer: None of the above. "She has a habit of hitting her head," is what he actually said. Jenny has broken her skull a couple times in recent years. Even though the accidents did not occur when she was skiing, they have hampere her skiing somewhat.

Nevertheless, she has led the team in her events, which are held at Nite Birch. "Lindell keeps me on my toes," Jenny commented. Co-captain Lyndell Koshos, who has placed best on the team next to Jenny, will be essential to the team's performance in the state meet. Jenny also mentioned Steph Firth, "a brat," who has placed in every event and is a great skier.

"She'd rather ski with the boys," Coach Hedegaard-Schou said of Jenny. Last year, as no girls' ski team was in existence, Jenny had to compete in the boys' Individual State Championships. She took an eighth place in it. In a meet against the individual's efforts, but they were cohesive as a team," Mautte explained. Carrying Mau2e out of the front of her shoulders is one example of the girls' team spirit. Mautte commented, "I was thrilled when they named her a captain. Many of the tracksters agree with their coach about the team's spirit.

"The team was really doing well for everyone's part," said Julie Lindenberg.

Coach Mautte hopes that the team will continue its winning ways as a tradition in future years. He thinks, though, that it will take a lot of effort. In order to keep up the record "we do have to continue to get better," he said. "There's no one on the far human body can push itself."
How To Survive Winter Vacation In Darien

By CHERI ABERNATHY and SHELLY HOLGORD

February vacation is always a time of frustration for the Darienites who are not able to live it up on some Caribbean island or ski down a famous mountain in Vermont. But Darien is not really such a boring town. There is always something people do for amusement.

Since there is such an abundance of snow, you may see some making use of it: doing 90's on the beach or high school parking lots, hooking up a rope to the back of a jeep and trying snow "water skiing," or ice skating au naturel at Gorham's Pond.

If you find these activities too startling, here are some suggestions for your own vacation fun. Sculpt giant snow people. Make up a snow recipe book using "Snow Ice Cream" as your first entry, or walk as far across the Sound as you can and try catching smelt. Skis are available for one-day rental at both Bob's and Darien Sport Shops.

If you really are not into the snow scene, pretend it's summer; try on your old swimming suit to see if it still fits and head to the Darien YMCA for a quick dip and a snack. Go to a travel agency to get the scoop on all the latest hot spots.

Now if none of this has caught your attention, there are always various miscellaneous pleasant things in Darien. You could eat breakfast at a different place every morning — the Sugar Bowl, Howard Johnson's, Duchess, Friend's, International House of Pancakes and McDonalds. Committing a slight misdemeanor will make you talk of the town when your name is printed in the police blotter of the Darien newspaper. Try catching up on all the soap operas — find out how exciting your life could be! Drive back and forth through the toll booths on 95 and get to know the money-takers personally. You might like to go to Victoria Station to try out well, exotic and bizarre drinks; try looking up new drink names in a drink dictionary and quiz the bartender.

A change of scenery could be nice. Go to the midnight movie in Westport where all the action is. The people in Westport and New Canaan are good for "boy" or "girl watching." New York City is full of cultural sites and if you don't have your heart set on one Broadway play in particular, there is a two-for-the-price-of-one booth in Times Square every day with all leftover play tickets on sale. Brew and Burger, the famous restaurant where you can get all the beer you can drink, is located throughout the City. A stop in the Bronx Zoo is a pleasure for kids from 6 to 60. Relate each of the animals to one of your friends. Carry a few books and pop into one of the nearby colleges and enjoy yourself by impersonating a college student.

Out of all these great suggestions, there are to be some that are right for you. If after four days of trying these new ideas you are still bored, why not hang it all up and go to your room and cry?

Carnations Catch Cupid

By JACK LOW

As most good times always pass in a hurry, so did the February 14 Valentine's Day celebration.

The card companies supplied some tasteful and some not so tasteful love and sex-filled holiday greetings and walked away with another bundle in "illegal tender." Loftus Candies went up three points in the New York Stock Exchange, besides making many housewives worth their weight in bonbons. And, of course, Cupid faithfully flew to his yearly task of mating the unmarried, with arrows of lust that have the potency of turning a N.O.W. meeting into a bachelors club. Cupid's plans were lawfully interfered with, however, when the Surgeon General declared that "the lust arrows may be hazardous to your health, possibly causing cancer and other bad stuff like that."

At Darien High, damsels and suitors had the opportunity on the fourteenth to express and unleash love that had been simmering and stirring their yearning adolescent hearts out. Each student had the opportunity to send a telegram and carnation that said "hello" better than any stick of Wrigley's gum. In a simple love note, passionate woeers scribbled out their feelings of adoration on a 2" x 2" complementary note. This was an easy and painless enough process (unless some big nose wallowed in over your shoulder). A member of the Carnation Sale, Sandra Snoop said one telegram was steamed read in full, "I want to caress your adoration on a 2" x 2" complimentary note." It included a clue, saying that "the wolf' soul was dashed down to Ninian's Florist after homeroom humiliation. They were in constant fear, as people jeered and sneered at them, yelling cruelties like, "the dud without a bud!" and waving fresh posies up their nosies.

For those disillusioned, broken-hearted, swept-under-the-rug stem collectors, there are still a few alternatives and suggestions for next year. Put your money where your mouth is — buy a tube of Close-Up toothpaste. Sabotage those heart-piercing blooms with acholic scent the night before Carnation Day.

If all else fails, buy some Whitman Sampers for your grandmother. She'd be glad to give you a free kiss, hug, and maybe a few bucks if you're lucky.

Talented Stage Band Emerges from Obscurity

By ZIGGY STARUST

Once every week on Wednesday nights, from 7:30 to 9:00, they can be heard in the music room diligently putting their musical talent to use. These talented student musicians from DHS are relatively unknown to those of us who are not part of the world of music at our high school. It is only when they perform in one of their limited appearances that we can really appreciate the quality of music expressed by the stage band.

Under the direction of Donald "Doc" Hartvigsen, who doubles as the conductor and lead trumpet for the band, the many musical talents of the individual students are combined. Among the talented students in the band are Gai MacKenzie on the string bass, who along with drummers Bob Raidt and Bill Flanagan, set the tempo and beat for the rest of the band. Gair's younger brother, Jamie, supports the trumpet section along with Dan Wood. Peter Francesconi plays the only baritone sax in the band and is also excellent on the flute, clarinet and trumpet. The sax section is the band's strongest asset. Along with Francesconi, the sax section includes Gregg Hartvigsen on lead alto sax, Liz Duff on second alto sax, Clark Porter on first tenor sax, Liz Duff on second alto sax, Clark Porter on first tenor sax and Anne Griffin on fourth tenor sax. The combined talents of Chris Lane and Vick DeWobrowski make up the trombone section and on the keyboards is Stacy Hammond. In the past the stage band has entertained a wide variety of audiences. Most recently the band played before students and teachers during the lunch period in the senior commons. Before that appearance they also played before many enthusiastic Darien residents during the Christmas Concert. The sound of the stage band is basically one of the big band era which includes arrangements by Tommy Dorsey and Artie Shaw, as well as modern tunes such as "Feelings," "A Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree," and the "Beatles" "Fifth" by Beethoven.

The stage band's popularity is increasing and the band has been requested to play again in the senior commons and in the Spring Concert. The highlight event of the year for the band will be on March 26, when it is invited to play in the University of Bridgeport's Jazz Clinic.