Coulombe Quits DEA Post; Voluntary Work ‘Ceases’

By JAMIE MacKENZIE

The conflict between the Darien Education Association (DEA) and the Board of Education over the formation of a new contract for teachers has intensified in recent weeks. Two important developments have been the cessation of voluntary, non-paid activities by teachers and the resignation of Gerard Coulombe, assistant principal of DHS, from his position as president of the DEA.

Mr. Coulombe’s unexpected resignation was submitted on Wednesday, March 16, and he will be replaced by William Benton, DHS math teacher and former vice-president of the DEA. Mr. Benton refused to comment on his acceptance of the new position, claiming that he needed a chance to settle in before he would be ready to discuss his new activities.

Admitting that the timing of his resignation is “extremely inconvenient” for the DEA, Mr. Coulombe stated that he has personal priorities which outweigh any negative effect his resignation may have on the DEA and its activities. “After nine months of working from a moderate position we couldn’t bring the negotiations to a conclusion. I felt that I had done all I could within the law to reach a settlement, and that the teachers ought to have the opportunity to be led by a teaching president.”

When asked if he felt the time for moderation on the part of the teachers in dealing with the board had passed, he said, “It appears so. Unfortunately, the law doesn’t allow the teachers’ associations much recourse in contract disputes. The legal trump cards are all held by the board.” Mr. Coulombe sees hope in the statewide efforts of teachers’ associations to change the law so that they have more legal options to take when they are involved in contract disputes.

Teachers throughout the Darien school system ceased their participation in voluntary, non-paid activities on Monday, March 14. Several of these activities have since been resumed as a result of direct orders from Joseph Porter, superintendent of schools, via the building principals. The purpose of the teacher’s action was to

Variety Show, Casino Night To Highlight 1977 Spring Carnival

By PHILIPPA BOWLEY

What do pink dogwood blossoms, fever, new green grass shoots, blooming flowers, rain, and sprouting trees make you think off Spring? And that should remind you of the Spring Carnival to be held at DHS from March 24 to March 27.

“We’re not looking for a profit. It’s just to give everyone a break,” said Polly Emmons, a co-chairperson. This break includes seven different activities, spread over four days. The festivities begin on Thursday, March 24, at 8:00 p.m. with the first presentation of the variety show, which will host a tap dancer, a guitarist, comedians, a band, comedy skits, and others. Friday’s plans include an all-day Easter egg hunt, a traditional madras sale during “X” period, and the variety show again at 8:00 p.m.

Field events, including an egg toss, a sack race, a tricycle race and relays, begin Saturday’s activities at 12:30. Hungry egg tossers and tricyclists can buy a lunch of chicken, soda, and potato chips by the access field. The Saturday night event is a 1930’s style casino with door prizes, in the gym from 8:00 to 12:00. According to Miss Emmons, there is no dance because it was not well attended last year.

To conclude the carnival weekend, the sophomore’s softball team will play the juniors on Sunday at 1:00, the winner challenging the seniors. Miss Emmons and Karen Brainumeyer, the other co-chairperson, have divided the work, assigning an organizer to each activity. They feel the division is a good idea, having seen the problems of last year’s single

Chairperson. Both Miss Emmons and Miss Brainumeyer feel that the carnival is better organized this year because the work was started much earlier, preliminary plans being made even before Christmas. They hope more people participate this year, especially on Saturday, during the day.

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Seniors Frustrate Own Cause

Ever since the Senior Commencement, students were bummed about the lack of any senior privileges, feeling it's "just not fair."

However, Dr. Donald Robbins has repeatedly stated that he feels it is "good for a change" for students to have educationally justified privileges as a senior recognition. Mr. Lumper, although he does not feel it is his responsibility to come up with ideas for possible senior privileges, he would "welcome the opportunity to react to any suggestions from students." Furthermore, Mr. guidance counselors are not jealous, and are not in favor of denying a team's efforts to Lumper said that "the grievance committee has not been petty, and not in favor of denying students of Darien members to the high school groups, it was time passed. Dr. Catania to d.o. dunng the condition in the Darien schools which, under Judy Ulrich, School and lasting repercussions. to work together for a short time with a staff he still possible not report everything of the DEA have work they

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Victor Lampers, chairman of the DEA's Professional Rights and Res- ponsibilities Committee which advises the Board on processing grievances, would not say days for teachers. The Board wishes to clearly show that the guidance staff is "all inci- dentals of non-compliance." The teachers have been advised by their DEA officers to obey orders from the principals to resume voluntary ac- tivities, once the orders have been put in writing, and then to file a "grievance," with the Board of Education.

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Hefferman Reacts to Editorials

By GERALD L. HEFFERMAN
Director of Guidance

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Black settles in at New Greenwich job

By BILL DOBBS

John A. Black, former chairman of the English Department at Darien High School, has been named housemaster of Folsom House at Greenwich High School.

When asked about his new position and what is involved, Dr. Black laughed and said, "Everything is involved. It's administration. It's trying to help people solve the two or three problems by communicating with each other." Dr. Black cited "common sense" as the biggest attribute required for this particular job because "you're really got to know something about communication and know how to get people to communicate with each other. I try to apply semantics to everything that happens."

Dr. Black states that his job as housemaster is a combination of Mr. Matheson's and Mr. Coulombre's positions with a "smattering of Dr. Robbin's" job too. He says, "I am the principal of this house." Dr. Black connotated that his job may be more "autonomous" than those of our assistant principals because Dr. Black does not have a boss in Folsom House, though there is a headmaster who is head of the whole school.

Dr. Black does have disciplinary responsibilities, though he said he had gotten more involved with the Folsom House housemaster. Before Dr. Black was appointed, there had been an acting housemaster for six months who didn't feel that he should sign withdrawal, report, thus giving the housemaster a bad name. The new housemaster is a combination of Mr. Robbin's and Mr. Matheson's ideas.

When asked about his involvement with the English curriculum at Greenwich High School, Dr. Black said that he had mixed feelings about expelling students because he had not been accustomed to doing so. "In high school, there are the students and the kids, you know," he commented.

In reference to the casting, producer Richard Bochinski, Darien High School Social Studies teacher and senior advisor, will be taking a sabbatical leave of absence to further enhance his history education. Dr. Black says that the "mind-set" at Greenwich High is different from that at DHS, because "the mind-set prevalent at DHS is New England oriented, whereas at Greenwich High it is much more cosmopolitan, New York-oriented." Dr. Black did acknowledge that the students at DHS are much more respectful, "less sassy" and are conscious of their manners. At Greenwich High, the students are more "ertorded" in that they will tell you what's on their minds without hesitation. "Greenwich kids seem much less complicated, much closer to the surface. This is both a blessing and a problem for teachers and administrators."

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Collins, Yale Leave; Bronze For Lane

By JOSH MOLTZ

Quickly retouched scenes, but good-natured talents were flying across the stage in the DHS auditorium April 1 and April 2 as the class of 1977 will be performing the comedy hit M*A*S*H. The play will be performed at the Lobster and Steak House in New Canaan, Connecticut. The show will cost $2.00, with curtain time on both Friday and Saturday night for 8:15 p.m. Cast members will donate all proceeds to the American Lung Association.

The cast of 41 actors selected by directors Bob Baker and George Perlberg will be portraying the antics of the 4077th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital during the Korean War. The two main characters, happy-go-lucky doctors Hawkeye Pierce and Dale Forrest, are the center attractions of the base, as they try (successfully) to break the tension of war by ridiculous stunts and outrageous tricks on the other members of the M*A*S*H crew.

Basically, the play, which was dramatized by Tim Kelly based on the book by Richard Hooker, is in many ways related to the highly acclaimed CBS television series and the movie M*A*S*H. The characters are in most cases the same personalities as are usually associated with M*A*S*H, and the quick, sarcastic insults are set in the same format found on the TV series.

In order to do this Mr. Bochinski applied to the Darien Board of Education and upon their approval began making his plans. Mr. Bochinski said that by taking these courses he would benefit himself and the social studies Department here at the High School. He has applied to University of Connecticut's graduate school at Storrs in order to gain classroom hours towards his doctorate. Mr. Bochinski commented that "I feel like a senior again" since he is waiting, along with the rest of us, to hear if he has been accepted.

Pamela Yale, faculty member who specializes in Special Education, has left Darien High School. After two years at DHS Yale left on Monday, March 14 to begin a new job as program coordinator at Open Gate School in Somers, New York.

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What's the best FM radio station on the dial? This listener takes his own survey of the tunes. (Photo by Tom Constable)

Viewpoint

Guidelines Unacceptable To Dunne

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Peer Group Counseling

Many times passed. June, 1976. Elaine Coleman, newly designated as liaison guidance counselor to ALP, attended a meeting at which the aide referred to above announced a Youth Options summer program for training a group of Denver High students for the purpose of instituting a program of peer group counseling at the high school in the fall of 1976. The guidance department, the department primarily responsible for counseling students, was not consulted for its approval of a program for which, clearly, it could be held accountable. Even Dr. Catania had not been consulted! The guidance staff expressed to Catania at that time our feeling that Youth Options had gotten out of hand and should not be permitted to return. Time passed. There was a large turnover of administrators both at the central office of the Board of Education and at the high school. August first, 1976. DHS had an Acting Principal, Dr. Donald Robbins. Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Wheeler and I went to Dr. Robbins and apprised him of the history of the problem and the rationale for our concerns. We requested that the services of Youth Options be confined to the community and that we use them as we do other community services, as a place to refer students and parents. September first, 1976. Dr. Robbins invited Hap and his aides to a joint meet-

ing with the guidance and high school social services staffs. Dr. Robbins' question, despite the guidance department's position, was not "whether" but "how" Youth Options would be used in the school. We objected again and sought the counsel of the Denver Education Association. Newly appointed Associate Superintendent of Schools, Ralph Perschino, was directed to draw up system-wide guidelines for the use of ancillary services. The guidance department provided its input and agreed, in principle, with them. October, 1976. The guidance staff requested a meeting with Perschino, Robbins and Assistant Superintendent for Programs, James Loughran, to again outline our concerns and to serve on the specific committee which the guidance department would use ancillary services. Perschino made it clear to us that (1) only if the guidance department saw the need, and (2) drew up its own guidelines within the parameters of the system-wide guidelines, would such agencies be permitted to work in the school. November, 1976. The guidance department completed its guidelines and drew up a position paper relative to the Youth Options issue. It had the ap-

proval of the DEA which considers it an unfair labor practice to bring in uncertified personnel for which the law requires certification. We agreed with the guidelines which Superintendent; Porter directed newly appointed Prin-
cipal, Dr. Robbins, to draw up and upon whom he left the final decision relative to the use of Youth Options, to the ex-
tent that its representatives would be invited into the school four times. We defer on the format. We believe they should be permitted to come in and, with a guidance counselor present, talk to any students interested in listening to what their agency has to offer. Seeing the same student personally or the same group of students four times, which is what Youth Options wanted to do, would, in our opinion, be dangerous. Hap refused to accept our guidelines. In light of past assurances relative to less formal guidelines for its in-school operations, his position does not surprise us.

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What FM Stations Turn You On?

By SHELLY HOGUARD

Review

Every day you can find new record reviews, critiques of the latest Broadway hits or analyses of some new best-seller, but what have you heard lately of your dear friend, the radio? How many times have you read a commentary about the ageless wireless? Well, put your headphones on and soak in every detail of this unique Neird Radio Review that will guide each of you to happy hours in Radioland.

(FM) - WPLJ - 95.5

WPLJ, the most popular radio station at DHS, deserves its high ranking. The disc jockeys, the music, the guests and the talk shows can give many a listener enjoyable hours in front of the wireless.

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The disc jockeys excel at talking with you, not at you, as they dispense handy information and let the listener voice an opinion on the frequent "listener polls." They do not intrude with the last few refrains of your favorite melody, louchmouthing obvious or sarcastic remarks. The guest speakers include everyone from Peter Frampton to Howard Stern. Some stations are known for their own nature. The music continues perpetually pleasing and loud, or soft, slow, fast, rock, jazz — just about everything any high-school could want.

Some special includes preview of "not yet on the charts" albums, an hour devoted to time artist, and the Sun-
day night program, "A Woman's Place," which hosts guest speakers prominently important in the changing woman's role in life. The only undesirable thing is the abundance of commercials, although this is not as prevalent as on many stations. 90.5 is the most entertaining station in the New York area because its wide range in style will fit into anyone's life.

(FM) - WKTU - 92

"The Morning Show," WKTU plays only soothing music, all of it current and ideal for people recuperating from a headache, or just trying to es-

cape the noisy world. It is the sound that many local businesses use in their offices, but it is NOT "dentist's office" music. The announcers never speak above a whisper and are known to play up to twenty minutes of music with, at the most, only a half-minute break. DJs turn the program over to phones between groups of songs. Unknown artists as well as popular artists are broadcast. WKTU is the most soothing station around, and its few and far-between commercials are another "plus" in its favor.

(FM) - WKLX - 88.8

"99X is my radio station" blares through the homes of many a teenis-
bopper. This radio station serves Long Island and Fairfield County listening area. 99X, once known as WKLX, is one of the most mature of the offensive FM stations. Just below it are the imitations of AM stations.

Free trips, albums and requests are offered — anything to make wishy-washy listeners to dial in at 99.8. It is a very disappointing FM station that is not ideal for bedtime time listening. Alarm clock music — or any time.

(FM) - WNEW - 102.7

NEW, as it is fondly referred to by the DHSers who proudly listen to the matters music as "a modern" mellow sound, with tunes that are quite often unknown. The range in style is so vast it really is hard to pinpoints its boundaries. Usually the music is soft and lightsome to the ear. It seems that those announcers are really rapping with you as they guide you through a multitude in a wide range of topics. Special performances are offered every so often by guests. 102.7 is ideal for the audience that wants to hear good music but does not care about the "Top 100 Hits of 1977."
Donkey Basketball:

Jim Yarish, sitting on top of his mount, "Speedy," exhibits the fast-break offense used by the juniors. The sophomores won the round-robin competition by defeating the juniors 10-8 and the seniors 14-9.

By TRAPPER JOHN LENNON

Male Skiers Place Third In Division; Girls Catch Crown

By SHELLY HOGLUND

Eight girls of the DHS Gymnastic Team twisted and tumbled to a fifth place standing in the state competition at New London High School on March 3.

Looking only two out of ten meets throughout its exciting season, the team had hoped to be awarded a higher state rating. Its fall from second place last year to fifth this year is attributed to the loss of Kaia Arntberg from the team and to the outstanding quality of some of the other teams' performers.

Gymnasts Lose

Boys' Basketball — MVP: Bob Harford; Captains: Matt McCurdy, McNamara.

Girls' Basketball — MVP: Amy Pollard; Captains: Jimmie Dask, Cindy Davis.

Volleyball — MVP: Boie Barrett; Captains: Boie Bogardus.

Girls' Indoor Track — MVP: The Team; Captains: Joan Coriaolea.

Boys' Indoor Track — MVP: Justin Vorwerk; Captains: Pat Jackson, Matt Macy.

Wrestling — MVP: Dave McDonald; Captains: Scott Savage, Chris Krusty.


Boys' Sking — MVP: Frank Hambel; Captains: Rick Arneberg, Jay Conolly.

Girls' Sking — MVP: Jenny Doble.

Gymnastics — MVP: Ana Votava; Captains: Caroline McKeena.

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Hoopersterettes' Hopes Deflated Despite Pollard's Points

BY MARY ELLEN KIGGINS

Taking the basketball with self-assurance, Amy Pollard dribbled it to the basket, set up her shot, and placed the twentieth point of the game against Wilton in the net, scoring her season's highest point total.

But the exceptional individual performances of some members of the Darien High School Girls' Basketball Team, such as that of Co-captain Amy Pollard, could not boost the team's final all season record.

The girls lost their final two games of the season against Rippoway (50-37), and Wilton (45-36). Two teams Coach Deborah Billington figured where they could have gotten easily. "We should have had a 6-9 season," Ms. Billington noted. "But the girls were forced to play against the best in their division to the loss of Mary Matayer.

Co-captain Lyndel Robase followed closely behind at second. Jenny, who races on the Straight Circuit, and Lyndel are the only experienced skiers on the team.

Although the other members have skied before, none had ever attempted slalom racing.

The boys also did not attend a state meet, but that is because they did not qualify, despite their excellent 5-2 mark.

In the State Individual, Jenny Doble came in first. Stephanie Coleman managed a fifth.

"She surprised me," Coach Erik Hedegaard-Schou commented. As for the boys, Mark Haldenley took a seventh, Jay Conolly, a ninth, and John Kostanecki, a twentieth.

The team achieved their standings in spite of their skimpy practice sessions. They couldn't go skiing that often because of expenses, but they did other exercises to keep in shape. In December, they ran three miles a day, or worked out by doing coordination exercises that improve balance.

Since the CSI, sanctions the ski teams, and not the CIAC, they have to furnish their own money. However, the coach said, "We don't want the CIAC at this stage because they have a little rule that any athlete who participates in other competition is not allowed on a team." Many members, such as Jenny Doble and Erik Armstrong, are actively involved in racing over the weekends. "Kids got tired of skiing after a while when it means getting money and traveling so far by bus," commented the coach. He feels that the kids reason why some ski teams were unable to show up at the Individuals meet. The skiers seemed to have adequate finances themselves on these bus rides though, at least in the back where wedges were often given.

"It didn't get off too well," the coach pointed out about the Ski Club. The purpose of the Ski Club was to promote the ski team by getting more people involved. When it took a trip to Vermont, students drove. Parents objected afterwards, but few parents volunteered to drive on other trips. Hence, no other trips got off the ground.

The coach hopes that parents will participate more next year so that the club will be more of a success, which will stimulate interest in the team.

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**Hooper Stall Turns Season Around**

By DAVID BAUDER

This year’s edition of the DHS hoopsters concluded their season with a 66-31 loss at the hands of Rippowam in the first round of the FCIAC playoffs. The story of the season is not in that game, but in the tremendous achievement it was just to get there.

The Blue Wave won five out of their last six games to change the whole complexion of the campaign. The streak, which capped a 29-team, that was headed nowhere fast, into a playoff participant. Darien defeated all four of the teams that were ahead of them in the standings in head-to-head competition during the last three weeks of the season.

Rookie coach Rick Ericson pointed to the struggling win over the first place Trumbull Golden Eagles as the key to the comeback. “The win against Trum- bull made the team believe they could beat anybody,” said the coach. “It took the team time to learn to play with one another both offensively and defen- sively.”

The next link in the comeback story was the last second 46-38 triumph over Roger Ludlowe, the first in a series of “must-win” situations for Darien. The team came out on top of Ludlowe, which they beat the last two seasons, with halfcourt by halfcourt by halfcourt from halfcourt by halfcourt by halfcourt by halfcourt from Coach Watts. After a full victory over Wilton, the stage was set for a classic confrontation.

Last game of the season. Darien versus arch-rival New Canaan. Winnie goes to the counties, loser goes home. Darien came out of the game with one of their best games of the year at the perfect time. Gary Wyckoff and Bob After eight years at DHS, Jack football team

**Himebauch Leaves For New Post**

By JOSH and CLAY MOLTZ

Commentary

After eight years at DHS, Jack Himebauch quietly left Darien recently, announcing his resignation from the school at a faculty meeting that was called the game the high point of the year. The “victory against New Canaan was as good as beating a big game against a tough opponent.”

The final record of the year was 7-11.

Graduation will claim the top six players on this year’s team. Bob Himebauch has taken a position as an assistant football coach at Miami University in Ohio, effective immediately.

In accepting the post at Miami, Coach Himebauch will be, “out of state,” as Miami is his alma mater. Himebauch said that his job would involve “full-time coaching, with no class assignments.” He added that he was already looking forward to coaching the college level, at a “big time” football school. Aside from coaching (where he is a pitch-tackle and tight end), Mr. Finally Chosen

Charles Avedissian, director of athletics for the Darien schools, said that the hiring of Kinney evidenced a long search involving clubs, colleges in Connecticut, and the New England School in Darien. When asked to comment on Kinney, Avedissian said, “From what I know of Peter Kinney and his background, I am impressed with his coaching and teaching abilities.”

**Dave MacDonald: Dedication Pays Off**

By PAT BRADY

Co-captain of the Darien wrestling team, Dave MacDonald, has turned in the perfect performance of this season. After going 145 through the dual meet season, the 140-pound grappler swept the county, and then followed in the Class L State Championships. His next test was to emerge victorious in the State Open Championships on March 12.

What does all this mean? It means that Dave finished the year with a flawless 26-0 record. It also means that Dave MacDonald is the best 140-pound wrestler in the state of Connecticut.

Dave led the team in points, pins, and won this season. He accumulated 67 points with six pins, and his record was the best in the history of the Darien High School wrestling team.