**Junkie Priest**

**To Speak At DHS**

Father Daniel Egan, known as the “Junkie priest,” will speak to the DHS student body in an assembly on March 19. Father Egan will remain at the school following the assembly to talk to smaller groups of students who have free periods.

Father Egan lives in Greenwich Village, N.Y., at the residence of the Graymoor Friars, and is about to celebrate his Silver Jubilee, marking his twentieth year as priest. He has worked for the past twenty years in the subculture of crime and drug addiction in New York City streets. His experiences are described in John Harris’s book, The Junkie Priest, which is in its tenth printing and will soon be made into an international movie.

Father Egan is the founder of the Village Haven, the first live-in center in the country for the treatment of female addicts. He was appointed by President John F. Kennedy at the White House Conference, and was named a member of the New York State Youth Committee by Governor Nelson Rockefeller.

Joseph Thomas, More Church, will host Father Egan for the evening of March 19, where he will speak to parents and students. The public is invited to this session, which will begin at 8:15 P.M.

**FRIDAY THE 13th — WHY UNLUCKY?**

Fear of the number 13 dates back to pre-Christian days. The superstition that 13 is an unlucky figure is traced back to old Norse mythology. Twelve gods had been invited to a banquet held in Valhalla. Loki, the spirit of strife and evil, came uninvited, thus making the number 13. As a result, Balder, the favorite of the gods was killed.

Christ’s last supper was attended by 12 apostles, as well as Jesus. Pilate’s crucifixion followed, the number thirteen was further believed to be an ominous sign of death and misfortune.

A more rational and less superstitious explanation says that statistical surveys show insurance companies that of any group of thirteen, one person will die within less than one year.

Many countries which have some Norse heritage and culture fear the number 13. In France, there are no houses of that number. After 12 there is 12¾, and then 14. Italian motorists never use the number 13. Even in America, land of science and technology, apartments and skyscrapers delete the thirteenth floor, skipping from 12 to 14. Many airlines omit the thirteenth seat on planes. Sailors refuse to sail on the thirteenth day of the month. Even the birds try to cage a teacher out of giving a scheduled test on that day!

**JAMES GANG APPEARS IN CONCERT**

The D.S.O. presented the James Gang in concert at the DHS auditorium last Saturday night. The Smurfs, a four piece band with lead singer, offered an hour’s music before the James Gang, much of which was original material. This group also manifested a knack for performing old favorites in new and different fashions.

Much of the audience was captured by the entire feeling of the music, and at the end of the Smurfs appearance, their excitement was rising steadily.

After intermission, at which several members of a Norfolk motorcycle gang appeared, The James Gang made its debut at DHS. Joe Walsh, the lead guitarist of the band, and undoubtedly one of the finest musicians on the country, at once impressed the entire audience with his brilliant guitar work. Momentarily, many students lost interest in the performance, which seemed to center solely on Mr. Walsh, and walked out.

At 8:15 Father Egan, who seemed visibly disappointed in the performance of the James Gang, Many of them, it seems, went to the concert with the sole idea of “purchasing out” as was the case with the Rhinoceros concert several months ago. Many more were annoyed with the drop in enthusiasm following the change in the hard driving sound of the Smurfs to the improvisational blues of Joe Walsh.

However, Mr. Walsh is truly a fine and talented musician, as most of the audience will agree. His fine playing was a proper climax to a night of excellent music.

**NEW FRENCH TEACHER AT DHS**

By Pat Whitehead

Miss Catherine A. Connelly has recently joined the Foreign Language Department at DHS, where Miss Vivian Peeling, who is replacing Miss Connelly, who is replacing Miss Vivian Peeling, has recently completed her graduate work at Fordham University in New York. Miss Connolly was born in Springfield, Mass., where she received her education. She went on to get her Master’s at Boston College and has taught French for the past three years at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, New York. She is presently residing in Larrytown, New York.

Dining at French restaurants is still a novelty to Miss Connolly, and she also loves the beach, and tries to take in all the French movies and plays in the area. However, she has been busy with research work for her Doctor’s degree and is still writing a dissertation.

Miss Connolly enjoys the friendly, cooperative atmosphere at DHS, and the chance to have a lovely school and a fine system. NEIRAD extends a warm welcome to Miss Connelly and hopes that she finds DHS an enjoyable place to teach.
A LOOK AT THE POLLUTION PROBLEM

Very seldom do we think that the factories, industries, and transportation vehicles upon which we depend to make our lives comfortable, are aggravating one of our leading national problems, that of pollution. The automobile in which everyone travels to work, to school, and to the corner store contributes tremendously to the pollution in our nation, as well as in the world. Our rivers and lakes, necessary for the life and well being of our plants and animals, are the dumping grounds for waste products of chemical plants and factories. These plants and factories, which are creating our "miracle drugs" are also creating lethal gases into our atmosphere.

We too often take for granted the purity of the air, water, and land. It has been found in recent studies that mortality rates from emphysema are higher in the cities than in rural areas. Patients with chronic lung disease have had to leave their homes in Los Angeles because of the noxious effect of the contaminants in the air. Damage by smog has affected plant life in twenty seven states in the nation. In many metropolitan areas, eye irritations plague the public.

Air, water, and land contamination and their ensuing problems eventually will be dumped into the hands of the present youth. Our generation will be expected to study and to solve these serious problems. If we do intend to alleviate these problems, it will take the combined efforts of the people. However, we must be aware of the airborne conditions we are facing.

Each student should simply look around him at his beach, stores, and in the recreation areas surrounding these student gathering places.

These unsightly grounds, in addition to marring the beauty of the country, are damaging to public health. If our park and recreation areas are continually contaminated, there will be no green grassland or mountain land to be enjoyed by the public. The plant and animal growth will probably be curtailed. And how popular will the new filmed-on-location-movies, such as "Easy Rider", be with beer cans and cigarette boxes strewn on the roadways?

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STUDENT STUDIES POLLUTION IN DARIEN
By Sue Sherman
"Pollution is a major problem in the United States, which is only recently being discussed." Senior Sue Ratcliffe is one of the few DHS students currently working on the problem of Pollution. She is participating in the Independent Study program and will determine to what extent the waters of Darien are contaminated. Mr. Bajak is the faculty advisor for Sue’s Independent Study project. Mr. Vasquez, head of the Science Department, is helping Sue to learn to recognize different types of bacteria in water, to learn the techniques for handling bacteria and the staining techniques. Besides working on her Independent Study for two periods a day, Sue is the Darienites faculty co-editor, and she works after school and on Saturdays. While determining in what ways our water is polluted and how we can begin to clean it up, she is working on a committee to clean up the Senior Cafeteria.

"It was difficult to start my project at the beginning of the semester, because of the weather. However, now that the spring is coming and the weather is warmer, Sue can begin to collect samples and grow cultures of bacteria to analyze.

There is planned for April 22, a nationwide "Teach-in" concern pollution. This would be a day to awaken the community as to the detriment of pollution and to begin to do something about it. Sue’s findings may be used to show what extent Darien’s waters are contaminated.

Sue hopes that more people will become aware of the problems of pollution and the damage that it has caused and will continue to do so.

THE BLACK PANTHERS - A CONSTRUCTIVE ORGANIZATION
By Mike Sepe
It is fairly easy to create a feeling of paranoia towards a group such as the Black Panthers. However, America’s flattest foot, has said that the Panthers are the most dangerous subversive group in the country. They are accused of being violent and militant. Yet, out of 383 racial disorders last year, only 17 involved Panthers. They have set up break-fast programs in the ghetto areas of most major cities, where most kids don’t know what a morning meal tastes like. They have set up political classes to give the ghetto people an education in their rights as citizens. They are agitators for social changes that have been due the black man for over 100 years.

The power structure has responded abhorrently. Twenty-eight Panthers are dead, 19 of them killed by the cops. 300 are in jail on a variety of absurd charges.

This number includes party founder Huey Newton, convicted on 11. This will be a theatrical experience not to be missed.

THEATRE 308 WILL SHINE AGAIN
By Rick Johnson
Theatre goers, rejoice! A new Theatre 308 production is soon to come. "Arsenic and Old Lace" is a popular full-length comedy, will be the last production of the year, and promises to be one of the best ever.

The cast, under the direction of Mr. Jack Dublity and student director Dot Hotaling, is getting well under way toward giving a professional performance.

Abby and Martha, two of the sweetest little old ladies in show business, played by Jenny Beach and Mary Miller, head an all-star cast including Molly Seagrave, Dave Tirpack, Louis Belford, Tom Bonaparte, Jamey Brockhardt, and many other experienced and well-talented performers of the Darien stage.

An elaborate Victorian set is under construction, under the careful eye of Mr. James MacComb, from a design by Dave Tirpack. The hard working members of the stage crew, led by stage manager Richard Johnson, will again work to please the aesthetic tastes of the audience with the beauty and intricacy of this elaborate set.

On April 10 and 11, "Arsenic and Old Lace" will come to life for the lucky people who spent $1.50 for a glorious evening of light-hearted entertainment.

Committee chairmen are busily organizing the many tasks necessary for the successful completion of a major play. These hardy people are Anne Walkley—Publicity, Norene Close and Cyndy Hawkins—Make-up, Nancy O’Connell—Hand Props, Dave Tirpack—Furniture Props, Mary Lindsey and Patty Brown—Costumes, and Richard Jewett—Lighting.

Theatre 308 is working hard to strengthen its excellent reputation by a superb performance of "Arsenic and Old Lace" on the Darien High School stage on April 10 and 11. This will be a theatrical experience not to be missed.

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The Darien High School Track Team ran over Sleepy Hollow at Sleepy Hollow, New York, 65-31, on Thursday February, 19. The Blue ammassed their points by taking 9 out of 12 firsts, 5 seconds and 4 thirds.

The squad showed a great depth of distance runners as they swept both the 2 mile and the mile. Mike Fahey (mile) and Dan Franz (2 mile) broke the tape, Ed Swain (mile) and Bruce Jones (2 mile) finished second, and Kevin Leonard (mile) and George Hill (2 mile) completed the sweeps.

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The baseball season officially opened on Monday March 2nd, and true to its name, baseball was written in sharpie for the upcoming season, which promises to be an interesting one. Members of last year's squad who are returning include co-captains Con Die, Bob Brown, Kevin Lewis, John Vasone, and John Vasone, both of whom are hurlers and did a fine job last year when the team posted a...... record.

Juniors are Ned Farrington, Dave Pooler, Bruce Fryer, Jeff Yares, Dave Hieronymus, Mike Keane, Doug Lawrence, Ray Liebmann, Ed Mabry, Ralph Saverino, Jim Tarantino, John Vasone, N.E. Warren, and Tom Whelan.

Senior is Len Duda, Dennis Grimaldi, George Sposito, Pete Weith, Bob Bush, Ben Reuther, Bob Harrison, Howie Neuman and Doug Milne.

The Monday of vacation week we lost to Staples 2-1. This made it the State Tourney wish and left us with Brien McMahon to see who came home with almost all the awards. The team, despite a twenty-one point performance by Dave, Phil took another shot. That was the story fans. At 7:37 in the first period, Ron scored, assisted by Lindsey and Ricky. A minute later Mikolasy scored the second Darien goal unassisted. This gave the Wave a two goal lead until the second period when Tom Palambo scored the lone White Plains goal unassisted.

The outstanding Blue defending, Swede Hanson, Ace Mikolasy, Rob Morris, Don Harris and of course, Mr. Devendorf of the nets, staved off White Plains' attacks. Ending up the season Darien won the Playland Cup. I quote Ron Vernon, "Well maybe and hopefully we will get a crack at the title next year. Another important note: Next year will be our last in the Westchester League. We are looking forward to some good competition and I hope we can win the State Championship."