By JANE ADAMS and DON SMITH

Heffernan Views System, Offers Changes

By BILL JOHNSON

For the first time since the inception of the rotating schedule six years ago, a major plan has been proposed for systematic changes in Darien High School’s schedule and regulations. This plan is in the form of a series of suggestions offered to the Departmental Council by Gerald Heffernan, the Director of Guidance. Recently Neicola talked with Mr. Heffernan about what he would change and the reasons behind his suggestions.

Heffernan said that the school was brought home to Mr. Heffernan when he served on outside duty during the third quarter. “There are some common rules of respect which aren’t being followed,” said DHS. “Some teachers just accept what the student is told the student, even if he does not do what he is told.” There are also proposed changes in the schedule which are related to increased numbers of students and teachers. He added that he will expand the Career Exploration program. Mr. Heffernan has told the Departmental Council, “Frankly, my main concern is not the schedule. It is the atmosphere of the place, and the non-existence that I’ve seen around the school.”

Although there is some detail to Mr. Heffernan’s plans, they are not rigid. He has offered two alternate methods of rescheduling the school day, both of which would not remove rotations of periods. His preference is for the first, with a nine period day with classes all being forty minutes long. There would be no daily homeroom, open campus would be official, and lunch shifts would be replaced by an open lunch period which the student would have to schedule during the four teaching periods.

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Why A.P. Requirement?

This spring, as usual, many DHS students will take the various Advanced Placement Tests offered by the College Board. Although there are several courses offered by the school that would help in preparing for these tests, students have never been told to take any of the tests to fulfill requirements for a course, with one exception. Approximately seventy students enrolled in the two Advanced Placement English 4 classes will have to take the English A.P.

There are reasonable objections to this rule on almost every level of logic. Simply as a matter of fact, while the analytic style of the course will undoubtedly be of help to a student taking the A.P. test, the emphasis was primarily on the course's own content. It might better have been called "English Literature." Another matter of fact, students were not told that the test would be required until they were actually in the class in the first semester of this year. In its entirety, the 1973-74 Course Catalogue for English only said that "this is an advanced placement course.

Legally, the school has no right to make students and/or their parents pay for a required part of the curriculum offering. The administration and other school officials are always quick to point out that Driver Education is a special course and to explain its academic and financial contributions; in contrast, A.P. English is definitely part of the ordinary English Department curriculum and receives no special treatment. Some funds may become available for those who demonstrate financial need in order to pay for their testing, but the vast majority of students are expected to scrape up a few of their own.

Philosophically, it seems unfair to force students to take an exam over which school authorities have no control and in which they have no voice. Is the grade a student receives on the exam expected to be included in the student's record? Does the school have any right to know how a student did on the test? The relationship between the test and the course has never been explained (or apparently understood) by the school administration and the English Department, who can or will not even say what the school will do if a student fails to take the test. Neirad therefore feels the requirement concerning the test should be dropped. Students, both in and out of this class, will remain free to take the test if they wish (as many in the two A.P. classes have done). It is not always fair to the student when the requirement was made. If a student fails to take the test, neither will it have an effect in its withdrawal. Certainly the main reason for taking the test has always been the content as presented by Christopher Adams and, so long as Mr. Adams remains at the High School so will the attraction of this class. If the test requirement is dropped, the only other needed change will be in name—from Advanced Placement English 4 to English Lit.

Yellow Card Makes Students Blue

At the beginning of the year, some students bought yellow activity cards, paying double the price (some for the discount for the discounted school-sponsored activity). Neirad is interested to find out how many cardholders have, as one of our staffers found out, been rigidly enforcing the rule that ticket sellers in the cafeteria are not to sell activity cards to obtain a discount at coffeehouses, Theater 308 productions, "Concerts," school dances (not sponsored by a class) or any type of sports event, and had it rejected.

It has been the experience of our Managing Editor that with the exception of sporting events, presentation of the yellow card does not serve any purpose in receiving the advertised discount. A student not interested in ticket sellers that ticket sellers in the cafeteria are not to sell activity cards to obtain a discount at coffeehouses, Theater 308 productions, "Concerts," school dances (not sponsored by a class) or any type of sports event, and had it rejected.

Perhaps forced attendance was the reason the rule was enforced. Two girls I saw had to kiss a teacher; several people responded that they have been told that they cannot use their yellow card for a reason they don't understand. Neirad's advice is that a student in this situation would be wise to approach the faculty member who is enforcing the rule and start a conversation. Neirad's advice is that a student in this situation would be wise to approach the faculty member who is enforcing the rule and start a conversation. Neirad's advice is that a student in this situation would be wise to approach the faculty member who is enforcing the rule and start a conversation. Neirad's advice is that a student in this situation would be wise to approach the faculty member who is enforcing the rule and start a conversation.
Seniors Slip? By ANDY WALWORTH

There exists for every man a span of life when things once clear seem cloudy, when every aspect of his heretofore existence bears examination and evaluation. One becomes indolent and bored. The future seems threatening, the past, a joke. Modern Man has labelled this special period "The Senior Slump." Not quite a psychotic disease, nor a physical illness, senior slump is merely a bog in the road of life, which must be stepped over by most senior students.

Senior slump stems from a basic insecurity about one's future. For the first time, we do not know where we will be six months from now. College is both a challenge and a cop-out. For most Darien students, it is the obvious, if not easiest, route to take. However, four years at another institution in 10 years is difficult. One does not sound all that appealing. The "real world" beckons, while academia promises to fulfill all dreams in the future.

Spring that leaves some of the blame for senior inactivity. To quote one noted educator, "The more warmer it gets, the more they forgets." (He didn't teach English.) Indeed, sunny skies and green grass are not the best surroundings for grunting.

Traditionally, senior slump begins immediately following mid-year exams. One by one, seniors fall from the lofty path of education into the quagmire below. As college notification time approaches, more students take the plunge, as it seems too late for even desperate attempts at raising one's G.P.A. Following notifications, a senior either gets into a school, goes to work, or decides he really wanted to be a rock 'n roll star, anyway.

With the future now secure, senior slump becomes a much pleasanter rut to be in. No longer plagued by stomach knots and inner...

Booze News Part II: Neirad’ Staffers Take Bar Exam By THE STAFF

As part of its continuing series on local taverns, Neirad has sampled more bars with the following findings:

Editor's Note: Neirad warns that it is illegal to buy or attempt to buy liquor or any alcoholic beverage if you are not of majority age. It is also illegal to use someone else's identification to order or order one of your own. Neirad does not advocate breaking any of these laws.

Heritage

We began our investigation in one of the more well-lighted drinking establishments in the area. The Heritage, located at 43 Baldwin Ave. in New Canaan. Decorated in sparse bathroom Colonial, the Heritage dishes up food in addition to liquor. At about eight o'clock, the waitresses start driving and at one table talking near the kitchen. They usually ignore the customers unless several people in a group stare directly at them. As the evening wears on, the food and service wear out. Apparently something about the old crooks in the kitchen, the snotty bantam, the pool tables in the bar and the acceptable drinks attracts a large, devoted clientele. Drinks are not over-powering, but reasonably priced at $1. Beer is 50 cents a bottle or 50 by the pitcher. Occasionally there is a passable band which does live up the saloon enough to make it worth a trip to New Canaan.

Pierre's

Pierre's may be nice people there, the drinks are reasonable priced; the service remarkable — we don't know. Furthermore, we don't care. After no more than 25 seconds inside Pierre's, squelched into the alley between 37 and 39 Elm St. in New Canaan, we had an overwhelming urge to take another look at the outside. This place is strictly for the needy, middle aged, and unemployed. Try it in thirty years. Yuck.

Fat Tuesday's

While Fat Tuesday's is indistinguishable from a large can of grade "A" sardines on Entertainment consists of pushing dimes more Shops and it sounds good. It is "alcoholic," is not a majority says that the car has gone Magnificent, but it sounds good.

IF YOU...
Drivers Dream of Swinging Season

By TODD BURGER

The DHS Golf Team has been practicing very hard to try to repeat last year’s excellent spring season. Once again with talented juniors and sophomores, the team is optimistic about another winning season. Whether they will do as well as last year’s team, which only lost two matches during regular season play while posting seventeen wins, remains to be seen.

The team suffered heavy losses due to graduation, but returning is one of last year’s starring trivia, Bill SanFan And, and other senior stars, Chip Harrington, Rob Gess, and Ken Serrin.

The lone returnee from last year’s squad is senior Rob Byler, who will captain the team this year. Rob will try to supply the leadership and experience necessary to put the team on a winning course.

The three remaining positions on the varsity squad are open. Due to the large turnout of players, there are numerous possibilities trying to occupy the open positions.

Greg Honner, a senior, juniors Peter Conley, Lee Smith (who has been playing exceptionally well) and John Dugdale and sophomores Tony Zangrillo and Allen Kirkley appear to have the best chances at these positions, but nothing is definite.

All things considered, this will probably be a year of learning for the Wave golfers.

With Rob Byler providing a steadying influence on the flock of newcomers, look for强 performances in the middle and long distance are Al Dragone, Doug Roberts, Lee Brissette and Ken Dehshirbe. The team will need consistent performances from the returnees if it is going to have a better season this year.

The strong field events this year should be the javelin, site where Al Dragone, Jay Byler, and John Rooney will throw the javelin. Rob ingram, Ricki Rasey, Mike Monahan and Greg Killings are the team’s shotputters. The discuss competitors are Steve Infante, Gary McDaniel, Rob Ingram and John Rooney.

The pole vaulters are Scott McArthur, Walter Dorrill, Kim Bailey, Peter Cuthrell, Steve Bianco and Steve Infante. The high jumpers are John Bohannon and Paul Hendry, the long jumpers and triple jumpers are Walter Dorrill, John McLean, Jay Byler, Steve Roste and John Bohannon.

Once again returning letterman in the field events will have to finish consistently well in their events for the team to win. Jay Byler, John Bohannon, John Rooney, Ricki Rasey and Rob Ingram are the returners who will have to lead their team in these events.

When interviewed, Coach Jaiden Battine stated “this year’s team has really great potential. But we’ve been badly hurt by the cold weather in that our boys haven’t been able to train the way we would have liked.”