Awaiting their departure to Spain on April 18 are: Hovey Freeman (kneeling), Cathy Schuster, Diane Algieri, Becca Need; (second row) Spanish teacher Claire Biagini, Jill Dichiario, Patty Iorio, Gill Bernardo, June Haselton, and John DeCesare. The group, organized by Miss Biagini, will begin its sojourn from Modrini, (Irons) via Jim Clark.

Senior Exempt From Exam Schedule

By MISSY MCMAHON

Because of the "innocent assumption" made by the Senior Class Council about the date for graduation, based on what Mr. Catania terms the "unofficial" yellow schedule, seniors will be excused from the final exam schedule, but not necessarily from final exams, this year.

By recommendation of the Senior Class Council and "in deference to their concerns" the faculty departments and Mr. Catania "went along" with the request that seniors be excused from the final exam schedule. "Once the seniors brought the problem to my attention I encouraged them to touch all the bases necessary to have a favorable decision made — namely Friday the thirteenth," said Mr. Catania. "For the senior representatives with whom I spoke did find this decision intriguing and convincing — and deserve a heck of a lot of credit." Mr. Catania continued, "However, this will be a one-year arrangement only, and it will not be repeated in the future."

Seniors will not necessarily be excused from taking exams. Special arrangements may be decided upon by the various departments. Whatevet seniors are responsible for, such as a final project or a final exam taken in a regular class period, will take place before June 13. Sophomores and juniors will still be required to follow an exam schedule which will start before the thirteenth and continue after the thirteenth. Mr. Catania stated this was because otherwise there would have been four extra days between the end of exams and the official close of school, under the yellow schedule.

Faculty reaction was somewhat mixed. Continued on page 2.

Spring Weekend Boots Spirit

By M.J. JONES

Commentary

Spring Carnival '75 seemed to be victorious over the traditional aptly surounding DHS activities. The Easter Egg Hunt was a success if you were lucky enough to find a "golden" egg. Among the winners were Hilary Free of the English Department, who won a $10 gift certificate to Mac.Mahon, and Jonathan Dahl, who unearthed a "golden" egg. Among the winners were Hilary Free of the English Department, who won a $10 gift certificate to Mat.Mahon, and Jonathan Dahl, who unearthed a "golden" egg. Among the winners were Hilary Free of the English Department, who won a $10 gift certificate to Mat.Mahon, and Jonathan Dahl, who unearthed a "golden" egg. Among the winners were Hilary Free of the English Department, who won a $10 gift certificate to Mat.Mahon, and Jonathan Dahl, who unearthed a "golden" egg.

The graduating classes have been very successful at organizing events to bring their school spirit to the forefront.

On The Field

Graduation will again take place out side on the football field, but this year the problem of the shortage of extra seats will hopefully be alleviated by extra chairs. However, the number of guests each graduate may invite (and uninvited) will be limited to four, depending on how many extra seats can be obtained. The class song chosen for this year is "We May Never Pass This Way Again" and will be sung at some point during the exercises by a group of interested seniors who have come to the formations.

The traditional reception after graduation will again be held in the gym, hosted by the junior class parents.

Friday 13 To Be Lucky Day For Seniors

By MISSY MCMAHON

Although graduation is still two months away, Karyn Ward and Anna Liske are chairpersons of this year's graduation activities have already started planning for Friday, June 13.

Richard Harper, a former Darien educator, will be the commencement speaker this year. Mr. Harper, Coordinator of Social Studies for the Stamford Public School System, is looking forward to coming back and speaking to the seniors, many of whom he had as students. He has not yet decided upon the focus of his speech, but he plans to meet with a group of seniors to discuss specific topics they would like him to speak on. "I would, of course, really given me an open door concern­ ing what I talk about. I'll try to do something that will be interesting to them."

Richard C. Harper
Graduation Date Resolved

Recently, there has been much confusion about the dates for graduation and final exams. Perhaps the mix up over the dates is due to an "official" calendar that had been distributed. However, it didn't seem obvious to assume that this was the case. For the gala commencement ceremony to be held June 13 is an exam day. June 13 is shown as the last Friday on the school calendar for seniors and, since exams will be over at this time, it seemed likely that graduation would take place that day.

The commencement date was set on March 13 with an exam for seniors occurring in the preceding week. Junior and sophomore finals will continue through the next week. This extension for lower classmen is necessary because of the fact that there are four school days after graduation. If exams are given at this time, it is logical to assume that attendance for these extra days would be minimal.

This arrangement, with senior finals first, will necessarily put some strain on the various departments as they try to schedule exams for seniors during regular class times. (It should be noted that finals for the department or teacher?)

However, since there is a great deal of inconvenience for the teachers, the June 13 graduation date is desirable since many seniors have already made plans dependent on this date. We will meet the learning style of the students. The plan of studies at Darien High School takes into account the needs and interests of the students. Teaching methods will be designed to make the learning style of the student, and learning activities would emerge from student-teacher planning sessions.

The classroom would be used as a base, heavy emphasis would be placed on the student to use guest speakers, community involvement, student leadership, and independent study as tools for learning.

Subjects requiring sequential study, such as mathematics, may necessitate small group or one-on-one sessions with a gra-
ditional classroom. However, certain areas of interest such as music, they might be pursued by field work or affiliation with community organizations or institutions. Students in this program would be able to elect some courses in one established program as well; for example, studio art courses, music, power mechanics, or a foreign language.

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By SUSAN LANE

The "rational answer to our problems," according to Lument Harris, member of the Communist Party of Connecticut, is communism. Mr. Harris spoke to about 150 students Friday, March 31, about communism in relation to Russia and the United States. This was the first speech in the "America Coming of Age" lecture series.

Mr. Harris spoke twenty minutes about his background and Russian society under communism. His lecture was filled with anecdotes about the Russian people and his experiences, and he also compared Russian social and political structure with that of the United States.

The lecture was later discussed in several social studies classes. William Jacobs, chairman of the Social Studies Department, indicated that students expressed concern in these discussions that Mr. Harris had glossed over such incidents as the extermination of the middle class farmers during Stalin's attempt at collectivization in agriculture.

"Students saw him as a highly idealistic man who takes his principles from the Party and is willing to change when the Party changes," Dr. Jacobs said.

Also, grunting from Harvard, Mr. Harris is now running into enormous purpose, is now running into resistance.

Concerning these hearings Mr. Harris declined to that of just an "expert." It was shattered during the McCarthy era. A person shouldn't be embarrassed to ask for help.

The "America Coming of Age" lecture series is an "attempt to expose students to a wide range of positions as possible on the political spectrum" according to Dr. Jacobs, coordinator of the series. The series is also the result of the work of Project Reason, a committee set up by Salvatore Catania, DHS principal.

The seminar views of alcohol aspects by GARRY LEONARD "Alcoholism is not a moral issue. There should be no stigma of shame or guilt in saying that you have a drinking problem. A person shouldn't be embarrassed to ask for help.

The comment came from John Neilkirk, leader and organizer of the seminar held at Darien High School the week of March 31 through April 4. In a recent Norical interview, Mr. Neilkirk discussed many of the different aspects of alcoholism as well as the objectives and goals of the seminar. He conducted.

Mr. Neilkirk is connected with the National Council on Alcoholism, which sponsored the seminar.

"Often students have the wrong idea about the seminar. The speakers presented in the seminar are not coming to preach about alcohol, to say it's bad or that students shouldn't drink. We want to present objective facts about drinking and alcoholism and then allow the people in the audience to make their own choices about alcohol and how they are going to use it."

One in Five "One out of five persons has direct contact with an alcoholic. The non-drinker should have a general knowledge of the subject for this reason alone. People should know where to go to talk if they know someone with a drinking problem. If they try to cope with it alone, things will only get worse.

"It's hard to say whether some teenagers are turning from drugs to alcohol, or even if teenage alcoholism is on the rise. It's not something you can gauge easily. One reason that teenage alcoholism may appear to be increasing is that gradually teenagers are realizing that having a problem with alcohol is not immoral or shameful, and they're coming forth to seek help in greater numbers."

A Disease, Mr. Neilkirk stated that alcoholism should be considered a disease in much the same way as diabetes is considered one.

"The factors that will cause a person to become an alcoholic are not, as yet, fully understood. With some people their metabolism is such that from their first drink they will progress into alcoholism, while others develop a physical and psychological dependency on alcohol with continuous use over a long period of time. When someone becomes an alcoholic it does not mean that he is mentally unstable or lacking in will power. No one wants to be an alcoholic."

The seminar, which this year involved 21 speakers and by the fourth day had attracted over 1500 students, teachers, and parents may be presented at the High School on an annual basis.

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St. Neots, Secondary Schools In England

"I had the best three days of my life because I was able to be my own boss and regulate my own work," states Chris Anderson in reference to her recent Independent Study project in England. For six weeks, Chris studied the English Secondary School System (English secondary schools are the equivalent of American high schools.)

"Their school system is entirely different," Anderson said, "it's based on brainy and social class. In English public schools (which are private schools in America) students have to make an early decision as to what they're going to do with their lives. Their education is more concentrated at an early age. Chris found, for instance, many 15 year olds who had already taken four years of French.

"Everyone takes learning very seriously...as the only way to get anywhere is to learn. Things are universal, as, even in England, the best students of the highest school level in the world, not just in England, were attending public schools. They were able to learn about social aspects of English society.

"The big thing is dancing," either in concerts or at parties. "There's not really a lot of drinking or drug use in England."

Aspen

Another I.S. project this year was a trip to Aspen, Colorado, for six and a half weeks by Carol Murphy. The trip was basically a learning and observing situation as a city dealing with growth and population. Carol Murphy said that Aspen is fearful of turning into another Los Angeles and is anxious to preserve its history. She researched the problems and interviewed local officials and citizens.

"I learned a lot more in Aspen than I would have if I had stayed in school here. I learned more about how to survive and live on my own," Carol remarked. When she asked if she thought the project was worthwhile, Carol replied, "a lot of people should get away for a project so you learn about your own limits and you grow up a lot. You learn what is important for yourself, not what from people tell you."
Theatre 308 Applies New Dimensions To 'Alice'

By BOB JEFFERSON

Alice In Wonderland, the second production this season for Theatre 308, was unique in many ways. For the first time in a long time, there were sets — all well executed to say the least. Another innovation for 308 was fully orchestrated music. This is not to say that Alice Is Wonderland was a musical, but it is a step in the right direction.

The plot involves an overtly surreal turn and made it work. It started as a slow ball with Alice chattering to her cat (who, incidentally, held her composure quite well, and once she washed through the looking glass, the audience experienced a quick series of crescendos and decrescendos. There were hardly a few split seconds of calm between each scene before the pacing jumped again along with the well-arranged music.

The highbrow standards of Theatre 308 held especially strong in this production. In a cast the size of this one there are normally not enough good actors to fill all of the parts. With only one exception there were no weak performances. Of course the whole cast was superlative, and there is not enough room to mention them all. Number one, of course, was Julie Huffer. Miss Huffer carried off one of the most difficult roles she has imagined by a playwright and alone through with girlish poise and demeanor. The red and white queens, played by Robin Young and Barbara Gray respectively, were the epitome of eccentric well-to-do breeding. Humpfrey, a well known character to us, was given a delightful "old codger" image by Brian Donofee.

To round out my list of notables, there is John Cannon as the ever-complaining White Rabbit. Kathy Kiyano excited as the Duchess with her offset mottos and points of view. Last, but not least, there were two that acted as one. Tweedledum and Tweedledoom, played by Trudie tenbrook and Nancy Nichols, together were a comedy sensation. Their speeches and expressions were great, and incidentally, so was the puppet show.

Among the curious characters Alice (Julie Huffer, second from right) met in Wonderland during Theatre 308's production are (left to right) the grimacing Cheshire (Debbie Carter), the seeress (Kathy Kiyano), and the crazy chef (Jeff Allen). (Photo by Jim Clark)

Tom Labo's piano blended with every line of speech in the most perfect way. The whole orchestra did much for the mood of the show while not being so obvious. Sometimes was confining to the two acrobats, Patty Malone and Tracy Tobin.

Special indulgences should be extended to the various people who brought this show to life, namely, Stephen Taylor for his excellent musical arrangements, Marcy Pierpoint for the very fluid choreography, and of course, the man who put it all together with a touch of class, director Craig Matheson.

'Neird' Naps

By PAUL NEWMAN AND ROBERT REDFORD

Editor's Note: It is illegal to attempt to obtain this interview from the author of the original story. The interview was conducted with Paul Newman and Robert Redford in their home in the small town of Westport. Our first stop was the highly regarded Zodiac. Entering the bar, we were greeted with a $2.00 cover charge. Not knowing any of the predominantly long-haired clientele, we were asked for a drink. Once again, we were served Heineken. Upon investigating the menu, we found that the drinks down. Not wishing to pass up the opportunity, we ordered nothing but the finest, most authentic, the plot is unconventional. The purpose of a film of this kind is to capture and hold the audience's interest and to move them emotionally. The audience succeeds on both counts, but it is the means by which it achieves this success that is especially unique among current films. Polanski does not pander to the new-standard expectation of sex, violence and sentimentality, but rather weaves a complex web of intrigue and emotion. There are no superficial scenes here, no superhuman chase scenes, no unaccounted for bed scenes added to the sole purpose of keeping the folks in their seats. Every action has a logical purpose, every character a past and a motivation. Chinatown is a victory of the truth and taste over sensationalism.

The story, set in the smoky-chic atmosphere of 1937 Los Angeles, revolves around the murder of the Los Angeles Water Company due to the efforts of a group of wealthy retirees who are out to monopolize the city's precious water supply. Faye Dunaway, who plays the deceased's wife, inadvertently hires J.J. Gidde's (Jack Nicholson), a small-time private detective, to help solve her husband's mysterious death. Together, they set off on a chase that finds them uncovering layer by layer, a scandal more complex and far reaching than any of them had imagined.

Jack Nicholson, as J.J. Gidde's, has molded an interesting and believable character. He isn't an idealistic anti-corruption crusade. He is just an ordinary guy "trying to do a job" who happens to stumble upon a huge scandal. The part of Mrs. Mulwray is superbly cast and played here by Faye Dunaway. Dunaway perfectly fills the role of the rich, bitchy and altering femme fatale. She supplies just the right amounts of arrogant self-assurance and vulnerability that the role requires. John Huston's performance as Dunaway's father is a horrifying depiction of ominous lurking evil. Chinatown lends an authentic atmosphere to the story. The viewer can sense the struggle for prosperity against the drought and the receded depression. Polanski's manner of telling his story is the key to what makes the film work. All of the ingredients are present, but each place is numerous and varied. There are the Oriental shuffle and the best songs that tell us where, and the pictures of F.D.R., the two dollar bill and the social security card in the dead woman's wallet to tell us when the action is taking place.

Just as the characters are believable and thoughtfully played and the setting is authentic and well-realized, the film is trivied and intelligent. There is a logical sequence of events leading to a situation where the question is left unanswered. It is worthwhile to note that of the four dead people shown in the film, only one was shown actually being killed or dying, and that this case had a dramatic purpose in the ending.

The ending is a masterpiece of tragedy, evil and chaos. Polanski has shown us the dark, ugly side of life. The truth, the stark reality, is that man's greed doesn't always triumph over evil as we have been taught. Whether or not one may find Chinatown's ending overly pessimistic is irrelevant. The point is that Polanski's job as an artist is to make people aware of life's realities, good and bad, even if he must shock some people or turn some heads.

Note: Chinatown will play at the Post Cinema in Westport April 23-39. (Take exit 18 off turnpike, Go to the Post Road. Turn right.)

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Nelson Resigns As Girls' Coach

By JULIE HENDRICKSON

History was made last year as math teacher George Nelson took the job as coach of the girls' basketball team. At the end of the 72-73 season, Mr. Strominger, then coach of the team, resigned. No one applied for the coaching job so Mr. Nelson volunteered.

Asked why he took the job, Mr. Nelson said, "I couldn't work with the j.v. until the girls got out of the gym. It meant I was sitting around from 2:45 until 4:15 with nothing to do. Also, I thought it would be fun."

Mr. Nelson was made a legend as the first male coach of a girls' sport at Darien High School. Well, the legend was short-lived as he has resigned his girl-coaching responsibilities after two seasons.

The girls were taught the fundamentals of the game and learned to improve their skills in front of Mr. Nelson's enthusiastic and consistent coaching.

"The only problem with this feeling is that I have shot put and javelin. I really have high hopes for this season," commented Rosemarie Joosten, head coach for the girls' track team, in a recent Neirad interview.

The Darien High School Girls' Track Team has opened its season with daily practices, and it is working hard under the direction of Coach Joosten and Assistant Coach Billington. The team consists of 30 dedicated girls, many of whom have experienced some measure of success in previous seasons. Many of the sophomores previously participated in winter track and their experience and conditioning will benefit the team. "The addition of the winter track opportunity will certainly improve our record," added Coach Joosten.

Although the girls' first meet isn't until May 2 against Wilson (away), captains Kathy Levey and Ellie Frances-Pagliarulo have pointed for workouts with verbal for a month, and the girls are getting into optimum shape.

Linksters Show Depth And Experience

By MATT CLINTON

The DHS linksters are looking forward to another successful season this year under the reigns of veteran coach Navio Ottavi.

"With the addition of Castles, the power of Smith, and the experience of Kirkley and myself the Counties and the States are going to be no problem," says confident captain Peter Conley. He added, "The only problem with this year's squad is that there are not enough spots on the team for all the raw, young, blue-chip talent we possess." Battling for a possible position on the varsity foursome and making up the J.V. squad will be Steve Muller, Brad Irwin, Tony Zangrillo, Jerry Birn, Lark Toman, and Tony "the chip" Totillo.

"Strong competition this year will be arch-rivals New Canaan on April 28. This year's schedule is composed of 15 matches, ten of which are at Darien, in a grueling 30-day span. Tough competition this year will be Greenwich, New Canaan and Trumbull."

Winter Sports Honors

Hockey — Captains: Matt Clinton, Peter Romano; MVP: Bill Vernon
Basketball — Captain: Paul Sellew; MVP: Paul Sellew
Skiing — Captain: Jeff Armstrong
Wrestling — Captain: Dave Siak, Joe Lombardo; MVP: Sal Ferraiuolo
Winter Track — Captain: Peter Bonanno, Lynn Ellison, Tom Rollins; MVP: Chris Fogar
Gymnastics — Captains: Joe Pagliarulo, Anthony Tottoli; MVP: Joe Pagliarulo
Girls' Gymnastics — Captain: Winky Ward, Aniola Hammer; MVP: Winky Ward
Girls' Basketball — Captain: Bev Flowers, Katharine Bellstock; MVP: Team.
Himebauch Quits Football Post

by TODD BURGER

Amid mixed reactions from the people in our fair town and from players and students themselves, Jack Himebauch has resigned as head football coach at Darien High School.

His abrupt departure ends a six-year reign in the post he held, and it leaves the football team in the air this spring and possibly next season until a replacement is appointed.

As for reasons for his leaving, Mr. Himebauch stated, "There were a number of people who felt I had not reached the goals they had projected for me, and I felt I continued as coach at Darien the pressure on myself, my family, the coaches and the team would make the situation difficult. That’s not what I am looking for."

What these goals are is not too clear because even Mr. Himebauch says he doesn’t know. Other reasons for his departure included his relationship with the players on the team, and some parents reactions to this and the over-coaching abilities.

"I feel I have gained the respect of the players, and that the program has benefited, and I have had the opportunity to work with an outstanding group of young men in six years, and a fine group of coaches.

Tennis Teams Set High Goals For ’75

By A. YOUNG AMERICAN

and SALLY FLY

"With hard work and good team spirit, Darien will be a top contender for league, county, and state honors," predicted second-year boys' tennis coach George Sylker. The Blue Wave has the top five varsity numbers returning from last season’s 10 team along with several promising sophomores who indeed gives the tennis team a decided advantage this year’s dynasty.

Crash Whitting, Jeff Lynch, Steve Franklin, Chase Ashley and John Dahi are all varsity lettermen from last year and will be competing with seniors Chris Fenichall and Bob Harford for the five "singles positions."

Darien opens the season on Monday, April 28, at Trumbull and faces county champion Rippowam two days later. "The toughest competition this year will be New Canaan (undefeated in three years) and Wilton," commented Coach Sylker. Wilton’s number one player, Tom Mott, was state champion as a junior and will try to retain his crown this year.

"The team will have to become more understanding, with each of the players contributing to the success of the team. It will be a team effort, and all the players will have to contribute," explained captain Steve Franklin.

Commentary

A coach is asking these things having to make decisions that will affect the outcome of the game in front of hundreds of witnesses, in seconds, while the players watching all the time in the world to analyze it and be critical. In my three years I did not agree with Mr. Himebauch’s decisions all the time. But I respected him for his opinions and for his openness and frankness with the players, and I hope I will have the opportunity to see him leave in these circumstances.

Girls’ Tennis

From a try-out group of 52, Rebecca Strominger, girls’ tennis coach, is making the final selections for a team of 17, consisting of five singles players and six doubles pairs.

Coach Strominger termed the outlook for the season “bright,” noting that singles looked “very, very strong.” Two sophomores have infiltrated the top four rankings, Katie McManus in the number one spot and Libby Pierpont at number two. Returning seniors Inez Janicki, Marnazouk is presently ranked third with Leslie Milne in fourth position.

"Doubles are still a question mark," says Ms. Strominger, “as doubles teams 1,2,5 were wiped out, either by graduation or by partner changes.” She termed the combinations of Trudie ten-Brooke and Jane Adams, Julie Henriksson and Katharine Bullock, Lisa LeBancos and Kathy Mallin, and Mavy McMahons and Donna Burns, as “strong.” Sophomores Laurie Tittman and Louise Morris, Christie Beckwith and Joan Morgan, and Nancy Spellbrick and Bebe Herbert are also “promising.”

The female netters start their 12-match season on April 30 with a home confrontation with Rippowam. Greenwich should be our next year, but we have very few critics. In the three remaining coaches, Michael Sykes, Del Maute, and William Breaze.

New Faces Join Baseball Team

By LARRY CUSACK

Another year of DHS baseball is about to get under way.

Once again, the team will be under the leadership of George Nelson and his assistant coach, Bob Augustine. This year’s team has a difficult task to achieve in trying to equal last year’s fine record of 16-5, which placed Darien second in the county only behind a tough Greenwich squad.

Due to the graduation of many starting seniors and the loss of Charlie Stan-

sen-Dash and Jay Stetser, who are both attending private schools, the baseball team will consist of many new players on the varsity, Sal Ferraina, Jeff Fitzpatrick, and John Wright are the only returning lettermen to this year’s squad. However, this year’s team has a lot of potential as many juniors and seniors are coming up from the junior varsity.

Some of the strong points so far on the team include good pitching and strong defense. The pitching will be split among Jeff Fitzpatrick, Paul Sellev, Dave “the cat” Catino, and Bob “boom” Moran. Moran’s role as starting pitcher is explained by the team’s great depth in nearly every position. Sal Ferraina, captain, commented that "some of the weaknesses the team seems to have right now are lack of togetherness, and the hitting is not really developed yet." But he continued, "As the season progresses, things will start to jell, and we should have a good ball club again this year." Some of the other teams in the FCIAC that Sal figures should give Darien some trouble are Greenwich, New Canaan, and Stamford, because they have a lot of experienced players coming back.

Darien opened up the season at home against Staples on April 14, and then was at home again on the sixteenth against Greenwich. (Results of these two games are not available at press time.)