Soph Cupids To Deliver Love Buds
By MATT NICHOLS

By TONY DERBYSHIRE

Junior Achievement, an international foundation financed by businesses and individuals, has come to Darien and judging by its early success, it's here to stay.

The purpose of this organization is to acquaint the interested high school student with some of the major functions of the business world. Financial responsibility is one of its foundations.

Junior Achievement's company here in Darien, JADCO, meets on Wednesday nights at Midtown Junior High School. To advise students on how to run their business in an economically sound manner, local businessmen volunteer their time to help. JADCO's adult advisors are William Evans, Michael Caputo, Peter Corbet and Art Shoelster. William Brashe, business education teacher at DHS, acts as JADCO's liaison with the high school.

JADCO pursues the same goal as any other business, and that goal is profit. One way JADCO is trying to acquire capital is through production and sales of products. Their first product, which is a trivet (hot plate), has been recorded high sales at its current price of $3.50 a piece. Other products which JADCO plans to sell are car emergency lights and t-shirts.

JADCO recently held a school-wide survey to gather data. On February 9, the sophomore class will be sponsoring the annual Carnival Day. During this love-filled event over 600 carnations will be delivered to anxious romance seekers. Early in the morning before school on the ninth, the sophomores working on Carnival Day will go to a nearby floral shop and pick up all the carnations that will be delivered during homeroom period by little cups. At these predawn hours, the busy cupids—actually sophomores in disguise—will be frantically sorting carnations and messages to be delivered to already determined love poets.

If love has been knocking at your door, by spending $7.50 on a big carnation for your sweetheart, you might just trip the light fantastic.

Orders for your carnation will be taken during lunch shifts outside the cafeteria for a whole week before the sale. While you're ordering that special carnation, you commented that "I really love the suggestions that X-period could be held earlier in the morning before school because I realize that eventually I will be sponsoring the annual Carnival Day. I've seen how many people have crushes on the wonderful things that go with it."

The three vice presidents of JADCO include one each for sales, personnel, and production. As vice president of sales, Caroline McKenna is responsible for buying and ordering JADCO products. Jeanne Gavula, vice president of production, supervises the quality of the products produced. She is also involved in the research and development of new products. Attendance is recorded by Chris Aymar, vice president of personnel. Since JADCO competes with other Junior Achievement companies in Stamford for the highest attendance, Chris must compute the percentage of members who attend each meeting.

Of X-Period To Increase Business Time

By JOHN REICHART and MATT MALEY

All clubs and activities which have met during X-periods in the past can no longer count on a regularly scheduled period. Why? In an effort to give the student body more class time, the Board of Education has approved, in a five - to three decision, a modified seven - out-of-eight - period schedule involving the dropping of the weekly X-period on a trial basis for the second semester. Also excluded, but for the next school year, is the ten - minute homeroom period. Homeroom will be eliminated, though, only if a new method of taking attendance is developed, according to Donald Bobb, DHS principal.

Superintendent of Schools Joseph Porter, who is in favor of the new schedule, stated, "We have to give it a try to see what it will do, and if necessary, improve upon it the next school year." Dr. Porter's decision was based on his belief that "the school day does not begin at eight and end at three." He feels the high school as being responsible for providing student activities, yet not necessarily during those hours.

Supporting Dr. Porter's view, board member Raymond Dobrowek felt that "any student who is really pursuing an activity or interest, is going to go out and do it anyway" regardless of if the activity is held during X-period.

Other board members in favor of the new schedule pointed out that most, if not all, other area schools maintain clubs and activities without the existence of a weekly X-period.

Board member Lawrence Zimmerman, who was opposed to the new schedule, argued that "those who are athletes or part-time workers should have the opportunity to be involved in activities."

Yet Mr. Zimmerman emphasized that he is open to any schedule that puts effective use to "the amount of time someone spends in front of a teacher."

Another idea was expressed by board secretary Enid Orman, who suggested that X-period could be held during the school day, but in the morning. Mrs. Orman pointed out the necessity to take off at the end of the day too much for some students. On the other hand, she felt an after -school X - period might be more advisable since a "late bus" for students may be even more effective.

In the meantime, Mr. Robbins has taken a school -wide survey to gather "supportive data" about students' interests and ideas concerning X - period. He has also directed Assistant Principal Gerald Coulombe to organize and lead a committee of students and faculty who will investigate other options to our present method of taking homeroom attendance. If homeroom is dropped along with the X - period, it would bring Darien High's average class time up to that of other area schools.

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Board Resolution Creates New Problems

It is true that slightly less time is spent in class at DHS than in other Fairfield County high schools. It is also true that the S.A.T. scores of DHS math students have declined over the years slightly more sharply than the national score, and our popular belief, the school's members were favorable to making a change. The Darien Taxpayers' Association would have us believe that this somewhat sharp decline is due to a lack of effort on our part, and what they believe to be a more efficient change in verbal scores are not only attributable to the eight-day module schedule including homeroom and X-period.

The Taxpayers' Association relied heavily for its conclusions on the fact that the scores of graduating classes of 1971-74 (the 1971 class was the first to graduate after three years of the new schedule) decreased more sharply than the national norm. It is a common misconception that the elimination of X-period will add 3.3 minutes to every class. The elimination of X-period will only add 1.3 minutes to every class; 3.3 minutes will only be added if and when X-period and homeroom are eliminated. The board's solution will not improve the quality of education nor raise S.A.T. scores. On the contrary, it will create new problems.

The addition of the minutes to each class is so ridiculous as to invade laughter. Most students' attention span lasts at the maximum forty minutes; with this extra time, students will learn nothing. The board's charge that we do not have enough class time compared to other area schools is false. New Canaan High begins at 8:05 and ends at 2:15 and has a smoking lounge with open campus.

Many students will be unable to participate in extra-curricular activities. A gain of 3.3 minutes per class will do little to improve the quality of education at DHS. In fact, it may hinder it as many students use X-period to get extra help from teachers. Rather than improve the quality of education at DHS, the role of eliminating X-period will be a decrease in activities enrollment.

Very few students attended the meeting at which the cutting of X-period was approved. Not all of the board members were favorable to the schedule change. Had more parents attended the meeting, perhaps the board decision could have been averted.

Neirad has no more, and now, calling for student participation. If you are a student affected by the decision, don't just grumble about it among your friends. Make your views known to the board. Announcements will be made during homeroom before the meeting at which the elimination of X-period is on the agenda. Bring your parents to the meeting. If no other students than Darien's senior citizens can have a say in the policies of our schools.

Post 911, An Auxiliary Of Darien Police Department, Hopes To Control Crowds At World Cup Ski Races

The Darien Police Department formed an auxiliary youth organization in early October. Known as Post 911, the group has been growing ever since, and under the supervision and guidance of Post 911 advisor, John T. Roeder, the program has taken off for the current season. The purpose of the program is to involve high school students in the operation of traffic and pedestrian safety activities.

To the Editor: The Board of Education's paranoia about SAT scores is leading to some ludicrous suggestions. Students who thought they had eliminated X-period to give us an extra 1.3 minutes per class period. Several serious suggestions have been made in the effect that returning to the teaching method of twenty years ago will produce the same scores of twenty years ago, regardless of sociological differences. Why such worry? It comes from a deeper seed with upper-middle class parents to have their children be super-executive raw material.

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Several solutions come to mind for the high school community to ponder. If we are to force juniors and seniors to purchase permits, so be it. But if it is to be then, let the rule be enforced. Unfortunately, for this to happen, signs must be erected and prominently displayed, warning students with a sticker and without a sticker is "against the law." Students who will have been permitted by citation or towing away of the car at the owner's expense. Undoubtedly all this is too much trouble and expense, but one would not work anyway because, as is the case now and in the past, the authorities have neglected to enforce the rules.

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Neirad wishes to give our readers a brief sampling of a few of the non-academic extra-curricular activities currently available.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society, with faculty advisor Faye Gage, chairman of the English department, has been quite active this year in comparison with previous years. Members have been tutoring students in problem subjects, mainly mathematics and English. As a community service group, members hope to enjoy themselves while helping others.

The main goal of the 30-member NHS is to raise funds for senior scholarships. Co-chairs Marjory Nus and fund raiser Clay Moltz have set their goal at doubling the amount of last year's receipts.

The group sponsored the Southern Mountain Concert and netted $100. Other activities the group has been involved with were a dinner at a member's house for the foreign exchange students at DHS and an exchange with members of New Canaan's chapter of the society. About 10 New Canaan NHS members visited DHS and several Darien members visited New Canaan High School. A pot luck supper was also held for some New Canaan members at a Darien student's home. The Darien chapter also ushered at the mid-year graduation ceremonies on Friday, January 27.

Current

Current is Darien High School's literary magazine. It contains poems and short stories as well as art and photography. Current has been published twice a year in the past, but this year there will be one double issue in the spring.

Every other Monday afternoon editor Beth Stringer and the rest of the Current staff meet and discuss material submitted for publication. Most of this material comes from creative writing classes. Not all students and faculty members are encouraged to submit materials.

This year, as in the past, there will be cash prizes for the best work. Material for publication may be put in the box in room B9. Interested in becoming a Current staff member? Speak with Beth Stringer or Geraldine Marshall, the faculty advisor.

Localities Have

By MARYLYNN SLATTERY

The activity within your location to read contains several accounts of actual UFO sightings.

"On a Tuesday night in November, I was driving along Contentment Island Road with a friend of mine taking pictures for my photography class assignment," began Jinyse Dauk, a junior at Darien High School. "All of a sudden a bright orange crescent loomed up in the sky. It shines as brightly as the sun. We tried to think of what the object might have been, but we could think of nothing that made any sense. The sun didn't shine at 9:00 p.m. and the moon was never that shape.

"We watched it for a few minutes, and then my friend suggested that I take some pictures of it but they were nothing to rave about. A few minutes later these lights also disappeared and we never saw them again," concluded Jinyse.

David Herbert, a French and English teacher at DHS, had a similar experience. He was spending the weekend with some other people when one of them mentioned that he had seen a bright object the night before. They decided to investigate, so they drove up to the horizon to look out at the object. They were able to see it clearly and it seemed to be moving slowly across the sky. They described it as being a bright red-orange circle. It was about the size of a full moon and appeared to be moving slowly across the sky. They wondered what it was, but were unable to identify it.

"We see a bright orange-red object directly above the horizon. We tried to use rational judgement in order to identify the sphere-shaped object, but we couldn't think of nothing much other than an unidentified flying object. The UFO moved from left to right and right to left, as well as up and down. It changed colors all the time too. At times it was red and other times a purplish color. We watched it for about 15 minutes. Then it disappeared. We notified the authorities, one of whom said, "You saw what?" After further explanation by Mr. Herbert, the official said, "Well, keep us posted."

So far the accounts have only dealt with UFO encounters of the first kind, actual sightings. Next year proud to inform you of a UFO encounter of the second kind, actual landing, which a student at our high school has had.

Outdoors Club

One of the most active and popular organizations at the high school is the Outdoors Club. The purpose of the club, says President Richard Terhune, is to "try to encourage people to enjoy the outdoors and experience nature by living in it today." The club is having its most active year ever, taking thirteen trips this school year. There are some fifty members in the club, many of whom are sophomores. President Terhune attributes this to the outdoorsmore orientation program last fall.

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Hockey, Wrestling, Basketball Teams Produce Mixed Results

By JOHN TIBBETTS, DOUG STEVENSON and BILL WAGGENER

Hockey

The Darien High School hockey team stummed early in the season, but has succeeded in turning itself into one of the best teams in Fairfield County. Throughout the season, Darien has proved that it is consistently explosive at both ends of the ice. The offense is spearheaded by Bill Hunter, Tim Appleton, Bob McGill, Abe Hurtigan, and Bob Price. At press time, Hunter led the team with 14 goals. Hurtigan was next in line with 12, and McGill and Appleton had 11 goals apiece. Price was first in assists with 12. In amassing their 10-4 record, the Wavers scored 92 goals in the fourteen games.

Equally talented in their end of the ice, Darien's defensemen have shown that they can effectively thwart any team's attack. Doug Hart, David Widmer, and Nick Hathaway are defensemen whose achievements do not show up on the score sheet. McGill and Price, also members of the defense, are equally talented. Doug Hart has established himself as perhaps the best checker on the team, while Hurtigan and Hathaway excel at stealing the puck, and McGill and Price pass the puck as well as anybody on the team.

Goalie John Roney has improved steadily since the beginning of the season. Once quite tentative in going after the puck, he now shows eagerness every time he is on the ice. Darien will benefit greatly from his services both this season and next season.

If the pucksters continue to play as they have all season, they will have no trouble reaching the playoffs. if they play to the best of their ability, they can beat any team in the state.

Wrestling

The Darien High School Wrestling team came off a rough pre-season. They finished sixth in the Westhill Christmas Tournament, and lost three out of their four pre-season meets. Lack of experience is the main contributor to these losses, but the young team is improving steadily.

In winning their opening meet of the season, over New Canaan, the matmen were led with pins by Co-captain Chris Kratky, Ron Ferrer, Frank Palmer, and Charlie Bounty. Winning by referee's decision were Co-captain Scott Savage, Dave Curtis, Vinnie Parrotta, Keith Dayton, and Dave Pietech.

However, the grappling went on to drop the next two meets to Westhill, 39-15, and Staples, 44-13. In those two matches the young team wrestled well but could not overcome the depth, strength, and experience of the top two teams in the county. Head Coach Jim Girard commented, "The beginning of our schedule is always tough, but I am optimistic about the remainder of our season. I feel we can achieve at least a .500 mark for the season." Girard also felt that the team would have to produce more pins in order to make up for the two forfeits in the lower weight classes. A bright spot for the future is junior Ron Ferrer, who showed a great deal of potential in the 145-pound class thus far on the season.

The season continued to decline for the wrestlers as they lost to Norwalk, 35-18, Easton, 48-7, and Ridgefield, 35-19. However, the Wavers have been producing some bright moments as Chris Kratky and Bill Hughes pinned their opponents in the Norwalk meet. Frank Palmer also recorded a pin against Ridgefield.

Basketball

This year's young DHS basketball team is suffering through one of its most difficult seasons. After a long string of losses, Darien did manage to win two games, over Stamford Catholic and Ridgefield, and raised its record to 3-10 by press time. One of the more recent losses came against Norwalk.

The key to the pitfalls of this year's team is turnover. Committing second violations, traveling, bad passes, and unnecessary hacking and reaching-in fouls have enabled practically every team the Wavers have played this year to capitalize and blow Darien off the floor.

DHS has been surrendering some 28 more points a game to the opposition that the Wavers are scoring themselves. They've lost by scores such as 76-45, 72-46, 86-29, and 60-35.

However, the 60-35 game was away at Norwalk High, a team many area experts predict to be state champions at the end of the season. Darien Wavers' new slowdown, deliberate, work-for-the-good-shot offense, and a hustling, aggressive defense that for awhile had the Bears baffled and out of sync. Jeff Allen, Norwalk's 6'8" sophomore, has held to four points the entire game due to the great defensive job turned in by John Beaver and Dave Graham, both five inches shorter than Allen.

In this game, Darien was only down by eight in the fourth quarter with a chance to make it six and gain momentum. Unfortunately, a missed lay-up and two turnovers later, Darien was down by fourteen and the party was over.

The team raised its record to 5-10 by defeating Stamford Catholic and Ridgefield back-to-back on Monday, January 24, and Tuesday, January 25.

The Crusaders of Catholic were the first victims as Darien defeated them on the Catholic court. The Wavers were led by Dave Graham, Captain Tom McNamara, and Mike Koli, who played perhaps his best game of the year. Darien took a quick lead, and although Catholic challenged in the third quarter, cutting a 21-point lead to just seven with five minutes still to play in the game, Koli's ability to control the ball, and McNamara's ability to put it through the hoop were enough to hold them off as Darien won by eight.

Savage & Company	

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Mixed Results

Skating at such a high level requires a lot of time and money. Denise practices six days a week for two to four hours in Stamford, Bridgeport, Westchester, and Hamden. She has to pay for rink time, coaches, skates and traveling expenses. Denise's main reason for skating is the sense of achievement it brings. She says it is a good way to meet people and to relieve tensions and pressures.

Sutherland Sprints To Victory

Mandy Sutherland is classified as "greased lightning, " because when you watch her run, you really cannot see her. One second she is almost to start, and the next second she is at the finish line with another place. Mandy has been involved in track since the ninth grade. She says, "I wanted to run mainly because it's fun." She usually practices on the track here at the high school, but during the winter season she runs on the roads. Between seasons she runs in AAU competition, sometimes traveling as far as Maine for these meets.

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