School Community To Experience Budget Crunch

By SUE ALLARD and WINKY WARD

In an era marked by an "economic crunch" on even beneficial institutions, Darien High School is no exception. There will be a reduction of 9½ DHS personnel next year. As of now, Keith McCusker, the assistant principal, and an observer have looked into what will affect personal and budget cuts may have upon next year's school environment.

The demand for courses has been basically the same as it has been in the past years, with the exception of a few departments. But, according to Salvatore Catania, DHS principal, "Many more teachers have five classes per semester, which reduces the availability of outside resource work."

The Guidance Department will be without the services of Catherine Castor, next year, as she will be on maternity leave and will not be replaced. As a result, all counselors will have an extra load of some sort. Although they "haven't quite solved the problem yet," all counselors will be required to give assistance to at least 20 to 30 extra students in their class. Due to this fact, Mr. Heffernan remarked, "The amount of individual attention is going to have to be reduced." Another important loss Mr. Heffernan pointed out was that of the counseling clinical psychologist, Leon Zeff, Ph.D., who helps students with emotional difficulties which affect school work.

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By SUSAN LANE

Next year, the daily schedule will remain the same as this year, with the Wednesday X-day schedule of eight periods (including the X period). However, there will be one major change: the first-time slot, period 1, will be frozen; all other periods will rotate. (Period 1 will drop out on weekdays, which will run 8, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.)

Homerooms may be held during first period; however, juniors and seniors might have no homeroom at all. With this schedule the potential exists for attendance to be handled by period and day with color-coded computer cards. The computer will record absences on a day-to-day basis. Biology labs, for instance, will run 8, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. The computer will record absences on a day-to-day basis. Biology labs, for instance, will run 8, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. As a result, all counselors will be required to have an extra load of some sort. Although they "haven't quite solved the problem yet," all counselors will be required to give assistance to at least 20 to 30 extra students in their class. Due to this fact, Mr. Heffernan remarked, "The amount of individual attention is going to have to be reduced." Another important loss Mr. Heffernan pointed out was that of the counseling clinical psychologist, Leon Zeff, Ph.D., who helps students with emotional difficulties which affect school work.

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Linda Fenyesy, from South Africa, enjoyed living here very much. While here she visited Cage Cod, took a boat trip along the New England coast and skied in Vermont. She also visited several colleges which she felt gave her a good view of American college life.

Lindy found school here to be enjoyable. She commented that she "preferred it to South African school." She feels that American kids take a broader, more general study program while South African students get more intensified study in one field. Lindy particularly enjoyed the independent study programs and the clubs.

"Friendly" was the way Lindy found DHS students. She also found them liberal, more easy going and more independent than their South African counterparts.

When she gets back to South Africa, she is going to study at the University in Johannesburg where she will study international relations.

First Period Freeze

This statement, made by Patty Laszczak, is in reference to WOW, Work Observation Week. WOW is an opportunity for business students to observe the work as some girls were. I was involved in the billing of ordered checks. De Luxe charges the banks, which in turn charge the individual customers.

Patty was also involved with taking care of the company's supplies. For instance, such as Betty McDermott and Michelle Stramaglia, worked at the Darien town hall.

"The results have been fantastic," commented Betty McDermott. "We found many professional standards that were not in the Business Department, in reference to WOW, Mrs. Van Sack removed any barriers and they invited the school back next year."
Newcomer Finds Niche

As another hectic school year at DHS comes to a close we feel compelled to comment upon the performance of this year's new principal, Salvatore Catania. Mr. Catania's first significant decision came for the second quarter when he announced a rigid, "unilateral" attendance policy. Mr. Catania's policy came as a surprise to the students and was extremely disappointing, mainly due to the fact that he failed to incorporate the ideas expressed by the school community into his policy. As the year progressed Mr. Catania seemed to become more open-minded. This was made evident through his announcement of a new, less severe attendance policy.

Although the decision for this attendance policy was unilateral one, Mr. Catania did recognize the opinions of the school community.

During the second semester, Mr. Catania found his niche- in the Darien High School Community and proposed some beneficial programs. The alternative learning, pass-fail credit no-credit, and several other optional learning programs are some such outstanding actions which were launched by Mr. Catania in cooperation with persevering faculty members.

Now that Mr. Catania has acclimated himself and has proven himself more receptive to new ideas, we hope that he will continue to demonstrate his sensitivity to the ideas of students and faculty as he initiates new policies in the future.

We realize that the office of the principal at DHS is an extremely difficult one to fulfill, especially for a newcomer, and we would like to congratulate Mr. Catania on his fine effort and administration.

Letters

Senior Class Play Term: A Delight, Viewed As Model For Future Classes

To the Editors:

Last weekend's performances of Men and Women Have Notes On The Battle of the Sexes were sheer delight. What a magnificent showing of their many activities for the Class of 1975. I was particularly impressed with the concept as well as the technique of both male and female students for year round activities. Their efforts have shown how dedicated the Seniors are to their school. The expressions of appreciation for their work were special highlights demonstrating their many talents.

The involvement of all students in every activity, the effective use of mood and music between scenes, and the professionalism of all performers are all noteworthy. The ***Cast of a Thousand*** is indeed a source of pride to all students and faculty. The students were full of enthusiasm for their work and were excited to be on stage.

To those of you who are graduating, good luck! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

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Farewell Message

To the Staff & Students of Darien High School,

This has been one of the best years of my life. I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity of working with and getting to know you.

Next year will be a whole new experience, like this past year. Darien High will always hold many fond memories for me.

To those of you who are graduating, good luck, wherever you are going to next year. I hope you will remember the many good times we had together and the friendships we made. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

I'll keep in touch.

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Emilly Joy Rittinger

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Summer school classes will be offered in New Canaan, Westport and Stamford. The New Canaan session will begin Thursday, August 8, and is from July 7-26. Please refer to the Guidance Department for more information.
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Announcing Destinations, Senior Waves Set Sail

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By BRIAN DONOFREE and BOB JEFFERSON

Review

The Senior Commonwealth was the appropriate scene this year for the Senior Class Play. Instead of one full production, however, the seniors presented a series of thirteen shorts (thirteen seems to be the number of yards a football team gets by writing well-known and local playgrounds). Presented under the name "Men and Women: Some Notes on the Battle of the Sexes," most shorts were directed by different student directors. This approach has been used in each director had observed the same pacing procedures, but they seemed not and as a result the production became bogged down at times during the first performance. This shortcoming was overcome, though, by the cast's vitality and the ironic ring of truth bestowed by each talk. (Reports are that the pacing was noticeably improved in performance two through four.)

A great touch was the closeness of the audience to the stage and actors. This gave the viewers more of a feeling for the enthusiasm which this group had in spaces. As in all pan-

As with many different scenes as this production had, not many are usually able to rise above the others. However, the George B. Kaufman play, "If Men Played Cards as Women Do," and two student written scenes, "The Committee" and "Volunteer" were the big winners of the evening. Stellar performances were handled by Craig Whiting, Martha Constanza, Brian Huber, and, in surprise bit of casting, Tom Gammill as the forlorn Charlie Brown. Gary Leoncanto deserves praise for his scene as the man in "The Unicorn in the Garden" by James Thurber. Lin Onions is also a lot of playing with her as the nervous student applying for college, as she did portraying the wacky Lucy. The four actors in "If Men Played Cards..." made the skit the highlight of the show. Scott Tuck, Chris Popow, and John Cross were first rate comedians. By Martens found it hard to be funny, and even then a laugh on any of his lines. Sandy Wilks did a fascinating hard-boiled housewife routine while her children, Sue Harpian and Tom Gammill addressed on some very familiar lines.

Despite the inefluctuous line pauses and a touch of under-pacing, the production was an evening of light-hearted humor and pure delight. No credit is due to co-directors Robert Davis and Stan Karmel, as well as a cast of witty, enthusiastic players. (For further comment on the senior class play, see page 2.)

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Senior Play Case Investigations "Battle of Sexes"
A sample of Darien talent recently on display at the Darien Public Schools Art Show held at the former Cherry Lawn cafeteria. (Photo by Emma Light)

Roll Out Those Lazy, Hazy Crazy Days

By SUE ALLARD

"Hot fun in the summertime..." Sounds promising, doesn't it? But once the last classroom door slams shut, and that ultimate bell rings, blissfully symbolizing the end of another school year, the summer can be rather an anti-climax if you don't have anything to do except work or go to summer school. Fear not, fellow searchers, for Neirad has found that Darien puts one in a fairly good position for some entertainment possibilities, without too much traveling either.

Something new this year will be Boys' Basketball on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Beginning after July 1, high school and college-aged residents will be able to dribble down the DHS court from 7:00 till 10:00. For ticket information call 375-4457.

If you had your heart set on fireworks this Fourth of July, perhaps you could hang a jar of fireflies in a tree and use a lot of imagination, for fireworks were cut from the town budget this year. For a free display of Community Band and concert on July 4, at 8:00 at Weed Beach, for those of you who are

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"Vaudeville Show: Immaturity, Talent Clash"

BY BRIAN HUBER

The 1975 edition of the annual DHS Vaudeville Show took the auditorium stages May 21 laden with plenty of humor and talent. The Can-Can Girls made their appearance again this year. The twenty-four beauties struggled for a while, but they eventually managed to find the same rhythm in succession of leg kicks. Although there were no major faults, they aren't quite ready for Radio City Music Hall.

Another comedy act was a very unique skit performed to the song, "Leader of the Pack," Sally Campbell played the sneezy hopper who failed to find the leader of a motorcycle gang. The leader was played by Kathy Bullock and the motorcycles were played by tricycles. The laughs continued with a tap-dance routine by the Top Dazzlers. Well, they didn't quite live up to their name, but they did remarkably well.

Another act was a baroque routine, which ended prematurely when a gorilla-like creature snapped the performer from the stage.

On the serious side, Sally Neele sang and played the piano/Agrossing performance was given by Lisa Mon­lick and Lisa Sullivan. They were accompanied by the musical talents of Keith Gerstenmayer and Dave Case. Dave later did a solo act on the guitar. Debbie Carter did the same during the evening.

Unfortunately, throughout these more serious performances, many people in the audience lacked self-control beyond the level of a seven-year-old. The outbursts of immaturity even included throwing objects on the stage. It is to be hoped that this year these people could not control themselves.

The act which stole the show was the gymnastics foilery by the Zamboni Brothers, Steve Insante and Walter Dowell. They displayed moments of both humor and talent. Sal Ferraina played the man with a camera who continued to snap the Zamboni's picture and be in the background. TheHypochondriac tioned that Sal was terrific in his several walk-on appearances. Chris Popov also did an outstanding job as comedic by showing a great sense of humor with such a difficult crowd.

Personnel Out

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In the Health Department, one-half, of the school nurse's time will be cut, implying that a nurse may not always be on duty.

Dr. Black of the English Department feels that the students are the ones who are losing out. The teachers are being overworked; students won't get the chance to sit down and talk with an English teacher because that teacher will just be too busy. The class sizes will be very large and there may be lower morale next year.

Floom Harper (who teaches part time) will not be coming back next year. Frederick Piferit will not be teaching in the regular English curriculunm as he will participate in the new optional school curriculum. (He will teach English in the optional program, however.) Director of English John Sutton will not be so available to the department as he was this year.

The reading teacher, Easly Ettinger, will also not be returning.

In the Music Department, there will be one and a half teachers at the high school. Edward Jastachi will be both a teacher and do the vocal part. SpecialUgualized courses were cut down.

Industrial Arts is losing Mr. Helm to the junior high. Arch, Drafting, Mgmt. House Planning, Mechanical Drawing II, Career Eduation are not being offered.

The Science Department is not offering RSCB Biology, and loss of available equipment is going to be a problem. In the Family Studies area, there will be only one full-time teacher. The other teacher, Daria Barbagallo, will only be there for part rather than 100% of the time. The classes are going to be a lot larger and all the offered classes will not be offered for next year. Home Nursing will not be offered. Mrs. Helen Harvey, the department head, commented, "Although teachers are going to be over worked, the kids are the ones that will suffer. The quality of Darien schools may suffer because of these cuts. The kids are the ones who are really losing out and it's a shame.

The Art Department will lose half the time of a teacher, as Robert Cysak will split his classes between the high school and elementary school.
Thrill of Victory ‘Defeats’ Agony

By BILL BOWEN and MARY McGOEDLIN

The DHS track team concluded its regular season Wednesday, May 21, hosting New Canaan, Brien McMahon, and Stamford high schools. They finished third in the meet ahead of New Canaan and behind first place Stamford, and Brien McMahon.

Next meet for the team was the County Tournament held here Tuesday, May 27, most members of the team hung up their spikes. Those who \( \text{had} \) qualified for the State meet at Southington were Paul Hendry, high jump; Scott Heidemann, 120 high hurdles; Jim Lewis, mile; Garry Leonard, two mile; and Joe Gorman, javelin.

This year’s golf team finished with a rather dismal 7-7-1 record, and they \( \text{had} \) failed to defend their county title.

By TODD BURGER and JOHN DEL MONACO

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Girls' Tennis

Tennis seems to be the overpowering sport this spring. The girls' tennis team ended its season with a perfect record, 13-0. The girls soundly defeated Stamford and Ridgefield with scores of 8-1 and 9-0 respectively. In a collective total the girls have won 109 matches and lost only 8 this season with a total of eight shut-out matches. Kris Kinney and Leslie Milne did not lose a match this season in singles while the doubles combinations of Julie Hendrickson and Katharine Bullock, Missy McMahon and Donna Burns, and Bebe Herbert and Nancy Spellbrink did not lose a match either.

Reflecting back on the season, Rebecca Strominger, coach of the girls' tennis team, said, "There have been very good teams in the past, but this has to be one of the best because of the positive attitude of the players. It is the first year everyone liked drills and conditioning and did them as well as they could. The girls really applied themselves. This was kind of a special season." Ms. Strominger does not have as high hopes for next year's team as she had this year. She thinks they will be good, but she doesn't know if they can match this year's record, although the team had a lot of unexpected help from the sophomores. Next year the team will lose two players to private schools and five seniors through graduation.

For singles players Kris Kinney and Inez Marasciulo and doubles players Julie Hendrickson and Katharine Bullock, and Jane Adams and Trudie tenBroeck the season is not over. These players will compete in the Connecticut State Tennis Tournament, which starts Thursday, June 12, at Wesleyan University. Only number one and two singles and one and two doubles could qualify if they had won 51% of their season matches.

Commenting on the State Tournament Ms. Strominger said, "Kris should reach the finals. Then we should be able to see Ann Moore (Greenwich) and Kris play each other. Perhaps, with a little luck we may be able to get our doubles duo in the finals."

The boys' tennis team finished the regular season with an impressive 12-1 record and proceeded to take runner-up honors behind undefeated Wilton in the County tournament held at the Longshore Country Club on June 4. The Blue Wave suffered its only loss of the season to the powerful Warriors on May 23 at Wilton. Darien lost the four-hour struggle 4-3 before many enthusiastic DHS fans who traveled the distance to Wilton to see the local's desperate attempt to knock off the state favorites. The winning singles matches for Darien were recorded by Steve Franklin (63), who remained undefeated for the entire season, and Jeff Lynch, who finished with an outstanding 11-2 record at the number four position. Craig Whiting and Bob Harford easily defeated Wilton's number two doubles team for the final Darien point.

After the Wilton defeat, Darien took out its frustrations on Stamford by overwhelming the Black Knights 7-0 on the home courts. This victory marked the end of the regular season for the Blue Wave, who finished with the second best record in Fairfield County out of fifteen teams.

Mr. Mautte is not new to the coaching ranks at Darien, having been the defensive coach for a number of years. He is taking over the helm of a team which has had a number of players on the varsity squad last year and the year before. The team had back-to-back success, with a 5-0 record last year and 5-2-2 the previous year, so he is very optimistic.

"I think the team could have a real good season. We have built for it the last two years and have been on the brick of outstanding success but never achieved it."

Mr. Mautte is striving for an "aprait de corps" feeling from the players in which, "everything is for the team, not for I." He uses such phrases as, "everybody working for one another," "everybody giving one hundred percent time and effort," and "football doesn't build character, it helps develop it. The individual must have the character first to play football," and people might think these are cliches but to know the man and the other coaches you know that he really sincerely believes what he says and has a deep concern for any young man he meets coaching.

The 13 captains for next year's team, Regan Ashbaugh, Scott Bondlow, and Bill Bagardis, while expressing surprise and regret at Mr. Himebauch's stepping down, were delighted at Mr. Mautte's filling the spot. They all felt it would benefit the team by having a coach who knows the players and the other coaches, and they felt Mr. Mautte's coaching philosophies would help them achieve their goal and that the whole team would benefit. All too many Darien fans have not witnessed in a few years — a championship.

Mr. Mautte feels he has very good leaders in his captains, and a group of skilled athletes on the team.

"Bobby Marchesi (quarterback) has had a year of varsity experience and Randy Starr is showing good leadership qualities. We have good backs and a good offensive line that should take advantage of anything the opposition gives them. If we keep mistakes down to a minimum and analyze and execute properly, we (the coaches) intend to have full confidence in everybody to do their job, and are looking forward to a good season."

By TODD BURGER

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