Poll Shows Students Feel X-Period, Homeroom Useful

By BILL CARNEY
The results of the DHS ad-

ministration's student questionnaire, which was distributed in early January, have now been tabulated and released. The purpose of the survey was to enable the administration "... to make appropriate recommendations concerning scheduling and student activities."

Specifically, student input was desired on the topics of student use of X-period, the desirability of an improved intramural program, and the possibility of daily 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. late buses.

Nine hundred sixty-eight students responded to the questionnaire, and of these, 57% stated that they participated in an organized activity during X-period. However, over 50% of those participating in activities said that if these clubs met only after school and/or in the evening they would not be able to contribute members.

To the question of the necessity of homeroom, more than half of those surveyed feel that it is needed. Most cited communication as the primary reason for its necessity. One hundred two students surveyed believe that a part of a certain period could be set aside each day as a replacement for homeroom. Thirty-three students suggested that printed bulletin be used for communications purposes.

Fifty-eight percent of those surveyed said that they do not feel that one's physical education grade should be included in one's grade point average. No decision has been reached as of yet on this issue, but the matter is likely to go before the Board of Education sometime this spring.

In response to other questions in the survey, a majority of students supported both the improved intramural and work or travel programs.

Mid-year Grad:

Why did these students decide to graduate early? The majority wanted to save money and begin working but have not decided if they are going to go to college. David has been running the recent recycling jobs at DHS. He says that he has accepted for fall admission to Barnard College, Northeastern University, and Wesleyan University. He plans to take some time off from working to travel before going to college.

Some students plan to continue working after high school. They are planning to go to college and work at the same time. Many students have been accepted to college and are planning to attend. Some students plan to take some time off from working to travel before going to college.

Sophs Express Their Opinions

In Survey About Driving Policy

By BILL WAGGENER
Have sophomores been driving to school? The answer is yes, some have, which partially explains the magnitude of the sophomore driving situation.

Before Mr. Coulombe's recent edict concerning the parking lot, Neirad wrote that an additional large number of cars would be crammed into an already crowded parking lot. That is not exactly significant number until it is increased to 30.9% of all sophomores who said that they will have their licenses before June 20 and will drive to school, parking policy or no parking policy.

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Noreen Coughlin accepts diploma from DHS principal Donald Robbins at mid-year graduation ceremonies. (Photo by Charlot Ras-Allday)
"Toons": Overused Fund-raisers

How many times have you been asked to sponsor someone for a run-a-thon, bounce-a-thon, dance-a-thon, or skate-a-thon recently? These are just a few examples of the copious "toons" that various DHS activities have been sponsoring this year. In the opinion of Neirad, these "toons" would have more success if they were productive endeavors.

In the past, fund-raising activities have maintained a good reputation with merchants in the town and parents of the community. Most of the activities have been purposeful. For example, a member of the community might pay $1.50 for a car wash sponsored by a DHS organization. Here he is seeing the group work productively, and also he is receiving a tangible benefit for his donation. We do not feel that skating around an ice rink 200 times, or bouncing a ball for five hours is productive work. Neither the sponsor nor the participant benefit personally from it, whereas in a fund-raiser such as the car wash, both sides benefit. The participant benefits by doing useful work for his money and also feels more worthy of collecting that money. The sponsor benefits by the end result, a clean car.

If the fund-raisers were worthy and the participants were working productively, they might be more inclined to collect the money from their sponsors. We have found that many of the participants in the "toons" fail to collect the money. Mr. David Hartkopf, of the History-Social Sciences Department, makes a valid point when commenting that an idea may be good initially, but once it has been overused, its success dwindles and people become tired of its duplication.

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X-Period Popular in Poll

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program and the late bus, while in the area of new activities the top suggestions were possible dance, photography, art and crafts, French, and music clubs.

The following are the results of the administration's survey on student activities and student attitudes toward existing and possible school institutions:

1) Do (do not) work directly after school? Do — 353; Do not — 577

2) When X-period comes at the end of the day I usually:
A) participate in an activity — 548
B) wait for the bus — 39
C) go to work — 115
D) go home — 365
E) meet with a teacher — 81
F) other — mostly library study or "mental recuperation" in cafeteria

3) If the activities you presently have are dropped, would you:
A) participate only after school and/or in the evenings, would you be an active participant? Yes — 313; No — 409

4) Do you see the need for a late bus? (This would mean a bus that picked up DHS students at 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.) Yes — 522; No — 394

5) If you checked "yes" in question 4, would you use such a late bus? Yes — 385; No — 159

6) Do you feel the intramural sports program at DHS should be improved/expanding? Yes — 673; No — 210

7) Do you plan to, or have you participated in the intramural program? Yes — 425; No — 481

8) From your viewpoint what is the best time for intramurals of your choice? A) right after school — 544, B) 3:00-4:00 p.m. — 123, C) in the evening after 6:00 p.m. — 271

9) Do you feel homework is necessary? Yes — 684; No — 346

Why? Communication — 388; to get day started — 99

Why not? Waste of time — 101; lack of interest — 20

Suggestion: Use class period for same purposes — 102; bulletin instead of announcements — 33; sign-in system — 11

10) Do you feel that physical education should be averaged in your education? Yes — 347; No — 560

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Should Library Issue Cards?

To the Editor:

The library should look into giving library cards to students because some books are being checked out under wrong names.

Someone checked out a book in my name and did not return it, and I was sent a fine notice. I had to go through much red tape to get out of paying the fine.

Granted, the school has spent a lot of money on the electric eye system set up at the door. That stops a person from walking out with a book, but it does not stop him or her from checking it out under someone else's name. What the library should do is to issue every student a library card just like a public library card, and the student would have to show the card to check out the book.

If this is not done, I think the library will lose a lot more books in the future.

Craig Marchese

Soph Driving: Coulombe Gets Tough

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the potential problems of overcrowding, and it is reflected in the statistic that 40.7% of the sophs agree with the present parking policy of not allowing the tenth graders the privilege of driving to school. (7.2% are undecided about the policy.) However, only 37.9% felt that the policy had been effectively enforced, and among those is a large contingent of sophomores who drive or plan to drive to school.

One hundred plus more cars in the parking lots would be, as one DHS student put it, an "absolute fracas. Can you imagine the scene at 2:35? We'd need two or three policemen to direct traffic just within the parking lots themselves."

Near the end of eighth period on Thursday, March 9, Mr. Coulombe announced to all students that the following morning no student would be allowed to park in the DHS lots without a parking sticker. Mr. Coulombe then roped off the C-Wing parking area and followed through with his warning. Mr. Coulombe ordered all those without stickers to vacate the lot and most obliged. However, many chose to either stand and argue with Mr. Coulombe, relating how they thought that this was all a lot of nonsense and berating the assistant principal, or telling a story to the effect that they did not have a dollar or some such tale. They did eventually leave.

Neirad regrets that we can not tell more on this development in the parking sticker controversy but our deadline was such that we were prevented from doing so.

Chris Waters

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'Thons' Becoming Commonplace; Robbins Likes Service Fund-raisers

By GAIL BRUGGEMEYER and GREG BURNS

The recent flurry of "thons" at DHS has created a new fund-raising trend with both advantages and disadvantages. The ski team's Dance-athon, the basketball team's Run-athon and the hockey team's State-athon are all recent examples of the fund-raising fever at DHS. Ski team coach Erik Hedegaard-Schou commented, "The kids work hard at the "thons" so they have more respect for the money they earn." The money was collected by the marathon participants from sponsors who pledged donations to the respective teams and their worthy causes.

The ski team's Dance-athon, headed by Linda Crawford and Jenny Dohle, was one of the long succession of fund-raising events at DHS. This first event made $7,000 and was turned into a campaign of dance-band music, but a big success," by the ski team members involved.

The Bounce-athon, which was the second event to take place, was for the benefit of the American Heart Association. This "thon," in which the basketball team players, younger people and parents participated, required constant dribbling for nine hours. Tom McNamara, captain of the basketball team, said, "Even though we haven't collected all the money yet, I think the Bounce-athon is going to make about $2,000 for the Heart Association," what we could.

The winter track team's Run-athon was unique in the large number of participants who were willing to run the two and a half-mile course five times. The money collected from the sponsors will go the China trip and buy new team uniforms. However, team member Jim Satter's pace, "If every one of the sponsors would pay up, the run would be a success, but we're having some problems collecting.

The hockey team was assigned a more exciting task of skating around the Darien Ice Rink 200 times in the interest of the trip to Switzerland. Darien's coach, Don Dohle, is concerned about the problem of attracting sponsors. "Most people don't want to sign up," he said, "because nobody has any money left from the previous "thon", so unfortunately, it won't make much money."

Donald Robbins, DHS principal, said, "I am sympathetic to the position of merchant and parents and feel that sometimes fund-raising during certain years may be appropriate. This

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Independent Study Gives Students Glimpse Of Outside World

By JOHN REICHARD

At the inception of Independent Study in 1961, the program had only three participating students. It has 70 active members this semester. Why has this program become so popular at Darien High School?

According to William Curmin, director of Independent Study since 1970, most interest in the program while working on their projects, they not only sharpen and develop their research skills, but can really get a good taste of what their chosen career is all about. Mr. Curmin stated that the enthusiasm of the students doing something that they really wanted to do, however, he noted that twenty-five percent of all Independent Study students end up changing their minds about their prospective fields.

For some of the students involved, Independent Study can offer an almost unlimited number of experiences and responsibilities. Senior Evan Kergan, who is participating in two separate I.S. projects, "Marine Biology Research Cruise" and "A Study of Bluegrass Music," has found several different benefits. Two of the most important things he felt were the far superior learning opportunities of "practical application" and the new relationships he has built because of his involvement.

Another I.S. student, Clay Moltz, said that he originally got involved in the program simply because he was taking only four courses. Yet after doing his study of "Dissidence in the Soviet Union" the first semester, he saw that the whole experience of putting together such a large project on his own was much more valuable than he had expected. When asked about all the research that was required, Clay commented, "I was interested in it. It was something I was really interested in."

This semester Clay is doing an independent study on student government. It is only fair to say, though, that there are those students who have taken advantage of the Independent Study program. They have used their extra one or two periods for other less reputable activities. According to Mr. Curmin, though, these people amount to a "small percentage of the support merchants have provided our students."

Amarch quarterback and history-social studies teacher David Barkopf, said, "Any good student work is going to give you low returns. Success breeds duplication; the only problem is people get tired of that duplication."

Richard Cheodester is shown with his weather station, an Independent Study project that he has worked on for two years. (Photo by Richard Ferris)
Over Forty Students Take Part In DHS Great Books Program

By DAVID GURLIACCI

Why are forty scholarly sophomores, juniors, and seniors studiously pursuing Plato, contemplating Aristotle? Works by these and many other authors are being studied by the members of the Great Books program, the latest addition to the roster of clubs and organizations at Darien High.

Every Tuesday morning, the group meets to discuss each book. Members have the option of taking the course for one-half credit, which is on a credit-no-credit basis. A final paper at the end of the semester is also required.

Joan Corellis, president of the club, decided to start the group while she was working on an independent study project about alternate education for the gifted. "The classics haven't been stressed enough in my education," said Joan in an interview, "I attempted to start a course where not only could I study them but other kids could as well." Many other students agree with her, she stated. "It shows. Forty kids have already joined us."

Joan soon enlisted the help of Dr. Jacobs, who shares Joan's dissatisfaction with current high school education. He sees the course as eventually becoming integrated into the regular curriculum.

The program is designed by the Great Books Foundation, a national organization. "We're looking for more philosophical, broader generalizations about human nature," said Dr. Jacobs, "although we may deviate from it in terms of our approach to questioning. We're more interested in philosophical, broader generalizations about human nature."

The group meets Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 in room E-5 in the high school. They invite any interested students to attend. Dr. Jacobs also welcomes any student who wishes to learn more about the program to speak to him in his history-social science office.

Jets, Sharks Click In 308's 'West Side Story'

By JAMIE MACKENZIE

Review

Theatre 308's production of West Side Story was a smash hit with three large audiences on the first two weekends of this month. Excellent casting, a good orchestra, and exceptional directing and choreography combined to produce one of the best shows seen at DHS in years.

By the second performance, March 10, the orchestra was much more adept at handling what is one of the most difficult scores in musical theater, and organization. "We're following their most outstanding performances."

A modern version of Romeo and Juliet, West Side Story takes place on the west side of Manhattan, and the story centers around the conflict between a gang of "native Americans," the "Jete," and a rival gang of recent Puerto Rican immigrants, the "Sharks."

Sherry Dryden was the unparalleled star of the show, singing and dancing the role of Maria with a poise and grace rarely seen on a high school stage. Sherry used her excellent soprano voice with great skill on her solos, carefully controlling the volume and pitch to last over long phrases.

Frank Porretta possesses an excellent tenor voice, but unfortunately some of the bars in "Tonight" and other songs were below his range. There were some problems when Sherry and Elena sang in unison, with the pitch often not matching, but their solo performances were outstanding.

Tino Pasqualin was the perfect Bernardo with his South American accent, commanding stage presence, and dignified, regal bearing that lent a great deal of authenticity to the part. Nancy Schott played Bernardo's girlfriend, Anita, with verve and the skill that comes with a good deal of experience on the high school stage. Kip Hashagen played Riff, the leader of the Sharks gang, and had his best moment in singing the song "Cool."

The rest of Kip's performance seemed less convincing to this reviewer. Kip seems better suited as an actor in roles where performed sophistication is called for, such as Henry Higgins in My Fair Lady and Tom in The Glass Menagerie.

The tough down-to-earth demeanor of the "Jets," and a rival gang of recent Puerto Rican immigrants, a good cast with superb performances. Mike Ferullo was positively engaging as the dynamic "Action," one of the Jet henchmen. Eva Franks added a poignant, bitter-sweet touch that was one of the highlights of the second act when she sang "Somewhere." Sue Mallory handled the difficult role of the Tomboy Anybody's girlfriend, Anita, with verve and the skill that comes with a good deal of experience on the high school stage.

The entire show was evidence of hard work, a complete turn-around from A Showcase. Jon Edwards and the entire cast and crew deserve congratulations.
Girl Tracksters Win Counties; Boys Take State Open

By MARYLYNN SlatterY and HOLLINGWORTH BIBLE

The girls' winter track team had the Fairfield County Championship for the third year in a row now. The Stamford Advocate had predicted the win for Darien, saying that the other teams did not have a chance against the slimly built Darien squad. The Advocate was right. Darien pulled off the win.

In the team's developmental meet, it did quite well, but winning the county championship was not easy. Mandy Sutherland, a junior, placed second in the 50-yard dash. Throughout the race Mandy and her opponent were running neck and neck. When they neared the finish line, her opponent, who was taller than Mandy, stuck out her head and therefore crossed the finish line first. Molly Kolb, also a junior, placed first in the 1000. Juniors Julie Lindenborg and Jane West also contributed their wins to the team's total count. Julie came in second on the hurdles and Jane placed third in the 1000.

The team scored 34 points and finished behind Xavier High School of Middletown, which had 46 points. The tracksters took the second place position by outscoring rival Staples High School, which had 31 points.

Pat won the one-mile run in a time of 4:32.2 and Matt won his specialty, the 300-yard run, in 31.9 seconds. Pat and Matt also combined with Reggie Jones and Jim Satterley to place second in the eight-lap relay. Jim also picked up two points by finishing fifth in the 600-yard run. Senior Clay Cobath finished fourth in 60-yard high hurdles to round out the point-getters for DHS.

Others who ran in the state meet for the Blue Wave were Evans Kerrigan, who placed seventh in the 1000-yard run, and Chris Aymar, who took ninth-place honors in the 600-yard run.

The runners qualified for the state meet by placing in the top six in their events in the sectionals meet held on February 25 at Southern Connecticut State College. Many Wavers did well in the sectionals, but just missed qualifying for the state final. The relay team of Matt Maley, Pat Jackson, Reggie Jones and Jim Satterley beat Xavier, won the race and won the state title. Pat also took first in the mile run. Jim placed second in the 600-yard run. Clay Cobath took third in the hurdles and Matt placed sixth in the 300.

Gymnastics Vault

By DOHINDA HARGREAVES and JENNY KIMBALL

The girls' gymnastic team had an outstanding season this year.

They ended the season with a 10-3 record. They were first in the Eastern Division, and second in Fairfield County, losing to Greenwich but topping Staples. The team placed fifth out of over 50 schools in the Team States, which took place on March 4.

In the State Individuals, which took place on March 11, juniors had qualified to compete on the beam, junior Mary Metayer in all-around, and sophomores Anna Fouser in vaulting. Mary Metayer ended up placing seventh overall.

Several girls were able to compete in the Individual State Regional meet. In the Individual State Regional meet, Anna Fouser, Mary Metayer, and Jenney Kimball competed. In the vault, Mary Metayer placed third in the Regional meet, and Jenney Kimball placed fifth in the Regional meet.

Girls' Basketball Team: 'Deserved Better'

By SARAH HARPER

The girls' basketball team's 5-11 fmal record reflected the effort, team unity and individual talent that lies within it.

There were many close games during the season that the record does not reflect. Games against Andrew Warde, Greenwich, and Staples were lost by only one point.

"There were many games that could have gone either way. It's too bad they did not turn out in our favor. The girls deserved better than that," stated Coach Deborah Billington.

To add to their disappointment, the team was plagued with numerous injuries. In the season opener, Co-captain Jiminy Dalh and Deb Doughtman were sidelined with injuries. During the latter part of the season, Co-captain Cindy Davis and forward Kathy Deegan were benched with ankle injuries.

Despite these numerous injuries, the girls were able to pull off a great win over archrival New Canaan, and other wins over Wilton, Sacred Heart, and Ridgefield.

High scorer for the season was, of course, Jiminy Dalh, with an amazing 350 points. Senior Pat Paget-Velazquez was second high scorer with 115 points. The junior high scorer for the season was Deb Doughtman, who chalked up 113 points. Kathy Deegan and Patty Eileen Pollart, Cathy Scholts, and Joan Consigia kept up the senior placement of the team. Eileen placed third in the hurdles and high jump, and was also high scorer for the team, having contributed 12 points. Cathy placed third in the shot put and Joan came in first in the mile run.

The team will lose some talented seniors next year. But the team is primarily made up of sophomores and juniors, so Darien should be very powerful again next year. We may see them win yet another county championship.

Led by the victories of co-captains Pat Jackson and Matt Maley, the boys' indoor track team placed second in the state Class L championships Saturday, March 4, at the University of Connecticut.

The team scored 34 points and finished behind Xavier High School of Middletown, which had 46 points. The tracksters took the second place position by outscoring rival Staples High School, which had 31 points.

Pictured is one of the girls' track team's star competitors, Julie Lindenborg, seen going over the hurdles. (Photo by Richard Ferries).
DHS Pucksters County Champs

By JOHN TIBBETS
This season has been one of the finest ever for the DHS hockey team. The Wolves compiled a 14-5 regular season mark, won their first Fairfield County Championship, and made a strong showing in the State Class LL Championship.

Overcoming adversity was the team's specialty. Although Darien lost its first two games of the season, against Greenwich and New Canaan, it came back to win 14 of its next 17 contests. The 14-5 record was good enough for a first place finish in the FCIAC Eastern Division over second-place New Canaan. The Rams lost the divisional championship and a rematch to the Wolves in late January.

Darien also earned a return contest against Greenwich, making up for the opening day loss.

Darien was an underdog in the FCIAC Championship game 5-3 to Staples. The Wolves, who had won earlier by a 5-4 margin, was completely outmatched by Darien's pucksters as they shut out (5-0) Staples in the last game of the regular season, the Wolves outskated and outchecked their opponents en route to a 3-1 county championship victory.

Darien played well in the state tournament but could only muster a first round win over Wilton. The team lost in the second round to a very strong Cheshire.

The team, consisting almost exclusively of juniors and sophomores, was especially potent in the offensive line.

Skiers Shine; Rookies, Doble Go 1-2

Junior Lyndel Doble, hampered by an injury, finished first and second respectively in the state championships at Big Birch Mountain last Monday, March 6. However, the DHS girls' squad fell short of the team championship, finishing second behind Greenwich.

Golden was the only setback of the year for Darien as they finished with a 51-6 record.

Overall, Staples had a better average time than the Wavers, so even though Darien won the combined time of 72.10, Lyndel was second in the air for number one.

Coach Erik Hagedoorn-Schou noted that "it was really an excellent season for Lyndel. For the team the year could've been a little bit better, but overall it was a pretty good year. What was wished was depth." Mr. Hagedoorn-Schou added that though not winning the team championship was a disappointment, "Jenny is the only senior on the team and there are a lot of sophomores, so it's a little bit unfair." The boys' team did not fare as well as the girls. On the year they finished with a 3-2 record and outscored their opponents 18-8. The best performances were turned in by Steve Wright, who finished sixteenth in the state, Rick Armstrong, and John Konstanci.

Win Class L Laurels

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Grapplers 7-7-1, Tenth In County

Darien's Blue Wave swim team won a match out of its first seven, including one tie. However, they turned around their losing ways by winning six out of their last eight matches.

The boys' team did

Tenth in County

Darien, March 6. (Photo by Richard Ferris)

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edge on the Rams' Alex Sod, giving Bates a slight lead going into the final lap. The Blue Wave's winning time was 3:32.1. Second place New Canaan clocked 3:31.35. Steve Barton, David But, Wetmore, and Geoff Mullen won the 200-yard medley relay in 1:43.99.

Bates finished second in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.87 while Kevin Crowley of Pony, who once finished first with a time of 22.55.

Blue Wave divers Scott Gallagher and Mark Mariano came through, taking second and tenth respectively. Gallagher totalled 357.85 points, and Mariano tallied 271.30. Scott Butler of Wilton won the diving competition, scoring 370.55 points.

The swim team completed its year with a glorious 10-2 mark. Their two losses came against the hands of Greens Farms of West Haven and Staples.

The two big wins for us were New Canaan, whom we beat by six points; and Rippowam, whom we beat by two points," said head coach Mike Sangster, recapitulating the highlights of the regular season.

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Mr. Perucelani also stated that basketball has little to do with ethnic background. He says, "Basketball is about developing such info that gives the funds within the sport. The kids must devote time with peers in the sport, hence basketball is a team sport. The blacks in the big cities devote practically all of their time to basketball; hence they are more successful than a suburban youngster.

Robert Joy, head coach at Middletown Junior High, feels that the surroundings of the city has a lot to do with the fate of their teams. He commented, "The city player lives in a less affluent community than a Darien kid. He has fewer outlets and less money. It costs less to play basketball; therefore, it is the sport the boy from the city plays."

Mr. Joy feels that expansion of junior basketball leagues at the elementary and junior high level will help turn the tide of interests towards basketball. However, he feels that it might be too late for the suburban community there are gym open every day."