DEA, Board Reach Truce; Contract Wins Approval

By JAMIE MacKENZIE

After 10 months of negotiations, the Darien Education Association (DEA) and the Board of Education have signed a new three-year contract. The Representative Town Meeting (RTM) has overwhelmingly approved the document, and it will now go into effect.

The prolonged negotiations were marked by several DEA actions to express the teachers' frustration over the Board's refusal to meet their demands. Among these were a picket march from Mather Junior High to a rally at the town hall, picketing at two board meetings, and a temporary cessation of voluntary activities.

Compromises were reached on most of the issues under dispute in the negotiations. The contract's chief features are a lower starting salary for teachers ($545 less), and no more than one increment per year for satisfactory teachers. There are no yearly percentage increases and no cost of living increases in the new contract, just the same $650 annual increase for every teacher. According to Alan Tucker, chairman of the DEA's negotiating committee, the contract completely eliminates Darien's "highest paid-teachers" status. "We now have one of the lowest paying salaries in the vicinity," he said.

The starting salary and increases on the contract that was signed are less than on the arbitration award which the teachers wanted.

The disputed merit award payments which the teachers felt were owed them for the third year of the old contract are being paid in the new contract over a period of seven years, but the system of merit performance rating is being discontinued.

Another feature of the new contract is the elimination of several columns on the teachers' pay grids which acknowledge advanced academic achievement. The board dropped its demand for a lengthened work year for teachers.

Despite the general relief that an agreement has been reached, there remains a significant number of teachers dissatisfied with the contract. Even the Board of Education was not unanimously in its approval of the document, with one member objecting and one abstaining from the vote. Approximately 20% of the teachers voted to reject the contract, a much larger number than has voted to reject it in previous years.

Weston Benton, president of the DEA, stated that he is "not particularly happy with the contract. The lower starting salary doesn't bother me at (Continued on Page 2)

By KAREN MacMURDY

The present rotating schedule system at DHS may undergo some changes next year depending on the Board of Education's reaction to the above schedule possibilities which Donald Robbins, DHS principal, plans to present to them next fall.

The changes, if any, would become effective during the second semester of the 1977-78 school year or the first semester of the 1978-79 year. During the '77 fall semester, the present schedule of holding seven out of eight classes a day, but the system of merit performance rating is being discontinued.

Schedule possibilities include:
1. A rotating eight-period day.
2. An eight-period day with the first five periods always held during the last three time slots but rotating among themselves.
3. An eight-period day with the first five periods always held during the last three time slots but rotating among themselves.
4. A rotating seven-period day.
5. Rotation of present schedule.

When asked why he is proposing alternatives to the present schedule, Dr. Robbins stated that "certain people in the community feel that students lose out on learning time by dropping each period one out of eight days," and that "as a result of the building program completion, we have a better opportunity to consider changes in our schedule."

Dr. Robbins feels that some people who advocate an eight-period day as a way of increasing total learning time will realize that with the addition of an eighth period every day, all the other classes are necessarily shortened in order to make room for it.

The second and third schedule possibilities in which the same two or three classes always meet in the time slots at the end of the day are advantageous to those students who are involved in some kind of work-study or career exploration programs. Under the present schedule, a student involved in a work-study program has difficulty setting up a consistent, daily time for showing up for work because one day has classes till 2:30 and next day double open end.

Under a schedule in which the last two or three periods remain stationary, a work-study student could schedule all of his classes for the morning and consistently have his afternoons free.

A seven-period rotating schedule would theoretically increase the amount of learning time for each subject, but it would necessitate closer to one hundred percent classroom utilization, which means more rooms would be occupied by more classes more of the time. There would be less flexibility concerning the arranging of special activities, programs and student schedules.

According to Dr. Robbins, "The implications for each possible schedule will be examined closely to determine as far as possible which would bring the maximum educational advantage to the students. Parents, students, members of the faculty have and will continue to be involved in the discussion process."

To sum it up, Dr. Robbins is looking for a schedule which incorporates the greatest amount of flexibility with the maximum possible learning time and student-teacher contact, and ideally a schedule which allows students to meet during the day for various activities instead of having all clubs, etc., funnel into one X-period on Wednesday afternoon.

Of course, there is the possibility that after all is said and done, we may keep the present schedule. In any case, one thing that looks definite is that no matter what schedule is decided on, the periods (at least some of them) will rotate.

'78 Schedule Possibilities: More Frozen Periods?

For many of us at DHS, June 15 is a long-awaited date. This is the day that the class of 1977 will graduate.

Commencement will begin at 6:00 outside on the football field. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the auditorium.

This year, a mistress of ceremonies has been introduced into the graduation ceremony. Nancy Campbell will act as mistress of ceremonies introducing various speakers and guests. Student Welcome will be given by Ted deSelding and the guest speaker will be Senator Lowell Weicker.

Following the distribution of diplomas, refreshments will be served in the gym, sponsored by junior mothers.

The senior class party will be held at the Manor in Norwalk from 9:30-3:00 a.m. Two bands, Equus and Chevrole, will join the party along with a buffet dinner at midnight. Tickets for the class party will go on sale for $8.

Following the party at the Manor will be a party at Weed Beach lasting to 7:00 a.m. There will be refreshments served along with entertainment such as Gun nip and Pres.

Sue Troy, co-chairman for graduation, said that in addition there will be door prizes given away throughout the night. She commented, "Don't worry, we'll be graduating on the fifteenth," adding, "We're ahead of schedule and everything is going as planned."
Is A Schedule Change Needed?

In response to some criticism from a few members of the community, the rotating eight-day schedule at DHS has been brought up for revision. The subject has touched on misconceptions and closed-mindedness present on both sides. Opponents of the current schedule have been vociferous and opinionated with their arguments while supporters have been quick to take the attitude of "why change a good thing?" Because of this, members of any committee studying the matter should be careful not to rush into execution.

The current schedule is much more than such a criticism would lead us to believe. In terms of class time, it is just as good as an eight-period day would be with classes meeting every day. An eight-period rotating day has the advantage of students creating shorter periods. But whether a student would rather go for this or prefer having a period drop out of the schedule once every eight days is a matter of opinion. The contention that the dropping of a period once every eight days would disrupt the system is clearly a false one.

There are two negative aspects to a seven-period schedule imposed on a seven-period day. The dropping off of the extra period would deprive some students of the opportunity to take extra courses. It would also cause many problems with the construction of a student's schedule — their choices and periods and classes would be limited and they will also have fewer free periods.

There are also three advantages to consider some of the other alternatives. A schedule in which the last two or three periods are free at the end of the day and rotate among the groups would also have many advantages that work to the student's advantage. These people could design their schedules so that they can create an open end every day. By the same token, this schedule might deprive other students of getting an open end and the fact to eliminate the practice of a period rotating out of the schedule every eight days. This proposal deserves careful scrutiny.

The people studying this thing should realize that the advantages are not as many advantages to the old schedule, but they should not be afraid to consider alternatives.

Clough To Propose New Government

By LESLIE EVANS

It is generally believed that a good government is one that is responsive to the needs of the people. Clough's opinion when she and DHS Principal Donald H. Robbins began to consider a plan to restructure the DHS student government. Kelley's interest in re-organizing the government was spread throughout the auditorium, with the intent that the elected body in neighboring high schools last fall as a part of an Activities Council exchange program. She learned how other school governments functioned, and this prompted her to begin drafting proposals to make the DHS governing body better. At the same time, Dr. Robbins recognized the need to revamp or at least re-evaluate the present system.

Dr. Robbins' concern mounted when the results of last December's All-School Workshop were revealed. In these results, many students stated that the present system is inefficient because of the fact that only fourteen students represent a student body numbering twelve-hundred. For these reasons, Kelley began a semester-long independent study project, under the direction of Dr. Robbins, with the intent of evaluating some of the needs regarding the school government.

"There's no way to come up with an ideal government, although we can try. However, we do need a system that will meet our present needs," commented Kelley.

Various committees were formed as a direct result of the All-School Workshop, and the school government committee is just one of those groups. Kelley worked closely with this committee throughout the semester. She split the committee into two separate groups. It was one group's responsibility to visit and to research the governing bodies of local high schools. The other group researched the Activities Councils, which entailed reading the rules and constitutional texts of the individual organization. The entire committee met at a whole day-long meeting to discuss the findings of their research, and, as a final step, to draft a set of proposed changes.

Kelley, with the help of Dr. Robbins and her fellow committee members, finished drafting and submitted five different proposals to the School and Activities Councils for each member of the council. From this input, Kelley was able to create a final proposal which she again submitted to the council for writing responses.

Kelley then split the committee into two groups, the first charge of which was to submit a final proposal which will be submitted to the student body for ratification. It was a business decision on the part of the board, but it's going to cost Darien some top-notch people. They want it and they get it. As to whether or not the teachers should have held out longer for a more favorable agreement: "It would have been pointless to hold out longer. It wasn't in the best interest of the kids. We could have kicked and screamed, but it wouldn't have helped the school system, but to what end?"

The board dropped its demand that teachers be required under contract to do some of the activities that were volunteered in previous contracts. The reason that the cessation of voluntary activities, which was contained in the contract, was because of the signing and ratification of the contract, helped influence this outcome.

Mr. Benton feels that some of the contract language is ambiguous, a sentiment which is echoed by Hilary Press, one of two DCA building "captains" at DHS. Ms. Press feels that the change in the contract from the word extra-curricular to co-curricular activities on the part of the teachers is a step forward toward obligatory 'voluntary' activity. Mr. Benton feels that the language regarding voluntary work is unclear, especially after the superintendent of schools' memorandum arrived in which all work that was done voluntarily in the past will remain voluntary.

But wait a minute. Opening your eyes, you see everyone now in hysterics, voluntary work is clear, especially after the superintendent of schools' memorandum arrived in which all work that was done voluntarily in the past will remain voluntary.

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Senior Exam Schedule Remains Unchanged

By GREG REILLY

The members of the Class of 1977 became optimistic about their chances for not being required to take final exams. On Friday, the 13th of May, the wishful thinking was spread throughout the auditorium, the senior homeroom where infrequent announcements rarely arouse excitement. During that homeroom, it was suggested by the seniors that Dr. Robbins, DHS principal, could still be open to the idea that seniors may be given an option as to whether or not individual seniors would take their final exams. The seniors called their class to meet with Dr. Robbins during that same day so that they could express their viewpoints regarding final exams for seniors before Dr. Robbins designed the exam schedule.

Dr. Robbins met with the class for the most part of an hour and proved that he
Will Cops Crack Down On Boisterous Beachsters?

By JOHN KRATKY

Summer is on the way. As fewer people attend class and the beaches become more and more crowded it would be wise to take an in-depth look at the new beach ordinances.

The new ordinances, each of which could cost you up to $100 if violated, are as follows: 1. No commercial vendors allowed at the beaches. 2. Drunking of alcoholic beverages will be restricted to the picnic areas only. 3. Littering is now also going to cost $100.

The fines and ordinances are the direct result of suggestions stemming from the recently formed Better Beach Committee. Under the direction of Mrs. C. G. Battey, Mrs. Bernard Gilmore, and Mrs. Frank Wilcox, the purpose of the committee is to try to stop the littering, vandalism, and injuries all resulting around incidents of broken glass at the beaches. Recently a young girl received fifty-two stitches after falling on some broken bottles.

According to Police Captain Angelo Tuseano, "Once the beaches open officially the new ordinances will be strictly enforced." Thus far several people have been tagged with fines. If for some reason you should be drinking in the parking lot or violating one of the laws, adjacent the police will accord you your rights. "We don't have to give the signs posted at the entrances to the beaches to do that for us," said Captain Tuseano. "Fines of the fines alone should make our job easier."

The police are hoping for the cooperation of all beach frequenters. And while the fear of fines will act as a deterrent, the fines remain real enough. It would be possible to be on the receiving end of fines totaling up to $300 for breaking all three of the new ordinances at the same time.

Rudy Klass and Howard Mas-tropparo are high school students on the committee. Their job is such to let the high school community know what is going on and give feedback to the students to the committee. The high school has been involved with the committee in other ways, also. Some of the art classes have made posters which now hang in local stores, telling of the new beach ordinances. Through Rudy and Howard, the committee hopes to encourage greater high school cooperation with the new fines.

Combined with the new parking islands which have been installed at the beaches. According to Police Captain Angelo Klass and Howard Mas-tropparo, the beaches will become a cleaner and safer place for all involved, the committee hopes strongly.

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"My Fair Lady":

A 'Lovely' Musical

By ROBERT BURCK

Lerner and Loewe's "My Fair Lady" is a "lovely" musical play and was presented as such by Theater 308 May 7, 8, and 9th.

Heading the cast was Suzanne Coates as Eliza Doolittle, a cockney flower girl unrefined in the ways of English manners at first. Her speech of in-dignation and retorts of "I'm a good girl, I am" set the character of Eliza as an endearing, naive one. As the play progressed, it was delightful to see Eliza mature into a complex "Lady," a feat which Ms. Coates performed very smoothly and most satisfactorily.

Ms. Coates has a beautiful, small, singing voice, and though some songs got lost in the audience, others such as "Wouldn't it be Lovely?" and "The Rain in Spain" were a pleasure to the ear.

Kip Hashagen's Henry Higgins, the man who credits himself as saving Eliza from the gutter and single-handedly transforming her into a woman of the world, was great as a chaustiastic, cocky gentleman. His voice was clearly heard and Mr. Hashagen's fine, strong voice carried extremely well, remaining clear throughout songs of great length, notably the "Hymn to Him."

Other notable characters (of the 55 members of the cast) were Suzy Hop­kins as Henry's mother, a calm, cool, and collected woman of strong in­stitutions (truly a lady), and Clark Porter, a part-time barber and singing, stuffy old companion of Higgins (truly a perfect man). The set - the - sleeve Alfred P. Doolittle, Eliza's father, did a humurous portrayal of the character as he con­vinced many that living in the gutter was better "en hein" a rich man. Dave Ellison's Freddy, the unrequited lover of Eliza, had stars in his eyes as he sang "On the Street Where You Live," and Laureen Congioli, as the dowdy, worrisome housekeeper of Higgins was wonderfully matronly.

The costumes, as is fast becoming a habit, were magnificently done. The scene of the Aerat, the races to which Higgins takes Eliza, was a highlight of the social world... and would like to concentrate on finish­ning his textbook.

Theater 308 finished fourth in the Connecticut State Drama Festival held at the University of Bridgeport April 28 and 29. They presented a scene from "Bus Stop" directed by Jon Edwards. Beth Stringer won Best Actress award for her performance and John Gilson received Honorable Mention for Best Actor.

Evan Kerrigan and Chris Lane, both juniors, will receive a special award from the American Cancer Society at the unit's annual dinner on June 14. The award will be presented in recognition of Evans and Chris's conference has been to present the workshop leaders a Gold Arrow Pin for the Teaching of Foreign Languages, held to Washington on April 28-30.

This conference is a meeting of some 3,000 teachers from various school districts in the nation. At the conference the conference has been to present the workshop leaders a Gold Arrow Pin for their part in the workshops.

William Jacobs was recently ap-pointed Visiting Fellow by the Department of History in the graduate school of Yale University for the com­ing summer. He plans to study the children's literature of Europe under the Great, Hitler, and Jimmy Carter. The entire research is part of a continuing study of world-historical personalities.

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A Night To Remember That You'd Like To Forget

By JACK LOW

What has four ears, wears a potato sack and monkey tail, and smells like Harvest Brees? That's right, a couple going to the Junior-Senior Prom. And why not? It's the best night of your life, say your loving parents. It's a tradition as old as 'Father Knows Best' and is the "one night you'll always treasure." The end-of-the-year event floods in the atmosphere before the big night. Girls start basting their turkeys, and the lanky redheads debate whether the prom is worth sacrificing an evening at the Moosehead. But whom do you ask to your kid sister, then the choice is simply first hand. Who will you buy cumberbunds? Might she bawl in my lap after a few beers? Does she chew like a seal? Will she mind eating dinner at Nathan's?

If the answers to these questions are unfavorable, then you've made the right choice. A good match will always change the complexion of a night. But guys, shop for your filet mignon while its fresh, or you might end up with a ramp roast.

Getting ready for the prom can be a chore, but remember, anything's worth a thoughtful of memories. For you boys it means two things; $50 tuxes and fast-talking Italians. If you're one of the more fortunate, early shoppers, your tux won't be orange with a pink bow tie. You see, you are not only going to look sharp, but you're paying $50 to look stupid.

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In the spring when the temperatures start to rise, the girls in school now go "flopping around" and this distracts the boys from their work, observed Raymond Otavari, chairman of the industrial arts Department, who has been teaching at DHS for 32 years. George Sykes, of the Social Studies Department, who was a student at DHS before he began his teaching here in 1967, said, "Kids today are much more knowledgeable and more aware of the world than when I was a student."

John A. Rallo, chairman of the Foreign Language Department, who has been teaching here since 1958, stated that "many students today are always willing to take freedom, but not the responsibility that goes along with that."

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Sophomore Girls Excel On Track Team

By PHILIPPA BOWLEY

What team has five seniors, nine juniors and 19 sophomores, a 14-0 win-loss record, and eight school records this season? The DHS girls' track team does.

The rash of tenth-grade talent has been mainly used in the sprinting area. The all-sophomore 440 relay, run by Amanda Sutherland, Sue Gay, Carol Savarese, and Julie Lindenberg, has broken a school record. Along with the relay, Amanda shattered both the 100- and 220-yard records. Jane West broke the recently set shot put record to add further to the sophomore list of achievements.

Experience seems to be important in the longer events, as the returning runners hold the records in these runs. The school record-killing mile relay, consisting of Kathleen Shanahan, Joan Corsiglia, Lynn Ellisson, and Karen Deegan, has only one sophomore. Junior Joan Corsiglia improved the two-mile school record by over a full minute.

In the sectional Class L meet on May 27, the girls who make the required times will compete and those who place within the top eight go to the state Class L meet. Coach Steven Norris said all three relays will go to states along with sophomores Amanda Sutherland in the 220-yard run, Julie Lindenberg and Sue Gay in the hurdles, Karen Deegan in the half-mile run, and Molly Leib in the mile race. The sophomores competing in the state field events will be Jane West high jumping, along with Patsy McKeona and Liz Hanley throwing the javelin. According to Mr. Norris, only one junior, Teri-captain Joan Corsiglia running the mile and two-mile races, and two seniors, Tri-captains Kathy Shanahan and Lynn Ellisson in the quarter-mile race, will be eligible.

Last year the team's record was 5-5. When asked the reasons for this year's improvement, Coach Kathleen Shanahan mentioned better coaches, and better quantity and quality of talent to work with this year. The two new coaches are Katy Lawrence, who handles sprinters and long jumpers, and Steven Norris, in charge of the distance running and other field events. Ms. Lawrence is a graduate of Staples.

Barb Hunter, consistent performer for the girls' tennis team, works hard on improving her game. (Photo by Richard Ferriro)

Lobsterettes Drop Racket To Greenwich

By MARY ELLEN KIGGINS

Holding an impressive 8-1 record, the Darien High School girls' tennis team, led by Captain Bele Herbert and Coach Rebecca Strominger, has successfully maintained its reputation as one of the top performing teams of the school.

The girls suffered their first loss in a disappointing match against Greenwich, who now stands undefeated, but posted an important win in an anticipated difficult match with Roger Ludlowe.

The team's first loss came against Greenwich on May 2, a match in which Ms. Strominger noted she hoped the team "would have done a little better." Although Darien's doubles team was strong, Greenwich successfully overpowered the match by outpowering the singles matches. Ms. Strominger noted this was partly due to a "vast improvement" in Greenwich's number three singles player.

"The singles definitely need to become more consistent," Coach Strominger further explained. "They also need to be quicker on their feet since they tend to be a little slow in their positioning.

Darien's doubles have proven to be an important factor in many of the team's victories this season, although Ms. Strominger noted that they "need to concentrate on keeping their cross-court shots more cross-court.

In the victory against Roger Ludlowe on May 13, Ms. Strominger cited the "extremely good" playing of the doubles team of Captain Bele Herbert and Nancy Spellbrink. They defeated Ludlowe's number one doubles team, who went to the semi-finals in the state tournament last year, in close straight sets, 7-6, 7-6.

Currently holding the number one singles position for the Darien team is Terry Fogarty, quite an accomplishment for a fifteen-year-old sophomore.

Terry began playing four years ago when she became interested when one of her good friends began taking lessons. She practices during the summer at the Westchester Country Club in Rye, New York, for about two- and a-half hours a day. She also plays for the Westchester Country Club team but admits that although she plays as much as she can, she doesn't play enough to be ranked in the Eastern Tennis Association (ETA) tournaments.

"I really didn't expect it," Terry admitted, looking back at her top position on the team.

Carol Bothwell, caught by the camera a second before breaking through to victory, takes her final strides. The Wavers swept their final meet of the season, leaving them with a 14-0 mark. (Photo by Charlot Has-Allard)

Softball Coach Cites Pros, Cons

BY JEANNE MUELLER

Cindy Davis, pitcher of the DHS softball team, swings her arm straight back, whips it forward, and then adroitly releases the ball.

"Cindy's an excellent pitcher," said Coach Deborah Billington, "but her straight-back style of pitch is not as swift as the windmill used by the more successful teams in the league. One reason she learns this pitch, which will still do at a softball camp this summer, she will be as good, if not better, than any other pitcher in the league."

Ms. Billington feels that having a "windmill" pitcher is a key component to a successful season. One reason for the team's lackluster 1-8 mark is that the team doesn't get practice batting against a fast pitcher.

As another reason, Ms. Billington commented, "When you don't have a tradition of winning, you don't have anything to draw upon. The team members have not been able to give enough of themselves, because they don't know how much to give, but the talent is there."

"In the beginning of the season our losses in games were due to inexperience. For the most part, our later games have been very close. We've usually lost by only two or three runs, which our win-loss record doesn't reflect," she said.

Despite the experience that they have gained through the season, Ms. Billington feels that the arms of the outfielders are not strong enough as of yet. However, the team has a sound infield.

"The strongest, most consistent infielder is Cyndi Bonanno," the coach pointed out. "She holds the team together with her confidence, and very seldom does she make a mistake in timing."

With Cindy D. using the "windmill," Cyndi B. playing infield, and many team members returning next year with experience, the team has a good outlook for next year's season. "The hopes are high for state competition," Ms. Billington remarked.
Blue Netmen Remain Unbeaten, Bury Staples

By JOHN TIBBETTS

The Darien High boys' tennis team won three of its last five matches against the Fairfield County Champions with a coach judging each line.

It did not take long for trouble to start this year. Fenichell and Downey started debating almost immediately. Fenichell finally asked for linesmen when Downey called a volley of his out and Fenichell felt it was on the line. Fenichell, who is undefeated in singles, had a narrow loss to Downey, who served at one, and Downey won her service game for a three to one lead. Fenichell then went on a tear as he ran off five straight games and took the first set, 6-3.

At this point the rambunctious crowd got going. Downey appeared to be bothered by the commotion from the audience, and her serve suffered as a result. Throughout the second set, the players were neck and neck.

The two players frequently argued throughout the second set, and Fenichell came out on top, 7-6, in an exciting tie-break. He was met at the net by the Staples coach, who shook his hand. Fenichell then moved over to Downey to do the same. Him, and Downey refused to shake his hand.

Bob Harford, who was engaged in a real struggle with his opponent, Neil Bernstein, won in three sets. Another highly rated win was by Bill Banks. Ted deSelding and Elliot Effrinck won the other two matches handily. Down 5-0 at this point, Staples decided that the match was not worth the bother, and deflected the double two sets.

The Wilton squad gave Darien the hardest match it has had this season. Joe Mills, top player, was involved in a motorcycle accident just before the match and had to default to Bob Ferguson, who had the talent all along, and now we're starting to see it.

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Tracksters Sprint To Flying Finish

By JOSH MOLTZ

Rookie coach Douglas Rubin's DHS boys' track team, after beginning the season with a mediocre 3-4 start, ran away with its last four tri-meets and recorded eight consecutive victories to close the campaign with an impressive 11-4 mark, its best in years.

Darien's secret to success in the last four "meet-sure's been its unchanging balance and depth, with consistently talented performers setting a standard in nearly every event. Distance runner T. Larkin and Ferguson continue where they had the talent all along, and now we're starting to see it."

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