Collingwood Discusses REBIRTH
by Tim Massad

Misss Collingwood expressed her thoughts on the past, present, and future of REBIRTH, Darien High School's independent newspaper, in a recent interview.

Last spring, Miss Collingwood, who is editor and jack-of-all-trades for the paper, felt that there was a need for something more than what Neirad was offering. REBIRTH had become too much of a "Me" paper; dissatisfied with Neirad, I just felt it couldn't expand because it was the school paper. She was not trying to compete with Neirad, nor was she going to start a revolution. Missy got the money for the first issue from her own pocket, and friends helped her get the rest together. There was no set staff, and most important, there was no faculty advisor. I still think the case today.

Some of the articles came from outside sources, such as other school newspapers. Missy did say that she desperately wants more articles from D.H.S. students. She would also appreciate more people contributing in any way they can.

Although REBIRTH is $80 in the hole (followling the footsteps of another familiar local publication), a November issue is forthcoming. One issue per month is described as the past, present, and future of Rebirth, Darien High School's independent newspaper, in a recent interview.

Partial results of the Physical Education department's questionnaire on activities preferences for gym classes were made available to NEIRAD this week by Coach Mauette.

Early tabulations coming from the senior boys' gym classes indicate the greatest amount of interest in the following activities: swimming, basketball, volleyball, softball, tennis, soccer, lacrosse, self-defense, archery, and hockey (skating).

Mr. Mauette said that plans were already underway to implement the findings in an elective program for junior and senior gym classes next fall. Sophomores would receive instruction in a basic core of skill training similar to the one now being used by the Phys. Ed. dept. Under this plan, the same basic activities would be offered the upperclassmen, but receive a choice.

In order for the plan to evolve into the comprehensive indoor program desired by those responding, Mr. Mauette stressed the need for the expansion of present facilities and space. He pointed to the efforts being made to improve both the combination outdoor basketball court and hockey rink, which would help to relieve overcrowding in the gym. Students in study hall as well as those in physical education would be able to take advantage of these areas.

Because two plays will be presented, there will be one or possibly two intermissions for set changing, etc. There will be music during both plays, done by Steve Hilter and some members of the jazz ensemble. Some of the offstage actions in "Antigone" will be shown on film. Set designs are by Bob Logan and Jiffa Awtail, with Dave Wolfe doing photography.

A Theatre 308 spokesman said that they "hope to have a good turnout for a lot of work has been put into the plays and we expect them to be top caliber." Certain time is 8:30, and tickets are priced at $1.50.

Elections Go Republican
by Janie Case

In a recent interview at Town Hall Mr. James W. Tower spoke of the recent town elections. Mr. Tower was re-elected on the Republican ticket as First Selectman over Democrat Bayard R. Hand. He received 2,389 votes to 1,791 votes for Mr. Hard.

Mr. Tower pledged his continued support toward more and better ways of maintaining local government. He gave a general idea as to a prospective program he would like to follow for new town projects. He mentioned specifically the possible use of the Baker School property as the site either for a new Town Hall or a town playground. In answer to another query, Mr. Tower continued on page 3.
A FORWARD STEP
IN PHYS. ED.
by Craig Mason

Two weeks ago, just before NEIRAD published an editorial entitled “The Development of Body, Mind and Spirit”, the Physical Education Department began polling its students on the first step in implementing an elective program similar to that suggested in our editorial. We applaud Coach Mante for recognizing the opinions and needs of his students. We feel that a program allowing a student to select his activities will be more satisfying and more acceptable to the students than the present method, which allows students no choice.

We do, however, that if the new policy is effective in junior and senior classes during its first year of operation, it should then be extended to sophomores at least during their second semester.

NEIRAD also supports plans for the building of a swimming pool and/or a combination basketball court/hockey rink, but feel that these facilities should be open for use by students and townspeople when they are not being used by gym classes or school teams. In the past, mention of any new school construction has brought bitter division to Darien. A hockey rink open to all Darien citizens might help to bring taxpayers closer to the schools. There can be no guarantee that this ameliorative effect will occur, but it is clear that either a swimming pool or a hockey rink would benefit and be welcomed by more than the 110 students at DHS.
THE RETURN OF THE KING

by John Holme

Australians as we know it may be breathing its last; after two hundred years of The Hegemony of the Common Man, The Monarchy has appeared. Born of the need of frustration with democratic procedures, the Monarchy has in a short time earned fame and glory through the wisdom of Their Majesties King Matt Mehr and Queen Ledell Waterman, whose domination of Norwalk High School is still something less than absolute.

Sick of the elitism and inefficiency of their common student government, the people of Norwalk High School decided last spring to institute a monarchy. The result: The Monarchy.

During the past spring and a quick re-placement was needed. Queen Ledell said that she ran because she wanted to change the school and "... make the kids aware of what's happening..." (It was difficult to get a straightforward answer out of the Queen.)

Queen Ledell and King Matt enjoy a court consisting of a Chancellor (who can cast the deciding vote if the King and Queen disagree on something), four counsellors, a number of knights and ladies-in-waiting and several assorted jesters and other people who take care of the bookkeeping.

Their Majesties appeared healthy in mind and body, their cheery dispositions matched only by their grim concern with the continuous encroachment of the Administration upon the Royal Domain. Indeed, the sanctity of the throne room itself has been trespassed; the King was recently found there smoking a cigarette and was temporarily exiled from the school.

Apparently nowhere is safe, as the halls are guarded by three full-time hall monitors (in uniform) and the area surrounding the high school is constantly patrolled by the police. Students are not allowed to use the Student Lounge, ostensibly because the new furniture has not arrived yet. No outdoor studies are permitted and all studies are silent and dull and attendance is cracked. A smoking area is open during the lunch period. Open End is in effect for both the last period of the day and the first of the morning.

The Monarchy is hoping to have a concert (Edgar Winter's name was mentioned). Two dances have already been held and both attracted enough people to make some money.

The Monarchy is considering a way to open the school again and to even consider reopening any of the students' immemorial grievances. The Administration in Norwalk has apparently made up some rather hard nuts to crack.

On the other hand, the Monarchy is convinced of the Administration's dislike and distrust. The Monarchy's official position concerning the Administration was proclaimed by Queen Ledell when she said: "The Monarchy does not approve of the Administration."

Field Hockey Undefeated

by Corinne Bishop

The post four victories of the Girls' Field Hockey Team have not been as swift as the previous ones over Ridgefield 9-0 and Stamford Catholic 10-1. The Girls' Blue Wave tied Greenwich 1-1 and Roger Ludlowe 1-1 and won in their games against Brien McMahon 3-0 and Trinity 3-0. Darien's record is now 6-0-2.

This year on October 19, Darien was determined to beat Greenwich after many years of hard-fought ties and losses. At first neither team was able to gain possession of the ball. It wasn't until the second half that "Wily" DeVivo pushed the ball over the goal line. It seemed possible that another member of the Blue forward line could score, but the second half quickly ticked by and neither team was able to hold onto the ball. Greenwich seemingly swept by the Darien defensive unit and scored a goal in the closing seconds of the game.

Two days later, away at Roger Ludlowe, Darien faced a tougher rival. Ludlowe, like Darien, had yet to suffer the sting of defeat and was vying with Darien for the top league spot. Once again "Wily" DeVivo opened the game for the Blue Wave by scoring the first goal early in the first half. The Ludlowe 11 proved equal to the challenge and scored twice in the first half. Going into the second half, a point behind, Darien's defensive unit tightened itself after the baggage of constant/imgress full-backs and forwards. Patty Mays put the last ball in the bucket to score for Darien, tying the score at 2-2. Wednesday, October 27, McMahon, playing on their soggy field, was unable to collect itself. Patty Mays scored three goals, two in the first period and one in the second. The defensive fullbacks, Pam Bishop, Paula Kinnunen, and Cory Bishop, and fullbacks Pam Franzo and Annie Updike kept McMahon scoreless.

In January the girls' Field Hockey Team will be pitted against each other and in the weather, in the first period neither Darien nor Notre Dame scored. In the second half, Darien continued their passes and dodged their opponents to win by a score of 3-0.

The JV team has done admirably after being rehearsed several times. Their record is now 1-1-1.
Harriers Finish At 12-2

by Jim Adlam

Coach Robbins' harriers have once again compiled an extraordinary season's record-an outstanding 12-2. Last Thursday, after having won the eastern divisional FCAC crown away, the During Blue Wave travelled to Hubbard Heights in Stamford for the Fairfield County championships. This week was perhaps the most disappointing of the season with the Blue runners finishing fourth Greenwich and New Canaan all came out ahead of Darien.

Never much feared as a threat at the beginning of the season, Darien surprised 'the rest of the county, as well as themselves, by their consistently excellent performances. Losing most of the entire varsity team to graduation, the outlook for this year's team was quite grim. This year's cross country team had not been expected to reflect the high-speed which always ended up in first place last year, but had depended heavily upon their amazing depth.

which usually saved a close meet. The seven varsity runners who gave the team its "depth" were seniors Rod Rahe, Jon Dev, Kevin Leonard, Mark Rodman, and juniors Bart Bartlett, Jeff Dahl, and John Scifo.

The JV squad also had a highly successful season losing only to Darien early in the season. Most of the J.V. races were on the verge of being ridiculous, with the entire team finishing before their opponents were in sight of the finish line. Regardless of what has been said as to how they should have been beaten both Darien and New Canaan, and how they could have squeaked by Greenwich in a good meet, it seems quite evident that the Darien Cross-Country team of 1971 got as far as it did because of a great determination and a will to win. Although this year's team, therefore, still worked to win, and with the same amount of effort by next year's talented and experienced team, they could walk off with the county title.

Gridmen Drop Two

After romping past Stamford Catholic, Darien lost two heartbreakers by identical 147 scores. With a few more breaks, Darien could have won both of these games.

STAMFORD CATHOLIC 264 Darien ran all over the Crusaders of Stamford, winning by the widest margin of the season, 26-4. Darien's success can be traced to their impressive ground game as they piled up 275 yards rushing. The main contributor to this total was the quarterback, Steve "Keeper" Seyforth, who amassed a total of 141 yards.

Early in the second quarter, the Crusaders scored their first and last touchdown of the game and took a 6-0 lead. Later in the same quarter, Darien put together a 42 yard drive which was capped off by the halfback option pass from Kit to Brimmer from three yards out. The extra point was good and Darien had a 7-6 halftime lead.

Darien scored their next touchdown when Seyforth got the ball, swept to the right, broke a tackle, and gobbled up 60 yards before being brought down at the two yard line. Two plays later, Hart plunged over for the score. Early in the fourth quarter, Seyforth scored a five yard touchdown on the option play under excellent blocking from the line. Just one minute later, Seyforth did it again! He faked a handoff to Hart, boot-legged it around the right end, and pranced 46 yards for the final score of the game.

The Darien defense once again played a superb game as they held Stamford Catholic to only 36 yards rushing and came up with several key interceptions by Keith Brown, Jeff Brimmer, and Marco Scott.

Wilton 7-4 Before a capacity homecoming crowd the Wilton Warriors edged Darien 14-7. Wilton came into the game with their highly explosive wishbone offense. It appeared as though the Warriors were going to demolish the Big Blue when they scored easily in the first quarter. The Warriors were able to hold them scoreless again until the middle of the second quarter when an alert Wilton corner intercepted a Darien lateral and ran the distance to give Wilton a 14-7 lead.

After this touchdown, Darien controlled the game. Their offense had many chances to score and their defense stopped the Wilton wishbone offense cold. Darien got only their touchdown on an 18 yard pass from Steve Seyforth to Scotty Harrington. Two Darien drives were stopped short when Wilton picked off two of their possible passes.

RODGERS LUDLOWE 7-14 Darien lost another close ballgame as the powerful Rodger Ludlowe Tigers beat them in a game played in Fairfield. Darien opened the game with their highly successful halfback option play as Larry Hart threw a perfect 52 yard pass to Jeff Brimmer. On the next play, however, a Darien fumble stopped the Waver's drive. The only points of the first three quarters were captured by Ludlowe on a touchdown in the second period. The fourth quarter saw excellent passing from both sides. First Ludlowe scored on a 20 yard passing play. Then Darien, led by quarterback Bob Bake, went to the air and put together a 46 yard touchdown drive with Larry Hart scoring from the three.

This time it was too late for the Waver's as Ludlowe ran out the clock.

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BOOTERS BOUNCE BACK

The Blue Wave Soccer team finished its season with a 4-7-2 record as they took three of their last four games to end in third place of their division. These in the first for was Roger Ludlowe who went down in defeat 4-1. In this tilt the year, no real question as to who would be victorious as Darien tallied three times in the first quarter. With less than one minute gone by in the game, the three tri-captains, Parker Antin, Wayne Grant, and Bruce Paschut put together a beautiful play with Wayne netting the goal. The second goal of the period was scored by Parker on a pass from Andy Holmes. This came with four minutes left to play in the period. Then, only a minute-and-a-half later, the Trinidad Trickster, Wayne Grant, scored his second goal of the game on a brilliant shot from out front.

The second and third periods saw no scoring for Darien, however, they applied continuous pressure and played stellar defense. Ludlowe did score in the third period, but goalie Chris Cushing rose to the occasion again to tame his attacker. Ludlowe managed to half a Ludlowe attack. At the start of the fourth period, Darien led 3-1. With but 46 seconds gone by, Wayne Grant hit on his third goal of the game to pick up his hat trick of the season. It was an excellent play as Wayne put on some dazzling moves and then fired a shot right under the goalie.

There's not really much to say about the New Canaan game as the Wavers were drowned in a 4-0 defeat.

Not disheartened by the loss to New Canaan, Darien bounced right back to topple Andrew Warde by a score of 3-1. The first period ended in a scoreless tie as both squads were playing hard. Darien was playing well but could not seem to score. Minutes into the second period, Parker Antin scored an unusual goal to put the Blue Wave in front 1-0. Parker kicked the ball which deflected off a Warde player's head and then went into the net. At this point the team got really fired up and started to play an inspired ball.

While Darien could not seem to score any more in the second period, the third period saw good old Wayne Grant tally twice to give Darien a 3-0 advantage. Both goals were well deserved as Wayne displayed some fine second effort on each of them. The highlight of the game, however, came with about four minutes left in the game. A down- breaker broke out at midfield between Warde Bill Ward and an unidentified Warde player, who ended up being ejected from the game. In this reporter's opinion, the decision definitely goes to Bill Ward as he displayed a lightning fast left jab with a powerful right cross.

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SENIOR GIRLS TRIUMPH

On Sunday, October 31, the Monster Amazon of the senior class completely wiped out the Sparrows of the junior class 26-0, in the annual Senior-Junior girls football game. "Crusher" Capelluto, "Logs" Leahy, and "Brusher" Bachman led the team to victory while a large crowd of Ubangie and part time idlets cheered them on.

Photo: John Goodman

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