Budget Decrease Creates Concern

Much has been said about last year's budget cut, what can't be stressed is the impact of this reduction, Nerdol sought to survey some of the departments which seemed most seriously affected.

Some departments lost teachers directly through faculty reduction and some lost faculty on a full or part-time basis through reallocation to the optional programs. The optional program teachers are assumed to carry a teaching load that would otherwise be on the regular departments.

Social Studies Department

Since the greatest increase in class sizes of any department, while the average teacher class load in this department was 102 last year, this year the number has risen to 31. Dr. Jacobo stated, "This is significant for one reason in particular: teachers will no longer be able to devote as much time to individual conferences, and individualized instruction. There will be fewer students in the room, and students will probably not diminish from last year but it will be at the expense of faculty who are perpetually tired," continued Dr. Jacobo. "We're already finding teachers who are finding it a strain for meetings with students during the day, and after the end of the day, they don't have the energy."

In Social Studies, we have already been hurt by the loss of one assistant professor and one semester in this department we rely

Down Memory Lane With a Maine Man

By CINDY TOWER

Gone is the gritty hearst of yesterday, and in its place is a smooth, well-groomed vice-principal. For those who don't know him, Mr. Gerald Coolidge is the big guy with dark sparkling eyes who is often seen walking around wearing a hat. Mr. Coolidge is a bit of a sleepy man. His exterior calm and quiet appearance belies a mischievousness in thinking, and his constant body movements, pushover. This has not always proved to be true.

Mr. Coolidge's headquarters is a refuge from the usual office's hollowness. Decorated with a brilliant green rug, ultra-pink and white deck chairs, curtains and art work including a giant smile sign, Mr. Coolidge has succeeded in giving his "pad" a friendly, homey atmosphere. Asked where his bean bag chair had gone, Mr. Coolidge replied that it had been "leaking beans all over the place," and it is probably due to the tight budget that he hasn't gotten another. Not all those desk drawers are brayed with the vice-principal's workload. In one Mr. Coolidge keeps a spoon and a jar of peas to ward off attacks of starvation.

Lunchroom

Mr. Coolidge grew up in Maine. In his family, which still speaks French today, he didn't learn English until he was eight or nine years old. Ever since he was a boy, Mr. Coolidge thought he

would grow up to be a teacher. This seems surprising since he was reared

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would grow up to be a teacher. This seems surprising since he was reared by an elementary school teacher into learning English. He chased him to the library every day.

After school for years. At the time, he hated his job with no more amusement. Oddly enough, Mr. Coolidge now appreciates it. He went to St. Louis High School in Maine, which rigidly separated boys and girls. He did not have the opportunity to flirt with girls, which was a plus of football, including night games which were played all season round.

After high school, Mr. Coolidge became an Air Force radar technician. During the period of the 1950's when U.F.O.'s were frequently reported, Mr. Coolidge several times saw unexplained blips on the radar screen which performed seemingly impossible maneuvers.

Taught English

Mr. Coolidge became a student at the University of Maine, where he earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees in English. He married, and he and wife had two of their four kids while he was still in college. After college, Mr. Coolidge taught English at Shrewsbury High in Fort Washington, Leng Island, and then became chairman of the English department. In 1969 Mr. Coolidge came to DHS as vice-principal.

Despite some ups and downs here, Mr. Coolidge says "the worst thing

Conscientious Students Need Community Need

By BETSY ADAMS and KAREN ECRICH

The Community Action Program (C.A.P.) is a new credit / no credit course offered at DHS. The program is designed to develop social awareness in students and hopefully motivate their further involvement in volunteer service.

C.A.P. is affiliated with the Voluntary Action Center of Stamford-Darien, whose goal is to "provide a central point for the coordination of all volunteer activities and to emphasize the value and potential of volunteer

After having chosen an advisor and agency to work with, each participant is required to attend the monthly C.A.P. meetings regularly, average three hours per week in the field of service, have a satisfactory evaluation from the supervisor, and promptly submit a written report at the end of each ten-week period.

Dr. Robbins cited the help of Mrs. Anne Kimball, who is the southwestern Connecticut coordinator of V.A.C.; Mrs. Betsy Rice, Darien coordinator; and Mrs. Dorothy Herrmann, school social worker, in developing C.A.P.
Rally For Pedagogue Pep!

Pop-spirit; the presence of this element is the vital, burning issue at the moment.

Peterson, this is the proper time to have a pep rally for a forgotten team: the pedagogue place.

We've got to fire up these teachers. Some of them drag along as if they have a great deal of work to do and they're not even coming faces in the classroom—oh no? The more the merrier! Aren't they pleased as pineapples to grade more papers, to grade more tests? They don't have this confidence in our system. Neris thought these people liked to read. What better way is there for a teacher to spend all his spare time than with his loving students? If it keeps these intellectuals out of town.

The school could structure this pep rally in a fashion similar to the previous plan. For a uniform look, the teachers could be dressed in fatigues as they jog through a hoop constructed of last year's flim-flam papers. After the excitement of a contest between the classes to see who can recite their ABC's the fastest, our pep rally would reach the climax as our professors are presented with gifts. Mrs. Hufman and Mr. Capps dressed up as "an apple for the teacher" could present a survival packet for this year's budget cuts to each including a box of Wheaties, a bottle of Geritol. Ah, the splendid grandeur of it all...

Gee whiz, this is such a keen year. We have to do something to stop these students from worrying about the quality of education. Sit back, relax, gosh we'll all just have to fun! Why? Why? Who's In? End some ad

Uncle Abner enemies?

Faculty Members Face Larger Classes

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English Department

"It was entirely wiped out the remedial reading program," commented John Black, Chairman of the English "department. Dr. Black referred to the status of the English Department at the beginning of last year.

Miss Harper, a former teacher at the faculty who taught on a halftime basis, was another loss to the department. Miss Harper didn't do her drama courses as well as various English courses. "She did give us some inspiration to the other teachers of the department," Dr. Black explained. "She has written extensively, and a bit of her teaching techniques rubbed off on the whole staff."

Dr. Peterson, formerly of the English Department, has transferred to the Alternative Learning Program on a full time basis. His departure, however, has lost the services of two teachers in the English curriculum because of this year's curriculum options.

Class sizes have been forced upward. Most teachers have also been forced to take on five classes.

"Teachers aren't able to do the same quality job," he added. "It is physically impossible to take on such a heavy work load and to function at a high salaried rate at the same time. There is no time to spend with a student who needs help or just wants to talk. With such a large faculty cut, people wonder whether education is a 'ghetto'."

Well the answer is: "Yes", we are knowledgeable educators who are trying to save the Darien High School. In New York City, heoch "function"; that's why I came to Darien in the first place. I wanted to do more than just function..."

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Lights Go Out By LISA EMMONS and FREDDIE MILLETT

This viewpoint is for students that every day Mr. Robert Cygan, the photography teacher, is forced to turn into a pumpkin precisely at 11:30 a.m. Unfortunately at this time the dark room doors lock and at least 45 students are left out in the cold for the rest of the school day, unable to use the facilities offered.

Last year the photography lab was open all day and after school. This time has now been cut in half in spite of the fact that the amount of students taking photography has doubled. Try to imagine 45 students cramming into the darkroom during free and fourth period. This day and half hours a day, the week on assignment day, is done. Some only have one free period to accomplish the complicated work of developing, washing, drying, enlarging, and framing that is involved with this course.

The Budget Crunch hit Darien High School's Art Department. This cut out half a teacher, decreased the photography classes by 50% and...

Alumni Rep Promotes Pep

By TOOD BURGER

Drake University

In response to Ms. Lane's Viewpoint (September 7) "Pep Rally: Chaos As Therapy", I think she missed the entire event. Your years in high school are the most important of your life, and the more you get involved in school activities the more rewarding your high school experience will be.

Granted, the idea of a pep rally may be childish, and when seeing it may look comical. But anything that will bring the school family together can only do to with this. They have really made an all-out effort to increase school spirit and we students have cooperated entirely with the students, but haven't had so much cooperation from the faculty. When I see teachers wearing them funny looking hats, I realize that very few teachers actually care about the school. Something is being done, though. The Activities Committee is going to ask the faculty that they chaperone at least one event this year. This way, the same teachers who always supervise for everything will not be in the same position this year.

A school consists of two groups of people—the teachers and the students. Students are a combined effort of both elements. It seems that students and a certain group of teachers are carrying the whole weight. But it's always the same teachers. Perhaps the lack of spirit is due to the fact that teachers do have more classes this year, and they feel that they give enough of themselves from 7:30 to 3:00 and in preparing at home for their classes. I can sympathize with this. But, I'm not looking for a solution. There should be some interest among the faculty to come to a decision. Where do they think their teacher roles for a while and have some fun?

There are teachers that think more about their students, and that could be argued among more teachers. If the faculty have a chance, I hope the students in their activities, where some of these leaves them to turn to..."
'Neirad' Examines Ice Cream Pros And Cones

Second of a Two-part Series

Served as many as 200 people at the perfect temperature and the super sundae in this second part of its ice cream survey.

Howard Johnson's

Standing with a relatively slow evening, we were fortunate to arrive during their fiftieth anniversary celebration. The vinegar of this gala event included a créer froid, place mats, dessert servings, various应该 sugars, odors, and desserts, each with a red, white, and blue color scheme.

With choice of 20 flavors, three cones sizes; $1.40, $1.50, and $4.90, we finally decide upon a mocha chip cone and a toasted almond fudge sundae. The ice cream was smooth, the mocha chip wasn't skinny on the crunchies, and the toasted almond fudge did taste like almonds. The sundae also included whipped cream, nuts, a cherry, and a small sugar cookie. The sundae did come in a fair-sized dish but didn't justify its $3.95 price. The pre-packed half-gallon runs you $2.49.

The service was swift and the environment clean, however, Holda's doesn't offer anything new or unusual and can be heavy on the budget. $1.99

Carvel

Carvel Ice Cream Mant, located next to the Larkin driving range, is another ice cream store specializing in "soft ice cream.

Carvel has good variety; you can select from sundae, ice cream, sundae, root beer float or milk shake all priced at $2.95, but actually should only be about $1.50. The flavor is very good, except the ice cream is too rich and filling for those consuming, tastes like a glass of club soda and chocolate syrup mixed. The thick shake float for $3.95 and the Banana Split for $4.25 are exception.

Carvel offers vanilla and chocolate ice cream, and a third flavor which changes from day to day. When talking with the manager, he explained that the flavor can be any one of 13.

Carvel also sells hand-packed ice cream, as well as birthday cakes, the birthday cakes at $3.95 being the most expensive item. For those of you on a tight budget there is the Flying Dutchman, which is a round ice cream sandwich for only $0.25.

Dairy Queen

Looking for something screamypiddlicious? Dairy Queen, located in Stamford, just a mile or so over the Darien line, is where all sorts of goodies can be found.

By George Garfield

During this past summer a number of people at the High School were involved in unusual and interesting activities. Reports on a few people's summer activities follow.

Sculpture

Lisa Emmons spent five weeks at the Rhode Island School of Design, in Providence, R.I. The Rhode Island School of Design, which offers one of the largest varieties of art courses, also offers a pre-college summer program. The summer program was run on a weekly schedule. Each person's schedule was based on the "major" on which he or she wanted to focus. Lisa chose sculpture as her art major and her weekly schedule devoted two days to her major. The other three days were spent in art classes in silk screening, design and drawing, with occasional art lectures and shows in all three. On weekends, art classes were not held and the students participated in parties and dances along with field trips.

Lisa feels she obtained "a taste of college life and what you should except." After spending part of the summer at the art school, Lisa has decided to pursue art in college as her major. All in all, she felt the experience was a good one and would have liked to stay a bit longer.

Survival Expedition

Tom Rolli spent five weeks in the National Outdoor Leadership School.

In the ice cream department, there is everything an ice cream freak could crave for, even ice cream cakes. Everything seemed to be fairly priced and the portions are good-sized. The cones start at $2.30 for a small, with medium and large cones $4.80 and $5.50. For a nickel extra, one can have a cone dipped in one of six flavors: chocolate, butterscotch, cherry, peppermint, lemon, or lime.

The more lavish desserts include Strawberry Short Cake, Brownie Delight, and sundae, all priced at $3.85. Milk shakes selling for $1.45 and $1.75.

Summer Expeditions: Sculpting, Hiking, Biking

(N.O.L.S.) expedition course in the Wind River Mountain Range in south central Wyoming.

The N.O.L.S. course was scheduled on a daily basis. Each morning after breakfast and before the hikes the group would set the schedule for the day. During each daily hike the expedition would stop at a suitable wilderness area and hold a class on fundamental wilderness skills which corresponded to that day's hike.

Along the course of the whole expedition Tom enjoyed the "scrambling" (snow and rock climbing) the most. Besides the "scrambling," Tom got a "kick" out of the four-day survival expedition, of which he was the leader. Tom commented that survival made him "dream of food a lot," but added that it was a great learning experience.

Survival ended the five-week wildlife trip. Tom commented, "A good time was had by all" including himself.

Bike Trip In France

A five-week, 1200-mile-long bike trip through France was the summer happening for Martha Seagrave, Charlie Skinner, Clark Porter, Linda Tharp, and David Herbert, DHS French teacher.

Most nights were spent in inexpensive youth hostels along the route. They had breakfast at the hostels and usually made the rest of their meals, except for an occasional visit to a restaurant.

The bike trip itself started off in Paris and moved south. While riding south the "bikers" visited various cathedrals and chateaux.

The group reached the town of Bourges, where they packed their bikes onto a train and went to Avignon. Avignon is a very old city, as Martha described it, and they were there in time to see some of its culture come alive. There was a large festival which featured plays, music, art and photography exhibits, and movies.

The group spent approximately two days in Avignon and then moved on to the ruins of the town of Les Baux, which is a city destroyed by war in the Middle Ages. From the Mediterranean coast they rode to the Garonne, which Martha says "was incredible." "One big castle" featured were by the city of Bordeaux.

The trip, which ended in Paris, was one which the entire group enjoyed very much and which strengthened their leg muscles, as well.

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Student Saves Life
Seniors Teach First Aid Course

By JAY COOK

A first aid course, the first full-credit student-taught course in the history of DHS, is a part of this year's curriculum. Taught by seniors Lisa Dobie, Jamie Foote and Bill Helman, the course covers both standard and advanced first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The first aid segment of the course is divided into sections, for example, wounds, burns, and poisoning among others. CPR, or external heart massage, is taught as a separate unit and was one of the first in the course. Lisa, Jamie and Bill rotate teaching by sections, thus cutting down on the in-class teaching time they each have.

The purpose of the course is obvious: it helps to prepare the student for a possible medical emergency. Tom Askul, a student in the course, was the first to learn the value of his training. Shortly after learning CPR, Tom, seated in the New Canaan movie theater, noticed a gentleman two rows in front of him. Obviously in distress, he slumped over in his seat. Immediately Tom leaped into action, putting to use his newly learned CPR skills. Moments later, help, in the form of a New Canaan policeman, arrived, followed shortly by an ambulance. The gentleman, a heart attack victim, survived, thanks largely to Tom's quick action.

When questioned about his efforts, Tom replied, "I was scared to death."

Cuts Cause Pain; Staff Feels Crunch

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been difficult for the librarian to maintain last year's education programs," School Nurse

Because of last year's faculty cuts, frequently there is no nurse on the DHS premises in the afternoon.

Miss Pollart, School Nurse, was reduced to part time. Although Shirley Boone, R.N. and Director of Health Services for the school system, has an office at DHS, she has many meetings to attend which take her from the area during the day. Thus, afternoon there is often no one on duty here, and emergencies must be handled by the Middlesex Jr. High School Nurse.

"Naturally, we had to cut back our programs because we didn't have the personnel," stated Mrs. Boone. Last year, many programs which dealt with cancer, blood pressure and alcohol were offered to educate DHS students.

Mrs. Pollart said, "The sad part of it is that many people view school nursing as an emergency care instead of preventative medicine."

This has been a sampling of the sentiments which were expressed in many seriously affected departments.

Other Departments

Industrial Arts and Mathematics were also among the departments which suffered the loss of a teacher. In addition to those mentioned, one half of a teacher's time has been reduced in the Family Studies, Music and Art Departments.

The Science Department was reduced to one less full-time staff member when one teacher transferred to the alternative learning program.

Other departments experienced budget cuts, but were not subject to direct staff reduction.

SHE WANTS DHS TO BE THE BEST

Many families choose Darien because our schools are very good. Carolyn Brotherton thinks Darien's First Selectman ought to help students and parents keep which they want.

Carolyn is a teacher. She has a son at Mather Jr. High and a daughter at DHS. She was President of the Council of School Parents. (She wants to move from a career at the head of the class to a career at the head of the Town.)

DHS students are working in Carolyn's campaign. She wants their help now, on election day, and when she is First Selectman.

Carolyn's Day is Coming

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wasn't sure I was doing it right," He added, "I was happy I knew what to do. I think everyone should take the course. You never know when something like that can happen."

Another person who thinks that everyone should take the course is David Herbert, DHS Foreign Language teacher and in-school advisor to the course. A veteran of the course himself, Mr. Herbert said, "First aid is something every student should know... and should be a requirement for graduation."

You may wonder whether or not the students teaching the course are qualified. Each is an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and a member of FIRST. In addition they are accredited by the American National Red Cross as first aid instructors. Jamie and Bill are also certified by other instructors.

When asked about the rigor of teaching life Bill replied, "The class has been very good, no trouble at all.

Homework, mostly reading assignments and worksheets, is assigned to complement class work. Periodic tests are given, the first, on CPR was passed by everyone in the class. The structure of the class is very relaxed. Stress is placed on the areas the instructors feel are important, although all areas are thoroughly covered.

"Our objective," said Bill, "is to upgrade the level of emergency care at home, and hopefully to save some lives."

"Most of it is common sense," added Jamie. All students are encouraged to continue their studies in this field. However, continued Bill, "It's hard to get into a more advanced course unless you are an Emerson some rescue operation, but I hope they do."

Coulombe Reflects...

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about DHS is in the student body. "The worst thing, in his opinion, is that it is difficult to get things going because the school has so many individuals. Mr. Coulombe thinks he has a hard time developing spirit and enthusiasm among the parents as well as among the students. "The sad thing is that when kids are performing, many parents can't find time to come watch and be proud of their kids," he said.

Free Day

When asked how he would spend an entirely free day, Mr. Coulombe said he would probably go hiking in the woods of Maine. He also enjoys reading a lot of war stories, as he says, to "let my aggressions out." He likes visiting museums, acting, eating Chinese food, and joining in the fun at DHS dances.

Mr. Coulombe admits that for the first two years of chaperoning, he wore cotton in his ears. But then, "my teen age sons play a lot of rock and staff, and gradually I got used to it — perhaps because I'm deaf now?" he added. "Another thing that is today's dancing is a lot easier than the flosted and the jitterbug."

The other DHS assistant principal, Donald Robbins was asked to comment on Mr. Coulombe. He replied, "Mr. Coulombe brings infinite enthusiasm and variety to DHS. I am particularly envious of his collection of hats!" Mr. Coulombe's nodding sign is Virgo, and like other Virgos, he is a hard worker, strong and determined. But he considers himself, as he once referred to Dr. Robbins, "really a martian.
Swimmers Take Their Mark

By SALLY SPEED

The DHS Girls’ Swim Team’s record dropped to 0-3 as they lost a meet on October 3 to a very strong New Canaan team, by a score of 110-63.

Despite the fact that New Canaan captured first place in every event except one, there were quite a few亮点 for Darien. Donna Smith captured first place in the diving competition, winning by three-and-a-half points over her fellow teammates, sophomore Kasee Geis.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Cindy Atkinson, June Hazlitt, Kelly Clough and Trudie telnebrooke, and the 400-yard free relay team of Jenny Taylor, Dana Hermann, Sherry Smith, and Tina Bray, both had strong finishes for second place.

Other standout include Kelly Clough, second in the 50-yard free event; Cindy Atkinson, second in 100-yard back; June Hazlitt, second in 100-yard breast competition, and Jenny Taylor and Diana Hermann, who captured third in the 100-yard free and 100-yard butterfly events respectively.

Co-Captains Trudie telnebrooke and Susan Harrington have high hopes for improvement as the season progresses. "The team lost a lot of talented seniors from last year’s team, but has also gained a lot of younger, very enthusiastic swimmers from the junior highs. Trudie feels that they have gained some more experience in high school competition, many of them will be outstanding.

Both captains cited the dedication of this year’s new coach, Jim Barton. Both feel that he is a “real good guy with a genuine interest in us.”

As the season progresses, the girls plan to work hard and harder towards the state meet, a goal that is sure to begin soon, on a step towards their goal of state championships.

The girls’ latest meet was away on Friday, October 17, against McMahon. Scores were not available at press time.

Field Hockeeters Continue Winning Ways

By MARY McGOLDRICK

The Girls’ Field Hockey Team has formed a solid nucleus and holds a record of four wins and two ties.

Darien hosted a fair Norwalk team on Sept. 29, in a scoreless game. The j.v.s. then overtook their counterparts, Darien scoring eight goals. Darien’s string defense managed to keep Norwalk’s scoring at a minimum, Norwalk only scoring one goal.

The following day Darien encountered a strong Danbury team away, nipping them 3-0. The aggressiveness and speed of Darien was evident in this dual as the whole team performed well. Sue Atkinson and Gail Grimes were score makers for the Big Blues.

Shoshan, a varsity team that placed third in the state last year, defeated the j.v.s. in a close battle. The final score in the unofficial game was Darien 1 and Shoshan 0.

Next the girls faced an excellent McMahon team at home on Oct. 2. Darien came strong in the first half, playing sharply. Grills Grimes executed some hard drives at goal, scoring the goal for Darien.

As the action continued, McMahon sharpened up and managed to even up the score. Both Elizabeth Dragee and Patrice Verwroot performed tremendously in this game, as did the goalie, Betsy See.

The j.v.s. extended the fine performance of the varsity by creaming their counterparts 4-0. Libby Dole scored within the first five minutes of the game with Janet Adams, Karen Eckrich and Lisa Shoshan scoring the other three goals for Darien.

Darien tripped Warde 3-0 in a home game on Oct. 3. Once again fine performances were shown by all team members. Darien’s stick work, as well as speed was superior to that of Warde. Libby Pierpoint scored all three goals for Darien with fine assists from Karen Eckrich and Wendy Birt.

Darien j.v.s beat their counterparts also, showing an excellent performance which include speed and aggressiveness as key factors. Sue Atkinson scored the two goals for Darien.

Another scoreless tie was the outcome of the October 10 home game against Trumbull.

Although Darien took 11 shots at their opponents goal, they couldn’t manage to get the half past the Trumbull goalie. Neither team showed much speed or aggressiveness.

The j.v’s however played an excellent game in crushing the Trumbull juniors 9-0. Darien displayed a well-rounded attack with scores by Betsy See, Sue Atkinson, Nancy Campbell, Kathy Deegan and Lisa Dole.

Gymnasts Make State Champs Tumble

By SUE ALLARD

In what was termed the big meet of the season by Co-Captain Anthony Tutolo, the Boys’ Gymnastics team trounced Greenwich 102.7 to 84.25 on Thursday, Oct. 7, at home.

The team was psyched for this meet, “We thought it would be closer than it was,” Tutolo stated. It was quite a satisfying win for the Waveny as Greenwich had won the State title over Darien last year.

The team captured all but two first places. Co-Captain Joe Pagliarulo won the horizontal with a 6.7 and the still rings with 7.6. Tutolo was victorious in parallel bars with 5.8. Anthony Dilliveston took the side horizontal with a 6.1. Other strong performances were made by: Peter Stanon (second in floor exercise), Peter Francoeur (second in side horizontal), Tutolo (second in still rings and long horse vaulting), Pagliarulo (second in parallel bars), and Dillisvestro (third in long horse vaulting and parallel bars).

Earlier this month Darien took on Newington at home and scored a fantastic 111 to Newington’s 71.05. In an understatement, Tutolo remarked, “we did pretty well...I guess we were up for that one.”

Darien took every first place in this contest. High scores were the norm for DHS.

Stanton took first in floor exercise with a 6.8. Tutolo placed third with a 6.5 and Ken Holm fourth with 6.45.

In horizontal competition, Pagliarulo won with a 6.65, followed by Tutolo with a 4.7.

In the side horse battle, junior Josh Moltz emerged a winner with a 5.7 score. Dilliveston and Stanon placed second and third respectively with 5.65 and 4.85.

In the still rings, Pagliarulo once again took command with a 7.6, followed by Tutolo with 6.35.

Stanton took home vaulting with a great 8.2, and was followed very closely by Tutolo with an 8.12 and John Reichart with 7.8.

Pagliarulo, Tutolo and Dillisvestro swept the first three places in the parallel bars with 6.7, 6.45, and 6.45 as their scores.

Although not quite at its best, Darien still managed to overpower Hamden on Friday, October 10, by a 93.15 to 71.40 score.

Darien placed first in every event except one. Those who placed first for Darien were: Stanton in floor exercise, with 7.6; Pagliarulo in horizontal bar with a 4.6; and Josh Moltz. Dillisvestro tied for first in the side horse. Pagliarulo took two other firsts, parallel bar and still rings.

Other good performances for Darien were by: Holmes (second in floor exercise), Tutolo (second in horizontal bar and parallel bars), Clay Moltz (second in still rings and third in long horse vaulting), and Dillisvestro (second in long horse vaulting).

Darien takes on Waterford next at home on Friday, October 17.

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DHS Booters in action against Danbury. (Photo by Dick Ferrara)

After a disappointing loss to New Canaan, the football team bounced back and continued its winning ways by defeating Ridgefield, 6-0, on October 11 at the DHS field. The win brought Darien's record to three wins and two losses, which includes the demolishing of Wilton three weeks ago.

Wilton was a big offensive team, racking up 154 yards in the first half alone in the season opener. The Blue Wave defense held the Blue Wave to just 15 yards in the first half and had dominated the Wilton offense throughout the game. New Canaan scored the first touchdown of the game when a 30-yard pass from quarterback Nick Toscano found his receiver, Chris Vasques, in the end zone.

The defense was instrumental in the win, recording six sacks and three interceptions. Darien's defense was able to shut down Wilton's offense and limit their opportunities on the field.

Bad Start Humbles Hurriers

By JAY COOK

A horrendous start has not discouraged the Hurriers' Cross Country Team. After dropping their first four, the hurriers are now on a four-meet winning streak, upping their record to 3-5. The Hurriers opened against powerful teams from New Canaan and Westhill, and the Hurriers were indeed humbled. Darien lost to a pair of Blue Wave powers, 15-50 and 22-33. Captain Tom Rollins was top finisher for the Hurriers followed closely by junior Steve Watkins.

Against Greenwich and Ridgefield Darien did a little better, losing to Greenwich 15-50 and Ridgefield 15-45. Once again the top finisher for Darien was Rollins and Watkins followed closely by Brad Marquart.

In the team's first win, against Warde, four runners made the difference. Rollins, Watkins, Ferguson, and sophomore star Pat Jackson were instrumental in defeating a weak Warde team 21-36.

Darien destroyed a weak McMahon team 16-44. Rollins and Watkins led the way, followed closely by Ferguson and Jackson. The score of 16-44 was a high-water mark for Darien.

A meet against Norwalk and Stamford Catholic resulted in Darien's third and fourth victories of the year. Ferguson was top performer for Darien, running his best time ever. The 24-31 victory over Norwalk and the 20-29 win over Stamford Catholic evened Darien's record at 3-4.

A defeat at the hands of Trumbull, 24-35, dropped the Hurriers below the .500 mark once again. However, three DHS runners, Rollins, Ferguson, and Jackson ran their best times ever on the Trumbull course.

Coach William McCarthy commented, "To lose at Trumbull at this point of the season is over; we should do better in the second half." Captain Tom Rollins added, "We should finish the season with a winning record. Everyone is running well."

DHS Booters in action against Danbury. (Photo by Dick Ferrara)

memory was the start of a Wave drive that saw Bob Marchese score on a sweep just before halftime, giving a 13 point edge to Darien.

Wilton finally scored, but it wasn't enough as Marchese got the ball back and broke for 70 yards. The game was effectively over after Wilton fumbled the kickoff and Darien scored a touchdown.

Almost as if the outside force of New Canaan was controlling the game, New Canaan didn't do a thing wrong the rest of the game. Helped by 75 yard pass, the Wave scored on the next drive and Darien appeared to be heading for another six points. They established a drive, but lost the ball on a fumble. From there it was all downhill as Darien scored against a disheartened Darien defense twice in the closing minutes of the game.

The defense had their own field day. Bondowell, Chandler, and Watkiss picked off passes as Ridgefield failed to mount any drives and most of the day on offense.

In the end, Darien pulled ahead of Ridgefield, with 11 points to his total, and 48 seconds on the clock. The game was over.