DSO Activates New Committees

by Spencer Beckwith

Now getting under way are many OLD and new committees of the DSO. Without these committees, many of the DSO's programs would need a lengthier preparation time, and possibly never come off. There is still time to join any of these committees. They all need people who are interested and willing to work.

One of these is the Task Force, the job of whom it is to evaluate the school and find ways to improve it. They will soon be sending around questionnaires to get your help and ideas. If you are interested, see Mr. Beckwith.

Another committee is organizing the new Experimental Education Week. Chairman Karen Leath and Dave Hamo hope to lengthen EEW to a full five days this year. Open Campus is being investigated by a committee headed by Nan Grubba and Craig Mason. This committee will meet with parents, faculty, and students, and the administration to discuss open campus. It is hoped that it should go into effect second semester. A committee investigating the question of our Campus Cop has been formed, but hasn't met yet.

The Risen Son Cafe

by Zines

Over the summer, a Young Life coffeehouse was organized by Jack Carpenter and Paul Cowan. The coffeehouses started in July and were held on weekends, Saturday night. Called THE RISEN SON CAFE, it started at eight-thirty, and for the first hour or so consisted of different musicians guitar and piano players, playing popular songs and original compositions. Usually at about 9:30, a speaker, usually Jack or Paul, would lead the audience in a word of prayer after which he would say a few words on the subject of Jesus Christ. Following the talk, there were discussion groups downstairs for those who cared to partake. If, however, you were more interested in music, there were more performers upstairs. The music was a variety of genres, from all types, and the people were far out. Occasionally at 10:30, a group left something to be desired, but they were really no coffeehouses compared to some that this author has been to.

By the way, I shouldn't be writing this in the past tense, because these coffeehouses are still going on. They are held on Saturday night from 8:00 to 12:00. If you come sometime this month, you may have the distinct honor of being able to hear the music of that already famous group, ZINCUS AND HIS HERD OF TRAVELING BEDSIDE-SPRINGS!!! So, if you're not doing anything unusual this weekend, stop over at 103 in the D.H.S. gym there will be a Folk Concert featuring "You, Me and New Rock" and "Fred Bapal." Admission will be 70c.

Then, on Saturday at 12:15 there will be a car rally organized by Cindy Ryan and Nancy Johnson. The time is at 1:30, the start of our first football game. Standing at halftime, the Queen will be named. Saturday night, former Dutch are homecoming of the year, "Room to Move" will start at 8:30 and end at 11:30, and the price will be $2 for students and $3 for others.

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by Kathy Miller

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by Valerie Mehlig

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The Development of Body, Mind, and Spirit

by Steve Densley

Athletics has long been the tradition of most high schools. Administrations feel that athletics develop body, mind, and spirit. This can be true for many students. Today's youth needs to participate in recreational activities, now more than ever, because of the physical stagnation of our country.

In our school, a large stress is placed on physical education. Students are forced to do basketball, baseball, football, soccer, and under the authoritative teacher who keeps everyone in line. If a student doesn't want to participate (maybe he hates to wrestle or despises gymnastics) that's too bad! And what can students say in the matter? Nothing!

This kind of athletic program doesn't always promote the development of body, mind, and spirit. For some students, it can even interfere with their participation in athletic activities.

Few students really want to participate in physical education so the administration has emphasized gym to the point of making it a graduation requirement. This conflict exists because in a gym program that is radically wrong. Students should be required to take part in a set number of credits (or, more according to the individual) which they choose, but shouldn't be forced to participate in every class which could be an elective or a free period. What will be the effects of this kind of athletic program? Gym will finally mean something to students because they will have the opportunity to excel in their own efforts.

What are the effects of the athletic program now in use? The development of body, mind and spirit cannot be mass produced through a structured method. They must be developed by the individual. Schools are made up of individuals. Students should be treated that way.

Letters to the Editors

Dear Neirad,

I would like to commend you on your enjoyable money-saving event. The Marx Brothers Film Festival. Even though the turn-out wasn't over-welming on the night I went (about forty people), there was more audience enthusiasm than at any movie I've seen in the past few years. Also, since the price was only $1.00 we got more laughs for our money than you could get at any theatre today.

Most movies these days which are advertised as being comedies raise no more than a few snickers from the audience and these are at the dirty lines. The comedy of the Marx Bros. is subtle, sarcastic or obscure, it's clean, clever humor which seems to have disappeared in today's movies. I hope Neirad made enough profit on this endeavor to give us another enjoyable presentation.

A Fellow D.H.S. Student

So with Re-birth a complete waste of time, energy and money, we return again to NEIRAD. With NEIRAD being the only decent school newspaper and it is our paper, I think we should make it the best we possibly can.

EDITOR'S REPLY: We appreciate your support of Neirad, but we disagree with your opinion of Rebirth. One of the most frequent criticisms of Darien is that one paper, the Review, exercises a virtual monopoly over news and comment. A one-newspaper school is no better than a one-newspaper town. Rebirth can do things Neirad can't. On the other hand, with a closer tie to the school and larger staff, we can do things Rebirth can't. We have a different focus, and we see the two newspapers as competitors, but as companions. We hope you'll read both, and we most enthusiastically support Rebirth.

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Soccer Triumphs

The Darien High School soccer team finally won a game last Friday as they turned back the visiting Greenwich team by a score of 2-1. In the second overtime period, Greenwich tied the scores at the halfway mark of the first period and it appeared that the Blue Wave were again going down in defeat. The second and third periods saw good action on the part of both teams. Darien had some good scoring opportunities but just couldn’t capitalize on them. And while Greenwich had numerous scoring chances too, the clutch goalkeeping of Chris Cushing successfully held the Cardinals to one goal.

In the fourth period when all seemed lost for Big Blue, Kevin Scully gave Darien a perfect pass and Parker tallied to tie the score at one all. Neither Darien nor Greenwich could score in the remaining time and the game went into O.V.T. In the first overtime period Darien almost scored in two instances. In the first instance, Wayne Grant missed the near corner by inches and in the second, Greg Neu mann headed a cross just high of the goal. As the game moved into the second overtime period, Darien was playing inspired ball. With just 3 seconds left in the game, Wayne Grant blasted a shot past the Cardinal goalkeeper and Darien had won their first game of the 1973 season.

In other games these past few weeks the soccer team did do as well, however, as they lost to Norwalk 3-1, tied Brian McMahon 1-1, and lost to Wilton, Rippean, and Stanford, 24-1, 1-4, and 3-1 respectively. It was evident that Darien was in trouble as soon as Norwalk got out of the box, as they were speaking three different languages, none of them English. In this tilt, the Wavers were outplayed throughout the entire game. Their lone goal was scored by Wayne Grant on a penalty shot in the third period.

In the tie against McMahon, the goal was again scored by Old Faithful himself, tri-captain Wayne Grant, this time in the second period which gave Darien the lead in a game for the first time in the season. The Wavers played McMahon evenly throughout the regular time span as the game, again, went into O.V.T.

In the other games against Wilton, Rippean, and Stanford, Darien was simply outclassed. While they played well, they were just no match for their opponents.

With their record now at 1-5-1, and only four games remaining to be played, the soccer team will have to work hard to beat last season’s unimpressive record of 2-3-1. Good luck, soccer team. (I think you’ll need it!).

P.V.C.

Yes friends, that’s what you should do—"Quest into the Unknown." Have anything you want to say printed in Neirad’s new classified section. You can sell your car, record, dope, advertise for jobs, and anything, as long as it’s clean. Fill out the form below and give it to a staff dude, stick it in the mailbox in the office, or mail it to:

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HARRIERS FLYING HIGH
by Jim Adlam

The Darien High School Cross Country team is pretty much eating up the rest of the county. The Harriers now boast a 6-1 record, the best in the eastern division. With the exception of their lone loss to the Harriers of Danbury, the Harriers have completely obliterated all challengers. The recent race against Brookfield was perhaps the most successful so far this season. Excluding last year’s Bartlett, who has a habit of finishing first anyway, all of our Varsity runners posted their best times this season on the home course at Wex Burn Country Club, Bartlett and Keenan Leonard tied for first place with a time of 14:45 for the 2.75 mile course. Con Die, Rod Rohde, Jeff Dashiell, John Schofield, and John Brisette completed the sweep of the first seven places, shattering McMahons. The JV’s also took the first seven places in the process of chalking up another shut-out victory.

At Danbury, both Varsity and JV lost. As far as most of the team is concerned, they really blow that race; and if the Blue Wave, by chance, meets Danbury again, they’d better watch out. Before this unfortunate defeat, the Harriers kicked up five straight wins to begin the season. First to fall in to the Blue Tide Wallet was Roger Ludlowe in the opening meet. In the second meet, they travelled to New Canaan for a tri-meet with New Canaan and Andrew Warde. Although a Darien runner did not finish first either or second, our amazing team depth placed us third through ninth, whipping New Canaan and shutting out Andrew Warde.

Next to get the Dust in the Wake of Blue Waves were Ridgefield and Ripppanam in a tri-meet at Ripppanam. In this meet, Bartlett, Rod Rabe, and Con Die finished first, second, and third, respectively, finishing out Darien victory.

Field Hockey Gains Four
by Corrine Bishop

What has happened to the much-abused, scoreless Girls’ Field Hockey team? For the last two weeks it has been a dream. The skies were dark and overcast on the 18th of October. It looked like a poor start for the Darien 11, away at Ridgefield. Then after the opening bull and ill placed drives, Janey “Francis” Francisconi broke away from her guard and knocked the ball down between the goal posts to score the first official Darien goal in two years. In this game, mighty Patsy Mays scored 6 beautifully finished goals, a running Wendy Devito out-footed her guard for 2, and in addition to Janey’s 4, The J.V.’s won their matches by contributions from Sue Schofield and Jennifer Barrett.

Against Staples the team proved they meant it. Staples, as expected, proved that when their chips are down, there is no reason why they could not be beaten. The final score was 5–0. During the first half of the game, Darien showed a 3–1 lead and then held to the final score. The game was as good as it could have been. The Girls were led by a powerful midfield of Tim Wood, to battle the Eagles defense. Six minutes and sixty yards later, Darien broke the stalemate when Tim Wood whipped in from the end. Andrew Warde wasted no time in getting even. Just a few plays later, they scored on a 67 yard screen play. They stretched the extra point, and went up 7–0.

Darien refused to give up, however, as they overpowered the Eagles with their running game. With three minutes left to play, they finally scored on a 16 yard touchdown pass from Bartlett to Brazier on the option play. Steve Seyforth added two more points on the old bootleg play to give Darien a 7 point edge. The Eagles tried for a last minute comeback, as they drove to the Darien 30 yard line. Here their hopes came to a rotten halt at Roger Smith picked off a Warde aerial to assure a DARIEN VICTORY.

The linemen, who don’t usually get much ink, deserve enormous credit in the Eagles’ first victory. They opened up huge holes for the defense while holding Andrew Warde to 22 yards on the ground and sacking the opposing quarterback several times.