



SAB Becomes Student Council

by Andre Oliveri
 Mr. Thomas Walsh, advisor to the Student Advisory Board, has announced its name change to the Stamford High School Student Council. The name change will let more people know and recognize it, some who didn't even know what S.A.B. meant. But the name is not the only thing that has been changed.

The whole structure of Student Council is different. It is designed to get the most involvement by the students. Student representatives are no longer elected; any student may become a member in any one of four ways.

First, a student may be nominated by fifty classmates and three teachers; Second, all class officers are eligible to participate in Student Council; third, a student may be recommended by Mr. Walsh and Mrs. King with the concurrence of the Council; fourth, any student who attends three consecutive meetings becomes a full contributing member of the Council.

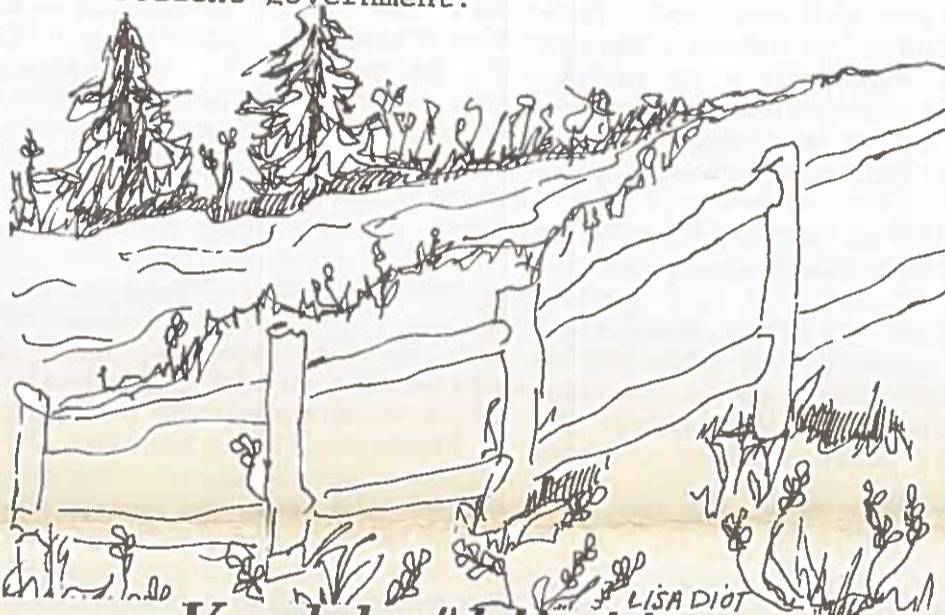
Once a member, the student must follow two rules: he must maintain passing grades in at least three courses, and he must attend at least two consecutive meetings per month. Any member who violates either of these provisions can be removed from office.

All members of the Student Council must take part in one of three standing committees: Policy and Relations, Activities and Spirit, or Communications and Service.

An Executive Committee will oversee all of these functions. It is made up of nine people: president, secretary, and vice-president of the Student Council, three chairpersons of

the three committees and a co-chairman from each.

These changes in Student Council are an opportunity for all students to be involved in student government.



Vandals: #1 Problem

by Darren Thomas
 On November 22, 1977 Stamford High asked the city for \$359,000 to vandal proof the building. Stamford High was part of a \$2.9 million dollar capital project budget proposed by the Board of Education.

Some of the improvements that would be made under this plan are: recessed walls with metal plate thermostats raised in them, Corridor Exit signs made of harder material and cement plaster ceiling to replace the battered styrofoam.

Architect Frank George of Fletcher and Thompson, Inc., said the improvements would lower the cost of vandalism at S.H.S. Mrs. King had said that vandalism is part of the maturation process while noting that it is not expected of S.H.S. students.

Low ceilings add to the temptation. Mr. George commented that when some of the ceiling panels are out, it is an enticement to knock the rest to the floor.

Mrs. King discussed

We hope that the new format will be successful in achieving more participation by the students and giving better representation to Stamford High.

the problems of thermostats. As we toured the building, she pointed out that they were too close to some doors. Someone could easily walk into it by walking through the door the wrong way.

A possible solution to doors being jammed are magnetic closers to replace those that are bent and therefore dangerous.

A separate unspecified item in the request in the proposed capital projects budget would replace windows broken by vandals or through natural deterioration.

Although Mr. George and Mrs. King felt the improvements would make S.H.S. a better place, the planning board has deferred some of these items until future years. In the meantime we can only appeal directly to the students who are responsible for the wanton acts of destruction against the school. This is your school, treat it like your own home and you will feel as comfortable here as in your

Early Graduation Part II

by Gwen Rothchild
 The 'Early Out' program, which was supposed to start in September, has now almost definitely been postponed a year. State education officials say that many technical problems have arisen and more time will be needed to get the program underway.

Asside from the technical problems there is also the question: will employers and colleges see it as a certified High School diploma or rather a second-class certificate? According to a survey of California's similar program, private colleges in California and Colleges outside the state have not been very responsive to the program. On the other hand, it was reported that very few 'early out' students had any difficulty with employers or the armed services.

I feel that the 'Early Out' program is a very positive idea. If a student wishes to leave school early, that's his privilege. When a student finds school boring I feel it is in his best interest to move on to other things.

I hope the 'Early Out' program does not find any more delays. The sooner it's installed the better all involved will be.

