The three candidates for the Board of Education aired their views on various aspects of the high school. The two Republicans and one Democrat are running for the three vacancies open, therefore not contesting one another.

David D. Brown, Democratic candidate for the Board of Education, feels it "terribly important" to continue quality education in Darien as an ongoing thing. Mr. Brown, who says he has had very little first-hand experience with the high school, as far as his reputation is a good overall high school, "an excellent one."

To claim that the high school is a problem, he answered that he really couldn't make a judgment on personnel since he was not on a fringe school. He has a great admiration for Dr. Bruno and for the position of principal, maintaining that it is a tough job.

"I have always been in favor of the four-year high school, mainly because the enrollment in the educational system has been cut in half," and since the taxpayers in effect rejected it, the Board is forced to continue the three-year program.

The expansion of the physical facilities is important and high on my priorities." Mr. Brown is convinced that the high school is overcrowded and that there should be some expansion. He believes that when the high school was built, it was designed for 1000 students on a 1000 student curriculum. Today the high school has to offer more, he added, a broader curriculum.

On a spending cut, Mr. Brown said, "the vast majority of money goes into people and the number of people is directly tied into class size and the curriculum you give to students." He went on to say that there is less flexibility in the budget than people think, there is by cutting the budget, you affect class size.

He sees that it is the responsibility of the schools to educate students in town and to meet their needs in reasonable ways - college bound as well as non-college bound. "I think the student who is not college bound should deserve equal treatment."

He believes that the Board of Education should be sympathetic to the aims of a good education that they should work together for the education of the students in the system. He would also make sure the morale for the teachers and assistants is kept high and that they remain responsive to the town.

"The Board of Education is quite tough and it takes a lot of work and concentration before you become an effective member."

MacDonald Budd, MacDonald Budd Republican candidate, feels that the overall thrust of the school system has to be for excellence. He defines excellence as "a very traditional kind," not just the college one gets into, although that is some measure of success. "I am going to try to develop people with intellectual curiosity and provide them with the ability to do what they want to do."

Mr. Budd realizes that some classes are larger than ideal and in some instances, they are smaller than recommended or necessary. But he says, "I do not believe that the class size has a direct impact on the quality of education, within limits."

From a distance he says there seems to be an operable budget in regard to the High School, but it has shown an astounding tendency to increase in continued on page 3

School Council Takes New tack with Bruno

By SANDY WARD

In its first meeting, the new School Council voted to agree to the substance of a bill which would pass Dr. Bruno's homework attendance policy as a temporary one to expire Jan. 11, 1974. This was later passed by a vote of 17-2 and signed by Dr. Bruno on Oct. 12.

The council also included in the bill an acceptance of Dr. Bruno's apology for the oversight that caused the statement of the council's policy making authority that the homework regulation is policy and not merely an enforcement of the old one, and stated the policy making powers in the constitution an evaluation in the interim with appropriate action and the encouragement of continued cooperation.

According to various members of the council, the resolution was drafted in the belief that it was acknowledged the fact that the council had been overlooked and to make clear that it was not objecting to the substance of the implementation of the homework policy.

But there was discussion that since the council appeared by the absence of the declaring of this policy temporarily would be allowing Dr. Bruno to implement anything and to call it temporary. The council maintains that Dr. Bruno has the right, in an emergency situation, to implement anything cogent to the solution of that problem. However, most council members did not feel that the homework attendance was one of such problems.

Richard Hochschild, a Social Studies teacher, stated that the council needed something which would state the seriousness of the situation and something which would make clear that this is not a simple recommendation.

The discussion was focused on the question of whether the homework attendance policy was in effect a new policy or Dr. Bruno stated in his resolution for denying the request to suspend the policy, merely a new enforcement. Several members felt that in calling it enforcement Dr. Bruno was trying to justify his going above the heads of the council.

Richard Harper, chairman of the Social Studies department, felt that the council needed to assert that this was within the domain of the council and said, "if this is not within our domain, we need to go left with what we think, and go home."

Mr. Harper also said that homework attendance was markedly to classroom attendance and last year the council had set up a committee to study such a policy.

The constitution is unclear as to what constitutes policy and what makes it merely enforcement. Donald Robbins, an administrator said that the council should look into a method which would settle this ambiguity.

The council has no recourse to Dr. Bruno's action because he denied a request, he did not veto. Had the Dr. Bruno vetoed the resolution the council would have been able to appeal to higher authority.

Homecoming '73

Memories Are Made Of This . . .

By KIM HOFFMAN

As last year's memories of Homecoming still weigh in our minds, this year's Homecoming committee is hopeful for another added memory and a success.

Homecoming is a tradition which gives all students the opportunity to return to the good old days of yesterday at DHS. Oct. 26 to the 29 of this year will carry on another year of tradition. To start the three-day weekend, on Friday evening Oct. 28, from 6:30 to 10:30 the class of '76 will offer a dance in the comfort of the large cafeteria. Then the next day from 7:30 to 10:30 you can enjoy some good after dinner music.

Prepare your vocal cords for Saturday, Oct. 27, at 11 a.m. On this day you're going to need them for shouting and giving a good bid as we welcome the seniors, junior, and junior girls, who will be putting their best culinary efforts into boxed lunches.

When your appetite has been satisfied your next stop will be Goodwives Shopping Center where at 12:00 the first contest will proceed. The judges at this time will decide this year's winning booth made by various clubs and classes.

Next, strike up the band and jump in your cars as the parade starts back to the high school. Then at 1:30 p.m. our Blue Wave's takes on Andrew Wardo in a football game at 4 p.m. That evening a dance and the crowning of this year's Homecoming queen will be held in the gym. The entertainment and music will be provided by White Chocolate. White Chocolate is a regular at the Player's Tavern in Westport and shortly will be releasing their first album.

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Chess Club Terms Bruce Move 'A Rook'

By RICHARD SHU

In an open letter, the Chess Club has criticized Dr. Bruno's actions concerning the homework policy and extended its support to the School Council.

Scott Metcalfe, president of the club, presented the motion at its first meeting Wednesday, Oct. 10. After a very brief debate, the resolution was passed unanimously.

When interviewed, Scott stated that Tim Massad, chairman of the School Council, had requested that others make some statement about the Council's handling of the constitutional crisis. Scott also said clubs and the council should express their opinions of school issues.

Tim confirmed that he had solicited statements from the clubs, but stated that the Chess Club had been the only one to respond.

The text of the statement reads:

Resolved: The Chess Club deprecates Dr. Bruno's disregard for the School Constitution. It deems the present homework policy unconstitutional because of its improper initiation.

Dr. Bruno has violated both the letter and the spirit of the constitution. Furthermore, though he admits his guilt, he wishes to retract or suspend the policy.

We, therefore, extend our unanimous support to the School Council in its efforts to preserve the principles of community government as set forth in the constitution.

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Trashera Lives

The trash problem in DHS (see Neird, Oct. 5) has added to itself yet another much needed facility. What started out to be a different in the cafeteria, the seniors common and the smoking area has expanded itself to the library.

Last week, the library staff decided to call it quite and close the recreational reading area. The reasoning behind this belief, according to Head Librarian George Emerson, was that it was left such a disaster that it appeared "forty elephants had gone through it." Mr. Emerson expects that in the future he will have to remind people to pick up after themselves, as he will not have the library staff or, for that matter, any adult playing "housemaid to the kids." If anyone should ask why it is not the duty of the library staff, no they should be expected to tell people to pick up after themselves.

It would appear that it is not too great a demand on students to ask them to replace a magazine from where it was procured or to refrain from the habit of correspondence on the carrels. And it does not require students to carry to great a responsibility if they are asked from the large scale shredding of newspapers so that they remain readable after 10 a.m.

The job of keeping the campus neat should be the responsibility of those who use it. That should not be the job of the trained personal library.

If people cannot clean up after themselves, the library may have to resort to such lowly methods as signing out newspapers and further closing.

Smokers' Rights?

We believe those who use the smoking area have an obligation to keep it extremely clean. That area is of a questionable nature to begin with, as it allows the propagation of an unhealthy habit in an atmosphere of school endorsement.

However, seeing the mass of cigarette butts only inches away from the trash barrels does not make sense. Students have been lectured incessantly about the problem, which is unfortunate— not only because there is the necessity for it, and also because the lecturing probably has the reverse effect on the littering people.

The argument that all the trash makes the school look bad doesn't pull much weight either. But it is said.

It is obvious that the threat of closing the area and doing so periodically is the only way to show those people that there is a direct link between the manner in which it is used and its availability.

Council Machinations

The council should have suspended Dr. Bruno's policy in the beginning. Their initial mistake was that they put the word "request" in their draft of the resolution suspending the policy. In trying to be diplomatic the council shot its chances for any recourse.

Even, however, with a direct vote the council would be in a spot, for their chances with the Board of Education are probably minimal. But it would at least be important for the council to do, at least council members agreed, operate by precedent. An important one would have been set.

But there are merits to this action. Though it appears to have little chance of passage, the council is beginning to fight back on the proper track. They cannot continue to work from the premise of head on confrontation. Nothing will be accomplished by a continual passing back and forth of resolutions and veto. They must play politics if they are to survive.

Dr. Bruno, too, has some problems. In vetoing he would be vetoing the council's acceptance of his apology. He will be destroying the council, something which he worked to set up as he told us in his statement. He has already broken their spirit, will he break their back as well?

The calling of the policy, temporary, does pass the policy and allows for its continuation as well as allowing Dr. Bruno to save face and for the council to remain oppostive. But if he chooses to veto it, the council might as well as Dr. Richard Harper suggested, "pack up and go home." We can see it futile for the council to exist without any authority whatsoever.

We hope that Dr. Bruno would consider very carefully his position and hope that he does not make another mistakes such as the one he committed this summer, the one which bares this controversy.
Marlboro Country...Do The Neighbors Complain?

By ANDY WALDORF

The Smoking Area has been in existence for some four years. At the time pedal belonged to the student body, it has become an integral part of DHS. None of us students can remember the period when there was a smoking area, and I don't even remember that there was one. Needless to say, we take it for granted.

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Darlen booters (in white, from left to right) Sal Ferraira, Mike Prate, Jim Fownes and Larry Cusack mix it up with Staples in a game played Oct. 5. Final score was 8-1 tie.

**Football Team Drops Game To Ludlowe, Stops Ripponwam**

**By TODD BURGER**

The Darlen Blue Wave Football team continued to have hard luck, losing to Roger Ludlowe 12-7 Oct. 6.

The Darlen defense played superbly again and could not be faulted for either touchdown Roger Ludlowe scored. A blocked punt gave Ludlowe the ball on the six yard line where it took three plays to score against the Darlen defense, and an intercepted pass thrown by Jeff Fitzpatrick was returned all the way for Roger Ludlowe's final score. Both extra point attempts failed.

In the second half, Darlen safety Ed Leshak intercepted the ball giving Darlen possession on their own 25 yd. line. The offense stalled and had to punt. The defense again held the Ludlowe offense and they had to give up the ball. Darlen started on their 47 yd. line and drove to the Ludlowe 20 yd. line. After a loss of six yards Fitzpatrick went to the 40 and completed a 28 yard pass to John Bohnan in the 12 yd. line. Two running plays by Darlen the ball on the five yd. line. But once again they could not score.

Darlen's lone score came in the fourth quarter when Jeff Fitzpatrick hit Scott Harrington for a 24 yd. touchdown pass. Ned Gallinha kicked the point after.

Darlen then traveled to Boyle Stadium Oct. 13 to battle the Ripponwam Warriors. The Darlen defense again played well, proving that they have one of the best defensive units in the FCIAC.

The Darlen offense also showed that they could move the ball. With Scott Harrington being shifted from halfback to quarterback and with Bill Hathill replacing Harrington at halfback the Darlen offense looked impressive.

Darlen's offense was run-oriented the entire game with Harrington running the option superbly. Darlen's first score came in the second quarter where, the ball on the 1 yd. line, Harrington ran for the score. Ned Gallinha kicked the conversion.

**Wave Gridmen Meet Ms. Martella**

**By KIM HOFFMAN and ANDY WALDORF**

2:35 and the bells of freedom ring. Everyone is going somewhere, to care, be useful, or一下子就. Senior Barbara Martella trudges up to the boys' gym. She is going to football practice. Barbara is the first girl manager of the Darlen football team in the history of the sport at DHS. Her duties include time keeping, typing and keeping track of offensive players at games.

When asked if she felt that she was championing the feminist cause, Barb replied, "No, Women's Liberation has nothing to do with this. I like boys, I like football, and they need a manager."

However, she added, "For too long now, girls have just been cheerleading and pep clubbing and stuff like that. Well, I went that trip, and this just seems like a more real way to help out."

Barb has definite ideas about the duties of a football manager. "It's not a boy's job or a girl's job, it's just a job, and if you can do it, it's the job for you."

Coach Himeshau seems to agree with Barb. "When I decided to let Barb help out, I told the team, 'She's out here to do a job, just like the rest of us,' I did tell them to treat her like a lady, and so far, it's all worked out pretty well."

Co-captain Jay Byler also feels that Barb was an asset to the team. "If she can do the job," he pointed out, "why not let her?"

As the sole girl in an organization of men, you can imagine Barb gets some special treatment. "Yeah," she laughed, "the coaches never yell at me, at least not yet, and at times they bothers me, when they treat me like a girl, not a football manager. I get a lot of kidding from the guys, but it's all in fun."

We asked Barb if she thought the team liked the idea of a female taking over what has been traditionally a male post. "They better like it," she smiled, "cause I'm not quitting."

**Booters Bounce Ridgefield, Suffer Loss To McMahon**

**By CURT STITLES and JAMIE McKEEY**

The Blue Wave Soccer Team was under fire in eight games after dropping over Ridgefield Friday, October 12, by the score of 0-1, but went down to defeat at the hands of Brian McMahon Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Sal Ferraira and co-captain Brian Nadrichy retained their one-two leadership among the league's scorers by making 3 and 4 points respectively in the Ridgefield game, with each getting two goals and an assist and Brian netting one goal and three assists. Other scorers were Jamie McEnroy with one goal and one assist, Larry Cusack and John McLean each with one goal, and Curt Stitles with two assists.

It was a loss to wake up the Darlen team after Darlen scoring five goals in the first half. Ridgefield proved itself very well as it couldn't put together any kind of an offense. It was a slow second half as Darlen scored only once more.

Western Division Leader Brian McMahon shoved Eastern Division Leader Darlen 3-1 at the victor's field.

The first half was paced with end to end action as both teams had numerous scoring opportunities. The Senators opened the scoring with about five minutes to go in the first half as they scored on a misplayed cornerkick by the Blue's defense. Leading 1-0, McMahon came right back a few minutes later with yet another goal on a similar play.

Fifteen minutes into the second half Sal Ferraira lofted a long pass into the corner. Co-Capt. Brian Nadrichy outstepped the Senator's fullback to the ball, but his scoring attempt hit the crossbar. The ball ricocheted out in front and John Dugdale promptly headed it in.

With the Blue only down by one goal, it looked as though they might extend their undefeated season another game. The Senators quickly, with Sal getting a pass from the cornerkick for a direct kick just outside the penalty area.

The Blue Wave are now 6-1-2 in FCIAC play, and are still in first place in the Eastern Division, tied with Staples (as of Oct. 17). Darlen has made the State Tourney for the second year in a row, which will start as the regular season ends.

The Booters faced Roger Ludlowe away on Friday, and play Norwalk at home today.

**CORRECTION**

The last issue of Neirad indicated that the Blue Wave Hockey Team will practice in the new Darlen Ice Rink one hour each week. The story should have read "...one hour each week day."