Trees Threaten Strike

For many years trees have been a noticeable part of Darien High School. They shade the sidewalks, walks and parking lots of the campus. But recently the trees have been threatened with being cut and treated unfairly. They have been made to depart from the efficient beautification that they are meant.

Edith Budd, who has been the president of the Darien High School Tree Federation for the past 10 years, told Students that the Darien Board of Education has not yet made up its mind about the future of the trees. Students must attend the next meeting of the Board of Education to present their case for the trees.

Craig Matheson, vice president of the Tree Federation, said, "We are asking about the possible ramifications of such a strike, that the trees must be properly blarring. They contribute 10 percent across the board wage increase, and the right to cross-pollinate when and where they want, too. No way. This school will not permit trees to be pro-
miscuous in public. It is indecent. Why can't these trees show some respect and just an example for the kids?"

Whether or not the trees get treated fairly or not principal Donald Robbins can arrange for new trees to be flown in from the factory in Schenectady, New York in time to avoid what could be a major aesthetic catastrophe. "Bail," said Robbins, "some of these trees have already been planted and will not leave easily."

For example, Ima Notti Pine, who grows next to the tennis courts, said, "My folks moved here when I was little. In fact, it was when we were all just a sleeping and beginning to get my needles. My papa says that's a flash metal. My folks never knew what was happening. They thought they were going to take a bar mitzvah. But no. Anyhow, I stayed on and let me tell you, it's been inter-

resting. The things that these high school kids do under my nose, just like Notti Pine, who is a sycamore and native to Darien rests on the whole situation. We always had it tough. Dad had been hitting the turpentine and I mean real pain killing. If you ever get a gink of being on the tree family, forget it. He told Mom that he had a better future in table tops. We usually see him great fun painting squissors into my upper branches for acorns and then twitching it with one of my twigs. It's like a great tree. I'm real weird but I couldn't take those crocs. I tried to keep trying to steal my acorns."

Meanwhile the tree controversy rages on.

Darien Eliminated From Map
In Economy Maneuver

In a drastic move following the elimination of Darien F. from the state's schools, ending the "... it's still being erased from the map, it was announced yester-
day by Governor Ella Grassle, in Hartford."

"This is incredible," said a stunned William Patrick, Darien's first selection.

Darien will be absorbed into Stamford and Norwalk with

Middlesex Road becoming the Stanfod-Norwalk bound-
ary.

This action, signed into law on Friday by Governor Grassle will take affect April 1, 1980 and is de-
derived from the present economies of the two Darien neighbors and to raise the level of the Stanfod and Norwalk school systems. For example, Dr. Vincent Hallett of the Darien High School English Department has accepted a position as Pro fessor of English at Norwalk Community College.

Town officials have made deci-
dions as to the eventual fate of the town houses. Darien High School will be turned into a museum and the town mansion modeled white collar criminals. Ed Hernandez is to be fortified and armed to guard town outposts and police stations.

The old dilemma of what to do with the Cherry Lawn pro-

erty is no longer resolved by this action. Cherry Lawn is to be bricked and preserved as a na-
tional monument. Royal School, and Middlesbrough and Junior High Schools are schedul-
ed to be turned into low-income housing units.

The only potential conse-
quences of having town houses would be a small tax increase to change all the road signs in town.

The 1979 Graduation speaker, Mother Goose, is shown above while taking a casual stroll. Mrs. Goose is often inspired by walks in the country.

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911 Nabbed In Party Raid

The Darien Police Depart-
ment's SWAT Team was called out last week to aid in one of the biggest and most embarrassing party raids in the history of the force. The embarrassment came when it was later discovered that the raided party wasn't being thrown by typical rowdy youths, but by the members of Police Ex-


112 Post 911 Blazer was run off the road and into Long Island Sound.

911 Nabbed In Party Raid out in the street directing traffic with her ears, and even noticed a couple of the young people-which were not to be involved in the sit-in of all the fathers with a mailbox. Now the times are becoming more exciting and the raid you know, nobody told me that these were our 911 kids, and I wasn't around to take any chances with my sons, so we just drove through the aisles, knocked over the couch, and came up with our M16's blaring "When the smoke clears we'll follow."

The chain of events began when angry area residents called in reports of a white Chevrolet Blazer drag racing up and down the Post Road with several strangely dressed youths inside. After a high speed chase down Near-

water Lane, the vehicle was run off the road near the home of a respected town official. Nothing strange, party as activity near, an alert officer called for backup. The SWAT team was im-

mediately mobilized and was soon on the scene.

Neirad asked one of the SWAT squad leaders, Capt. Pedro "Too Tall" Gonzalez, just what the area looked like upon his arrival: "Well little it was real bad man! Like I could tell we were up against a full scale party here, you know. Some of the kids were..."
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Minimum Drinking Age Holstered To Geritol Jet Set Standard

It was announced today by Judge Thompson, president of the St. Louis Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, that the city of St. Louis will adopt a proposal to raise the legal drinking age from 18 to 19.

We've become quite concerned with the dangers of alcoholism in our community," Judge Thompson said. "This is a step in the right direction."
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"And this is just the beginning!" said Robbins. Because there is no room for a high-rise on campus, plans have been made to construct it in the Darien Sport Shop parking lot.

The problems of how to get students from the downtown parking garage to the high school were brought up. Assistant Principal Gerard Coulombe was quick to respond. "This is the best part! We will have a shuttle service of chauffeur driven limousines that will be leaving every five minutes. And so that students don't become bored while they are waiting for the next bus, a suite of entertainment rooms will be set up on the first and second floors. These rooms will be equipped with the latest in video and audio equipment."

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'Literacy Breeds Contempt'

Over the past ten years or so educators across the land have heard the call of the back to basic movements. Cries of "What's wrong with the SAT scores?" and "Cut education spending" have cut through the dense haze of many town meetings and caused untold aggravation among parents, administrators, teachers and, above all, the students because they are, after all, the victims (or beneficiaries) of most of the decisions made by these meetings.

Many a time people have asked if the whole thing is actually worth all the hassle. Well, everyone please take a good look at the state of our country. Now with that perspective, the answer must be an emphatic NO!

Why are we spending all our money on education? We could be feeding the world's hungry, fighting to find a cure for cancer, or solving 85% of the problems.

We think that the state of the world is conclusive proof that education is a fruitless, and expensive, endeavor.

We should be thinking of something more equal for what fifty or sixty or even a hundred years from now the world has gone through? People here and everywhere must learn to look at the long-term effects.

Society, just like a child, cannot go it alone. All our problems will be solved eventually, if we just forget them. We say: Literacy breeds contempt.

Punk Rocker Complains About Feature Story

Dear Editor;

This courteous Viewpoint is in response to your recent article last week regarding the actions of the punk faction. You call that a feature story? I call that? I'll call that "s--t".

Now look, you've got to admit that whole incident sounds a lot worse than it really was. We didn't start throwing rocks and bottles until they used their threats. And then, as far as I'm concerned, we were never going to be. You've got to admit that whole incident sounds a lot worse than it really was.

In reality we're a bunch of fun loving, easy going people who just happen to live on life in America, and Occasionally personal gain, not the Able bodied.

Reader Reiterates

Dear Editor;

I was just happy that I read your editorial in the March 12 edition of NEIRAD that called for the ending of town sponsored transportation for our school children. It was this same proposal that I brought before the Board of Education nearly five years ago only to be shot down.

sincerely,
Sylvester McPherson

Chimp mum PROTESTS

Dear Editor;

I'm sure you are aware of the feature story on chimpanzees at DHS. You committed a gross error on a very important fact. You stated that chimpanzees are "not very proud of their appearance." This is just not true.

We chimpanzees are very noble creatures and behave regularly. Please check out your facts next time and please remember that embarrassment can be saved us all.

sincerely,
Chimp Gerbil

Is There A Doctor In The House?

Dear Editor;

In light of the recent dismissal of the Monroe County School Board's new doctor, "Dr." Bob Harris, I feel that the credentials are questionable.

Aliceable

Dear Editor:

I had an extra envelope laying around and thought I'd just write you and say hello. Hello.

sincerely,
Anna Friendly
P.S. What are you doing Saturday night?

Youth Stressed In DHS Faculty Change

In an effort to raise SAT scores, the Board of Education passed a 6-3 margin to eliminate all teachers at the high school who are over the age of 25 and replace them with sixth graders from the soon to be new low-income housing units at Rayville.

The decision is based on facts presented by the Taxpayer's Association to the Board at a January meeting that showed a decrease of 15% between a school system's SAT scores and the average age of its teachers.

Said one irate teacher, "What gives a group of old fogies the right to another group that our group of old fogies is incompetent. It's just another case of the pot calling the kettle black hypocrisy.

"I am a member of the Taxpayer's Association commented, "This is another example of how a group striving to change the level of education in Darien.

"Our immediate plan is to get the new faculty members. We feel that the pep and energy that the younger people will be able to generate will stimulate our high school into new heights on the SAT test."

When asked if the age differentiations between teacher and pupil might create a problem, one Taxpayer's Association leader said, "It is possible as long as we had conclusive evidence to show that there is no correlation between the type of degree a teacher has and his or her effectiveness in the classroom."

After the meeting adjourned, one of the high school senior asked, "How much will we get for babysitting?"

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Meanwhile, the newly ap- pointed chairperson has prob-ably under your name, you made us out to be. So come on. Shape up. Join the other Dariens and get off our case. Thank you.

Tony "Knickles" Quasimode Leader- National Dishonor Society

Darien's own Punk Rock Band P.S. This had not done much better in your April Fool's issue.

Editor's note: You lose, fool.

Recent Editorial

voted down. It is refreshing to see a newspaper such as yours make such proposals without the slightest regard for the students' well-being. Thank you, and keep up the good work.

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Fred Ainsworth

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News Briefs

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The Free the Palestinians Club will be having a firearms sale tomorrow through Friday and will be selling tickets for their annual raffle at the same time. Such items as automatic carbines, slightly damaged hand grenades, and MIG fighters will be on sale and the grand prize for the raffle is the Sinai Peninsula.

The Sophomore Music Club will present "An Evening With Big Bird," as part of their presentation at the music department's spring concert next month.

The yearbook, DARIANNUS '79, will be on sale for positively, absolutely the last time this week outside the cafeteria. Cost is $15.

The teacher's lounge will be closed indefinitely following a small fire. The accident occurred last Friday when an unidentified teacher's cigarette accidentally set fire to the carpet while the teacher was demonstrating the latest dance fire. The cause minimal damage and administration claims to feel it necessary to discourage such incidents before they become habit.

The first meeting of the Class of 1980's newly formed Procrastinators Club has been reorganized indefinitely. Also the meeting of the Decisiveness Training Club, scheduled for last week, will take place next week either on Thursday or Friday (perhaps Monday or Wednesday).

Fifteen members of the National Honor Society were arrested last week for selling obscene videos outside the large cafeteria. Pending a court appearance, all N.H.S. members have been sent to the Departmental Social Facility, where they will receive counseling on "Corrective Cookie Cutting."

Due to complaints on the part of teachers who believe that their classes should be longer and that all other classes should be eliminated, the administration has removed from the halls the bells that formerly ended classes.

Commented Craig Matheson, "It is now up to the teacher to decide when his or her class is to end." Neired attempted to speak to English teacher Mr. Wyonda, but she has been unavailable due to the fact that she has been lecturing to her American Studies Honor Class since March.

A new course being added to the 1979-1980 curriculum is Pointless Novels. This required English class will involve analysis of many of the pointless novels of our time such as "Jane Eyre," "Pride and Prejudice," and "Nirvana in Your Own Back Yard."

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Though Mr. Dickman was unavailable for comment, it is rumored that he has long been a supporter of such groups as Egg Foo Yung and ping-pong.

Upon hearing of the anticipated announcement from the nation's capital, the Darwen Board of Education held an emergency meeting after which Chairman Doris Perkins released the following statement to the press. "In an 8-1 decision, the Board of Education has voted to ask the Freedom of Information Commission for data concerning all the Chinese restaurants that Mr. Dickman has ever eaten in, and how much money Mr. Dickman spent on rice in the past five years."

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All efforts to bring Mr. Kriil back to the seventeen that failed and students have begun to protest the painstaking sixty-ish verbal outbursts. The microwave oven seems to have been a source of controversy even before Friday's episode. Teachers in other departments in the school, who don't have microwaves in their offices told Neired that the English department had become "cliquey" since the oven had been installed.

Physicist Edward Yokstas described the accident as "a little thing called fixation." Mr. Yokstas said he warned the English teachers about the dangers inherent to microwaving ovens. "If they had turned it over to the trained scientists in our department, as I suggested many times, his world would have happened. I saw the writing on the walls," said Yokstas.

Recruits for teacher's aides jobs in the Darwen school system are drilled for with only a few minutes to spare.
In order to better prepare students for the Scholastic Aptitude Test, Superintendent of Schools Joseph Porter has announced the hiring of a specialized SAT coach.

Lou “Lollipops” Lawton, a professor from Dartmouth College, will be attempting to bring the scores back to a level of respectability through rigorous training. “I believe that the key to higher scores on the SAT’s is preparation. I plan to make all students memorize the definitions of every word in the dictionary of the New York Times and every trigonometric function is still functioning,”

But sound mental preparation is not all to the SAT’s. According to Lawton, students must use the skills they learn in everyday life. He has purposely chosen to teach the SAT’s in a way that would be beneficial to students in all their future endeavors. “I’m devoting a plan to give each student the SAT a small two-way, 40-channel transmitter to radio out for help when needed.”

Coach Lawton will be opening spring practice next week and encourages all juniors to seek his help. Lawton is trying to form an inter-scholastic SAT team to open its season in September. “We’ll play a ten team season. I want to see if we can get the state champ, Glenshaw, Dayton.”

“Lollipops” Lawton is not the only one who believes in strict discipline. He is shown here instructing a student on the essentials of the aptitude test.

CRAZY EDDIE'S
DRIVING SCHOOL
“TRUCK, CAR YOU LOSE”

C.I. STUDENTS!
Our up-to-date Category Index will direct you to the information you need—facts and all shades of opinion on contemporary issues are at

THE SOURCE
(Catty-Cornered Across from the Town Hall)

The football field has been hit by the "passive vandalism" spree by students who planted the entire gridiron with corn, as a bumper crop is expected.

The Darien Volunteer Fire Department was called in to put out a brush fire, but as they arrived, they were met by a plume of black smoke rising from the cornfields. The firefighters speculate that the fire was started by a group of students who planted the entire gridiron with corn as a bumper crop is expected.

DHS Assistant Principal Gerard Coulombe has revealed a recent outbreak of practical jokes to hit the high school. "Students are getting bored with the usual pranks of physical harm," he said, "They've started playing tricks on each other, like putting slippery oil on the stairs and sticking needles in the hair."

The latest act of "passive vandalism" as he termed it, occurred in the faculty lounge. "Some very disturbed individuals covered the entire room with corn kernels," he said. "This is the worst such outbreak in years."

The teachers were tricked by the prank of unpreparedness. "We had to bring in the new multi-language pen to write in any language," said one teacher. "We also had to buy new shirts to cover up the corn." The students were apprehended and disciplined, but Coulombe warned that such acts of passive vandalism will continue unless measures are taken to keep the students occupied.