Bruno Resigns To Take Manhattanville Post

By SANDY WARD

Gordon A. Bruno announced his resignation as principal of Darien High School at the Board of Education meeting Tuesday night.

In a letter to Acting Superintendent of Schools Jack A. Forte, Dr. Bruno explained that he would be leaving to chair the department of education and direct graduate programs in teaching at Manhattanville College.

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Another area in which there has been great changes is Independent Study. When the program was initiated, it was limited to the top students of the school. Now it is open to all students.

Dr. Bruno is pleased with the changes in the school, and looks forward to the future of the school.

Dr. Bruno also discussed the problem of apathy. "I don't think apathy is a problem," he said. "It's a question of how well students are doing in school."
Notes On A Resignation

Gordon Bruno has passed out many diplomas at DHS graduations, but this year he will receive one of his own. We report that Dr. Bruno will be moving on to bigger and better things at Manhattanville College.

The Daren Review many wonder why Bruno is not going to an Ivy League school. Were not his SAT's high enough? What about his teacher recommendations?

Since Dr. Bruno began his principalship he has been attacked verbally from all sides. The Daren Review has constantly editorialized about Bruno's liberal, waky-washy administration. Neirad, on the other hand, has claimed Dr. Bruno to be too conservative and grossly unfair in his handling of the homework policy.

Although Neirad continues to believe Dr. Bruno has acted unreasonably in some instances, we appreciate the respect he has given the school paper in allowing us to be published without administration censorship or control.

We hope Daren High School's next principal will be as fair to Neirad as Dr. Bruno has been.

We extend to Dr. Bruno the very best wishes for the success of his future endeavors.

Text Of Bruno Resignation Letter

The following is the text of Principal Gordon A. Bruno's letter of resignation: Mr. Jack Forte
Acting Superintendent of Schools
Darien, Connecticut

Dear Jack:

This letter announces my resignation as Principal of Darien High School, effective July 11, 1974.

I have recently accepted an offer from President Elizabeth McCormack of Manhattanville College, Purchase, New York, to chair the department of education and direct graduate programs in the preparation and training of elementary and secondary school teachers. As associate professor of education, I will have the particular responsibility and challenge to create a new Master of Arts program in the Humanities and to establish a community-based system for teacher certification in New York State. In addition, I look forward to doing some teaching in curriculum and learning theory during the second semester of next year.

Eight years ago, when I came to Darien High School, I came mainly to work with and build an outstanding faculty in a town noted for its strong support of public education. As for the faculty, my expectation has been more than realized. I am extremely grateful to

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although if groupware wasn't right, more people might come out for the many activities that go on. The thing about apathy which bothers me most -- and it is not just true of this school -- is that students sometimes feel that they cannot make a difference. The difference that students make is not what is written in articles or constitutions, but by their active attendance at meetings of the School Council, the Departmental Council, Board of Education Meetings and other areas of the school where decisions are made.

Dr. Bruno pointed to such changes as study hall revisions, Independent Study, Career Day, Experimental Education Week, and curriculum as culminating in activities where students have "been enormously influential" in the eventual decisions.

There has to be more student leadership, the kind of leadership that is willing to take the risk of not succeeding on all things that students would like to see happen.

He feels that unsuccessful attempts by students to get things done has ceased more than one student to his optimism. "I like to think that students would feel it was worthwhile being involved even without having power role, which is im-

To a question about Mr. Adam's comments on the school reported in the May 24 issue of Neirad, he replied, "It would be totally unethical for me to comment, all his wisdom is nothing but the best for Mr. Adams in his highly deserved retirement."

Dr. Bruno concluded by saying that he would miss the high school and that he hopes he would remain in touch.

A successor to Dr. Bruno has not been named.
Senior Talent Tapped In 'Don't Drink The Water'

By ROGER HORINE

A daring scheme of misrepresentation was successfully pulled by the cast and crew of the senior play. Weeks in advance they advertised potential theater-goers that the play was a farce, the cast members were actors and the audience would be going to a monumental rip-off for all concerned.

After all, "Don't Drink the Water," directed by Ralph Mastrapolo, was extremely low budget. The author, however, did take it to the next degree in the role of the audience, neutralizing the bad image of the play people had received from its participants.

Assistant Principal Gerald Coulombe stole the show with his outstanding characterization of Walter Hollander, a character straight out of New Jersey, who inadvertently takes some pictures of a movie shoot going on behind the Iron Curtain. presumed spies, he and his family are chased into a small U.S. embassy by Krokaj, a zealous member of the state police, well played by John Raab.

The embassy is presided over by Ambassad or Major, an over-enthusiastic patriarch, impeccably portrayed by Scott Mackinnon. Fortunately for us, he is called away on another assignment, leaving his well-meaning but stupid son, Axel, in charge. Rich Bormann was well-cast and very convincing in that role.

A heard-thrum Mr. Coulombe, sport- ing a loud tourist Hawaiian shirt, was conceived as an amusing character by his over-enthusiastic movie star, literally hilarious attempting a virtuoso dancing in the role. Tim was especially hilarious attempting a virtuoso dancing in the role. Tim was especially

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**Current** Outstanding -- Professional, Diverse

**By ANDY WALWORTH**

Darien High School's literary magazine, Current, has finally matured into a truly outstanding publication. The spring issue is perhaps the finest ever, both in content and design. Like the winter issue, the book itself is professional and neat in appearance. The magazine is clearly printed, professionally typeset, and as a result, easy to read. Each contribution is given ample space on the large pages, providing the whole issue with a clean look.

The magazine contains no photography, and the illustrations are limited. There are many talented artists and photographers at DHS, and they deserve a forum for their work. I realize that artwork sometimes clutters what should have been a clean page, but artwork should be considered as just that; art, as worthy of ink on a page as the poetry it contains.

Perhaps the best thing about the spring issue is that it is a mature magazine. Most of the students represented have never been published before. Anna Perrier and Annie Gould all have written excellent pieces.

Nancy Stauffer's "Sloe Gin" is the most compelling piece in the book. It demonstrates that simple poetry does not have to be obvious. The language is stark, the form simple. Not until the last four lines does the poet reveal her point; the only thing we're really good at is getting high, because we are all just waiting to escape from this town. (Probably true these days.)

Also notable are two stories, both on crime and the police. "Sides of a Line" by Warren Carravza is the story of a mass-murderer and the police who come to apprehend him. "The Bus Stop" by Gary Leonard is a strange tale with a surprise ending. Both authors have a sense for the details, developing characters that are believable.

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**When The Going Gets Hot, Does Darien Get Going?**

**By MARY McGOLDRICK**

Whether or not you are aware of it, Darien is noted not as a "swinging" town during high school season. Unless one is lucky enough to get to a hideaway during the summer, one (probably) spends your time partying with the girls and their boyfriends. As a result, Darien's art is yet to be recognized.

As in the past, entertainment from "Tricky Granny" will be available on various summer evenings from 8:11 p.m. Concert dates are to be announced.

The annual fireworks display will take place on July 4 along with the first band concert, on the DHS athletic field. Additional concerts will be held every other Wednesday starting July 17 at 8 p.m.

For those who enjoy visiting plays, the 1974 White Barn Festival will be presenting various experimental plays and well known theatre groups. The various presentations will be held at the White Barn Theatre on Newtown Turnpike in Westport.

For further details call 227-7360.

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In the final meet of the year the girls squeaked by a strong Ridgefield team but were hindered by a tough Ridgefield team in a tie meet at Ridgefield on May 28. Fine performances were exemplified by many members of the team. Short distances pulled in many of the points with仅 from which Ellen Franesconi, Nina Page, and Jen Barrett. Stacey Johnson placed second in the mile with Clinton Smith placing fourth. Laura Molony placed first in both the shot put and the discus throw, while Pam Bishop took second. Staples seemed to pay off the girls by overpowering the team and winning by a long run.

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Blue Linksters Upset County, Seize Crown

By CURT STITTS

The Darien Golf Team lost to Andrew Warde 5-7 and defeated Fairfield Prep 10-3 in a tri-match held at Wee Burn Country Club on Monday, May 20. Pete Conley won both his matches by scores of 34 and 23, and Alan Kirkley was also victorious in his matches with scores of 21 and 30. Rob Byler lost to the number-one man from A.W. 24 and tied his counterpart from F.P. 25-24, and Greg Honner lost to F.P. 26-19 tied A.W. 17-17.

On Tuesday, May 21 the Linksters traveled to the New Canaan Country Club and were promptly defeated by the Rams 9-4. Pete Conley turned in our medal score with a 79 to tie his match 69-10. Greg Honner completed the round with an 83, but lost his match 29-25. Al Kirkley shot an 80 to win his match 21-20, and Rob Byler lost 50-30 by turning in an 89. The Wavers’ last match of the regular season was held at Longshore Country Club against Staples and Wilton, losing both matches 9-4 and 7-5 respectively.

Diamond Gals Unpolished

By JANE ADAMS

In a tough eleven game season, the Girls’ Softball Team managed to come up with only one win, against Wilton. The young, inexperienced team encountered many problems with rainy weather and league rules. Coach Joan Walsh added, “The team needs to dedicate a little more time to coming to practice.”

Ms. Walsh was only partially satisfied with the record, feeling that it could have been 4-7 if the team had concentrated its efforts a little more in two of the closer matches.

Next year’s outlook is favorable for the Walch Women, with only one senior graduating while many enthusiastic sophomores and juniors will be coming back under the leadership of Co-captains Karen Fitzpatrick and Carole Murphy. Unlike other spring sports, the Battles of Badminton will not be used to determine who will qualify for the state meet, eleven track men from Darien qualified, the cut-off being sixth in the half-mile, qualifying, and the mile relay team of Greg Cillman in the javelin and discus, Jay Byler in the long jump, and Walt Dorrell in the 330 intermediate hurdles.

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Trackmen Down Rip, Compete in States

By GARRY LEONARD

The Blue Wave Track Team concluded its regular season on Wednesday, May 22, with a win over Rippowam, giving the Blue a final record of 5-4. In the County Championships Darien finished sixteth out of fifteen teams, accumulating 21 points in the effort.

Point scorers for Darien in the counties held Saturday, May 25, at Ludlowe were: Al Dragone, second, and John Brissette, third, in the half-mile; Tom Castle, third, and Walt Dorrell, fourth, in the 120 yd. high hurdles; Tom Craig fifth in the pole vault; and Greg Gillman fifth in the discuss. The mile relay team of Al Dragone, Al Meeker, Doug Roberts, and Tom Castle finished second.

President of FCLAC (left) and Julie Hendrickson, who reached semi-finals of state tennis tournament (Photo by Peter Hoover).

Sherry Maclay (left) and Julie Hendrickson, who reached semi-finals of state tennis tournament (Photo by Peter Hoover).


Rackettes Falter But Not Winning Season

By SUE ALLARD

The Girls’ Tennis Team marred slightly its unblemished record for this year’s play as it fell at the hands of a very steady team and lost to New Canaan five matches to four on the final day of Darien’s regular season Friday, May 21, at home.

Darien’s number one singles player, Inez Marasculo, staged a very good fight and almost pulled an upset, but was defeated 46, 63, 64. Darien’s number two and four players also contributed good efforts in losing causes as Ri Reilly was defeated 62, 76, and Sherry Maclay was outplayed that day 75, 61. The sole singles winner for Darien was Leslie Milne, playing in the number three spot. Leslie handled her opponent 63, 61.

In doubles, Darien’s number one and two teams were defeated in closely played matches: Jane Adams and Ellen LaBarca lost 36, 63, 63, and Trudie TenBrooks and Katherine Bullock were defeated 64, 76. Doubles winners in the team’s final effort were: Lee Cheery and Lisa Dillon — 75, 67, 64; Debby Ayner and Barb Earle — 61, 61, and Kathie Reilly and Debbie Horan — 75, 61.

A very bright spot at the end of the season came as the doubles team of Sherry Maclay and Julie Hendrickson reached the semis in the state tournament. They qualified for state competition by winning a regional tournament, the final of which consisted of two strong Darien teams. Sherry and Julie defeated Leslie Milne and Jane Adams 6-4, 7-5 in Greenwich on May 30, which allowed them to compete in the States. Maclay and Hendrickson continued their steady play until they met two other very strong players from New Canaan, Muffy Rogers and Kate Purcell, on Saturday, June 8, at Central State College in New Britain and were defeated in a semi-final match 6-1, 6-0.

Darien High’s Girls’ Tennis Team ended the year with a very impressive record of nine wins and only one loss. Eight seniors will be leaving the team this year. Coach Rebecca Strominger commented upon the season: “The year was great . . . the kids worked very hard and we all enjoyed ourselves. They were a delightful group.”

John Brigette finished second, and Walt Durrell came back in the 330 intermediate hurdles to get a third. On Tuesday, May 28, in the Sectionals held at Darien High, a meet which is used to determine who will qualify for the state meet, eleven track men from Darien qualified, the cut-off being sixth in each place in each event. Among those who qualified were: Al Dragone in the half-mile, Tom Castle in the high hurdles, Tom Craig in the pole vault, the mile relay team, Greg Gillman in the javelin and discuss, Jay Byler in the long jump, and Walt Durrell in the 330 intermediate hurdles.

At the state meet, Al Dragone finished sixth in the half-mile, qualifying him for the open states; Tom Castle finished sixth in the 120 high hurdles, also qualifying, and the mile relay team of Dragone, Brigette, Robertson, and Meeker finished fourth but did not qualify.