WEATHER: Partial skies - 40% chance of fallout, 99% chance of ice storms throughout the next two weekends, ending abruptly at eight o’clock Sunday evening.

THE 1971-72 SCHOOL BUDGET: WHAT COULD HAPPEN

In early February, 1971, the Board of Education reported the financial breakdown for the 1971-72 School Year. The budget had been cut 10% over last year's budget, with a further possible cut of 5% over this year's budget. The budget for next year is expected to be even more stringent. The Board of Education is now considering a 15% cut in the budget for the next school year, which would mean a further reduction in the already meager funds available for education. The Board has already cut back on personnel salaries and fringe benefits, and the remaining funds were assigned to pay for classroom aids and materials, evaluation and development of curriculum, maintenance projects, and fundraising for established programs such as Adult Education.

As for Darien High School itself, the financial situation is dire. The school has already had to cut back on many programs and activities. The budget for the next school year is expected to be even more stringent, and the school is expected to face further cuts. The school administration is working hard to find ways to maintain the current level of services, but it is clear that further reductions will be necessary.

HAIR AND THE ATHLETIC KINGDOM

by Dan Franz

March 17—I went to the winter sports banquet tonight. I heard the usual speeches from the coaches, the principal, and the principal's wife, and I saw the pride in the face of the athletes who were honored. And yet, for me, there was a sadness in it all. On so many cold, lonely mornings, we were up early, and we worked hard. We trained in our dorms, in the gym, on the road. The sadness in our bodies, the runny nose, and the dull ache of exhaustion we endured were for a purpose. That purpose was to rise from being just another track athlete to become something more. On Saturday, March 6, Bruce Jones placed in the state sectional two-mile race ahead of all but one Fairfield County runner, and made the state indoor finals. The spring season will not be easy for the Darien High School in track. In a sport where the length of hair has no effect on performance, he has dared to remain true to a principle, and will not cut his hair.

DARIENTH CURES

In the early part of this year, some Darien townspeople started a movement to make everyone in Darien aware of the environmental crisis which confronts us. The name of the organization is Darien Cares, and its basic purpose is to get us into the habit of thinking of the Earth first whenever any questions of pollution or conservation come into our lives.

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OTHER NEWS

Robert Nagel, founder and director of the Neirad, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Neirad. This appointment is significant because it will give the Neirad more credibility in the community. The Neirad is a new organization that is dedicated to providing quality educational programs for children in the area. The Neirad will be funded by a grant from the local community, and it will work closely with the Darien Public Schools to ensure that children have access to a quality education.

Flash Bulletin

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Citizens Committee Against Schools

by Craig W. Mason

In recent months, the Darien Review has printed a barrage of letters from an individual who claims to be "the Citizens Committee on Schools." Needless to say, the paper printed at least one of these letters in each issue, since they vehemently agree with the Review's reactionary policies on education. Finally, in the issue of March 11, a chairman for this committee appeared out of the mist which screens vocal minority groups from the view of the innocent voter.

Perhaps this committee should be examined in more depth. First, why does it call itself a "Citizens Committee?" Why are they so anxious to prove their citizenship? Is it possible that these people fear that they will be thought "Un-American," or "Un-Darien," because of their ideas? Another point for suspicion is the proposition in their little booklet, "Why on?" The American Heritage Dictionary explains: "4. Used to indicate...". The object of an action directed, tending, or moving against; an opponent or foe; an adversary." Substituting "agreed" for "on", we obtain a far better description of the group: "Citizens Committee Against Schools."

There can be no doubt that the committee (if the term can be applied to a cabal of three or four people) is against the school system or, perhaps more properly, the expansion of the school system in any way from the place it held in 1955. Specifically, they are against a four-year High School, an increased school budget, small classes, and other programs from which students in the system might benefit.

Why is a four-year High School needed? First, to remove one grade from the elementary schools, thus creating badly needed space. Most elementary schools in the town now have the unsightly and inefficient portables to keep the conventional classrooms from becoming overcrowded. Second, the High School is already operating on a four-year basis. Whether the Committee knows it or not. College transcripts show that the High School seemed to have been built "at exactly the wrong time." The Citizens Committee would, in effect, give the Darien High School more "amateur" teachers. Darien will probably never be able to pay increased taxes, but because they are unwilling, why does it call itself a "Citizens Committee?" Why are they so anxious to prove their citizenship? Is it possible that these people fear that they will be thought "Un-American," or "Un-Darien," because of their ideas? Another point for suspicion is the proposition in their little booklet, "Why on?" The American Heritage Dictionary explains: "4. Used to indicate...". The object of an action directed, tending, or moving against; an opponent or foe; an adversary." Substituting "agreed" for "on", we obtain a far better description of the group: "Citizens Committee Against Schools.

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First, it was not only older members of the audience who, in my judgment, would have overlooked the "plagiarism education concept," but also the many young children who usually attend our performances on opening night. Second, I have never given formal "content" to any Thespian production and have no intention of establishing such a procedure. On the other hand, I feel it quite proper to give honest reactions to a production offered under the auspices of D.H.S., especially when asked. Third, I strongly object to the implication that I perceive the "conservative element dictating the tone of the day in Darien." I find stereotypes about this Town as unfair and misrepresentative as I find them about blacks, adults, taxpayers, young people, etc.

Gordon A. Bruno

Spring Concert

The annual Spring Concert, featuring all the music groups, was held last night in the D.H.S. auditorium. Mr. Unserflicht conducted the Orchestra and the Band, and Mr. Jantsche conducted the Advanced Choir and the Mixed Chorus. Also on the program was a Horn Quintet, featuring Pete Dresler on the trumpet, and the Girls' Vocal Ensemble.

Both groups, in response to one of their recent (Mark Rodman's by-line in March 24, 1971) was outrageously skeptical, unfair and misrepresentative as I found them about blacks, adults, national close ties of families and taxpayers, young people, etc.

Darien, with an average family income of $20,000, is certainly not a property-stricken nor do I believe it is over-taxed. Greenwich has just built a new high school. "w..." and "Darien cut important programs from its school budget, and each year, send its children off to portable classrooms and schools no longer big enough to hold the innovative programs that must be undertaken if Darien is to continue to compete with the rest of the country.

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TRENDS IN EDUCATION IN DARIEN

Here comes a bit of crystal-ball gazing. I don’t really consider this to be extremely difficult, for anyone who has spent any amount of time examining, not only the major trends in education, but in other fields, will readily agree that every community has a fairly clear picture as to the way the public high school education is developing. One can hardly avoid the observation that there is a matter of personal choice. To clear up my position, I applaud them. The major trends divide, in my judgment, into three categories: First, experimentation; second, student involvement; and third, teaching capability.

The hallmark of education, and particularly public secondary education, in the United States as opposed to most other countries is its experimentation. Most countries in the world with any developed form of educational system pride themselves on uniformity. It is their premise that every student in the country should receive identical forms of instruction and curriculum. This is determined by some August body, usually governmental, who determine how the youth must be educated for the good of the country. The great plus in this concept is that there is little difference in the curriculum of education in rural communities to major cities. The major drawback falls in two areas: First, the “August body” must have, by its very nature, a fairly limited viewpoint since it is made up of a limited number of minds. Secondly, again by its very nature of a single body, there is less tendency to change the system though there might be ample evidence that change is warranted.

In this country, though certain general requirements are common to almost all secondary education, both teaching methods and curriculum are experimented with constantly. By the very nature of this approach there is an inconsistency in the end-product of education of children in one system versus another. On the other hand, the opportunity for an intelligent school system to capitalize on proven experiments to improve education is enormous. I believe that there will be a great deal more experimentation in the curriculum in this country in the future. There are very few educators or even parents who do not recognize the fact that children today enter the education process with a significantly wider variety of educational preferences than do their parents. Additionally, they expand this frame of reference at a much faster pace than was true of the previous generation. They often go into the roles of dropout recognition that young people are capable of absorbing a great deal more knowledge than was believed true in the past, has led many educators to seek methods of aiding the child to capitalize more fully on his potential.

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It took man thousands of years to learn to fly, but from that point on, only 80 years to go to the moon. Every advancement is compressed in time and since the advancements must be communicated to our youth, the changes in education must be even more compressed. To stand still in our world is to move backwards. Specifically, in relation to the educational trends in Darien, to stand still is disastrous. Thus, I see Darien as an intelligent and alert community anticipating these trends and remaining in the forefront of public education.
Winter Surfing - A Study in Modern Idiocy
by Kevin Wright

As you know, March 6 was the date of the Darien High School Varsity Surf Team and Resident Needle Slippers First Annual Polar Bear Surfari. Based on reliable information supplied by surfing moviemaker Lincoln Walworth, the DHSVST's co-captains Finko S. (star of stage, screen, and comic strip) and The Great Kahuna set out for Long Beach, Long Island. The student body was notably confidence-inspiring, especially when by secret wire tap Camp Ratcliffe was heard reserving a slab for two at the Long Beach Morgue. However, neither rain nor snow colder of water could stay these stalwart surfers from their stupid, so early on the morning of the Sixth, the surfers stopped at Hode's to meet with the rest of the crew:

Golden Toe Travers, ace photographer and roo trapper;
Bill White, along with Travers a finalist in the International Soda Can Tournament;
Bill Crouse, tyro surfer and Viking basketball star.

After a three hour side trip through the backwoods of Greenwich to pick up a little bundle, the two-car caravan finally made it to Lanty Guyland. Long Beach is a splendidly ugly town, but the surf makes up for that. Unfortunately, the winter months are the only months that non-residents can surf. The beach itself is divided into 200-yard sections by stone jeties. These jeties keep the sand bars from shifting, thus keeping the wave shape consistent.

The waves average three to four feet, are well-formed, and offer good right slides. The only drawback to this in the winter is the incredible cold of the water. Full wetsuits, boots, and gloves are a must. The only unprotected area is the head, and believe me, it dies. With every slap of water against the face, it feels like one huge third degree burn, the mouth freezes open, and the head feels like it is splitting wide open. You can't stay in the water for more than one hour without having to paddle in to warm up.

Winter surfers are quite different from those of the summer. For one thing, there are fewer of them, and therefore they are a lot friendlier. Of course, some of this friendliness is brought about by necessity. All of the time people are coming up to you in the street. (Where you change into your wetsuit, to the shock of the old residents) and asking you to zip them into their wetsuits. This happened to us no fewer than three times in three hours.

Winter water does spark the hunger, so we carefully picked out the two best beanie men in town:

Gene's Pizzaaria, where, according to Bill Crouse, a fantastic pizza is served;
Ned's Kosher Deli, famous for their turkey sandwiches (please don't order a ham on white!)

The best advice, though, is to bring something home, and save your money for the thousand and one toils along the way.

Well, this was a description of a typical winter surfari, and they really are a gas, despite the cold. DHSVST trips are held fairly regularly, and anyone wishing to join the team can sign up on the list we had almost come to think that for sheer competence, many DHS students are a lot better than their minus rated classmates.

ROCK AND ROLL

STAR FOUND ALIVE IN MOTEL BED

March 21, 1971

Peaceful moments on the smoking area.

Fourteen of his friends were in here with him. The ladies gave her names in alphabetical order.

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On April 9 and 10 at the DHS auditorium, Theatre 308 will present Splendour in the Grass, a play by Andrew Leslie. The name of the play was taken from a stanza of John Keats’ "Ode on Lamentations of Immortality": “So might parts of the stage will be blacked out and returned by 775 students. The results of that questionnaire were as follows: when asked how many periods they spent in the classroom, 344 replied five or more, 216 four and 49 replied the one or less. Another query asked what course had been the most valuable to the individual. It is interesting to note that History was mentioned at least once, but the second (12) mentioned most often were: Christ as a Revolutionary, Occult Sciences, Clinical Psychology, Musical Improvisation, Career Planning, Future Study. The language, German and Spanish. Jesus Christ in Prophecy, Origani, Jude, Darien Establishment, and Freedom—Black View.

When asked what aspects of EEW they felt would be feasible to carry over into the regular school year, the majority of students mentioned voluntary class attendance. The remainder of the responses were fairly evenly divided between no grading, and use of community resources.

Among the questions asked of the students who filled out the in-depth evaluation were: “If you did not participate in EEW why didn’t you?” and “If you did participate why did you?” The first query drew a large response, 108 students who responded in the negative cited sickness most frequently as the reason for non-participation. Other responses included “not interested”, “my friends left”, and “I was interested but a free day was more appealing”. The most common reason mentioned for participating in EEW was interest in the courses. The students also expressed having felt curious about how the program would work, having liked the EEW concept, having enjoyed the freedom, and having wanted to take part in a new educational experience.

The teacher evaluation sheets included such questions as: “How did your classes seem to respond?”, “Was the time allotted sufficient for your objectives?”, and “Were there any negative aspects to your experience?”

Many of the student teachers said they’d enjoyed the experience of teaching, and could understand the teachers’ position better because of this, but in several cases found themselves underprepared. Almost every teacher was excited and pleased by their classes’ responses, however, many were displeased with the unstable class population. Every EEW teacher replied, except one, stated that they would be willing to participate in another EEW if it were proposed. This, and a wish for a longer time period were two areas of almost complete unanimity on the various forms.

The objectives of Experimental Week were also examined to see how well they had been achieved. It was decided that objective #2 “to involve the student in a volunteer learning experience” was self-sufficient and consequently had been achieved. The primary goal of school and community interaction was fulfilled, but it was wished that the participation level could have been higher.

“Gino’s,” the film stolen 1096 Post Road made to the...
HOCKEY TEAM SPIRITS SPORTS BANQUET
by JAVITI

Last Wednesday night, March 17, the annual Winter Sports Banquet took place in the large cafeteria decorated by the Pep Club with assistance from the fine gymnastics sports captains. Co-chairmen (or should it be man and woman) Coach Isidore Master of Ceremonies Jack Penter's introduction and opening comments kept the crowd in good humor as it was refreshing to have a member of the community who has done such notable work with the youth becoming involved directly with a school function.

Another highlight of the evening was the appearance of former Darien basketball standout Bob Staak. Rob, an outstanding hooper was the center around which six hoop players there to attain over 1000 points while on the basketball squad. Bob had a brief message to relate to the younger athletes. It was, "For the word of love, has come to your back there. One of Bob's goals was to play in Madison Square Garden. This was fulfilled when the UConn team played Manhattan in the Garden. There was a big basketball banquet, the virtue of humility as he left next in gymnastics, even though his burns couldn't have affected his ability. And, while Coach Sangster has done such credit for their efforts. Once to the court behind 316 West Ave. tricks of their own and proved, perhaps Coach Sangster, this year's new track coach, does not know what the word "sacrifice" means in becoming good at running fast for two miles around a lonely circle. It certainly does not mean conformity for conformity's sake, and it has never meant the giving up of individual rights because of a coaches' personal beliefs. A coach's power is being carried too far when it denies the right to participate to someone who rightly deserves it. Coach Sangster is doing this to Bruce Jones. Coach Battino denied Eugene Myers the right to participate in gymnastics, even though Gene's hair could not fall into his eyes. Dave Hervon's hair couldn't have fallen in his eyes; his sideburns couldn't have affected his performance and yet, it had to be cut to suit the personal tastes of Coach Mautte. And who could guess how many football-oriented students would have been willing to cut their hair to play football but not to the extremes demanded by Coach Himebaugh.

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Coach Sangster rises from the depths

Hockey Team Spirits Sports banquet

Robert Clinton gave the gathering a more personal touch to have your friends openly showing their approval of fellow athletes achieving success.

For each sport, the coach gave a short speech, followed by the names of the next season's co-captains or co-captains, and the teams most Valuable
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The Road to the event was the appearance of former Darien High School State Champion gymnast Mark Scott who totaled 21 points. John Reuther was the lone junior on the team, and John was not the best man on the court, as far as basketball goes, "Sugarfoot" Johnson sure did admire his legs.

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Peace for Everyone

Peter Clinton

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

On Monday night, March 15th, the Marlborough All-Stars, led by Bob Staak and Coach Songster, fell to defeat before Marques Haynes and the Fabulous Magicians, by a convincing score of 102-86. The comical heroics of the Magicians were led by Bob "Sugarfoot" Johnson, who compiled a total of 30 points in the game. However, the faculty, not be outdone, came up with a few tricks of their own and proved, even to the Magicians, that they weren't as bad as rumor or appearance suggested.

Former Darien High Star, Bob Shaak, dispelled any talk of in-