

# BRUCKNER LEAVES: OBTAINS PRINCIPALSHIP

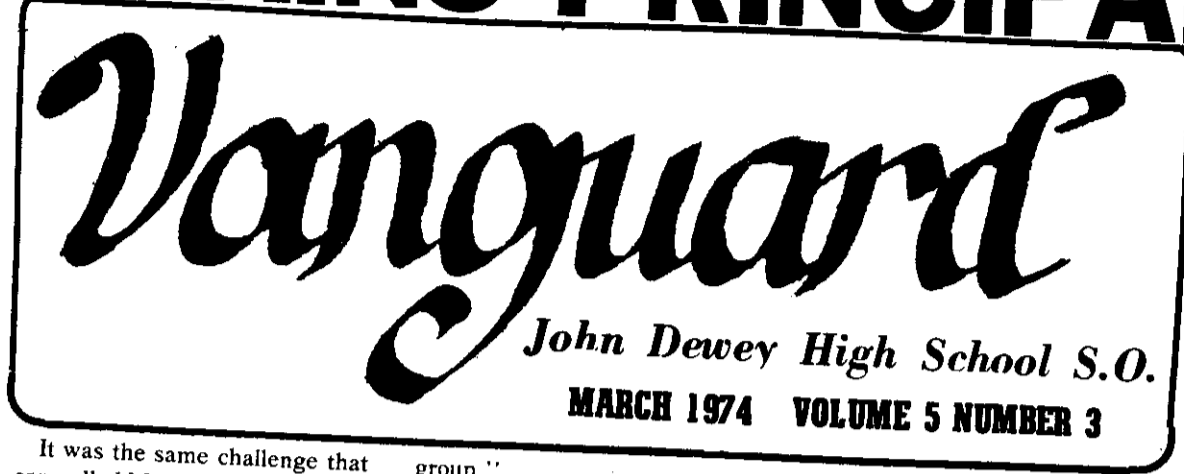
by Scott Levine

A man walks down the third floor hall pushing an overhead projector and carrying a pile of messy papers. He has grey hair which is parted on the side and combed back. On his way to class, a social studies teacher asks his advice on some matter. After five minutes of explanation to the teacher, he is again on his merry way.

The man: Saul Bruckner, former chairman of the John Dewey Social Studies Department. Just recently, Mr. Bruckner accepted the position of principal at the new North Central High School, which will be a "Dewey-style" school.

## One of the Original Chairmen

Saul Bruckner was one of the original chairmen at Dewey. "One came to Dewey and didn't know what to expect," he said. Why did he leave the "security" of a "traditional" high school to come to work at Dewey? "It was an opportunity to try something different, to test ideas which had long been floating around in educational circles, but were not being acted upon because of people who said: 'Well, it can't be done.' It was a professional challenge."



It was the same challenge that compelled Mr. Bruckner to accept the position at North Central, which will open next September with ninth and tenth graders. Mr. Bruckner said that he did not know exactly what programs would be instituted, but he expected to include "Four and One" and "Sips." He said that the school would have cycles and maybe even mods.

## Known For His Sense of Humor

In his four-and-a-half years at Dewey, Mr. Bruckner was known for his sense of humor. When he rattled off a corny joke and his class did not react right away, he let them know that a pun had been punned by his famous, humorous expression: "Slow

group."

It took a little getting used to, hearing William Shakespeare referred to as "Willie the Shake." It also took a little convincing to believe that President Lincoln was Jewish. "Lincoln was a Jew; he was shot in the temple on a Friday night." Slow group. "And of course you know that all the little people in American history are under four feet three."

Since he seemed to enjoy contact with the students, one might wonder why he wanted to be shunned away in a little office. "I hope it's a big office that I'm shunned away in. Yes, I like teaching. I like having contact with the little monsters." He

smiled, then continued, "I've spent a long time teaching and I hope that when everything is running smoothly at North Central, I will get the opportunity to have a class. I would not like to think that this is the end of a teaching career."

## "To The Greatest S.O.B."

His students loved him, and were informed only a day before he left that their teacher was to become a principal. A few students started a collection and a party was furnished and a present bought. Mr. Bruckner had insisted that his middle name is Orville, therefore making his initials S.O.B. The salesman at

the store where the students bought a briefcase for his gift, at first refused to engrave those specific initials. Well, the problem was solved and they finally got S.O.B. on it. At the party, a banner was hung across the room: "TO THE GREATEST S.O.B."

"For me personally," reminisced Mr. Bruckner, "these five years have been exceptionally productive, fruitful and rewarding. I have enjoyed every minute because John Dewey is an exceptional school. And I see my years leaving as less a tribute to me as an individual, than as to John Dewey and the entire staff and the student body, because when another school, another district is looking for John Dewey people, they are really looking at John Dewey. Therefore, personally, I would thank everybody in John Dewey for doing what they are doing, because what they're doing in terms of a successful innovative school, made possible my personal success. And I wish everybody in the school continued success, though unfortunately continued success will mean continual departure; but maybe that is what Dewey is all about."



Mr. Saul Bruckner

## TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Pressure to have a traffic light installed in front of the school is being exerted by Principal Sol Levine. This is in response to an accident on Friday, March 15, in which senior Brian Irving suffered a broken leg and internal injuries.

The Consultative Council passed a resolution urging that measures be taken immediately. The Parents Association has offered its support.

## "Absolutely Disgraceful"

Mr. Levine contacted the Traffic Division and strongly urged that action be taken to make the school crossing on Stillwell Avenue safe for students.

"It is absolutely disgraceful," the principal said, "that at this point, we do not have in front of our school a number of things:

yellow lines indicating a crosswalk and caution signs on the posts.

"It is unbelievable that in a school of 2500 students, there is not a single light or other safety precautions. This is a dangerous situation," Mr. Levine concluded.

## Asked for Traffic Light in 1971

In 1971, another student was struck by an automobile on the same street. At that time, Mr. Levine contacted the Traffic Commission asking for a traffic light to be installed. A survey of the site takes ninety days, said Mr. Levine. However, no reply was received from the Commission.

## Train Station Darkens Area

Stillwell Avenue, which is the main crossway for Dewey students,

presents a particular hazard because the posts of the elevated subway line hinder the driver's view. What compounds the problem is the fact that the elevated lines block the sunlight, creating enough darkness to further distort the driver's vision.

When school lets out, students often run across Stillwell Avenue to catch the city bus. There are no signs to warn the drivers of the school crossing.

The S.O. is urging students and parents to write to:

State Senator Albert B. Lewis  
4 E. 43rd Street  
New York, N.Y. 10017

to take immediate action to get a traffic light installed.

## Where Are The "Dewey 15"?

by Mitzi Aronoff

Have you been wondering about the fifteen exceded teachers, and where they are working now that they have left Dewey? Well...

Ms. Eleanor Kath and Ms. Bonnie Steingut have both transferred to John F. Kennedy H.S. in the Bronx. Ms. Judith Kahn is teaching at Wingate H.S. in East New York. Mr. Anthony Callister has gone to Eastern District H.S. in Brooklyn.

Mr. Philip Scandura, Ms. Susan Leisorowitz, Ms. Ava Dicker, Ms. Imola Montefusco, and Ms. Carole Sidofsky are currently subbing in Dewey. Ms. Carol Gersten is subbing at different schools in the city. Ms.

Leisorowitz said, "I'm not looking for another job because I'm hoping to be rehired by Dewey in September." Most of these teachers expressed hopes of being appointed to Dewey in September. Ms. Dicker stated, "I have better chances of coming back. I prefer this school over any other school. I love Dewey." Mr. Scandura added, "Dewey is almost a dream."

Mr. Alan Nadowitz has found another job as a librarian at Lincoln H.S., but is very upset about leaving our school. He said, "I love Dewey. The difference between the library in Lincoln and here is day and night."

Sheepshead H.S. has gained one of Dewey's most dedicated art teachers, Mr. Bruce Degan.

He is going to continue to teach crafts, but he was sorry to leave Dewey's Fine Arts Department.

Ms. Barbara Narcisco will be taking Mrs. Field's place in the Business Ed. Department. Mrs. Business is going to spend some relaxing weeks in Florida.

When Mr. Marc Kaplan was asked as to what his plans were, he replied, "Do you want to hear something funny? I don't know." He may be working with "The City As School" (special activities given throughout the city, that offer regular H.S. credits). "I may be subbing at Dewey, sell used cars, or sell frankfurters on a lonely street corner." The last word is that Mr. Kaplan got the job with "City-As-School."



Steven Taylor, and Mr. Tom Heinegg pitch in for the Have a Heart project. This project raised \$700 to help pay for an intensified search for two Dewey students, Mitch Weiser and Bonnie Bickwit, who have been missing since the summer. The money will be used to pay for the organization TRACERS which specializes in searches.

# EDITORIAL

## Can You Move At Your Own Speed?

"At Dewey, we allow each student to move at his own speed," countless visitors and new students are told each year. Yet, is this really the case?

In science and foreign language we find ourselves forced to learn at a rate determined by others. The Science Department offers its sequential courses (biology, chemistry, etc.) over only a five-cycle period, just as in traditional high schools. Some students become bored while others never take a course at all because they're afraid that it will be too hard.

The Language Department has offered seven cycle courses to those who want a slower pace. But what happens to those who are interested in a more in-depth approach? DISK's, while offered in many areas, can't replace the enriched classroom atmosphere.

The Math Department has better utilized the five cycle year by offering enriched and five and seven phase courses. Students are given a choice and are better able to "move at their own speed."

Since grades are not an incentive to work at Dewey, students work through interest in their courses. Only through variety can this interest be maintained. Enriched and five and seven-phase options should be offered in all sequential areas.

Jeff Sacks  
News Editor

by Brian Freund

A group of men huddled together at the newsstand in the freezing weather. They waited there that night as they did every night, every week, every month. Some were silent, some talked softly, but all waited expectantly for the night owl edition of the News, which would confirm the existence of the outside world... and possibly bring them news of their own.

They heard the screech of tires and the men moved in, wrestling discreetly with each other for the distinction of buying the first copy. Then with papers tucked safely under their arms, they walked away satisfied, now chattering about the Mideast and taxes and politics, with several complimentary remarks about Nixon.

This is one of the more exciting scenes you can see every night at 8:30 played on several different corners of Kings Highway between Ocean and Coney Island Avenues.

It Wasn't Always Like This

But Kings Highway wasn't always like this. A few years ago large groups of teenagers dominated the street. They went to Dubrow's Cafeteria on 16th Street on Carvel's on East 19th or the Cinema Theater to see such safe Neil Simon films as "The Odd Couple." Or they went to the head shops that brought exotica to the area that some called the teen capital of Brooklyn.

# The Legend Of 'The Highway'

Miss Jones." If you want a seat on a Friday or Saturday night, you have to get there early to lie about your age.

There's no doubt that the opening of Kings Plaza only a mile away has had an effect on "The Highway." Adults find shopping at the Plaza more convenient and pleasant, and teenagers find the socializing more fun. Highway stores have had to work hard to compete, staying open on Sundays and holding more sales than before. Some head shops have closed down.

Lately, the area has been the scene of violence and protest. Last month a fire broke out at the Sephardic Institute for Learning, a Jewish Yeshiva on Avenue R near Ocean Parkway. Signs have appeared along the Highway threatening retaliatory action if similar events happen.

On Avenue R between 18th and 19th Streets, there is growing

opposition to the construction of a drug rehabilitation center not far from Cunningham Junior High School. Parents fear that the center might exert a bad influence on school children.

During the course of the rally, Henny Youngman stepped up to the podium to the applause of the crowd, which was disappointingly small. After reminiscing about his life and telling some jokes, he looked around at the blank faces and said "Here's another you might not like." With that he stepped down. Again the audience applauded.

Change was Inevitable

John Dewey has not yet gained widespread attention on the Highway. Not too long ago I walked into a jewelry shop with a friend who is a student at Madison. He and the owner talked at length about Madison. The owner then turned to me and asked, "You go to Madison too?" "No, John Dewey."

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## WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON AT DEWEY

**MERIT SCHOLARSHIP** Six Dewey students are finalists in the National Merit Scholarship. All six scored well on their PSAT exams, became semi-finalists and then qualified for the Scholarship. The winners are: Johanna Henry, Karen Press, Robert Sapolsky, Christine Visel, Diane Bloomfield and Michael Mandel.

**RHAPSODY IN BLACK** This evening of talent and fashion raised \$750 for Sickle Cell Anemia. The money will be given to the Sickle Cell Anemia Telethon during April or May. The highlight of the evening was when a group called Black Oasis played the finale, at which point the audience stood up and danced.

**CETOLOGY** Guess what? No. Yeah, those two guys down in the Science Department have come up with another student initiated Disk. Mr. Lord and Harris have agreed that this is one whale of an idea. Actually, Cetology is the study of whales. This is the eighth student initiated Science DISK. The disk was written by Normar Carlin. A prerequisite of Biology or Marine Biology is recommended before taking this one cycle DISK.

**MAA** Three Dewey students will receive national recognition for their high scores on the Mathematics Association of America exam. The test was given on March 12, to interested math students all over the nation. Out of a perfect score of 150, Mike Mandel scored 126, Josh Massey scored 112, and Arthur Lander scored 94. Although no official results were in, Mr. Ewen, chairman of the Math Department, speculated that Dewey finished "undoubtedly in the top ten schools in the city, almost definitely in the top five, and probably among the top schools in the country."

**YEARBOX** Is it a book? Is it a box? Well, actually the people of the Yearbook staff have come up with a great idea--- the Yearbox. You may ask what is a yearbox? Well, get ready for this folks, it's a record, a poster and 2 soft-cover books all rolled into one. So hurry folks and get in your orders for this once in a lifetime opportunity. Just ten dollars, that's right, \$10. I know that you can't believe this low offer, but if you do not get the money in by April 5, you cannot be assured of a Yearbox.

five years ago you had to fight your way through the crush of teenagers at 16th Street. Now it's relatively empty of young people, but you have to maneuver your way around the older men at the OTB parlor around the corner, if you want to place a bet. The Cinema is now showing such X-rated films as "The Devil in

**DEWEY DUO WEDDING** Wedding bells will be ringing in Dewey for the wedding of Mr. Tom Heinegg and alumna Ruth Landa. Heinegg is the co-advisor of the Heinegg Organization. The wedding will be held at the United Nations Chapel in U.N. Plaza. If you would like to attend, you are welcome. No presents are necessary.



Lewis Solovitz winner

**WXLO WINNER** Lewis Solovitz, a tenth grader here at John Dewey High School has recently won a contest appearing on the F.M. radio station WXLO. The name of the contest was the M&M Mars on Wheels contest. And all Lewis had to do was send in a wrapper with his name on it. He won \$1,000 and 70 tickets--get this folks--all to one game. That's right Lewis and 69 friends will go to see a Met game.

**SCIENCE CONTEST WINNERS** The Annual Westinghouse Contest was held, and Lillian Anderson, Dewey student, is a finalist. Her project dealt with using diatoms and phosphates on different marine animals.

Lillian Anderson again exhibited her talents by being one of the winners in the Boro-Wide Science Fair. Marci Terman and Debbie Ventura, who were also winners, did a project on chromatography, and Joel Moser won for his project on Immunological affects on Marine Life Organisms.

**COUNTRY FAIR** Yes, come on, come all to the greatest show on earth--the Dewey Country Fair. The Fair will be held on April 26.

This year there is supposed to be more booths than ever, an approximation of the number of booths---80. Yes count'em, eighty. And among those eighty are some real spiffy booths.

If you are mad at a teacher who failed you and you only cut his class 13 times, you can dunk him/her and hope that you don't get him/her again next cycle.

Other fabulous, phenomenal fun includes booths where students take your picture, where

you have to apply a little skill, some group activities like tug of war. And for those of you whose favorite habit is eating, there will be a large selection of international food. So, be seein' ya at the Fair. Ya hear.

**FASHION SHOW** The third annual Fashion Show was held on February 22, in order to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. Mr. and Mrs. Gersten pooled their talented students for an enjoyable evening. The fashion show was preceded by the John Dewey Wind Ensemble which provided an excellent musical program. Then the latest Dewey fashions were exhibited as Dewey students showed off the clothes which they designed, and made completely by themselves. The Parents Association collected about \$1,300 for the Scholarship Fund.

**ANYTHING GOES** It is once again time for the school play. Last year The Apple Tree was a big success, but this year anything goes. Literally, Anything Goes is this year's production.

The show will play on Friday night - June 7, and Saturday night - June 8. Tickets will be \$1.50.



# STREAKING

He looked at me with a puzzled expression and said, "Where?"

Kings Highway has changed over the years, as all neighborhoods do. It was inevitable. But, one of the owners of Charlie's, a clothing store on the Highway, has a different theory. To him, "Kings Highway didn't change; the people changed."

## Democratic Party Still There

One aspect of the area has remained the same, however. Kings Highway is still one of the most important strongholds of the Democratic Party, not only in municipal elections, but in gubernatorial and national elections as well. The Democrats seem to relate more to the predominantly middle-class Jewish and Italian population than the Republicans do.

In 1968, Senator Humphrey campaigned on the Highway, Sargent Shriver was there last year, and this year Abe Beame held a rally on East 18th Street.

by Ezra Huber

If you happen to be walking down the street near one of this city's colleges and a group of naked people come running at you, don't be alarmed. No, they have not been assaulted by a group of monstrous moths; no, they are not after your body. They are simply demonstrating their rights as Americans to express... well...their views.

Remember our last fad, those fabulous klick-klocks, the two balls on a string which when hit hard enough would splinter, sending particles of glass flying in your eyes? Well, now we have another fad—Streaking. This is simply a game of naked follow-the-leader, usually originating in the boys' locker room, and with a bit of luck, ending in the girls'!

So far, there have been only a few casualties reported, most of which were the results of snowball fights. A few dogbites have also been reported, as well as some cases of pneumonia and good old frostbite.

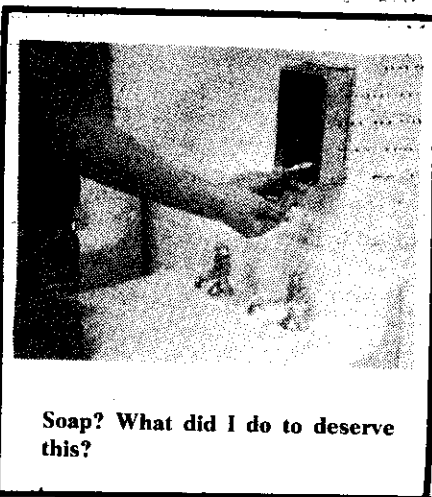
The question is how many types of streaking will develop from the original? Perhaps a bicycle streaking race from one end of Central Park to the other. Or a Streaking Roller Derby? OOOFFF!! How's this. A streak stake for swimmers. Or a

basement factory producing Saran Wrap athletic supporters for the guys. The business is prospering.

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But like all fads, streaking will soon die out, leaving many memories, a few casualties, and maybe a romance or two. (Let's call it love at first...ahem...sight.)

Well, one thing for streaking—it has completely changed the meaning of "big man on campus."



Soap? What did I do to deserve this?

You may have noticed that not many girls have been participating in the new fad. A reporter recently asked one girl why she wasn't streaking. She replied that she found it difficult to run without a bra. But don't the guys have a related problem when running?" the reporter asked. The last we heard, there was a

imals of our city by finding them homes. They have been concentrating on the dogs near Dewey, and they have also been working at Animal Haven in Hollis, Queens. Of the dogs near Dewey, two have homes and one cute little brown dog is in need of a home.

For more info, contact Mrs. Marrus, or come to the meetings on Fridays, mods 9-11, in Rm. A1.

**SCHOLARSHIPS-IN ART**—Mark Segal and Jean Greco have recently won scholarships to the Brooklyn Museum. The scholarships are for art classes in Printmaking. As long as Mark Segal won one scholarship, he decided to win another. And win another he did. He was presented a four year scholarship to the School of Visual Arts. Fred Ellman won a full scholarship to Parson School of Art.

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**RAY SUAREZ** was elected by the S.O. reps to the Three-Member Council. He replaces Steven Taylor who graduated.

## Strike Called Off

The Dewey Chapter of the UFT is not going to strike. Ten teaching positions were restored in March, leaving the number of excess teachers to fifteen.

Many different people and groups were responsible for the restoration, according to Mr. Howard Friedman, chapter chairman. He pointed to the assistance of Comptroller Harrison Goldin and Judge Lester Sacks, as prime examples of Dewey's friends.

Mr. Friedman felt that the school did well in the number of positions restored as compared to the teacher loss in other high schools. However, he is still concerned and saddened over the fate of Dewey. A cut of 25 at anytime would end the Dewey experiment.

**S.O.S. CLUB** Under the supervision and leadership of Mrs. Marrus, a new club has been formed. It is the Save Our Strays Club and is dedicated to aiding the numerous stray anti-

# LETTERS

Dear Vanguard,

While I won't pretend that I was shocked by the verbatim publication of vulgarity in your lead letter to the editor, I was, however, disappointed.

The function of an editor, Miss Cohn, is to edit—to strive to upgrade the publication under her direction. If an article does not meet acceptable standards, the editor usually has a free hand to delete or rewrite that article and bring it up to acceptable standards. After all, the publication is a reflection of the taste and breeding of its editor.

The Times edits mail, The Post edits mail, The News edits mail. Why not follow the leads of the pros. Set a high standard and never be satisfied. I would like to be as proud of VANGUARD as I am of the rest of John Dewey High School.

Sincerely,  
Herman S. Gersten, Chairman  
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

P.S. Feel free to edit this letter.

Dear Mr. Gersten,

We agree with your definition of the function of an editor—to edit and upgrade the articles to meet "acceptable standards." However, we disagree with what you consider "acceptable standards."

In the letter cited by you, the student was expressing strong anger. A less tempered word would have sounded forced and awkward.

Perhaps by itself the word might have been offensive. However, in the context of that particular sentence, we felt that the word did fit and was not used in bad taste.

In many high school newspapers, you will find a letter to the editor in which the student cares as much or feels free enough to express opinions on such sensitive topics as contraception and abortion.

VANGUARD is a newspaper that serves as a forum for student ideas. This is something for you to be proud of!

We thank you for your comments.

Sincerely,  
Jeanne Cohn  
Editor-in-Chief VANGUARD

# ISRAELIS VISIT DEWEY

by Jeff Sacks

"Americans are very materialistic. Israelis were also becoming materialistic after the Six-Day War. However, now we are changing. We can see war every six, eight, nine years and have come to realize that we must try to live the best kind of life we can. We must live like brothers."

This comment was made by Ada Freund, an Israeli student who, along with a fellow student, Nachon Ido, visited Dewey in February as part of an exchange program "to study the American way of life, as well as give American students a better picture of Israel."

Ada and Nachon are among sixty Israelis who will spend six and a half weeks in the United States, traveling to different high schools in the Northeast.

## Views on America

"America is such a large country; no one seems to know anyone," said Ada. In her home town called Holon, which is south of Tel-Aviv, she couldn't go anywhere without meeting someone she knew. Even in other parts of Israel she frequently met friends. "In Dewey, you don't even know the other students in your class."

Ada said that she was impressed by the "kindness and politeness" of New Yorkers. One day she went for a ride on the subway. She tried to buy a token, but only had a ten dollar bill which the teller wouldn't cash. A woman in line behind her, bought a token and gave it to her. Ada was touched by this generosity and said that it was something

which Israel could use more of.

## Enter Israeli Army After High School

Nachon, who is an eleventh grader, will go into the Israeli Army when he graduates. He is on his high school newspaper and wants to work for the Army paper or radio station. Nachon, whose parents emigrated from Iraq in 1951, has seven brothers; two fought in Sinai and one in the Golan during the Yom Kippur War.

Ada, in her twelfth year now, will be drafted in November. She hopes to become a nurse or perhaps teach in a border settlement. In the recent war, she dug bomb shelters and also helped families whose fathers or sons had been called up.

## Critical of Israeli Government

Both Ada and Nachon were critical of the present regime of Premier Golda Meir. They blam-

ed the government for the lack of preparedness, which was apparent in the October war. Nachon supports the right-wing party, which places Israel's security above all other considerations. Ada felt that the Labor Party of Mrs. Meir, which has ruled Israel since its Independence, has been in power too long. She believes that the party has grown old and needs some fresh, young blood.

Pres. Nixon was spoken of favorably by both for his support of Israel. "However, the Watergate affair has been most unfortunate," said Nachon. Ada expressed some fears that Henry Kissinger may become "a big brother who doesn't want to show favoritism to his family." She was apprehensive about a "Viet Nam-style non-war" agreement for the Middle East.



Two Israeli high school students visited Dewey in February.

# MITCH & BONNIE

MITCH AND BONNIE  
by Joyce Meisner

A few days ago I met Susan Weiser, a graduate of Bernard Baruch College. In Room 127, the home of "Have a Heart." I'm sure many of you recognize the name Weiser. Susan is the 22-year-old sister of Mitch Weiser Dewey Bickwit who, along with Bonnie Bickwit, has been missing since last August when they failed to return from the Watkins Glen concert.

Sue told me much about Mitchell and Bonnie. Last July, Mitchell went by bus up to Narrowsburg, a small town near Monticello, to visit Bonnie who worked as a mother's helper at Camp Wel-met. From there, they planned to go up to Watkins Glen, returning late Sunday or early Monday because Mitchell had work and driving lessons.

### Many Long Searches

When they failed to return, the Weiser family traveled up to the campsite to begin the first of many long searches. It had been hypothesized that Mitch and Bonnie might have picked up some extra cash by helping with the removal of refuse from the campsite area.

Two weeks after the first search, Mr. Weiser went to Monticello and attracted the help of Sheriff Labowitz, who organized a search party. Luckily, they were able to contact the man who

drove Mitch and Bonnie from the camp to a highway where they then hitched to the festival. Radio stations all over the country were contacted in the hope that they could help.

### Her Reaction

The Weiser family then scanned the Village in New York, passing out flyers. In late August, a group of Dewey students went to the village in search of some leads. They found people who thought that they had spotted Mitch and Bonnie in a number of places, but later it was seen to be a case of mistaken identity.

I asked Sue for her reaction to all that's been happening and the

toll that its taken on her family. She thought it to be very peculiar that neither Mitch nor Bonnie had called since they were both very responsible. As to their return, the family is optimistic, but there remains a horrifying feeling in the pit of the stomach as to what happened, or where they are and when they will return.

As our talk neared an end, Sue asked me to send her warmest thanks to all those who have been concerned and who have helped.

This poem was sent to John Dewey by the parents of Bonnie and Mitch.

## Our Thanks To All At John Dewey

The younger generation has proven without a doubt,  
Just what friendship and loyalty are truly about.  
For the countless caring students and faculty of John Dewey High  
We cannot let our warm and genuine praises go drifting by!

In our time of severe stress you are earnestly shining through,  
Vigorous fund-raising efforts, that our yearnings may come true.  
Through Tracer's Inc., the Detective Agency you have in mind,  
We heartfully hope Bonnie and Mitchell they will be able to find!

For your deep concern for our children, and the support you did  
us grant,  
May God bless each one of you for extending your helping hand.  
To all at John Dewey High School our sincerest gratitude we wish to

and PRAY for our children's return and restored family happiness!

With wholehearted appreciation for your earnest endeavors,  
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bickwit and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Weiser and Family

# PILOT BATHROOMS

by Stewart Levine

By the request of students through S.O. Suggestion Week, Mr. Levine has instituted a pilot program in which two bathrooms were brought up to more acceptable standards. Two pilot bathrooms, a boys' and a girls' were set up on the second floor. These bathrooms contain the necessities: toilet paper, a mirror, a filled soap dispenser, paper towels, and functioning sinks and faucets.

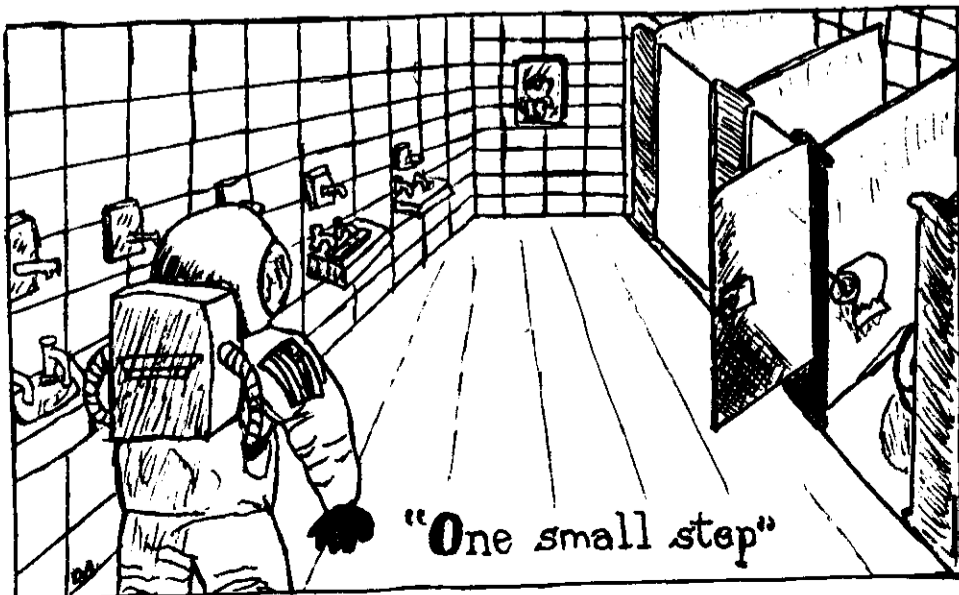
### Vandalism

In the past, the bathrooms have been abused by the students and, thus, were stocked at the barest minimum. However, if the students "respect the program," Mr. Levine will extend it to all bathrooms in the school.

Unfortunately, there was much vandalism, including the removal of a mirror, the first day the program went into effect. However the bathrooms were re-furnished.

### Program put in Jeopardy

Ms. Chan, S.O. advisor, is still optimistic about the new program but fears that "the enthusiasm of the students may die down after the program becomes established." She is disappointed in the few students who vandalized the bathrooms. Not only are other students being deprived of proper bathroom facilities, but the possibility of expanding the program was put in jeopardy.



"One small step"

# A Special Child

by Judy Brodsky

Sujatinem is a seven and a half year old Indonesian girl. In May, 1974, John Dewey adopted her as a foster child.

She lives with her mother and sister in a bamboo house. The house has no windows or inner ceiling. There are a bedroom, a sitting room, and a kitchen, but no bathroom or running water. To take baths or draw water, the family has to use public facilities. They go to the river to wash clothes. Their house is poorly furnished with two pieces of furniture, an old table and a bamboo bed.

### Monthly Income of Only \$2.18

Sujatinem's mother works hard as a farmer and stone seller. However, the infertility of the land and her small income earned as a stone seller yield only \$2.18 a month. Before Dewey adopted Sujatinem, the family had poor and insufficient meals, and Sujatinem's schooling and medical needs were not taken care of. Now they are able to buy more of their basic needs.

Every month we get a letter from Sujatinem that has been translated from her original language of Malay. She writes about her family, friends, and what she would like to be when she grows up. Right now, her wish is to be a nurse, but like

most children, she will change her mind.

### She is Longing for Letters

Nobody has written back to her in many months and in her letters she asks for news from our country. In one of her recent letters, she wrote, "My foster parents, I am always waiting for news from your country. I am longing for your letters."

A new letter writing campaign has been started. If you would like to write to her, see me, Judith Brodsky, either in the VAN-GUARD office or the S.O. office whenever you have the time.

A special thank you is directed to classes 1101, 2123, 3105 and 4112 who donated the most amount of money to help pay for the adoption.



## ECOLOGY HEADWAY

The Marine Biology Club of John Dewey has participated in two hearings in response to two petitions by NYC Environmental Protection Agency to fill in Marsh Lands with solid waste.

In reaction to the first petition, the club was victorious in saving all fifty acres of marsh land in Spring Creek, which is on the border of Brooklyn and Queens.

In the second petition the club managed to save three main acres of prime wet land and gave the city twelve acres of non-usable land in the Laurelton area of Queens. A suggestion was made to the Laurelton Community to build a park and a nature walk through the marsh lands for the

suggestion was accepted.

On March 22, the club attended a hearing to oppose the oil runoff from oil companies into Jamaica Bay.

Money received from student activities funds has been used to analyze the biological and chemical aspects in order to present the proper data at the hearings.

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