FIFTEEN TEACHERS CUT IN BUDGET SQUEEZE

By Garry Scharf

Fifteen teachers will be cut from Dewey when Cycle 4 begins on March 4. Initially, Dewey was to have lost twenty-five teaching positions. This, according to Mr. Sol Levine, Principal, "would have destroyed the school and forced curtailment of the experiment."

In the fight for restoration of funds, students, teachers, parents and administrators united. They approached Dewey's political friends and those at the Board of Education for help.

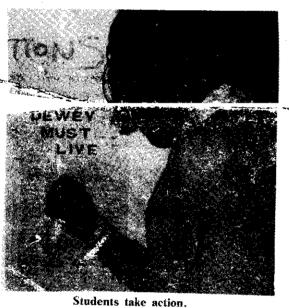
A group representing the varied interests of Dewey met with Betty Hogan, Mayor Beame's assistant for education. She expressed sympathy with Dewey's situation and is preparing a memorandum for the Mayor which will present our case and ask for assistance. When he was comptroller, the Mayor was instrumental in restoring our funds last year.

Meeting With Comptroller Goldin

A meeting with Comptroller Harrison Goldin resulted in a letter to Chancellor Irving Anker in which the comptroller said, "I would like to work closely with you to explore any way my office may be able to assist to insure that the experiment begun at Dewey is guaranteed full suc-

Mr. Levine met several times with Mr. Polatnick, superindendent of high schools, and Dr. Groisser, Brooklyn's superintendent. "Dr. Groisser has always helped Dewey in the past," said Mr. Levine. "He was extremely helpful and expressed a real concern for Dewey.'

This problem of extensive teacher cuts is not unique to Dewey. Budget cuts have forced the dismissal of 1100 teachers in New York's 95 high schools. The present cuts will force the elimination of several elective courses, decreased availability of DISK coordinators and teachers in resource centers.



Students take action.

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS IS ALIVE AND WELL

by Scott Levine

Sights and Sounds is not dead. There has been a rumor going around that the "twice a year" concerts and art exhibits have expired. In actuality one of the two annual presentations is to be cancelled. In its place, will be a series of recitals, as frequently as possible, exhibiting the many talented musicians of our school. A good deal of these recitals will deal with chamber music, while there are some that will deal with jazz, and other forms of music. Mr. Herman Gerston stated that: "These recitals will be more like a social event than the Sights & Sounds concerts."

The first of these recitals was held on January 11, and featured Alana Goldstein and Elizabeth Hicks playing flute and Robert Sapolsky on the piano. The three performed a total of six numbers, with all three of them playing in

the finale, a Concerto for two flues and piano by Antonio Vivaldi.

Mr. Gerston stated that there were about one hundred people attending the first of many of these types of recitals. In Room Al coffee and cake were served by Mrs. Gerston of the Home Economics Department.

To find out about many other Dewey students who will exhibit their talents at more of these recitals, read about the upcoming recitals in the Vanguard Newsletter Calendar, or contact Mr. Gerston.

ISRAELIS AT DEWEY

Two Israeli High School students will be visiting Dewey the week of February 19-24. Two of our fellow Deweyites Fern Multy and Amy Friedman are hosting the Israelis in their homes.

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Dismissed Teachers

The dismissed teachers include:

English: Mr. Anthony Calister, Miss Judith Kath, Mr. Marc Kaplan;

Social Studies: Mrs. Eleanor Kahn, Mr. Philip Scandura, Mrs. Bonnie Steingat;

Math: Mrs. Susan Leisorowitz, Miss Ava Dicker:

Science: Miss Carole Sidofsky; Business Education: Miss Barbara Narcisco;

Foreign Language: Miss Joy

Minsky, Miss Imola Nontefusco; Art: Mr. Bruce Degan; Home Economics: Mrs. Carol Gersten:

Library: Mr. Alan Nadowitz.

The S.O. and the Parents Association have initiated a letter writing campaign. They are urging all students to write letters to the city's political leaders and ask them for financial assistance. If you are interested you can write to the Mayor, the Governor, the U.S. Senators, your Congressman and your state legislators.

Mrs. Pilgrim, President of the Parents Association, has promised continued parental pressure to have a special formula instituted for unique schools like Dewey, which can't afford to lose teachers.

Mr. Levine feels that the present cut of 15 is "deep", but Dewey will be able to survive. "He expressed optimism for Dewey's future, because if ev eryone works together the experiment cannot fail.'

TEACHERS TO STRIKE MARCH 4

by Garry Scharf

Dewey teachers have voted overwhelmingly to strike begin-

teacher cuis.

During the current budget crisis. Dewey's faculty has been strongly opposed to the cuts that would have forced the dismissal of 25 teachers, one sixth of Dewey's starf.

Early in January at an emergencymeeting, Dewey's U.F.T. chapteroverwhelmingly voted to strike but only as a last resort, in support of the fired teachers and for the maintenance of the Dewey program. The chapter's executive board, elected by the faculty and led by their chairman Howard Friedman, was the prime mover in the strike resolution.

Their vote plus separate resolutions of supporting action by the S.O., the administration, and the

Parents Association, has caused the restoration of 10 teaching and the second of the second o

this as "truly a fine moment of unity between the S.O., faculty and administration. Mr. Friedman felt the vote was

a definite commitment if all else failed and would show the union, the Board of Education, and the politicians how serious the problem is.

"If we go on strike-we lose 2 days pay for every day out. I will go to jail-the food isn't good there.," said Friedman in explanation of the severity of a

The faculty will have another meeting before March to reevaluate their strike vote and try every other way to have the 15 teachers re-installed.



Howard Friedman

No Doors On Boys' Bathroom Stalls

by Mara Stortz

'There are no doors stalls in the boys' bathroom because they rip them off," said Mr. O'Connell, Roard of Construction, which is responsible for the building of John Dewey High

It has been "normal policy" for years that boys' bathrooms be constructed without doors, added Mr. O'Connell. Vandalism was cited as a reason. (Girls' bathrooms not only have doors, but also locks for privacy.)

Why there are no doors on the stalls of the boys' bathrooms has become a matter of concern for several Dewey students. Tommy Carlini, sophomore discussed the issue with a member of the custodial staff who said, "Wait until you're in the Army. There

are no doors or partitions."

"Do the male teachers have doors on their stalls?" asked Tommy.

"Yes," was the reply.

Tommy quickly remarked, "Then the boys should have

But the custodial staff member added, "Now we are talking about men and boys."

"Do you consider the males in the Army men?" asked Tommy. "Yes."

"Then," said Tommy, "the men teachers should not have doors if the men in the Army don't have them and the male students don't have them."

One teacher remarked, "If not having doors on the stalls is a normal policy, then isn't it time the practice be changed? This is an invasion of males' privacy."

Mr. Leonard Weiner, Anthropology teacher, agreed. "Even primitive peole make sure they have privacy when nature calls."

Principal Sol Levine expressed concern about the matter. "There should be doors on the stalls," he said. Upon inquiry at the Board of Eduction, he was referred to the Standard Specifications for General Construction which states that "...partitions in boys' toilets shall not have doors...self protection because of the destruction."

David Meersand, a seventeen year old senior, commented, "It is the Board's duty to replace any

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LETTERS

Dear Vanguard:

I am sick and tired of all this bullshit about premarital sex and abortion. Why don't you just cut the crap and try to help some kids instead of confusing them?

What could really be a help is if you would reserve an issue of the Vanguard strictly for birth control. List the contraceptive methods available. Tell us where (specifically) they can be purchased, at what costs, if you need to be over 18 to obtain them, etc.

In your last issue you printed an article called "Abortion: Woman's Right to Choose." The author tells about some women using abortion as a last resort of birth control. I think this puts our society into a terrible predicament. If shots are given to prevent the flu; why can't contraceptives be given to prevent what might later on turn out to be a small disaster. Namely a woman having to resort to abortion.

I am sure there are a lot of kids in Dewey who could use this informtion, if given. I think it would be a great help to a lot of people and prevent many mistakes.

If a kid decides to have intercourse she will not stop just

Throughout the entire article Ms. Festa states, how the reasons for pre-marital are pressure, tension, image, show-up friends, etc.

Although the article is ended with "This is an individual matter. Each of us has to decide what seems right." How can this be true, or let's say believable when all Ms. Festa writes is that reasons for pre-martial sex are everything under the stars, except, the sheer desire of two people, both willing to share the responsibility and the pleasure of pre-marital sex.

Now I'm not saying all people who do have pre-marital sex, do so for the above reasons, but everything in life to a degree will unfortunately cause hurt from abuse. Still, As Ms Festa states "It's an individual right."

Thank you Steve Gindin

Dear Mr. Gindin.

From reading your letter concerning my article on premarital sex, in the November issue of VANGUARD, I realize are not a very heedful reader.

The article was quite objective and open-minded. In this article, I by Jeanne Cohn

You might think the police have nothing to do with you. Afterall, you're a kid. Yet, it is the cop who will bust you for pot or give you the feeling of security when you're alone in the street or in the subway.

The Midtown South Precinct covers the Times Square area. Here is where I went to see if the police had anything to say.

Pot Arrests on the Decline

There has been a definite decrease in the number of marijuana arrests among high school and college kids. The reason has mainly been "a question of priorities" says Lieutenant Eddie Mamet. The police would rather "get away from the street junkies and peddlers" and switch to "the major violators-those on the higher echelons of the drug trade." They are the real source of distribution.

Since the new drug law went into effect, it has been much harder to buy drugs. As Lt. Mamet puts it, "peddlers will not deal with people they are not sure of. Nor are there as many street peddlers. Now they deal in apartments and cars- closed areas. The penalties are very severe." Except for marijuana. Here, the penalties for possession

squad as an undercover agent and says that "80% of heroin drug addicts admitted to using marijuana as their first drug. This, however, doesn't mean that everyone who smokes marijuana will become a junkie. Nevertheless, one often feels that it is harmless, and yet becomes drug-oriented anyway. Those that need it and depend on it as a drug crutch find that pot eventually stops working for them, and they end up on pills and junk."

The risks are obviously nowhere as great for the "weekend smoker." Yet, Lt. Mamet firmly believes that "the legal restrictions should never be eased. Some people worry about being arrested-it is an important deterrent."

"Serpico" Isn't What It Seems

Lt. Mamet knew Serpico. He felt that the movie "distorted the facts." In order to make money, things were exaggerated. "It portrays most of the cops as being dishonest. In my experience, most cops are honest. The cops knew about the corruption des-

cribed in the movie, but most did not partake in it, nor did they report it." Serpico was "one of the very few who spoke up. The independent cop who speaks up is ostracized as a rat."

AS THE COPS SEE +

"Pictures and books do not get / in on the right facts," Lt. Mamet added. "They narrow in on information about public morals laws (mainly gambling). Going back 2 or 3 hundred years, gambling has been the major contributor to police corruption because of the large amounts of money involved."

Lt. Mamet felt that "overall, there has been a dimmer view of the police department since the Knapp Commission and 'Serpico.' They did a tremendous amount of harm, which will take years for the Department to recover from. They didn't show the other side of the coin." To Lt. Mamet, there are a large number of police officers doing good things. He added that the film "The New Centurions" and the television program "Adam 12"



This letter I am writing you is in reference to your article "premarital sex" by Michele Festa, in your November edition.

I am greatly surprised to see a newspaper like yours have such an extremely one-sided article.

with a little less caution than a girl. A girl can enjoy pre-marital sex, but also must consider the outcome which may result in the form of a child.

Thank you for your interest.

Michele Festa

joint is your introduction to drugs. More often than not, it leads to harder drugs.'

Lt. Mamet has had a great deal of experience with youth-high school and college kids who have fooled around with drugs. He's worked 71/2 years on the narcotics



WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON AT DEWEY

STUDENT POET

Mike Goldstein, a senior at John Dewey High School, has won the Annual Poetry Contest for High School Students. This citywide award is presented by the Manhattan Branch of the National Legaue of American Pen Women Inc. His award winning poem was entitled "Villanelle."

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HEINEGG TO ENGLAND

Mr. Tom Heinegg, has set-up a ip to England over the Easter vacation. It will be a ten-day excursion visiting 11 cities including London, Windsor, Stratford. Oxford and the ruins of Stonehenge. The cost is \$435. If you are interested, see Mr. Heinegg in the S.O. office, room 327.

MATH TEAM TRIES HARDER

The John Dewey Senior Math Team has finished second in the city. Our only inter-school competitive team won each of the five math meets, but did not receive enough points to overcome the winner-Stuyvesent. This showing is the best that the Dewey Math Feam has accomplished in its



Mike Goldstein, student poet

POETRY CONTEST

Are you a poet and don't know it? Besides the terrible cliche, the 1974 New York High School Poetry Contest has begun. The three top winners will receive \$100, \$60 and \$40 respectively. The rules for this contest call for the submission of one poem, or a series of poems in any form of verse, rhyme or free style. The total number of lines may not be less than twenty-four or greater than sixty. The deadline for submitting your poems is February 15. For further details see Mr. Carmine Giordano, English

COLLEGE OFFICE MOVING

The College Office is moving this cycle from the Guidance Suite to Room 167. The new room will also house the Career Office which is run by Mrs. Giordano.

BILLY LIEBERMAN: "MAME"

Billy Lieberman, senior, will appear in a professional production of the musical "Mame." The play is being produced by a lunteer organization called LARC'S. The proceeds from this show will be donated to LARC'S cause— aid for the mentally retarded. "Mame" will appear at John Dewey on three Saturday nights, April 24, May 4, and May 11. Tickets are \$4.50 and \$5.00.



Billy Lieberman

RECORD BREAKER

For you record breakers Michael Leviton, a first year student, has completed the entire five phase General Science DISK in only two months.

STUDENT CREATED DISKS

The Science Department has the most DISKs available in the school. This is due to its student created DISK Program. At present, there are four complete five cycle student DISKs in Psychology, Advanced Chemistry Advanced Genetics, and Evolution. There are several in the works. The first phases of Mammalogy and Parasitology have been completed by Richard Sinert et al. They will be expanded to five phases.

A seven phase DISK in Ecology is being prepared by Margo Kessler. Joel Moser and Mike Lazar have created a two phase Histology DISK, one of which is finished.

If you are interested in taking or writing a DISK see Mr. Harris or Mr. Lord in Room 110.

TEACHER AS SOLOIST



Mrs. Iris Marrus, concert soloist.

Mrs. Iris Marrus, music teacher has appeared in two concerts given by the United States International Park Services Department. Mrs. Marrus, soloing in operatic and lieder music, will appear again in the future.

MARINE BIO

Lewis and Clark, Mason and Dixon, Siegal and Silverstein. The last of these twosomes set out on three separate days with a total of one hundred students to collect samples of marine life. The group used a fishing boat for their expedition.

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by Ronnie Paer

lovers know so well. the little tricks we New York sports events, etc., if you know save money on concerts, ballets, You can, though, believe it or not, York City can run you into debt. Having a good time in New

In Philharmonic Hall, admis-\$3.00 or \$3.50 mezzanine box, shot of Rusty Staub. Now for first base, but you do get a great pitching mound, home plate, or 147 and 148, you cannot see the \$4.00 and sit anywhere in sections box, if you pay the maximum in Shea Stadium's right field level not always the best. For example, you, the most expensive seats are No matter what anyone tells

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''sold out," don't necessarily or magazines, an event is listed as Another thing, if in newspapers

"some men aren't emotionally fit

iave a legitimate grievance," that ''policemen's wives might same squad card. He believes female police officer work in the conjq qenelop", when a male and 'possibility that relationships' Lt. Mamet spoke of the policemen are a definite deterunderstand—a couple of 6 foot Fear is the only thing they and said, "are you kidding?" another policeman turned around neighborhoods in the City) Bronx (one of the roughest officers would do in the South When asked how women police

husband doesn't worry about it," to fool around either way. My going to fool around, he's going more, if the male police officer is officers are married, and furthersomething. Most of the women it takes two people to start of the policemen's wives are silly. hand, feels that 'the complaints Officer Mooney, on the other

Subway Precautions

she said.

on the platform, sometimes, they handbag from someone standing it pulls out of the station, grab a between the cars of a train, and as Purse snatchers sometime fide near the edge of the platform. waiting for a train, do not stand position (first car). (2) While (middle car) or the motorman's stay near the conductor's position are (1) Try not to travel alone, and commended by the transit police Three safety precautions re-

you might need him.

MINNER OF

ECOFOGY CONTEST

What are your views on

entries to Mr. Norflus. students and teachers. Submit all problem in any torm of creative work—poetry, songs, crossword puzzles, questionnaires, essays, etc. The contest will be judged by ereative in any form of creative suggestions for solving the 🏅 would like to hear your views and

ISGA CONTEST

a committee of teachers and activities which will be judged by consist of suggestions for ISGA in the week of March 11-15. It will The ISGA Contest will be held

racquets. First prize has not been Prizes will include Steel Tennis

acquired as of yet.

suggestions, as well as the most 🎖 supplying the largest number of 1201, which won a pizza party for Suggestion Week Contest was The winning class in the

Mr. David Norflus is holding a contest pertaining to ecology. He

compiled by Garry Scharf

not going to go." Her view is that

he doesn't want to go, he's just

he would have resisted a man. If

if a suspect will resist a woman,

always, come to back you up. Also,

confident. Other police officers

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feels that "there should be some

Mooney has a different view. She

handle their jobs in rough

The real test will be if they can

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there have not as yet been enough

if women can take this. Anyway,

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Mamet. ''Physically, women are

Can Women Handle The Job?

job, showing cops as human

gave insight into a policeman's

"Absolutely not," says Lt.

neighborhoods.

Police officer Kathleen (Casey)

What kind of man reads Vanguard?

Fund Drive for Missing Students

Bickwitt and Mitchell Weiser. two Dewey students who have been missing since the summer -Bonnie Thursday, February 13-14. It will help pay for an extensive search for The S.O. is initiating a fund raising drive this Wednesday and

months by an organization called Traces. The investigation costs \$1000 and will be conducted over three

Room 125 will be the center of the drive. On sale, there will be

valentines, and kisses at a Buy-a-kiss stand. sparkle T-shirts, Dewey Day Camp shirts, jelly and caramel apples,

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"FUTURISTICS" was threatened by a depression. whether or not the United States

vanced Placement European His-Future Shock. Next year, Adfuture, by reading such books as cover various ways to look at the taught by Mr. Siegelakis. It will called "Futuristics" is being A new Social Studies course

Joseph Kappa. They discussed

Greenfield, Richard Sinert and Suarez, Sharona Levy, Nat

The five students were Ray

radio program, Speak Your Mind.

students appeared on WNYE's

On January 2, five of our fellow

DEMEK ON BYDIO

alternate scholarships this year.

scholarships and twenty-four won

Scholarships. Ninety-eight won

winners of the State Regents

in New York for the number of

Dewey has one of the best records

Exam won the award. John

taking the Regents Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

Almost one out of four seniors

tory will be offered.

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW:

DAVE BROMBERG



damned guitar player around now. He's done studio work with Dylan, Tom Paxton, Al Kooper, John Prine, and Jerry Jeff Walker (writer of Mr. Bojangles). I skin coat.

said, "Tell them I sing as good as Lou Killen."

I asked him who his influences were; I mentioned Doc Watson but he wanted to talk about his other roots because "people know my folksy things."

Students Apply To Negro Ensemble Co.

Seven Dewey students have applied for a free full year training program with the famed Negro Ensemble Company, the group that produced the triumphant Broadway stage hit, "The River Niger."

Kyle Roberts, Melody Jackson, Janice Golden, Fracaswell Hymen, Annette Stubbins, Celeste Ballzeigler and Wyatt Cheek are the applicants.

BOYS BATHROOM Continued from page 1

door that might be ripped off to insure one's privacy.

Many boys admitted that they are embarrassed about "going to the bathroom" in school. Frequently they choose to struggle to the end of the school day until they return home where they willbe allowed the privacy denied them in school.

Most giris are unaware that doors do not exist on the boys' stalls. They take it for granted that boys have the same privacy

One student rationalized the entire situation with the comment "This situation should not be out in the open. It should be behind closed doors."

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The program includes training in acting, directing, playwriting, voice, dance, theater management, and even movie produc-

Through the four and one program, Dewey student Veronica Hamlett is working with the Negro Ensemble Company as assistant to Douglas Turner Ward, who directed "The River Niger" and was one of its stars.

She reads and comments on new plays submitted by budding playwrights.

Miss Hamlett is an aspiring actress. She has performed on the Channel 11 television program, "Black Pride," and in Diana Sands' new movie, "Honey Baby, Honey Baby," to be released this spring. She will soon begin rehearsals for a play to be produced in June by the Street Academy Workshop at the Billie Holliday Theatre, Fulton and Marcy Streets, Brooklyn.

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He talked about his new album, his 3d on Columbia, to be released this month. It's called "Wanted, Dead or Alive" and includes a new version of "The Holdup" (featuring Jerry Garcia, Phil Lesh and some other Dead). Dave was pretty proud of the album.

When Dave learned that I was writing this for John Dewey H.S. he noted that "Wherever I go I try and promote the Dewey Decimal System." He added that he "likes Brooklyn."

He said that Dylan was "a committee." We laughed at that. Then he related the time when he went into a studio and saw Dylan on a catwalk nine feet above everyone else. Dylan did that, he said, out of pure courtesy because since he was naturally nine feet above everyone, he didn't want to make anyone uptight.

A friend of Bromberg's said that Dylan and the Band have been living together in Malibu, laying down some songs and a new album. It'll be released on Dylan's own label, Ashes and Sand, a subsidiary of Elektra/ Asylum.

Al Kaufman (fiddler extraordinaire of Wretched Refuse Strong Band) came over and gave Bromberg his fiddle, who proceeded to play some old fiddle tunes.

We left the Center and said goodnight; I thanked him, realizing there were loads of things I never asked. Bromberg is a good musician, a nice guy and he has a hell of a good sense of humor (as evident in his stories). We walked . away laughing.

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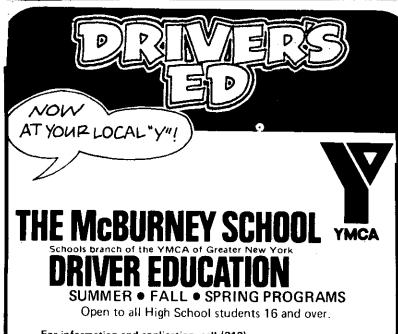
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