

Editorial:

Questions on Lecture Answered

by Norbert Seifert, Ruth Friedman, and Mike Fendrich

The Schreiber Times attempted to answer the major questions which students, teachers, and members of the community have had regarding Mr. William Baird's lecture at the high school last Monday, December 10.

Q. Should high school students have assemblies on controversial issues?

A. Mrs. Gina Dissosway, President of the Board of Education, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pierce, concerned members of the community, and Dr. Killeen, principal of Schreiber, agree that high schools should not avoid controversial issues. To provide a total education for the students, one cannot avoid controversy. However, it is necessary and important to present only speakers with

the best possible background to the students. Also, there must be speakers on both sides of the issue.

Q. Is the presentation of speakers who represent only one viewpoint typical of assembly planning at Schreiber?

A. No. The presentation of Mr. Baird to the health classes did not go through the proper channels. Usually an assembly presents speakers representing two opposing viewpoints. Recently a debate concerning the impeachment of President Nixon was held in the auditorium, with two teachers representing the pro-impeachment viewpoint and two representing the anti-impeachment viewpoint to the student body.

Q. Is a one-sided presentation typical of the health program?

A. No. According to Mrs. Stillman, a Schreiber health teacher, the health programs try to present facts and refrain from presenting any one point of view. According to Mr. Lamber, another health teacher, "You have to give both sides of the story."

Q. What requirements should guest speakers have?

A. According to Mrs. Dissosway, speakers must have the best possible credentials, no vested interest in the subject matter of their presentation, and both sides of an issue must be represented.

Q. What is to prevent a biased program from reoccurring?

A. Dr. Killeen replied, "I'm going to ask teachers, through the departments, to fill out a form so I will know who is coming." Potential speakers will be screened by the department chairmen and administration before they are allowed to appear.

Q. Why did teachers in the school consider the Baird program an assembly?

A. Roland Finkelman, a senior at Schreiber said, "I thought it would be good to inform the student body that a guest speaker would speak on abortion

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Students Approve Rights Guidelines

by Josh Atz and Ruth Friedman

The proposed Student Rights and Responsibilities Guidelines, put forth by the Student Government, was overwhelmingly approved by Schreiber students on Dec. 13. Of the 1200 students who voted on the referendum, 94.5 percent voted for its acceptance, while 5.5 percent voted against it.

These guidelines were formulated jointly by the Student Government and the Administration, using the Student's Rights and Responsibilities Code put out by New York State two years ago as a starting point. After many meetings, it was decided that instead of adopting only sections of the code, the entire booklet would be incorporated into local policy. The major change in the booklet dealt with the grievance procedure, the method by which students can take their problems to the proper people to have them solved. The State's booklet contained three different suggestions for grievance procedures. The Student Government and the Administration were able to modify one of the suggested procedures to form the grievance procedure that Schreiber students approved in the referendum vote. Briefly, the approved procedure directs students to contact each of the following parties until the grievance is solved: the teacher involved, the chairman of the department involved, the assistant Building Principal (if applicable), and the Building Principal. If no solution has been reached at this point, the student or any person acting as his official representative (an ombudsman) may bring the problem to the Superintendent of Schools and as a last resort to the School Board.

Mr. McGuigan, Superintendent of Schools, is quite positive in his feelings towards the guidelines and especially the grievance procedure, and he feels that there is a definite need for such a procedure at Schreiber. He pointed out that students with a grievance often do not know where to bring their problem. "What we made an attempt to do here," he said, "is to clarify the best path to take," and he continued saying that the procedure solves the problem of what to do. Mr. McGuigan also felt that having a grievance procedure was important, stressing the point that all students have the right to appeal any judgement that they feel is not right.

Mr. McGuigan also expressed his feelings that the Student Government's approach to the situation was a "sensible" one, explaining that the students did not come to the Administration because there was a problem but because the students were eager to have such rights on record.

"We have done it in a climate without a conflict," he added. Concerning any possible interpretation difficulties with the guidelines, Mr. McGuigan responded, "We don't anticipate any problems."

With regard to the new code, Bruce Davidson, president of the Student Government and one of the major developers of the guidelines, commented that "It's not the best, but it's the best compromise." He also voiced his

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Opposing Viewpoints On Birth Control And Abortion Presented At Two Assemblies

Donnelly & Ryan to Speak

by J.G. Preston

In order to present a contrasting viewpoint to that presented at Schreiber last week by abortion advocate Bill Baird, the health department has scheduled two assemblies today, mods 7 and 8 and again mods 10 and 11, featuring guest speakers Thomas Donnelly and Dr. Ada Ryan. This pair, both of whom are members of the anti-abortion Right to Life group, will attempt to present the moral, psychological and physical drawbacks to abortion, given the same privileges

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Baird Lecture at Schreiber

by Mike Fendrich

On Monday, December 10, Bill Baird gave two 50 minute presentations in the Schreiber auditorium. Mr. Baird is the director of a birth control clinic in Hempstead, and is the head of the Parent's Aid Society.

Mr. Baird introduced himself as an individual who was jailed eight times for trying to defend women's right to receive adequate birth control. Baird tried to show his audience that the charges brought up against him were absurd and the

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Winter Begins Four Days Early Interviews

Mrs. Dissosway

by the Staff

Mrs. Gina Dissosway, President of the Board of Education, gave her reactions to Mr. William Baird's appearance at Schreiber on Monday, December 10. She explained that it is not the Board's policy to avoid controversial issues such as birth control or abortion because this would lead to a lack of total education for the student body. However, she also mentioned that speakers with the best possible backgrounds on the subjects should be invited, and she felt that Mr. Baird did not fall into this category.

The Board President clearly expressed the feeling that both sides of the issue should have been presented, and she was disappointed that this was not executed properly. The Board has since ordered that speakers against abortion be provided the same privileges and audience as Mr. Baird in order to be consistent with this policy. Therefore, on Monday, December 17, two such speakers will come to give a presentation to Schreiber students.

Mrs. Dissosway found it to be very unfortunate that certain students were required to attend Mr. Baird's program since she felt the student should have the right of choice to attend. She stated, "The free will of the students also should be well-protected at all costs within the policy of the school district." She added that if it became necessary to have a large assembly

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photo by Norbert Seifert

The winter storm that hit Port last Monday downed power lines, knocked out traffic lights, chilled homes, and gave students an unexpected vacation.

Mrs. Allen Retires



As of January 1, 1974, Mrs. Helen Allen is retiring as Senior Clerk Typist in the school office after 13½ years of service at Schreiber. She has held various secretarial posts during her long tenure, during which five different men were principal. In retrospect, Mrs. Allen said, "I haven't always agreed with so much freedom, but you must accept it as part of change. Times have changed, but nice people still remain nice people..."

The faculty at Schreiber remembers Mrs. Allen as a warm, friendly person. Mr. Bartels commented, "When Mrs. Allen retires, Schreiber will lose a friend, one who is genuinely interested in you as a person. A friend to both student and staff, she has shared their joys and sorrows. We wish her well in her retirement and know that her friends at Schreiber will remember her."

Mrs. Gloria Clancy, Dr. Killeen's secretary, remarked, "There will be a void in the office when Mrs. Allen leaves. She is most gracious, and very knowledgeable about the school—both past and present. We will all miss her."

Mr. Mock, in his usual eloquent manner, asserted, "Mrs. Allen has established herself as such an anticipated presence in the outer office that those of my vintage are going to feel disconcerted without her there."

Student Rights (Continued from Page 1)

anger over the School Board's request for a vote to be taken on the proposed guidelines by all Schreiber students. He went on to explain that the Board had requested the vote be taken in order to be sure that the majority of students wanted the guidelines. Bruce feels that this was foolish because it wasted paper and time, 400 names were already on a petition expressing a positive feeling towards the guidelines, and, according to Bruce, "No one at any time said anything bad about it." He also

expressed his anger about being informed of the need of the vote less than a week before it had to be completed, and being informed not directly by the Administration but indirectly through the principal. However, Bruce is still appreciative of the School Board for working with the Student Government in the development of the guidelines and he concluded that "Our work on this has generally improved the relationship between the Administration and Student Government."

What's There To Do In Port All Week?!

Staying in town this vacation? (isn't everybody?) No ideas? Port Alert has plenty.

On Monday, December 24, the youth house will sponsor an afternoon sandlot football game (yep, people still play sandlot ball!). That night, refreshments and entertainment will contribute to the excitement at Port Alert's Christmas party. You're invited!

An all-day hiking trip is scheduled for Wednesday, December 26. A meeting will be held to choose a destination and to sign up this Thursday afternoon. In addition, the Painting Workshop will meet the 26th at 7:30. Many Schreiber students expressed an interest in this project. All are urged to attend!

Films and videotapes produced by local residents will be shown on the afternoon of Thursday, December 27. Also, the Astrology Workshop will meet and try to find out what the score is.

Thursday night is also the night of the Mahavishnu concert at Philharmonic Hall. The deadline for tickets and transportation is this Thursday. Anyone interested is urged to call 767-1133 today.

An informal football game will be held on Friday afternoon (December 28). On Friday night, the coffee house will again be open, offering live entertainment, music and refreshments.

Port Alert has not yet put together its concert schedule for January and February. If there are any concerts you want to see call now!

Interviews Continued Mr. Pierce

Among those most vocal in their concerns are Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Pierce of Port Washington who were greatly disturbed by Mr. Baird's presentation and by the treatment of the issue at Schreiber

The Pierces' main objection to Mr. Baird's being invited to speak was that no such invitation was extended to those supporting opposite views. They felt this was unfair because it gave the students only one side of the picture. The other causes for complaint stemmed from Mr. Baird's presentation itself. The Pierces expressed the feeling that the speaker had a vested interest in the subject (he owns an abortion clinic on Long Island) and that he dealt with a very serious subject with too much leity. They felt that Mr. Baird did not bring the pertinent issues of the medical, psychological and moral aspects of abortion into his discussion.

The Pierces found particular fault with the school authorities on this matter. Aside from the fact that there were no plans made to invite a speaker with a contrasting viewpoint, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce felt that Mr. Baird's own invitation was mishandled, since it was not cleared with the

department chairman and then if necessary with the principal. Mr. Pierce also stated that society has a right to "presume there are responsible and intelligent teachers in the school—unfortunately, this is true only 99 percent of the time". The Pierces felt that requiring attendance of any students was unfair. However, Mrs. Pierce sympathized with some teachers who brought their students to the assembly. "They might assume that this is Part I, and that next week Part II or the opposite viewpoint would be presented." However, no plans had been made for a "Part II" at that time. Mr. Pierce also felt that there was deliberately little publicity about someone as famous as

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Lightettes Sing Their Way Into Your Pocket

The fifties had Elvis Presley, the sixties had The Beatles, and the seventies have the "Port Lightettes." (Who?) The "Port Lightettes" are "the great new rock group," who will be heard every morning this week in homeroom singing "their number one hit songs," as described over the P.S. Their lyrics are original, even if their songs are not. One of the songs is to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," and goes:

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- and the one football game that Port won!"

The "Port Lightettes," of course, are part of an all out sales campaign for the 1974 Port Light. The lyrics were written by a few talented song writers who are rumored to be "high up" on the yearbook staff but wish to remain anonymous. Because of this, Rondi Sokoloff has modestly announced that she will accept credit for everything.

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Vikings Win Tourney, Drop 2

by Michael Weithorn

In the Manhasset Invitational Tournament, which opened the 1973 basketball season, our own Port Washington Vikings were really going like clockwork - a clockwork Brown. Indeed, Tommy Brown's soft lefthanded jumper proved to be the demise of both Oyster Bay and Francis Lewis, as Port swept two games to become the 1973 Tourney winners.

In the opener, the Vikings braved a late Oyster Bay rally and downed the Baymen, 60-55. Port jumped out to an early 19-9 lead, and it looked like they could blow the game open right there. In the second and third quarters, however, mental errors and several defensive lapses by the Vikings allowed Oyster Bay to chop away at the lead, until they finally went ahead 41-40 late in the third period. But in the fourth quarter, Tommy Brown proceeded to hit 5 of 5 shots, and the game was on ice. When the dust had cleared, Brown had 28 points, Bob Carrick 15 rebounds, and Port a shot at its 3rd MIT victory in 5 years.

The following night, the Vikings faced Francis Lewis of Queens, who had defeated host Manhasset the previous evening. This was Francis Lewis' first year in the tournament, as Syosset has usually been the fourth team to compete. They had looked tough against Manhasset the night before, and there was no predicting how the game would turn out.

As it turned out, the Francis Lewis players would have been better off dancing with a milk horse, or doing anything else for that matter other than playing the Vikings. From the opening tip-off to the final buzzer Francis Lewis never stood a chance. The Vikings put it all together - they played impenetrable defense and dazzling offense, and the game was a farce before most of the fans had a chance to sit down. For most of the game, Port just went through the motions, especially Donny Meyers and Tommy Brown, who went through the motions of scoring 18 and 29 points, respectively. Brown's 29 points was the highest single-game total in the history of the tournament, and he won the MVP easily. The final score was 65-33, although many Francis Lewis fans claimed that it was closer than the score indicated.

There was an interesting sidelight to the game that most of the fans were unaware of. Many of the fans who attended the game may recall a number 31 on the Francis Lewis squad, who was the subject of a good deal of verbal abuse due to his unconventional haircut (suitable for



photo by Norbert Seifert

Tom Brown, the Most Valuable Player in the Manhasset Invitational Tournament, controls the ball against Francis Lewis.

the 1950's, perhaps). Unbeknownst to most of the spectators, this player was Greg Cosell, nephew of sportscaster Howard Cosell. I recognized Greg, as we had been classmates in P. S. 179 in Queens.

Those fans who were impressed by the Vikings fine offensive display in the Manhasset Tournament probably found Port's play on the following Tuesday really offensive. The Vikes were sunk by the Dalers of Farmingdale, 77-50. Farmingdale 6'8" sophomore, Jim Graziano, seemed not to even notice the several Port defenders groping at his ankles, as he nonchalantly dropped in 37 points.

The Vikings were able to stay reasonably close for most of the game and trailed at the end of three quarters, 52-38. Virtually all of their shots were forced, but they connected on more than might ordinarily be expected. In the fourth quarter, however, the Dalers opened with a 12-0 spurt, and never had to look back. Chris Kane had 16 points and Tom Brown 13 in the losing effort.

The Vikings could still taste the bitter loss to Farmingdale as they took the floor against Great Neck North last Friday night. God only know what they were tasting when they walked off, as they lost 58-40.

Tight defense by both teams marked the first half, and the lead shifted several times. Center Dean Poll was particularly impressive for the Vikes, as he

flatly rejected many of the opponent's shots in a style reminiscent of the Celtic's big number 6. Port went to the locker room at half time trailing by only four points.

During the half-time break, North's All-Long Island guard, Bill Omeltchenko, must have been flirting with the idea of going to the hoop a bit more. It would probably be more accurate to say that he raped the idea, as Omeltchenko guided his team through a game-breaking third quarter, in which the Vikings were outscored, 16-5. Great Neck kept the pressure on for the rest of the game, and Port was never able to make a serious comeback attempt. Omeltchenko wound up with 23 points, and Tom Brown had 21 for the losers, although 8 of those came when the game was already out of reach.

Port's recent losses can be attributed to a number of things, but lack of talent is certainly not one of them. In the Manhasset Tournament, the Vikings proved that they were capable of tough, yet very poised basketball. In the last two games, however, the poise was gone as the Vikes were clearly forcing shots and playing, at best, inconsistent defense. The next few games should determine whether the Vikings have had some bad luck of late, or if their game plan is in need of some drastic revision. One thing is for sure: they're too good to keep on losing.

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William Baird coming to speak at Schreiber.

The Pierces were not opposed to having speakers on the issue of abortion in the schools. They did not feel, though, that Mr. Baird should have been one such speaker, since they thought that many of his remarks were inappropriate, including his reference to being in jail several times so that "you kids" could obtain birth control and abortion

information without "parental interference." The Pierces suggested that a more appropriate pro-abortion speaker might have been someone such as Albert H. Blumenthal, who spoke on the issue in Port Washington several years ago. They found Mr. Blumenthal's approach less offensive and more serious than Mr. Baird's.

It was later decided that speakers offering the opposing view would come to Schreiber December 17.

Sports Desserts

by Nan Borowitz

by J. G. Preston

On Thursday, December 13, the first girls' fall sports dessert was held. The cafeteria, decorated in blue and white, the school colors, was partially filled with the women athletes, their friends and families.

Mr. Berry opened the program saying that Dr. Killeen had told him that the girls' athletic department was "one of the best in quality." Mr. Berry then added that in the seventeen years he has been at Schreiber, the G.A.A. has always been prominent.

The riding club, consisting of some forty girls, was the first on the agenda. Led by Coach Rebecca Barnes, the girls took advanced, intermediate and beginner lessons at Post College during the fall months. Coach Barnes explained that although the riding clubs are only developmental in Nassau, they soon hope to be interscholastic as the clubs are in Suffolk. Senior girls received pins while juniors and sophomores were awarded with light blue certificates depicting riding, badminton and field hockey, which were beautifully designed by Liz Pannell and Lynn Groskinsky.

Next on the bill were Coach Ethel Reiter and the badminton team. Mr. Romeo described the team as "outstanding," after which Coach Reiter explained that in the first five matches, which is thirty games, only one game had been lost. In their final division match, however, they lost to Manhasset. Out of twenty girls on the team, three of them were undefeated. J.V. team members were given certificates while Varsity members received medallions. Then the most coveted award, Most Valuable Player, was awarded to Mary Cipriano, who had an undefeated season as first singles player.

Finally came Coach Melinda McClure and the field hockey team. Coach McClure explained that when it came to winning, their season was not too successful, but when it came to spirit teamwork and learning, they were undefeated. Each team member received a certificate or a pin. Dorothy Krause was named the Most Valuable Player, the "player you can't walk on the field without."

The fall athletes had their moment in the sun, so to speak, December 4 with the staging of the annual Fall Sports Dessert. Members of the soccer, football, tennis, country and gymnastics teams were honored, with the most course being strawberry shortcake (strawberries and ice cream with no cake). In addition to awarding of varsity letters and certificates of participation, each of the coaches presented awards to their athletes.

Mr. Winter, in view of the soccer team's 3-12-1 record, was the honor to lead off. In addition to the other paraphernalia, Coach Winter awarded all the players with a juicy red apple for choking during the season. Mr. Winter, in turn, was presented with \$25 worth of Burger King certificates (\$1 from each player) after the team lost a game that they would score a goal. Chris Kane won Coach's Award, while Division halfback and number one student in the senior class Russell Weis won the Reiter award for good play and scholarly attributes. Mr. Berry was next with the football team and after a nice presentation honored his All-Division player by giving Phil Ressa the Coach's Award and Vin "Nuzzy" Nuzolese the prestigious Costello Award.

Mr. Zeitler, as usual, was at a loss for words, despite having five boys on his country squad. After giving letters and telling each boy's history, he gave the Coach's Award to Tom Hopkins, his All-Country harrier. Mr. Gutler, the tennis coach, didn't show, co-captains Mark Ettenger and Mike Adelman made the presentation. At the conclusion of their work, Mr. Romeo stepped forward and awarded the Coach's Award to hustling Steve Schwab. Finally, Mr. Edgerton and Division gymnastics champions were honored. Following a spirited presentation, captain Kenyon Kash won the Coach's Award, to no one's surprise while Greg Applegate became the first winner of a new award, Most Improved Gymnast.

Volleyball

The Girls' JV and Varsity Volleyball teams have once again proved their worth as athletes by remaining undefeated after three tough games.

Last week at the opening home game they beat North Shore. Liz Hausman opened the game for Varsity with 7 straight serves, while Diane Villalva put in her 7 straights towards the end. Play was obviously slow, as the opener always brings about nervousness and excitement. The tension on both sides of the court narrowed the difference between scores although Port squeaked through.

Next came a powerful Hicksville team, known for aggressiveness on and off the court. Port was away for the first time but did not give in to the relentlessly cheering Hicksville crowd. The girls really started to show their skill as last year's

MVP Diana Bekeris spiked several and everyone relaxed. The offense began working with the bump, set and spike combination.

The defensive part of the game fared well as the girls went up blocks and spent half their time on the floor making needed saves.

The latest battle was Cold Spring Harbor and proved too close for comfort. Port won the first game by a landslide.

They returned to the floor for the second game feeling very confident. Much to their surprise and dismay it was over-confidence that lost the game. It was really down to the wire as the third and final game approached. Cold Spring took an early lead as Port tried to get it together. Finally the girls caught fire and found some hidden spirit to overtake CSH, the closing moments. JV was also victorious.

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