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## GREENBELT SPEAKERS CRITICIZE SCHOOL STUDY PLANS 1 AND 2

by Mary Lou Williamson

Greenbelt politely, but forcefully, dominated the scene last Thursday evening, March 2, as the Prince Georges Board of Education held its third Public Hearing. The 400-500 citizens from the northern area, who came to listen or to speak, were comfortably seated in Roosevelt's red and plum auditorium. School Superintendent Edward J. Feeney and Charles Wendorf, head of pupil accounting, presented a brief outline of the Demographic Study Alternatives I and II (Plans 1 and 2).

As it turned out, little more than an hour was then available for the 32 persons who had signed up to speak. The hearing came to an abrupt end at 9:40 p.m., almost half way through the list of speakers. The lights flickered and went out, the entire school, the surrounding neighborhood of Greenbriar and Glen Oaks were blacked-out until 12:39 a.m. because of an underground electrical cable malfunctioning. (See adjoining story.)

After a while people began to go home. School Board Chairman Norman Saunders announced, in the dark, that at the public hearing on March 13 at Roosevelt, those speakers who had been unable to present their views would be listed first and that they need not call to sign up again. (Anyone else who would like to be put on the list should call Mrs. Davis 952-4324.)

### Study Parameters

Feeney set out premises established by the board in its June 1976 directive: (1) where possible children should attend schools closer to home, (2) special consideration should be given to integrated areas so that those children could attend nearby schools, and (3) in so doing, the school system should not be desegregated.

In regard to school closings, Feeney made note of the 15,000 empty seats, the budget and tax realities. Approximate savings which could be anticipated, said Feeney, amount to \$500,000 per year under Plan 1, slightly less under Plan 2 (\$400,000), and a \$1 million one-time savings as a result of school closings.

Because the school system is "not currently under any court," he said, there is "no legal mandate to change on the basis of current racial quotas." However, he added, the school system "would ask express approval (of any plan) from the Fifth District Court." Schools, he hoped, could remain stable in future years under either plan.

Feeney also gave the parameters of the study: (1) adjusted capacity, (2) declining enrollment, (3) maximize walkers, (4) reducing transportation distances, and (5) desegregating the school system.

### Greenbelt at Odds With Staff

Members of the Greenbelt Study Committee had begun last December to dig into and study the long and complex tables of information presented by the school staff. Now they were ready to tell the board they had arrived at very different conclusions: (1) the plans would indeed tend to desegregate the schools, at least at the two extremes, (2) the plans are arbitrary in selecting which children would not be able to attend nearby schools, (3) there are many integrated areas that are not permitted to attend neighborhood schools, (4) reduction of long distance busing has not been applied uniformly either according to geographical area or race, (5) other worthy objectives, such as junior high study, middle and magnet schools had not been considered, (6) the study did not use population projections, and (7) far from a stabilizing effect, the plans would have a destabilizing effect which would require reshuffling of children in a year of two.

### Greenbelt Responds

Beginning with Mayor Richard R. Pilski, Greenbelters, one after another, told the board that while its original premises for the plans were good, they did not go far enough. More importantly, Greenbelt said, the staff had done the board a disservice in the way the instructions were carried out. The individual presentations were polished and, in most cases, transparencies added a visual dimension. Resegregation? "Based on the studies of the Greenbelt School Study Committee, we conclude that neither Demographic alternative is acceptable. Only by comparison with the first can the second staff study be said to have been addressed to the 'extremes'. Had the second been first, we would have been shocked," Pilski told the board, "by the unbalanced black to white ratios proposed."

Speaking on behalf of the School Study Committee and the Greenbelt City Council, Howard Savage will tell the School Board tonight, March 9, that the board should continue to develop proposals designed to reduce the busing of elementary school children transported and the distances traveled. The statement is in response to Washington Metropolitan press reports that board member Sue Mills will move tonight to table Demographic Alternative Studies I and II.

The council and school committee feel there should be a broadening of the study's focus and that the public should be involved in the development of proposals (see statement on p. 2).

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"... 66 schools ... do not now meet the guidelines (not less than 10 nor more than 50% black) ... In brief, either Plan 1 or Plan 2 would worsen the situation, would show enrollment figures in the direction of resegregation," added Howard Savage, chairman of the school committee. "The over 50% black schools now average 61% black enrollment. Under Plan 1, the average would be 73.3% and under Plan 2, 68.7% ... Adoption by the board of anything resembling Plan 1 or 2 almost surely would be struck down by the court," Savage concluded.

### Arbitrary Selection

"Students of the Greenbriar section of Greenbelt will attend their third school in as many years," Pilski told the board, pointing out that Greenbriar is part of Greenbelt. Its students, however, would be transferred out of a Greenbelt school (Center) and sent in the opposite direction. Under both plans with North End closed, Center would not have space available for Greenbriar students.

### Integrated Neighborhoods

Speaking about Greenbelt, Councilman Thomas X. White told the board that children from the integrated neighborhoods of Greenbriar, Boxwood and Springhill Lake would be bused out of Greenbelt. "For that matter," he said, "had the staff considered Greenbelt as a 'geographically definable integrated area', which it is, it might have projected a different overall arrangement for our 13.5% black student See PLANS 1 AND 2, page 6, col. 1

### WHAT GOES ON

Sat., March 11, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Smoke Detector Seminar, Greenbelt Fire House  
1-3 p.m. Boys & Girls Club Registration, Youth Center, SHL Recreation Center.  
1-5 p.m. GHI Information Meeting on Rehabilitation, Greenbelt Library

Sun., March 12, 3:30 p.m. Greenbelt Chamber Orchestra Practice, Youth Center

Mon., March 13, 7:30 p.m. Board of Education Hearing on Alternatives I and II, E. Roosevelt High School Auditorium.

Tues., March 14, 7 p.m. Mary Bethune Book Sale, PTSA Meeting follows.

Wed., March 15, 8 p.m. Greenbriar Phase I Annual Meeting, E. Roosevelt High School, Commons.

8 p.m. Application Night for Greenbelt Nursery School, Fellowship Hall, Greenbelt Community Church.

## When the Lights Went Out

by Barbara Likowski

The lights in the auditorium of Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School went out Thursday night March 2, catching more than four hundred people by surprise. The School Board was in the process of holding a public hearing on Demographic Plans 1 and 2. One speaker had just finished and another was about to speak when suddenly there were no lights. The lights came on, went out, came on again, and then there was total darkness.

It was an orderly crowd who at first laughed and talked among themselves but then became quieter at the request of Board chairman Norman Saunders. After about fifteen minutes of sitting in the dark, however, people began to try to find their way out, and the meeting was officially adjourned until Monday, March 13.

Except for a few who had pocket flashlights, most people were not prepared for such an emergency. An outside door to the auditorium was opened and a utility truck was placed so that its lights enabled people to walk out that door and in another, and then to walk through the darkened building to the front door facing the parking lot.

The News Review later learned that there had been a fault in an underground transformer near 7720 Hanover Parkway in the Greenbriar section of the city. Pepco's records show that the malfunctioning occurred at 9:39 p.m. and that power was out until 12:39 a.m. The main reason for the length of the power outage was the difficulty in finding the problem since it was underground.

Besides the high school, Greenbriar-Glen Oaks, Hunting Ridge Apartments and the Goddard Space Village Apartments were without power. City police directed traffic while the light was out on Greenbelt Road at the access road to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and the city fire department was at the scene at Greenbriar until Pepco was able to take over.

### Emergency Generator

The auxiliary power at Roosevelt did not work, although officials point out that it did almost come on twice. When the lights came on for brief periods, this was the emergency generator trying to start, according to John Aubuchon, Information officer for the Prince Georges County public schools.

Aubuchon explained that this emergency generator is supposed to come on automatically when the major power source fails. Why then didn't this happen? This power is started by two batteries per See LIGHTS OUT page 4, col. 5

## Greenbriar Residents to Vote On Preferred Overpass Route

by Elaine Skolnik

The fate of the preferred location for the proposed overpass to connect east and west Greenbelt is in the hands of Greenbriar Phase I condominium owners. Owners will vote on the question of granting an easement for the overpass at the Phase I annual meeting on Thursday, March 16 at 8 p.m. in the Commons at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School. (Proxy voting is also permitted.) Such an agreement may be granted by the condominium association only if it receives the approval of 75% of the 252 owner-members.

The preferred location - in terms of shortest distance, use, safety, topography and cost-is at the end of Gardenway in old Greenbelt, where a path would connect with the overpass, then tie up with the Greenbriar development on the opposite side of the parkway in the parking lot between Phase I buildings, 7716 and 7718 Hanover Parkway.

In appealing for the support of Phase I owners for the overpass, the Greenbelt City Council said, "The opportunity exists to bridge the barrier that separates Greenbriar from the rest of Greenbelt ... (The preferred route) provides the shortest route for Greenbriar residents to the many public, commercial and recreational facilities west of the Parkway and shortest route to the Eleanor Roosevelt High School for residents of Greenbelt living on the other side of the Parkway ... Further the bridge can be built close to ground level on either side without the need to build unsightly approach ramps that discourage pedestrian use."

### Distances to Facilities

With the construction of the overpass, the following public facilities will be accessible to Greenbriar residents on foot or on bicycles: Greenbelt Commercial Center - 3 blocks; better bus service-2 blocks; Greenbelt Recreation Department - 4 blocks; Braden Field Recreation Complex - 4 blocks; Greenbelt Municipal Pool - 4 blocks; Greenbelt Municipal Building-Police Station - 4 blocks; Greenbelt Center Elementary School - 4 blocks; Greenbelt Branch, Prince Georges Public Library - 4 blocks; Greenbelt Lake - 8 blocks; McDonald Little League Field - 2 blocks; Greenbelt Perimeter Trail Park (city is acquiring this land) - one-half block; Ball field Complex at Old Landfill (under development) - 3 blocks; Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church - 3 blocks; Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ - 4 blocks; St. Hugh's Catholic Church and Parochial School - 5 blocks; Greenbelt Baptist Church - 8 blocks; Mishkan Torah Synagogue - 5 blocks.

The City Council has long advocated improved pedestrian-bicycle facilities over the Parkway to avoid deaths and injuries, and to enable Greenbelt residents to have easier access to public facilities on either side of the parkway.

In its communication to Greenbriar residents, Council noted that "Pedestrian and bicycle safety

should be a matter of concern to all citizens. However, it is not just kids from the other side crossing the parkway. Greenbriar children and adults are also shortcutting, and as Greenbriar children become older, more will do so. Also, the breaches in the fence should be a matter of concern to all Greenbriar parents with young children who might wander onto the highway."

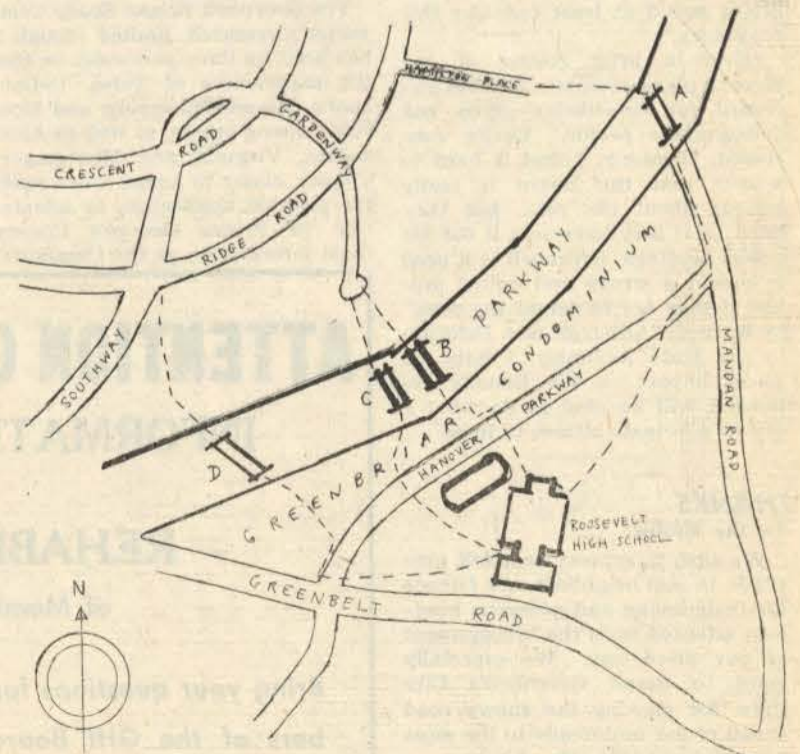
Through the efforts of Congresswoman Gladys Spellman, the Federal government has committed funds for the construction of a pedestrian-bicycle overpass. The Federal Highway Administration under permit from the National Park Service will build the overpass. Eventually, the Parkway and the bridge will be turned over to the Maryland State Highway Administration. The city is responsible for providing access to the bridge.

If the overpass cannot be located at the preferred location, the next best site is at the end of Mandan Road. At this location, no Greenbriar approval is needed as the street extends to the Parkway. However, for those who would use the bridge, including Phase I residents, an extra two block walking distance is involved plus the climbing of another hill. The city feels, that while a bridge at Mandan Road would be useful, many people would still shortcut through Phase I.

## Fire Fought on Southway

On Friday, March 3 Greenbelt Fire Station was alerted by the local police department of a building fire at 10-J Southway. At 6:21 p.m. fire apparatus was dispatched to the scene. The fire started in a second floor bedroom and did extensive damage estimated at \$3000 to \$5000 to the upper floor. There was no fire damage to any other unit. At the time of the fire the house was in the process of being repainted; however, the occupant was not at home.

A total of ten pieces of fire apparatus responded to the fire scene. Companies responding were Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, Branchville, Glenn Dale and West Lanham Hills Station #2. The men remained on the scene for one hour and a half. At 10:23 p.m. fire units responded back to the fire scene to extinguish a clothes dresser which was not removed because it contained salvageable apparel. No further damage was caused by the second fire.



Proposed Sites for Over Pass Crossing Baltimore-Washington Parkway

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**Devlin Scores Busing Plan**

Delegate Gerard Devlin (D-24th District) has declared the School Board's "Study of Demographic Alternatives" a "dangerous deceit" and a step backward in providing quality education for Greenbelt students.

"I had understood that the Study was to be a plan whereby communities such as Greenbelt, which are achieving integration naturally, would be able to return to local schools," Devlin said. Recognizing that the required racial balance could be achieved by working with the schools within the city's limits, Devlin stated, "I am shocked to find that instead Greenbelt's municipal boundaries have been ignored and children from Springhill Lake, Charlestowne Village, Lakeside North and University Square Apartments will continue to be bused to schools 11 miles away. One must seriously question the reasoning and rationale behind a plan that visits this kind of inequity upon the community."

Devlin expressed equal dismay over the related proposal to close North End School. "Such an action is extremely premature," he said, "considering that two major new housing developments are being built in Greenbelt at this very moment. In a few years Center School may be overcrowded and even more Greenbelt students will have to be bused out."

In reviewing the overall plan Devlin stated, "The time has come for us to stop merely counting heads and start being concerned with what goes into them. As the pressure of a growing school population eases, we should take the opportunity to utilize what extra resources we may have to improve education quality and opportunity in this county," Devlin cited Eleanor Roosevelt High School as a good example of what can happen when people start thinking about curriculum rather than numbers of students. The high school's special programs have drawn students from all over the county and have provided new educational challenges those students would not otherwise have had. "Flexible curriculum programs are just as important for teaching younger children basic educational skills. North End could serve as an excellent location for alternative curriculum programs, and I would hope that the Board would at least consider this possibility."

"Even a brief review of the Board's plans reveals a terrible disregard for Greenbelt's needs and demographic profile," Devlin concluded. "Frankly, I find it hard to believe that the Board is really serious about the plan, but they must be if they have sent it out for public hearings. Greenbelt will need to mount a strong and united protest if they are to defeat the plan," he warned. "Although as a Delegate to the State Assembly, I have no direct impact on the Board's actions, I will be glad to do what I can as a private citizen to help."

**THANKS**

To the Editor:

We wish to express heartfelt gratitude to our neighbors and friends for their loving and generous kindness afforded us in the bereavement of our loved one. We especially want to thank Greenbelt's City Crew for plowing the snowy road ahead of our motorcade to the most beautiful site this side of heaven — Greenbelt Cemetery.

The Family of  
 Andrew Harrigan Drennan

**Greenbelt's Statement**

March 6, 1978

Honorable Norman Saunders  
 Chairman, Board of Education  
 Prince George's County

Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20870  
 Dear Mr. Saunders:

Both Washington daily newspapers of March 4 carried stories to the effect that at its meeting March 9 the Board of Education would be asked to suspend consideration of both Alternatives I and II of the Demographic Study. If the Board's action were to extend to suspending consideration of the entire subject, we feel that this would be most regrettable.

We believe that the Board should continue the present inquiry, but broaden its focus and involve the public in the development of proposals to be placed before the Board.

Representatives of the City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt School Study Committee are on record in support of reducing the number of children transported and the distances traveled. We suggested, however, that this objective and the corollary limitation of no resegregating and giving special consideration to integrated areas were insufficient. We urged that as a possible alternative to closing schools, or to aid in achieving racial balance, or both, the inquiry be broadened to consider programmatic improvements. We argued that the inquiry into possible closing of elementary schools be done as one with the projected inquiry into possible closing of junior high schools or that the two be closely coordinated. We were critical of relying entirely on current enrollment figures, urging that, as appropriate, these be supplemented by other data, including consideration of the impact on enrollments of housing actually under construction.

The extraordinary capability shown in organizing the curriculum for and doing all other things necessary to open Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School on time is more than sufficient assurance that the staff could make the study we suggest. We do urge, however, that the Board appoint an advisory committee of citizens to work with the staff, Parent Teachers Association, school principals and others. Public confidence in the process and in its conclusions would be furthered by the Board's so doing.

The Greenbelt School Study Committee's research, limited though it has been by time, persuades us that the experiences of Tulsa, Indianapolis, Miami, Minneapolis and Houston, among others, as well as Alexandria, Virginia and Montgomery County, closer to home, merit study for possible application or adaptation in Prince George's County. Such information as the Committee

**No More Borrowing!**

To the Editor:

The provision in our Mutual Homeowners Contract designates the land as Perpetual, so it cannot be mortgaged or held as collateral which requires a title guarantee. Only bankruptcy or dissolution can free it . . .

Monday night's meeting was an exercise in high pressure salesmanship, chaired by Mr. Smith, subject Rehabilitation:

(1) The only item I would endorse at present for the frame homes is the attic insulation, not by a loan, but at the rate of 1000 units per year, payable by a monthly increase of \$9.17 for one year, or \$4.59 per month for two years.

(2) Very few of the 750 — one & two bedroom units require electrical heavy up. Therefore the cost should not be borne by all 1000 members. There is no sharing of costs as to stoves, refrigerators, new kitchens or bathroom flooring and tiling. So why should 1000 members be charged for servicing air-conditioners, or appliances. One could make it a court project by % majority.

3. Asbestos siding is partial insulation against heat and cold and fire-proof besides. The average life is 40 to 50 years. So the need to replace them for cosmetic reasons at present is not urgent; certainly not with \$1,300,000 outstanding bank loans.

4. Weatherstripping doors and windows should be a repair and maintenance item. Our labor bill is close to \$1,000,000, our repair and maintenance budget for 1978 a staggering \$600,000. We should demand something tangible for that kind of money. Mr. Shinderman's craftsmen should be delighted to show their expertise.

5. Storm doors at \$250.? This beats even the \$238 charged for garage doors when Sears was selling them for \$80 — their best, including hardware. Try Sears for value, priced today from \$85 to \$115 plus \$29 for installation, total for the best \$144.00 or \$106 less than that quoted by Mark Beck Associates Inc. Considering our Washington climate and our short winters, the need seems to be more for cooling than heating. NOT a hermetically sealed house! A house must breathe to live.

Martha Hutzler

**Charlestowne Village Elections**

Elections for the Board of Directors of Charlestowne Village Condominium will be held at the sixth annual meeting in April. Nominations for the three at-large seats are presently being sought. For co-owners who are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or serving on the Board, there will be a meeting at 7:30 p.m., March 14 at 7924 Lakecrest Dr. For further information please contact Joan Gleckel, 441-1322

has will be made available. Moreover, we pledge our continued cooperation.

We believe that the Board of Education is in midstream. The near and far shores are equidistant. One goal is to abandon the possibility of accomplishment. The other is to keep it alive.

Yours very truly,  
 Richard R. Pilski  
 Mayor, City of Greenbelt  
 Howard Savage  
 Chairman  
 Greenbelt School Study Committee

**Rehabilitation Rose Garden**

To the Editor:

Better Luck at this Saturday's G.H.I. Rehabilitation Meeting at the library! Many of us waded through this long report with its many erroneous assumptions, questionable financial philosophy, and omissions of important technical details, and took the time to go to the meeting this past Monday to secure firm answers. Even after ten years of similar, so-called "information" meetings, we strive to retain some degree of optimism! It is wearing thin!

The financial charts, as usual, were in such small type as to be barely seen even four rows from the stage. The two main speakers from the two consulting firms were not good public speakers and one had to strain to hear them, even sitting near the front of the hall. No doubt, this is why some of the members started leaving as soon as an hour. But by 10 p.m. the crowd had thinned out very noticeably. A financial handout given out the same night can hardly be studied properly during the meeting.

No wonder the mood of those attending was a cautious, questioning one. I noted no ground swell of enthusiasm.

Future hearings will have to be better, if this Board of Directors is to sell even the smallest part of this Rehabilitation Rose Garden, which is full of thorns for the unwary, let alone those who cannot see or hear what is going on at the proceedings. Eunice E. Coxon

**BETHUNE PTSA**

The Mary Bethune PTSA will hold a book sale on Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. before the regular PTSA meeting at the school. Books for the sale may be placed in the box located in the Co-op or brought to the meeting that night.

**MOWATT MEMORIAL**

United Methodist Church  
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410  
 Church School 9:30-10:30 A.M.  
**MORNING WORSHIP 11 A.M.**  
 (Cribbery and Nursery)  
**SERMON:**  
 "The Testing Time"  
 Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham,  
 Pastor 474-3381

**Andrew Drennan**

Andrew Harrigan Drennan, 60-K Crescent, died on Tuesday, Feb. 28, after a long illness. He was 78 years old. He is survived by his wife Anne Bloom, his daughter, Elaine Greene, of Potomac, Md., grandsons, Ned and Jonathan, grand-daughter, Jennifer Redden, and his sister, Margaret D. Utton of Hartford, Conn.

Final rites were held at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on Friday, March 3, and interment at Greenbelt cemetery immediately followed.

Mr. Drennan of Middletown, Conn. and his wife of Higganum, Conn. moved to Greenbelt 25 years ago when Harry became a local distributor for Westinghouse. Although his job required him to be out of town quite often, Mr. Drennan loved the small town atmosphere of Greenbelt. He is the first person to be buried in the Greenbelt Cemetery in 3 years.

**Mishkan Torah Notes**

The Mishkan Torah Reconstructionist Havurah have planned a complete Sabbath experience for friends and members of Mishkan Torah. Friday evening services on March 10, which will begin at 8 p.m. will feature a model Shabbat Seder. Traditional Saturday morning services and Torah discussion will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., to be followed by luncheon, recreation, discussion sessions, entertainment, evening services, supper and Havdalah service at 6:30 p.m.

Mishkan Torah Men's Club is sponsoring its semi-annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Juice, pancakes, coffee will be served — all you can eat — at a moderate charge.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

Episcopal  
 Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville  
 8 a.m. Holy Communion  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 (Holy Communion 1st Sunday)  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector

**Greenbelt Community Church**

(United Church of Christ)

Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings)

Nursery provided at 2B Hillside

Sun., 11 a.m. Worship Service and Church School

Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor, co-pastors

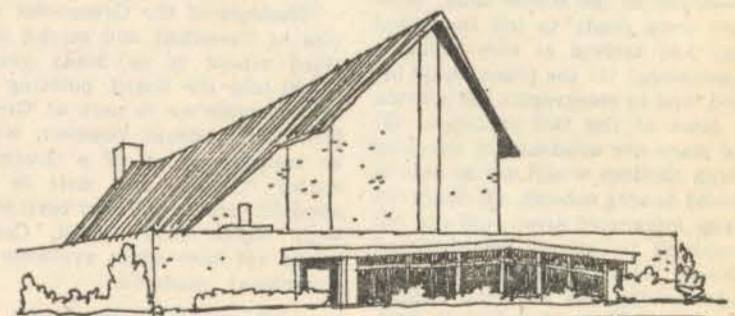
**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN !!**

You are invited and welcomed to meet with us each week.

**GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH**

474-4212

Bible Study for all ages (Sun) 9:45 am  
 Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 7:00 pm  
 Mid-week prayer service (Wed) 6:00 pm  
 For bus transportation, call Church office 8:30-12:30 weekdays



**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

6905 Greenbelt Road

Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Weekday Nursery School: 9-11:30 a.m.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

**ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS!**  
**INFORMATION MEETING**

on  
**REHABILITATION**

of Members' Homes

Bring your questions for the consultants and members of the GHI Board of Directors **SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1-5 p.m., Greenbelt Library.**

## GHI Rehab. Queries Aired

by Janet James

To rehabilitate or not to rehabilitate was not the question, but rather how much rehabilitation is necessary and how to pay for it. More than 150 members of Greenbelt Homes turned out on Monday, March 6, at North End School for a briefing and question and answer period concerning the proposed renovation of the cooperative homes. Mark Beck of the Beck firm of architects and planners and Morton Hoffman, economic consultant, made a presentation based on the rehabilitation and planning study prepared by them which was sent to all members of Greenbelt Homes. Charts were projected and explained by Beck and Hoffman, the explanations being from time to time illustrated by slides of areas of Greenbelt Homes.

About half the time was taken up with the presentation and about half the questions and answers. The biggest shocker for the audience was contained in a statement by Hoffman, backed up by a chart, showing a sharp rise in monthly charges in the next seven years regardless of whether we rehabilitate or do not rehabilitate. One of the earlier questions asked for a breakdown in the figure showing the rise in monthly charges even if we do not rehabilitate. This was promised for the Saturday meeting.

Eunice Coxon asked whether Hoffman had seen a report of a study made by Prince Georges County of the financial ability of GHI to handle a loan of the type required by the rehabilitation. Mrs. Coxon described it as very pessimistic. Hoffman said he did see it but did not agree with all of the conclusions; he was particularly in disagreement with its since the writers of the report had not considered the rehabilitation recommendations nor the effect that they would have on the borrowing potential of the cooperative.

A question was asked concerning Table 4-7 on page 4-12 of the report. The audience had been told that it would be necessary to borrow about \$25 million, including interest and carrying charges. At the bottom of the page a figure showed \$286,000 annual savings, which, multiplied by 20 years amounts to only about \$7.75 million. The reply indicated that the \$336,000 was the annual savings the first year and had not been projected to account for inflation, whereas the loans had included debt service. It was promised that this figure would be projected to account for inflation and the figure would be available by Saturday.

A piece of stained plywood is also to be available for inspection by members on Saturday at the Library, since it is one of the recommended finishes for the exterior of both the frame and cinder block houses.

Mr. Beck made it clear that, although Phase I of the Rehabilitation Program, which includes such items as attic and wall insulation, insulated windows, weatherscrapping, storm doors, etc., would pretty well pay for itself in reduced heating and maintenance costs, Phase 2 would not have any effect on monthly charges. However, Phase 2 corrects building and electrical code violations as well as answering some community needs such as increased parking, extension of inner walkways systems, etc. It was indicated that the building and electrical code violations would have to be corrected in any event.

Although most of the questions dealt with the financial part of the plan, a few questions concerned the looks or other aspects of the rehabilitated homes. A master plumber who has worked in GHI homes asked if Beck had taken into account the possible necessity of replacing bathroom fixtures in homes where the galvanized pipe needs to be replaced, since the connections are so rusted that it would not be possible to unscrew them and put them onto new copper piping. Beck replied that he had not considered that possibility.

Roy Breashears, General Manager of GHI, when the question was asked how soon pipes in the homes would have to be replaced if they

were not done under a general rehabilitation package, replied that some had already had to be replaced because the buildup of rust was so great that water pressure was down and pieces of pipe taken out did not show daylight when one looked through them.

Near the end of the meeting Kenneth Kopstein, Assistant General Manager of GHI announced that the State will now insure loans to members of cooperatives as it does to owners of condominiums and to single-family home owners. This makes the borrowing easier and the interest rates lower; in fact Twin Pines has recently lowered its interest rates.

One member commented that it was the most orderly GHI meeting they had ever attended.

The same presentation will be given at the library on Saturday, March 11, at 1 p.m. There will be more time for discussion at this meeting.

## Auditions for 'The Heiress'

Grenoble Theater, a community actors guild, will hold open tryouts for their May production of *The Heiress* by August Goetz and Ruth Goetz. Actors and actresses are needed for all parts, and need not be experienced. The guild is also seeking people to work on the production crew, such as costume designers, set and prop designers, light and sound people.

Auditions will be held at St. Hugh's school gymnasium, March 17, at 7:30 p.m., March 18 and 19, at 3 and 7:30 p.m. For more information contact guild president Robert O'Malley, 474-3369 or vice-president Angela Schreiber, 345-3916 after 7:30 p.m.

### CORRECTION

All Campbell Bean and Soup labels to help North End School obtain equipment should be sent to Shirley Seadler, 9793 Good Luck Road, #4, Lanham, MD 20801. The address in the original article was incorrect. The school is still short of its goal and the submission deadline is March 15.

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There has also been a change in the definition of a Routine Transport: (1) 24 hour notice required to the department; (2) patient that can only be transported by stretcher; (3) all transports are at the discretion of the department.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS Three are to be elected for three years

**JOHN A. BLUE**  
5N Laurel Hill Road  
Married, 3 children; Ken, Mark and Lynda. Resident Member of Greenbelt GHI-TP since 1965. Veteran USMC, Korean conflict. Studied for BSEE, University of Buffalo (1957). Joined RCA and worked in development, installation and operation of the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System in New Jersey and Alaska. Was relocated to Maryland (Greenbelt) and assigned to RCA program to support NASA. Changed primary occupation to Business Administration. Studied Business Admin. PGCC at nights and graduated with high honors (1972). Employed by REA and Litton Industries in this capacity. Currently employed as Senior Administrator for Engineering by Amecom Division, Litton Systems, Inc., College Park, Maryland. Have been member of North End PTA and Den Leader for Greenbelt Scout Troop. Member of American Legion Post 136. Past President of Greenbelt Aquatic Booster Club (3 years), currently, Vice President of same.

**BRUCE BOWMAN**  
14-Z3 Laurel Hill  
Resident 33 years. GHI: Charter member, director and secretary for first ten years. Twin Pines: Charter member, first president, active on loan, member relations, by-laws committees, etc.; employee and manager of Twin Pines for nine years; incumbent director. Otherwise involved as director of GCS, Rapaidan Camp, Maryland Suburban Memorial Society, and as a member of other cooperatives.

"I am most concerned that Twin Pines become the cooperative that the organizers attempted to create almost twenty-one years ago with directors knowledgeable of cooperative principles and operations. Twin Pines should make loans on Co-op homes at rates comparable to first mortgages. We should increase our patronage refunds to borrowers, and could easily and safely do both. We should simplify and make less expensive loan settlement, eliminate the expensive and completely worthless default insurance, expand our savings and loan activities to members of other co-ops, and make available to Twin Pines members the advantages of other co-ops - legal services, Florida vacation apartments, travel arrangements, etc.

**RICHARD E. CRAIG**  
14 Maplewood Court  
Resident of Greenbelt since 1963 residing at 14 Maplewood Court. Married with son, daughter and two nieces residing at home. Attends, with his family, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church in Greenbelt where he is active as the Lay Leader and also serves on various committees. Member of the Gideons International serving in the Upper Prince George's Camp. Member of the National Educational Association, Maryland State Teacher's Association, and Montgomery County Educational Association. Attended Kent State and Maryland University receiving a degree in accounting; has continued his education with some graduate work at U. of Md. and attends classes at Washington Bible College. Served in the United States Army and has worked as a systems accountant for the U.S. Government. Presently employed by the Montgomery County Public Schools as a systems analyst. Member of Twin Pines since 1969. Would consider it a privilege and an honor to serve on the Board of Directors for Twin Pines, and would conscientiously try to serve the members.

**JOHN W. MAFFAY**  
128 Northway  
Served on Twin Pines Nominations Committee, Supervisory Committee, and four years on the Board of Directors - including one as Secretary. Twin Pines member approximately 20 years, B.S. Md. U. Business Administration. Lifelong Greenbelt resident. Wife, Elizabeth, and five children, Doris, Jonathan, Julie, Russell and Sheila.

Member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church. Employed by Xerox Corp. as an account executive in Washington Federal Government Branch. Former Sales Supervisor, Sales Manager and Branch Manager for SCM Corp. Past President Greenbelt Lions Club, former President Woodland Hills Civic Association, and presently President of Wight Bay Condominium Association, Ocean City, Md.

Served on the Twin Pines Board during the association's most difficult years, and was instrumental in assisting to regain accreditation and state-sponsored insurance of accounts. Pledge to direct efforts to the continued success and growth of Twin Pines as a sound, thriving financial institution.

**JOHN F. UNGER**  
14 Lakeside Dr.  
Age 41. Greenbelt resident 16 years. GHI member 1963-1969. B. Chem. Eng., Cornell U. Employed at NASA/Goddard 16 years (engineer/scientist/budget analyst). TWIN PINES: member 15 years, Board 6 years, Treasurer 3 years, Secretary 1 year, chairman of committees which rewrote By-laws to conform with state requirements (1973-74) and revised them to implement concept of one vote per member (1977). Member, Consumer Cooperative Alliance. . . . PROGRAMS SUCCESSFULLY SPONSORED OR SUPPORTED DURING PAST TERM: return to co-op ideal of one vote per member, re-establishment of patronage refund, continuation of high dividend rates, support of Senior Citizens' housing program. . . . CURRENT PLATFORM: maintain cooperative and democratic nature of Twin Pines; ensure continued financial soundness; increase patronage refunds; re-establish borrowers' life insurance on home loans; implement liberal refinancing policy; promote cooperative principles in the community.

**MURIEL WEIDENFELD**  
123 Rosewood Drive  
Greenbelt resident 12 years. Twin Pines member 11 years. Elected to Board of Directors in 1975. Serving as chair of Personnel Committee. Also a member of Building Plans Committee, By-Laws Committee and legislative group that testified successfully (1977) in Annapolis for "one-member, one-vote" legislation. Served on Supervisory Committee from 1972-1975 and as chair from 1973-1975. Statistician, bookkeeper. Past-president of Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School. Past-President of Springhill Lake PTA. Past-President of Boxwood Civic Association. Past-Secretary of Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Chaired 1978 Greenbelt Citizens Committee for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Former Commissioner of the State of Maryland Commission on Human Relations.

tions.  
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## MEMBER RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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**TERESA MARIE DOWNEY**  
7882 Lakecrest Dr.  
Originally from Massachusetts, Wash., D. C. Area resident for 3 1/2 years, presently living in Charles-towne Village. B.A. degree in economics from Boston College and M.A. in accounting from Georgetown University. Certified Public Accountant working for FDIC as research assistant doing economic and accounting research and analysis. Hobbies include dancing, swimming and public speaking. Interested in serving on this committee because it will enable me to become more involved in my community and at the same time gain practical knowledge of the operation of a cooperative financial institution.

## NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

### Two are to be elected to terms of two years

**SONIA GARIN**  
29 Lakeside Dr.  
Greenbelt resident 29 years. Married, two children. Member of Twin Pines since inception. Currently serving on Twin Pines Nominations and Elections Committee; past alternate member Twin Pines Board of Directors; past board member of Greenbelt Co-op Nursery School, Co-op Kindergarten and North End P.T.A. Member of G.H.I. for nine years, working on their original sales staff in 1953. Manager of "Greenbelt Apartments" for 18 years. Presently employed by Mutual of Omaha Insurance Co. Born in Germany, lived in Israel for eleven years working on a kibbutz and also as manageress of NAAFPJ (British PX) during World

War II.  
**KATHERINE KEENE**  
6-H Hillside

Greenbelt resident 19 years. B.A. Univ. of Washington, M.A. Columbia Univ. Teaches Western Civilization at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. TWIN PINES: Member 18 years, Supervisory Committee two terms, Nominations and Elections Committee one term. Former member of GHI Board of Directors, Audit Committee, and Nominations and Elections Committee. Member of Greenbelt Community Relations Advisory Board.

**CHARLES H. TOMPKINS**  
-7B Crescent Rd.

Greenbelt resident 9 years. Married, three children. B.S. in Elementary Education from Univ. of Md. Teacher in Howard County. TWIN PINES: member 9 years, Supervisory Committee one term, Nominations and Elections Committee two terms.

**STANLEY YARKIN**  
Arlington, Va.

Holder of Twin Pines mortgage as well as savings account. Employed by National Weather Service as meteorologist and hydrologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Elected by fellow employees to National Weather Service E.E.O. Committee. Vice Chairman of Board of Directors of Greenbelt Consumers Services, Inc., Director and former president, Consumer Co-op Alliance Inc., a co-op education group; Director of Consumer Federation of America; first chairman, Arlington Consumer Protection Commission; Vice Chairman, Membership Advisory Council of Group Health Association.

## SIERRA CLUB LECTURE

Dr. James F. Parr, of the USDA Research Center, will present a slide-illustrated talk on the topic, "Utilizing Sewage Sludge - an Update". He will speak in the Greenbelt Library, on Mon., March 13, at 7:45 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Sierra Club and is open to the public.

## LIGHTS OUT from page 1

manently connected to a battery charger which is plugged into the power line. The reason it did not work was discovered in an investigation the next day, when it was revealed that the fuse in the battery charger was out and the batteries were down. Generators are supposed to be checked regularly and test runs made. The building superintendent at Roosevelt has stated that a test run had been made a week earlier.

Because the power did not come on when needed, a reinforcement of procedure was passed down to all school building staff that all auxiliary power be checked regularly and test runs made.

According to Captain Munro, public relations information officer of the County fire department, and Randy Houghen, public relations officer for the fire department, all places which qualify as places of public assembly are required by county law to have emergency lighting for exits so that people are able to leave the building during an emergency. The buildings are not required to have sufficient power to maintain the building at peak capacity of power.

## Roosevelt Drama Club Presents The Firebugs

The Firebugs, by Swiss playwright Max Frisch, Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Drama Club's current offering, combines hilarious slapstick and satirical farce to present the actions and attitudes of people confronted with a powerful and ruthless enemy. The cast of characters, directed by Frances Seubert, drama coach and Greenbelt resident, is headed by Greenbelters Alan Amberg, Sue Daughenbaugh, and Glenara Pacl and other Roosevelt students Paula Hammond and Tim Francis.

The Keystone Cop-fashioned chorus of firemen features Greenbelters Kathy Kettering, Mary White and Jeff Gold, plus Debbie Sisson, David Sisson, Gretchen Scharf, Ellen Evans, Caron Bowsen, and Terry Hall.

The production runs March 16 and 18 at 8 p.m. and March 19 at p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

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**PLANS 1 and 2 from page 1 population.**

According to Kathrine Gough, at least 15 or 16 integrated areas are bused out of their neighborhoods. In 10 of these cases, she said, these students would attend schools over 50% black.

**Inequitable busing**

"If special consideration was given to Greenbelt," Pilski challenged, "it was for the purpose of achieving results contrary to board directives. For example: Under Plan 2

"—25% of Greenbelt's black students will be bused in excess of 9 miles as compared to 15.5% for the county as a whole.

"—17.8% of Greenbelt's white students will be bused long distances as compared to 4.2% for the county.

"We believe there must be a better plan for Greenbelt . . ." Pilski concluded.

Councilman Charles Schwan described the "remedies" used in plan 2 to better integrate 14 schools which under Plan 1 would have been virtually all white. In nine cases the remedy is bus in black students; in two cases, bus in black and bus out white; but, in no cases, only bus out white students. "That perfect balance between black and white students was not achieved is understandable, that 80.4% of those to be bused would be black misses perfection by too much, in my estimation," Schwan concluded.

Referring to Greenbelt's children who are bused 10 and 11 miles to a 75% black school, Tony McCarthy told the board: "If Alternative 1 is susceptible to constitutional challenge, Alternative 2 is no less so. Alternative 2 presents a new tokenism, one that should be repugnant to all and one that is repugnant to those whose children are to be the tokens."

**Other Worthy Objectives**

Gil Weidenfeld listed "some of the elements . . . of a comprehensive, coherent, long-range policy — what the board must consider before approving any plan: (1) a range of perhaps 10-60% black student enrollment, (2) using projections of student enrollment to obtain a measure of assurance that the racial balance of any school would remain substantially constant, at least for several years, (3) reduction in the number of children transported, (4) recognition that children form attachments to their peers. Children in an identifiable neighborhood should be bused or not bused, children within an integrated neighborhood should not be transported or transported within the community."

"I would suggest," said Robert Barshay, a Greenbelt parent and professional educator, "that the board consider researching innovative, academic programs to improve the education . . . If more attention were devoted to quality instruction and less to provincial pupil accounting concerns, we might be able to successfully keep our citizens here . . ."

**Support for Plan 2**

Only one speaker, Paul Mazzocchi, from Good Luck Woods, gave the school board the kind of support it had been looking for. He felt those who had been bused since 1973 should be able to have their children walk now, and let someone else have a turn at busing. He told the board, "For everyone here com-

**Dial 911 for Fire/Rescue**

by Wayne Lewis

During 1977 legislation was passed by the Prince Georges County Council requiring the owners of all multi-unit dwellings to install smoke detectors in apartment and condominium sleeping areas by July, 1978. Twelve people died in household fires in Prince Georges County last year. This represents the lowest number of accidental fire deaths in three years according to county fire officials. Structural losses to homes and industrial and commercial buildings were reduced from \$10.5 million in 1976 to \$8.4 million last year. County Executive Winfield M. Kelly said at a press conference two weeks ago, "We estimate that as many as one-third of county families are now protected by (smoke) detectors, and we feel that they are the prime reason for the reduction in accidental home fires in the county in 1977."

Since the original smoke detector bill was passed last year, many changes have been made. In order to inform the public concerning the new smoke detection legislation County Council, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department will hold a smoke detector seminar on Sat., March 11, at the firehouse from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. This seminar is free and the public is encouraged to attend. Several types of smoke detection devices will be available for inspection as well as the proper mounting techniques. Several handouts will be available for those attending, one of which will be the "Dial 911" emergency telephone sticker.

In order to insure that all those who desire to attend have the opportunity, a few members of the department will be available to transport any of our handicapped and/or senior citizens who have transportation problems. Please call 345-7000 to arrange for transportation. Since transportation facilities are limited call only if you have no other means of getting to the seminar. Please, plan on attending this seminar. Knowledge gained from this seminar may help to reduce loss should a fire occur. It may even save your life!

**Greenbelt Homemakers**

The Greenbelt Homemakers Club will meet at 8 p.m., March 15, in the home of Laurie Moran. A program "Update on Menopause," will be presented by Moran.

The club invites all interested persons to attend the programs and to join in the discussion. For further information call 345-9032.

plaining, there are 12 at home who are happy with the new plans."

**Laurel**

Two speakers from Laurel objected to having their neighborhoods transferred next year. In both cases, they felt, there was sufficient home building to require another transfer in a year or two. Bill Berns demanded that if the board moved his child next year, it should guarantee that the child could finish sixth grade without being moved again. Both he and Lynn Bergman, from Montpelier Oaks, said the board should have looked at population projections before moving children around in their area of south Laurel.

**Recreation Review**

**Kite Flying Contest**

Due to the heavy snows and cold weather, the Kite Flying Contest will be postponed until further notice. Please keep all kites handy and watch for the day and time in the near future. The News Review will carry the details.

**Family Roller Skating**

Roller Skating for the entire family is held at the Greenbelt Center Elementary School on Sundays from 1 - 3 p.m. All family members are encouraged to participate. Bring rink skates or rent them. A nominal fee is charged at the door.

**Greenbelt Chamber Orchestra**

The Greenbelt Chamber Orchestra extends a warm invitation to all string players interested in playing chamber music. The next rehearsal will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Sun., March 12 from 3:30 - 5 p.m. For additional information, call Katherine Kerst, evenings at 345-5989.

**Spring Recreation Class**

Registration  
Spring Classes will include Tennis, Crocheting, Trampoline, Tumbling, Crafts, Silmnastics, Yoga, Floor Acrobatics, Ballet, Ceramics and many more. Registration will be held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Mon. March 27, 7-9 p.m.; Tues., March 28, 7-9 p.m. and Wed. March 29, 3-5 p.m. at the Youth Center. Late registration will be accepted on Thurs. March 30, 9-4 p.m. at the Youth Center Business Office.

**Eight-Week Classes Wrapped Up This Week**

Sat., March 11 marks the end of the Winter Eight-Week Classes at the Recreation Centers. Plan now to register for the Spring Programs and Activities.

**Tax Aid for Senior Citizens**

Senior citizens may take advantage of the tax aid program offered at the Youth Center by the County Division of the Aging on Wednesday mornings. The co-sponsored program "Leisure Living for Senior Citizens" is being offered free of charge for the month of March by Prince Georges County Community College.

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Below are excerpts of statements presented by Greenbelters at public hearings held before the Prince Georges County Board of Education on the Demographic Study Alternatives I and II. The hearings were held Feb. 28 at Oxon Hill, Mar. 1 at Largo and Mar. 2 at Roosevelt.

## Darwin R. Beck

(at Oxon Hill)

... it is difficult not to be enthusiastic about the aim of the Demographic Alternatives Study — to reduce the number of children bused to elementary schools and the distances traveled... Easier access to schools by students and parents alike, more nearly reasonable school hours and decreased transportation costs are among the benefits.

It is equally difficult to be enthusiastic about the specific proposals before you. One of the conditions to be observed in their preparation, to quote the Superintendent of Schools, was that the "changes would not be construed as an attempt to re-segregate the schools..." It appears to me that no other conclusion is possible...

... I believe the Board's premise (that many of the communities and neighborhoods of the county... have now become biracial...) to be accurate. That is what makes so disappointing the alternatives proposed by the staff of the Board. I believe that a proposal could have been developed to satisfy the goal of reducing the number of children bused, one that would have been soundly based on the increased number of biracial communities and neighborhoods and one that would have been reasonably consistent with the Guidelines for Desegregation.

I believe that in presenting these alternatives the staff did the Board a disservice. I believe that the Board was guilty of misjudgment in taking them to public hearings. The Board must realize that they invite renewed litigation, the possible end of which would be rejection by the court of either alternative. Such a sequence of events must be avoided. If it is not, the staff's disservice to the Board will pale by comparison with the Board's disservice to the county...

... Mr. Chairman, these studies are so flawed that the Board can place little reliance on them. I urge that you and your colleagues direct the staff to furnish you with material in which you can have more confidence. Please try to reduce busing, but in a way that is constitutional and assures stable school boundaries...

## Howard Savage

... of the schools with more than 50 percent Black enrollment now, more than half (33 of 62) are in the range 50-59.9 percent. On the other hand, both Plan 1 and Plan 2 provide that more than half of the schools of over 50% black enrollment would be more than 70% black... The over-50 schools now average 61.0% black enrollment. Under Plan 1, the average would be 73.3% and under Plan 2 68.7%.

Let's look now at the other end of the scale...

... The same story is told. Plan 1 is almost unbelievably bad in terms of schools with less than 10 percent black enrollment. It would have 10% of the 142 elementary schools fail to meet the Guidelines for Desegregation... the present arrangement and Plan 2 differ little. In the 10 to 20% range, however, the two plans would increase markedly the number of schools with nearly all white enrollment. Do we need to be reminded that schools overwhelmingly white may be as unattractive to black students and parents as schools overwhelmingly black are to white students and parents?

... Adoption by the Board of Education of anything resembling Plan 1 or 2 almost surely would be struck down by the court. That would send us back to the drawing board. If back we must go, let's do it now. Let's stop raising false hopes for some parents and students and creating anxieties for others...

# EXCERPTS OF STATEMENTS

## Richard R. Pilski

... One of the most important reasons for the success of Greenbelt as a City is its sense of community. The special community spirit separates Greenbelt from the rest of the County...

... Greenbelt citizens have continuously worked to maintain that sense of community... Greenbelt School Study Committee, representing a broad spectrum of citizens throughout the city, has worked many hours in analyzing the impact of proposals to change school boundary and busing patterns. Their concern has not been with just one segment of the community, or one school area, but with all parts of the community... The work of this citizens committee has the full support of the Greenbelt City Council. We applaud their efforts and the excellent information resulting from their work.

Based on their studies, we concluded that neither Demographic Alternative is acceptable. Only by comparison with the first can the second staff study be said to have been addressed to the "extremes". Had the second been first, we would have been shocked by the unbalanced black to white ratios proposed.

These Demographic Alternative Staff Studies have been prepared utilizing a very narrow range of criteria. To decide school boundaries, busing patterns and school closings solely on the basis of pupil accounting will not achieve the best educational system.

Factors which we feel have not been adequately considered are:

- Future projections of populations and enrollment;
- Impact of boundary shifts and school closings upon educational programs;
- Alternative and new educational programs that minimize the need for long distance busing and school closings...

... We believe the greatest adverse impact of these staff plans would be on several black communities and Greenbelt. Greenbelt is a geographically definable integrated area. Its current black student population is 13.5%. According to Board of Education Directives to Staff, special consideration was to be given to assigning students in such areas to schools as near to those areas as possible. If special consideration was given to Greenbelt, it was for the purpose of achieving results contrary to board directives. For example:

Under Plan 2.

- 25% of Greenbelts black elementary school population will be bused in excess of 9 miles as compared to 15.5% for the county.
- 17.8% of Greenbelt's white elementary school population will be bused long distances as compared to 4.2% for the county.

Under both plans.

- North End School would be closed even though more than 30 schools have lower rates of utilization.
- Students of the Greenbriar section of Greenbelt will attend their third school in as many years. That school, Magnolia, which will be operating near capacity, is in an area where substantial housing construction is now taking place. Greenbelt Center school is also proposed to operate near capacity...

... We believe there must be a better plan for Greenbelt... for the county. We believe a plan can be devised that considers improving the quality of education as well as reducing the costs of operation. We urge further study of this critical matter...

## Thomas X. White

... I will try to point out to you in my limited time two glaring faults in the staff plan — one that deals with the significant effects that one way busing has on particular school utilization rates — and another that reflects how the studies ignore "geographically definable integrated areas".

The first illustration indicates what can happen to school utilization rates by one-way busing. In one case the utilization rate was halved (100.6 to 52.7%). In the other

two, the differences are substantial (96 to 64%; 90 to 63%). Because utilization rates are so important in the Board's decision to keep open or to close a school, one wonders if these schools are being nominated for closure next year.

In the second illustration... the direction in the rate of utilization is reversed... (Utilization increases by 6 or 7 to 25 per centage points.)... As in the first illustration some spectacular results are achieved.

These examples are the results of one-way busing. In the first case, children are bused out. In the second, they are bused in. You are free to draw your own conclusions as to whether or not there is a causal connection between the percentages of black enrollment and the direction in which children are bused. In the second illustration, excessive distances are involved in most instances. Our Citizens' Committee was able to discern this flaw in the studies — how could they bear the scrutiny from the Court!!

My next exhibit shows how well the staff has carried out the Board's instruction to give special consideration to those areas undergoing natural integration. Under both plans, children from the Greenbriar and Glen Oaks subdivisions of Greenbelt are taken out of Center School. Had they been permitted to remain, the 1.7% black ratio of Plan 1, for example, would have been 3.7% or more. Children from Boxwood, another integrated subdivision, would be bused out under Plan 2. The worst example, however is... Springhill Lake, still another subdivision of Greenbelt, (which) has a 23.6% black school population. As you can see, 92 children — 34 black and 58 white, are to be bused from Springhill Lake. For that matter, had the staff considered Greenbelt as a "geographically definable integrated area", which it is, it might have projected a different overall arrangement for our 13.5% black student population.

There are least nine instances of busing children from integrated neighborhoods. There is no reason to believe that there are not more, perhaps many more. The material prepared by the staff does not lend itself to easy determination of what is projected for integrated neighborhoods...

... I urge you to disregard the plans before you and direct a study approach that applies justice, equity and sensitivity to the total educational needs of our children...

## Charles F. Schwan

... You directed that Plan 2 be prepared because, under Plan 1... there were too many schools either less than 10 or more than 90% black. I will illustrate in stark terms the remedies devised for those schools which would have student bodies less than 10% black under Plan 2...

... The possibilities for remedy are: (1) bus in black students, (2) bus out white students, and (3) bus in black and bus out white students...

... In nine cases the first option is chosen, i.e. bus in black students. In two instances, the third option is taken, i.e. bus in black and bus out white students.

Assuming as I do that your direction to prepare Plan 2 was made in good faith, I find the staff response to be cynical in the extreme. That perfect balance between black and white students was not achieved is understandable. That 80.4% of those to be bused would be black misses perfection by too much, in my estimation.

The next two exhibits illustrate the remedies for schools with more than 90% black enrollment. For these schools the staff discovered that two-way busing was possible. There are no instances of one-way busing, although the number of black children bused is twice that of white children. The average distance traveled is 7.7 miles by black children, 5.5 miles by white children.

I shall not insult your intelligence by drawing conclusions from these data...

## Mary Clarke

(at Largo)

... My subject is long distance busing under Plan 2. Long distance busing can be defined as a bus trip of 9 to 12 miles. For comparison, the maximum east-west distance in Prince Georges County is about 19 miles.

Under Plan 2, children from 12 communities would be bused long distances (9 to 12 miles) to 13 elementary schools...

... Black students constitute 42.6% of the elementary school population. Among those bused long distances, black students would be 79.7%. Note that... Oakcrest and John Carroll would be far outside the Guidelines with black majorities of 75%.

Of the white children to be bused long distances, 182 out of a total of 231 come from Greenbelt. Thirty-nine more white children would be bused from Berwyn Heights and Westchester Apartments which adjoin Greenbelt... Except for Greenbelt and its next door neighbors, all of the long distance busing would be one way busing — black children in, but no white children out...

... Why should four times more Black students be bused long distances?...

... Let me be blunt. We in Greenbelt, our neighbors in Berwyn Heights and Westchester Apartments, and a number of black communities... bear the burden of long distance busing alone in the county.

Neither plan answers the need of Prince Georges County for quality education in an integrated setting with a minimum of busing... Neither plan deserves as much time as you have given to it. Each of you were elected from separate districts but your responsibility, individually and collectively, is to the school system as a whole. Your responsibility towards these plans is, or should be, clear...

## Kathrine Gough

... To sum up, these data show:

1. From only two less-than-10% black neighborhoods are children bused and only under Plan 2. The neighborhoods are located in communities where boundaries abut. The distances are excessive — 10 and 11 miles.

2. There are four instances of busing from noncontiguous integrated neighborhoods under Plan 1, and 11 or possibly 12 under Plan 2. In one instance under Plan 1 and 9 instances under Plan 2, the recipient school has a black student enrollment of more than 50%, ranging upward to 81.3%.

3. The number of instances of busing out of noncontiguous predominantly black neighborhoods is so great as to require it to be continued on a second page or table.

We are satisfied that what we have shown is accurate, given the manner in which the source material is organized. We are not satisfied that we have identified all the predominantly black neighborhoods from which children are bused. We are certain that our list of integrated neighborhoods is incomplete. Because the Board needs such information to assist it in reaching decisions, we urge that you direct the staff to furnish it forthwith...

## Gil Weidenfeld

... The present court guideline of a 10 to 50 per cent ratio of black enrollment appears to be out of date. Something on the order of 10 to 60 per cent black enrollment might be more realistic in view of the current 42% black share of the public school population. Less than 10% means a non-integrated school. Much more than 60% black enrollment hastens segregation of a school...

... It might be helpful to indicate what many citizens of Greenbelt believe are some of the elements of what was called above "a comprehensive, coherent, long-range policy," and what the Board must consider before approving any

plan:

1. A range of perhaps 10 to 60% black student enrollment.

2. Using projections of student enrollment to obtain a measure of assurance that the racial balance of any school would remain substantially constant, at least for several years.

3. A reduction in the number of children transported.

4. Recognition that children form attachments to their peers in school and out of school. Children in an identifiable neighborhood should be bused or not bused. Children within an integrated community should not be transported, or should be transported within the community...

5. ... Educational and social goals are not served by scattering the graduates of one elementary school among three, or four or five junior high schools.

With (such) an overall policy... it still would not be possible to satisfy all objectives. However, we believe that the overwhelming majority of students and parents and the court would support the Board in decisions it might make...

... We believe that until the Board of Education develops a comprehensive, coherent, long-range policy it should refrain from closing schools...

... We suggest that the elementary and junior high school studies be done as one, or be coordinated. Closing certain elementary schools next year may make little sense in the light of what the junior high school study discloses or may preclude the possibility of creating middle schools or magnet schools in strategic locations...

... Surely we are not so satisfied with what we have that we should pass up an opportunity to improve the quality of education for the students of this county...

## Robert Barshay

... I wish to speak this evening as a professional educator... (who has) invested the last six years of my career at the Prince Georges Community College. As a result, I have a deep understanding of the problems of our public school system through the students I encounter daily...

... Also, I have a child in one of the elementary schools in Prince Georges County...

... Perhaps it would be most rewarding to the community and to the Board if I can blend (my) interests of parent and professional educator by offering a constructive option to "A Study of Demographic Alternatives," which the Board's staff could then explore in detail... I would suggest that the Board consider researching innovative, academic programs to improve the education of Prince Georges County Public Schools. If more attention were devoted to quality instruction and less to provincial pupil accounting concerns, we might be able to successfully keep our citizens here and perhaps even attract those who have moved because of frustration...

... The magnet school... offers... either special subject matter or a special teaching methodology, which HEW is willing to promote with large federal grants... North End School... could offer an intensive foreign language program, a specialized physical skills program and a creative arts program. By stimulating enrollment from children living outside Greenbelt, ... children now attending private schools, and by encouraging young people with school-age children to move into Greenbelt, the magnet school concept at the North End School would result in a greater use of the facility, a stronger community identity and enhance educational curriculum. And it would likely attract substantial numbers of students of different racial backgrounds...

... Although I don't have time in which to outline the possible advantages of converting the North End School into a middle-school, or the benefits to be derived from busing students within the Greenbelt community to its three elementary schools in a cluster arrangement, ... the Board might wish to pursue these options before it commits itself to any plan of action...