Folk Discus Projects

About 100 seniors who have participated in the Independent Study Program this year gave their oral presentations Thursday, May 23.

The projects range from boat design to ancient cultures of the Middle East. Next week, Nereid has interviewed several students to provide previews of their presentations.

One on Jamaican Rastafarianism

Last February 16, Joanna Lam I went to Jamaica for two months to study the Rastafarian movement. This project is my overview of a group that has completely detached itself from the Jamaican culture.

I also found out about this group from some friends who had visited Jamaica. She added, "It is a strange thing to hear what she heard, "I really wasn't interested in her. When she went to the Jamaican Rastas, she was shocked."

He also felt it would have a negative effect on the use of the resource center in U.S. He added, "I was enjoying April 25 at the day class, all English classes were cancelled to allow seniors and juniors to discuss their work with teachers. But, the students took advantage of the situation and just asked that kids and teachers to talk to each other about one class. More classes for teachers will throw away the idea of kids and teachers in it."

This decision may also affect students, especially those who take more than two courses, in addition to these students.

Both Dr. Burrow believes that his first comment, "I am doing something good for the future," was added. But it did not make the teachers feel satisfied because "I have never taken advantage of money or anything.

To finish this project quite interesting; a lot of hours but a lot of fun. After all, sailors have more fun," said John.

You may catch a glimpse of yourself in an off-page on page 3.

Centre Stone's Ultimate Financial Cutback

"It came as a complete shock to us because we'd done everything the Board of Finance wanted us to do," says Mike Palomo, director of Centre Stone. The board's decision was a shock for the business.

The Board of Stone had originally decided to completely cut Centre Stone's budget from that of the town, but later added a $7,000 matching fund which Centre Stone refused because it felt the action was merely a formality.

In a recent interview, Mike said, "We have decided, since there are two more seniors this year in the town funding needs not end, that we're trying to take the advantage to the solidify the program." Centre Stone will try to raise the $28,000 necessary for the operation of the program over the next year, independently through contributions, etc. We have a year to get it," said Mike. "But it's not pleasant to see from month to month," he added. He also explained that it would be nearly impossible to get any grants from agencies as the deadline has almost passed.

The aim of the organization is to become a non-profit, private corporation. That, according to the Board of Directors, will take approximately four or five months.

Despite the fact that they have no money for next year, Centre Stone does not view what has happened in a completely negative way. As Mike summed up, "It can be a real asset to us," said Mike. Being a private corporation will allow Centre Stone to expand its services into other communities such as New Canaan and Norwalk. This should, according to its director, increase the number of call Centre Stone receives, possibly doubling them. It will broaden the base from which volunteers can be drawn. The expansion potential will be impossible for Centre Stone, a situation which Mike considered virtually impossible before, because "the board's visions for the future," he said. The expansion will also allow Centre Stone to draw its Board of Directors from other towns and to be free of some community obligations such as political representation.

The bottom line has been put in a healthier place, but overall, "nothing has been affected internally" by the Board's decision.

Moth Class Dinhg

Senior John Arison, who is very interested in moths, is designing an International Moth Class Dinhg, a type of root class.

John works with Peter DeBeer, a professional marine architect who designed the popular Dinhg Class Dinhg.

The Moth Class is a restricted class having certain rules to abide by when designing the boat, but if you follow the rules, it will be very precise; for example, an error of about 1⁄12 of an inch in the drawing will make the actual boat off ten anywhere between the two drawings.

"I think of this project most likely to be a lot of work but a lot of fun. After all, sailors have more fun," said John.

Seniors To Sink Or Swim In Play

Despite numerous disasters and obstacles, the senior class is showing indications of these challenges in their rehearsals for Woody Allen's comedy Don't Drink the Water. The show will be presented by the seniors and Mike in conclusion, "Nothing has ever taken advantage of money or anything."
Finance Board Exceeds Authority

The Board of Finance’s recent action which cut the funds for the operation of Centere School for the deaf is clearly shown that the Board is not only misinformed about certain aspects of the town, but that it is acting beyond its jurisdiction as well. It has never been and should not be the duty of the Board of Finance to set policy for the town, yet this is exactly what they have done; not only in this instance, but in others as well. Their action on the four-year high school is but one of the many examples to demonstrate this point.

The Board of Selectmen felt that Centere School was no longer needed in the town of Danvers; they would not fund it only in order to help Centere School’s budget. But they did, despite claims by Centere School’s opponents that it is no longer necessary.

The Danvers Free Press is pleased to show in its April 29 editorial that the RTM committee on public affairs and education, which is responsible for setting the school year program, has done a magnificent job. However, it’s obvious that the committee did not do so as they did not send a representative to Town Meeting to oppose the budget. They opposed the budget to make any recommendations, nor did they take note of the evaluation which the City Council, which clearly affirmed the need for an agency such as Centere School in the town.

Throughout its history, Centere School has been plagued by criticism and monetary problems. Last year, its budget was cut in half and the organization was funded for only six months. A contingency fund would be set up in case the town decided to fund the agency for the remaining months of the school year. This would not affect other town organizations such as the Visiting Nurse Association or the like. The Board of Finance seemed to have an abundance of youth-oriented programs in town. This is not the first time an organization such as Centere School has suffered from a small budget. The Tucker Center was effectively killed when the town refused to provide the funds necessary for operation. Yet it is true that Centere School has not been overwhelmingly popular in town, but it is a needed and valued organization.

This new attack is clearly a prejudiced one, with little basis in fact that Centere School is no longer needed. The recent evaluation by the Community Council and the growing problem of alcoholism among the town’s youth destroy the Board of Finance’s arguments.

With the support of the town, it is clear that Centere School will continue to remain. There is a very obvious claim on the part of the volunteers to maintain the organization as the Car Wash of April 27 would tend to show.

Centere School will hopefully continue to be a valuable service in the townspeople in Danvers, but it can only do that if it has the support of the citizens. Only financial support from them can save this organization.

Our Humble Apologies

Well, it’s the end of the year and spring seems to bring its own changes, while the thermometer shoots up, the trees and flowers burst into bloom, and Neirad writes an edict about exams. In the past this paper has asked that the school waive the exam requirement for the graduating class. Not this year, boys and girls! We have heard the old, old, too familiar story of the straight ‘A’ student who flunks his finals, or the student who has failed a course but gets an ‘A’ on final. Not this year, boys and girls! This paper may point out that in either of these cases, the grade on the final exam will make up for any possible difference in the course grade, but it’s the principle of the thing.

One more thing. This year marks the centennial celebration of the class of 1874. In a few weeks, they will move on to the career world of college or business. Let’s remember them, they too, will not be without a final dose of discipline and responsibility. The Board of Ed has taken the first steps towards the control of the problem; forcing countless students into awkward positions due to prior plans, now cancelled. Let us join together in coming on the school administration not to fail us now.

With Robbins To Russia

Over April vacation, approximately 20 people from DHS traveled to the Soviet Union. Some of these trips have left some of us with mixed impressions in the minds of those who went.

The following are just a few:

1. The traveling in the U.S.S.R. was almost like being in another world. I was really surprised at how many things I take for granted I had to do without while traveling. Simple things like water, music and an electric light could not be had.

2. Many things about the country had an unexpected grandeur; almost everything was quite big, large buildings being traced by something else anywhere I'd been.

3. Most of all, I learned that people are people no matter what language you speak. They are people in whatever way you look at it. And if you want to know something matter what form of government a people live under, one will always find good and bad in any society, and unfriendly or friendly people of any kind. I saw this on my trip to Russia.

4. Two weeks in any country cannot even begin to approach the amount of work needed to understand it. Personally, I've traveled all my life in the U.S. and I haven't even accepted what I would like to say to many weeks in another country merely scratched the surface of understanding. My two weeks in the U.S.S.R. were exactly that, scratching, but this much scratch was full of interesting experiences.

5. The U.S.S.R. seems to be a state with a great unity of people and purpose. Each individual plays a part in the development and progress of the state. There is little unemployment, so nearly everyone is involved in a productive capacity or another. I believe this is one of the reasons for the amount of work from watching the people on the streets that I found so serious and purposeful.

6. There is much construction being done in Moscow, Leningrad, and other cities. There is a shortage of labor, and many people are working long hours. Although the pay is not exactly high, workers appear to be happy and well-fed. Some people I talked to mentioned that they were working six days a week.

7. The people there were very friendly and always seemed to be smiling. They were also very proud of their country and its achievements.

8. From what I saw, the country is very modern and well-equipped. There are many new buildings and roads being built. The people are also very knowledgeable and seem to be well-informed about the country. They are also very proud of their history and culture.

9. The people there are very different from the people in the U.S. They are very attentive to their appearance and seem to be very concerned with their looks.

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"WHO NEEDS CENTERE SCHOOL?" I CERTAINLY NEVER USE IT!"
Cafeteria Manager Elizabeth Nicol (Photo by Peter Hoover)

Chefs Laud Café Cuisine

By JANE ADAMS

“We have a very good cafeteria whether it is recognized or not,” stated Elizabeth Nicol, supervisor of the DHS Cafeteria, in a recent Neirdar interview. “You’ve got to get to go out of the city to see how good our food is,” she added.

Mrs. Nicol mentioned that she has always enjoyed working in the school cafeteria and feels that student satisfaction are “good.” There are quite a lot of new and intelligent wise enough to appreciate and know it is a good cafeteria,” she observed, although there are “a couple of smart kids.”

New ideas for the cafeteria are Mrs. Nicol’s responsibility such as the milkshakes served at lunch and the mornings coffee break. Because the cafeteria is barely selling 50 milkshakes a day (it is necessary to sell 150 a day to break even), Mrs. Nicol is having the milkshake machine taken out. However, Mrs. Nicol is pleased with the coffee and donuts program initiated in September. Mrs. Nicol terms Mr. Coussou’s temporary absence of the program due to the trim in the cafeteria “effective” and adds that presently the cafeteria “looks much better.”

I was disturbed to see the garbage — it "wasn't just a dreamful mess," she remarked.

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HOT IN THE LOT

By PETER HOOVER

You’re probably wondering why this van is more interesting than other vans or cars on the lot. Well, let’s get back to the beer keg, and get some things straight. I think that what you’re about to read may disprove some and complete shock to others (Neirdar staff bar hopers). The keg holds no beer. That’s right, it holds no beer. The keg is filled with water. Now you say, who in his right mind would load a beer keg with water? Lucado would, because instead of the lot in the van in a sink, and the water for that comes from the keg. Ah, but

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Booze In The News Part III: ‘Neirdar’ Has One For The Road

By THE STAFF

With this, the third and last installment of Bar Reviews, the big job is over for our Neirdar staffers. Without reimbursement for expenses, we paid our dues from the kitchen! Education, only a few coke and cigarette stains on our blouse and hat, but silent witness to our near blith of the town taverns. Here are the final evaluations.

To many under 18, the bar represents the watering spot for the newly emancipated 18th and 19th. Fortunately, this doesn’t seem to be the case. The Post, located near the intersection of Manhattan Ave. and the Post Rd., “seems to be getting less and less activity.” Of course, this is partly compensated by the steadily rising prices. In fact, not only are the average prices on the rise, but nearly the couple of evening the price for a small room and bar has jumped up and down by $.25 and possibly up to $1.25. Argument over $.25 usually results in the $1. charge, but the unexpected (i.e. drunk) customer might easily be clipped off rather than dealt with. Other ex-customers Neirdar talked with told similar stories about the Post.

Aside from the mixed drinks, the tavern is not so successful. Beer can be a reasonable 50 cents for a mug that holds approximately 12 ounces, or 60 cents by the bottle. The general atmosphere, when it is not overly crowded, is very pleasant. Old reli of just about anything and everything are tapped, ranging from the usual to the prophe, such as the wall baskets, serving doors, windows, tables and bar. An old New Haven Railroad "diner" sign seems to be both the bar and the tavern. The Post rates with three and half cocktail glasses.

Tally-He Lounge

Appreciately ever successful restaurant bar that doesn’t seem to make much money. Mr. Coussou’s establishment needs a bar to "survive." And to keep up with the Howard Johnsons’ tourism line, the lounge area is somewhat more than a place to ski at (eventually create) a view of immense size with the grandstands that can be combined with an unlimited sup-

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especially interesting experience. There was a police boat around for him and his brown Toyota because most people were still haunted by the memory of a murderer last year. In that town they thought Bill’s behavior was a bit strange.

Ron just met a group of pictures but claims to have overcome any obstacle that he had at all in communicating with people he has met.

Study of High Schools

Bob Blanco perhaps has one of the most interesting independent studies profiles of all. Bob spent a week in each of six different high schools in the county.

Bob enrolled as a student and compared the policies, curriculum, and students of each school. Bob’s advisor, Brian McManus, Westhill, Ludlowe, and Darien highs. He took the same courses at the other schools, and the results were then compared by the administration of what Bob was doing. He didn’t feel that this changed the way the teachers were teaching the students.

Bob also found that New Canaan was the best of the schools he visited. “There is a lot of room and great facilities. The kids are really nice too.” Greenwich and Westhill are next, but Bob feels that the facilities there are not as good as those in New Canaan.

Bob found that the schools with more minority groups tend to be stricter than the others. He thinks that the kids from all schools are basically the same. When asked if Bob feels that all the kids are all pretty good. There are a few bad and a few outstanding at each school. On the whole, Bob feels that Westhill, New Canaan, and Greenwich are better than those at Westhill and Brian McManus, in his opinion.

"Thanks for a great job, we spent a few hours there. I hope to come back again soon.”
**Lobsters Got Boiled, Ace Troumbl**

**By NATE BILLINGS**

The Boys’ Tennis Team lost 2-1 late Monday afternoon to Blue Valley North, 6-2, 6-2, and 6-2, capping their season with a 5-2 record.

Blue Valley North went on to win the match 5-3, and in the first set, junior Will Booth made the decisive break for the final score.

**Tracksterettes Off To Running Start**

**By MARY MCCOLLDRICK**

In the opening meet of the season at Bayside, the girls from Derby performed well, with two runners finishing in the top 10. Ella Johnson placed 7th and Jordan Montgomery placed 10th.

Johnson said, “I’m really happy with my performance. I’ve been working hard in practice and I think it paid off.”

Montgomery added, “The girls’ team is really close and everyone is supporting each other. It’s a great season so far.”

**Cinderellas Smash Ludlowe 115-30**

The Cinderellas’ win over Ludlowe was their third in a row, improving their record to 3-0. They scored a total of 140 points, with fields, and a total of 5 field goals.

**Walsh Women Lose**

In the first game of the season against Holy Cross, the Walsh Women’s Basketball Team struggled, falling 75-65. They scored only 34 points in the first half, and 21 points in the second.

Coach Sarah Hedlund said, “We need to work on our defense and our shooting this week.”

**Mittmen Mighty At Mid-Season**

**By LARRY CUSACK**

The Mittmen High School Track Team is half way through the season so far and their record is 5-2-1. On April 22, Mittmen traveled to Derby to meet tough Barons. On April 23, Mittmen hosted their first home meet against Blue Valley West, winning 5-2.

The team is currently ranked 7th in the state and is looking to improve their record.

**Dissing Drivers Doing Their Darndest**

**By CURT SMITH**

The Dissing Drivers are off to a strong start in their season, with four wins in their first six games. They are currently tied for first place in the state.

The team is led by senior captain Max Johnson, who has scored 15 goals so far this season. Johnson said, “We’re working hard in practice and it’s paying off.”

The Dissing Drivers are looking to continue their winning streak and secure their place at the top of the state.