WIDE VARIETY OF I. S. PROJECTS

by Jill Meisenhelder

This semester at DHS there are 51 students on the Independent Study program. One of whom will be working full-time. All of these students are following up a personal interest— to acquire knowledge and/or experience in a field for either academic or vocational purposes. The following is a list of the students participating in the program this year, and the titles of their projects.

Richard Bayless - Synthesis of Certain Selected Phosphors
Barbara Bensch - Study in Soapstone sculpture
John Burgess - Comparative Analysis of Computer Language
Jean Butler - The Mentally Retarded Child
Philip Croll - Liberty and Equality in the United States
John Ericsson - Creative Films
Alexander Gifford - Manufacture of Pyrotechnics
Wallie Greene - Community Recreation
Carolyn Halver - Children in Trouble
Kathryn Johnson - Design and Construction of a Home
Richard Johnson - Trompe de Chasse
Daniel Keith - The Learning and Teaching of Creative Writing
David Kingman - Developing an Eye in Photography
Sally Knowlton - Creative Writing
Margaret Linde - Heart Transplants
Medical and Moral
Janet McLeod - The Rh Factor
Mark Mangini and Lynn Francesconi - Neirad: An Effective High School Publication
Nicholas Nichols - Black PeopleTell Their Own Story
Gerald Prentice and Stephen Smolewski - An Investigation of Study of Alloys
Susan Ratcliffe - Pollution in Darien
Lynn Reische - Designing: Paris and New York
Susan Rose - A Photographic Essay
Scott Rollins - Darien Cross Country
A Documentary
Linda Russell - Fashion Illustration and Commercial Art
Ruth Schafer - The Performance of Baroque Music
George Sposito - Is God Dead?
Kim Sweeney - Dreams and Their Relation to Sleep
Steve Tanguy - Industrial Circuit Analysis
Cathy White - Why Does Man Create?
Nick Roome - Perception of Man: As Seen in Early Twentieth Century Literature

Cooking
Marie Muller - The American Indian Cindy Newman - Creative Composition
Marcy Pelletier - Contemporary Three Dimensional Design
Beverly Pullin - Ronald Johnson - Modular Residential Housing
Susan Schwing - A Study of the Application of the Encouragement Group Process in Various Settings
Molly Seagrave - Contemporary Songs: A Study
Kathy Seaman - The Art of Writing
Susan Sherman - A Race Relations in the Elementary School
Karen Thomas - Allergies
Daniel Tirpack - Attitudes and Expressions of the Human Body
David Tirpack - Package Design
Mary Wheaton - Development of Utilitarian Ceramic Ware

An important part of the study program is the sponsor. Each student has his own sponsor who can be any member of the faculty here at DHS or an "outside" person who is an expert in the student's field.

Usually the student's sponsor is the teacher who has read and evaluated his application. Sometimes however, the sponsor has to be changed. The general rule is that one teacher should not have more than two students to sponsor for reasons such as work load and time.

A few students have chosen outside sponsors this year. For example, Walter Greene's sponsor is Mr. Bruce Roper who is connected with the YMCA; Susan Horn has Mrs. Irene Murta who teaches the blind; Sue Schwing has chosen Dr. Harold Streitfeld, an expert on the Group Encouragement program; and Lynn Reischer's sponsor is Max Patricia Bogh, the manager of Decorator Fabrics. These students will work on their topics until May 6th and will present reports on their discoveries. It is hoped that the rest of DHS will be able to hear them, too.

ART STUDENTS VISIT MET

by Dana Fiske

Some thirty-five DHS art students arrived at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Thursday, January 15, and began to explore one small section (a more 32 rooms) of the twenty-one acres covered by the museum.

The purpose of their visit was to see the exhibit of contemporary painting, called "The New York School of Painting from 1940." They received a guided tour of the exhibit.

After lunch the students had free time to browse. Despite the museum's immensity no one was left behind; in fact, many were exploring other exhibits. The guides have difficulty in white society because of their lack of familiarity with the English language. In the past, teachers have come to their locale to teach them English, with not having an adequate background in the Mikasuki. The result is a state of confusion on both sides. The aim is the Welfare Committee, which is communicating with the Mikasuki through the idea to find and pay an individual who is competent in both languages to teach in their school.

The drive opened with a kick-off assembly on February 9th, at which Mrs. Willard Hines, a noted Indian authority, spoke to the student body on the situation of her people. She stressed the need for the white man to understand the Indian over the possibility of aiding him at times sounding misanthropic about the goal of the welfare drive. The feeling of resentment among the student, and a deal of controversy throughout the school following her talk.

Scheduled for the remainder of the drive are the following dates and activities:

Feb. 9-20 The Ugliest Man on Campus Contest, the winner to be determined by the amount of money he accumulates for the Indian cause.
Feb. 11: A student-Faculty volleyball contest to be held in gym at 7 P. M.
Feb. 12: During study periods, an NBC documentary entitled "A Sioux Indian" will be shown.

CANTENE DANCE

By Mark Rodman

The best Canteen Dance yet, according to Nick Roome, Canteen Committee chairman, was held on February 7, from 8:30 to 12:00 P. M.

Perhaps the best part after all, said Nick, was the continuous music provided by the Smubs and Brian Carney, a talented folk singer.

The cafeteria was totally different this time, the decorating scheme in accordance with the theme "The Ball". A new type of fog machine was provided.

Tickets were sold at New Canaan High School and King School, so a substantial increase in revenues is expected.
DEBATE SOCIETY ALIVE AND WELL
by Chip Kaminsky
The Debate Society here at Darien High School is a member of the nation-wide, high-school debating organization known as the American Forensic Society (AFS).

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The topic is chosen, the regional branches of the Society, in this case the Fairfield Forensic Society (FFS), may arrange a schedule of ten meets for each high-school. The FFS also makes arrangements for judges. After receiving the schedule, each high-school society must organize two teams of two men each. One team must be affirmative; and they must support the resolved; and the other must be negative, and they must attack the resolved. At DHS, the teams are: James Fulton, first affirmative; Ralph Keyes, second affirmative; Peter Fox, first negative, and Neal Conolly, second negative.

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ON THE DOWNBEAT
Chuck Berry - Concerto in B Goode
by W. James Brockardt
Chuck Berry is most well known for his Rock'n roll work in the 1950's. He was one of the performers who really opened up everyone's eyes and ears to the Rock'n roll sound, which of course, is reported in any encyclopedia of Rock. However, Berry merits honor in other areas as well. For this year's welfare drive is deserving of financial help. We

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PHILOSOPHY CLUB HEARS LECTURE
by Chip Kaminsky
Dr. Ida Davidson gave a lecture on "Homosexuality" at the last Philosophy Club meeting, on Thursday, January 15.

Dr. Davidson is a professional marriage counselor and a lecturer. She is from the Medical School of the Einstein Institute in New York.

Following the lecture, there was a question and answer period. Dr. Davidson put the audience at ease, for she asked questions without any difficulty. Her answers were always straight to the point.

When there were no remaining questions, refreshments were served and there was an informal discussion period.

The club members found the meeting interesting and informative and Dr. Davidson expressed a willingness to return in the future.
SEMINAR BEGINS FOR SOPHOMORES:  
DRUGS, SEX, HUMAN RELATIONS DISCUSSED  
by Peter Severance  
A series of sixteen sophomore seminars has been planned by Dr. Bruno and a group of faculty members to inform and discuss with the sophomores the aspects of drug use, tobacco, alcohol, sex, and human relationships. Mrs. Holes Wall of the Family Studies Department, Miss Phyllis Swinkin, School Nurse, Miss Nancy Bates of the English Department and Mr. James Nicholson of the Mathematics Department are the faculty advisors for these seminars which are to be held in the Family Studies Department during previously scheduled sophomore study halls. The seminars, beginning the week of February 2, were briefly explained by Dr. Bruno and the faculty advisors during a sophomore class meeting on January 29. It was stressed that attendance for the first six seminars, focusing mainly on venereal disease, alcohol, and drug addiction, is mandatory because of federal regulations. Students will be dismissed from the remaining seminars under parental consent only.

The seminars will basically be discussion groups with an abundance of supplementary materials such as films, tapes, pamphlets, and guest speakers. Out-of-class research on the above-named topics will be limited; however, added information will be available for those students who desire it. It is Dr. Bruno's and the faculty's desire that by bringing this information to the sophomore class, instead of older students, the sophomores will become well informed on the topic which are rarely developed and many times still misunderstood by the senior year.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL MAKES IMPRESSIVE START  
by Judy Tanguay  
The girls' basketball team opened its 1970 season on January 13 with a varsity win at Norwalk. The lead hedged between the two teams, keeping everyone on edge up to the last quarter when the Blue Wave pulled ahead 31-22. Scoring nine points each were senior, Mary Miller and sophomore, Patty Mays. Right behind them was another senior, Kim Sweeney, with seven.

That Friday, the Darien Girls met Ripowam on the home court. Mary Miller and Pam Bateman were high scorers gathering 13 and 12 points respectively. Kim Sweeney tossed in another nine. The game was fast, but an easy win for the wavers with a final score of 44-28.

The team looked like a winner and then exam week came. With a few practices and less sleep, Darien faced the Stamford team, again at home on January 27. Even with Pam Bateman's ten points and Val LaForge's six, plus the efforts of the other players, the girls were defeated 22-21.

Thursday, the defeat of Greenwich High was a different story. Missing their greatest rebounder, Pam Bateman, Coach Strominger placed substitute Margie "Stretch" Sweet in the starting line-up. By fantastic offensive and defensive play the Blue Wave overcame a ten point deficit at half-time, and tied at the end of the fourth quarter 40-40. In three minutes overtime the mighty Blue pulled ahead 45-40 but through fouls conceded three points making the final score 45-43, the third varsity victory.

The last minute sub proved she was ready for play, leading the scoring with 13 points. Mary Miller and Patty Mays each scored nine.

Behind the Varsity are the JayVees, 15 hard working girls, some with no experience outside of the gym class before this year. They have played the JV's of the same teams that varsity has fought have drawn only defeats. The coach is not discouraged, however, because the girls are shrinking the leads of the victors (only a four point difference against Greenwich) Six more games remain undecided.

TACTICS  
by H. J. Fenze1  
Last year, the President nominated Clement Haynesworth, a Southerner, and a conservative, to fill the vacant seat on the Supreme Court. However, due to a conflict of interest" in Haynesworth's judicial record, the Senate didn't buy him, and gave Nixon the shaft.

In January, the President announced his (or rather Strom Thurmond's) nomination of G. Harold Carswell to fill the seat that would have gone to Haynesworth. Judge G. Harold Carswell is also a Southerner, and a conservative, isn't that a coincidence?

This man looks okay, except for two minor details. It seems that way back in 1948, the good judge made a political speech, in which he declared to uphold the principles of "white supremacy." It is also alleged, that in 1956, Carswell participated in the formation of a private golf club that took over municipal facilities to prevent their desegregation. Judge Carswell tells us that he is not a racist. I believe him. After all, those incidents happened a long time ago, and a man can change.

Carswell's chances of winning Senate approval look pretty good. Most of the Republicans who voted against Haynesworth are eager to make amends with the President. With the possible exception of Messrs. Javitts and Goodell, the Republicans will probably vote solidly for Carswell, giving him the necessary majority.

Underneath it all, I can't help but have a sneaking suspicion that the President is playing "boy" to Strom Thurmond. This Senator is essential to Nixon's "southern strategy," and he knows it. So don't be surprised if most of our new Supreme Court Justices speak with a drawl.

Nixon's all right with the Dixiecrats might be well and good for all concerned, but what about the rest of the country?

What will be the consequences for civil rights, and the Black man's struggle for justice? If Thurmond and his rednecks have their way, there won't be any.

Nixon might still be President in 1973. The only question is: President of what?
Since the last writing, the Blue Wave Hockey squad have gone on to win six straight contests, five at the Playland Ice Casino where they have most definitely captured the WIEL title, and one down at Leo's, formally known as Crystal Rink. Starting off the series by defeating Mamaroneck 2-0, they ended it by dashing the same foe 2-1. In between the Frozen Wave has overcome White Plains, Brian McMahon, Sleepy Hollow, and Eastchester.

Jan. 19 the Wavers met Mamaroneck for the first time, leaving them defeated in this one. Harris, Flying a pass from Co-Captain Phil Franklin scored the first Darien goal in the first period. The Frozen Wave scored down and did not score the second goal until the third period when Phil put the puck in the nets unassisted, Mr. Devendorf of the nets stayed off the Mamaroneck attempts while collecting 12 saves.

On Jan. 12 the Frozen Wave almost cracked as it hit White Plains. The Wavers did not score until the third period, which broke the game wide open. Lindley "Stitches" Franklin scored the first Darien goal assisted by Bob Varney. The next Wave to tally was Bugsby Barnes assisted by Varney. Barnes was in triple stong Shutleworth who had been attacked by a White Plains Nightfighter. With the score at 2-2, THE MAN Vernon scored on a pass from center Phil Franklin.

Next victim of the Blue Tidal Wave was Brian McMahon, bowing to the Wavers 1-0. The loss tallied in the second period as Stitches outfoxed the McMahon goalie on a crafty pass from Varney. Mikolasy received his fourth penalty, making him the leading penalty getter on the team. Let us not forget Mr. Devendorf, who earned his seventh shutout of the season by warding off 15 McMahon shots.

After a three day rest the Frozen Wave traveled to Playland to face Sleepy Hollow, who they nicely put down 8-0. Leading the Blue scoring that night was Co-Captain Phil Franklin, who racked up six points, four goals, and twice assistant team members, Willy Haynes came up with a goal as did Varney who has proven to be a good investment. Flying Don Harris came up with a goal and an assist, as Swede Hanson the same. THE MAN Vernon got a couple of assists, as Barnes Slapshot Hendrickson got assists. The Wavers were natives with Ace and Willy getting interference penalties.

Against Eastchester, penalty leader Miroslav Blaurock led the way with an unscored goal in the first period. On his second goal, Ace was assisted by Phil Franklin, who also racked up two goals. Phil is currently the leading scorer for the team with 26 points, 23 in the WHL.

Ron Varney continued to find his way into the Blue Wave scoring column, with a goal and an assist. Lindley, his cohort, grabbed a couple of goals and called it a night. Willy Haynes got himself an assist as did Flying Don on the 2nd line. Newcomers to the scoring club included Break-a-stick-on-the-shot-Hendrickson with a goal scored on a superslapshot. Soph Jim Flanagan scored unassisted as he drove thru the Eastchester defense. In the goaltending dept., a Schwinging Dinger (Soph again) took over for Mr. D. who spent an enjoyable weekend on the ski slopes.

In the final game of the series they Wavers again came upon Mamaroneck. They put up a good fight, but were unable to overcome the Thunderous Blue Tidal Wave which washed over them 2-1. The Wavers held the Mamaroneck Morons scoreless till the last five seconds of the game when a Moron heat unjustly on the sacred hand of Mr. Devendorf who made 14 saves that night. Ron Vernee's shot on goth Blue Wave goal, assisting Stitches Franklin on the first, and scoring assisted by Fannie Shutleworth on the second. Welcome back to the point getters group Ricky. Penally Mikolasy was in his favorite spot again as he was caught tripping (another player), and THE SHOT Hendrickson was initiated into the Penalty Club with the same offense.

As you can see the Wavers are no longer struggling but some school support would be appreciated. So come down to Playland or Crystal Rink when the Darien High hockey team is in action. But a word of advice. Watch out for marauding guns! Right Doug!