55 SENIORS TO PURSUE INDEPENDENT STUDY

by Jill Meisenhlder

This year at DHS there will have been more Independent Study applicants and accepted students than any other preceding year. What is independent study? As Dr. Robbins, head of the Study program said, it is an opportunity given to seniors to investigate an interest for which they would not have time, otherwise. The majority of Independent Study work is done in the second semester, although there are some students working part time during the first.

All seniors can apply for Independent Study by making an application to Dr. Robbins. Next year juniors will also be allowed to apply during the second semester for part time work. This application is then screened by the appropriate school department for its practical and feasible qualities. For example, an application for search on oceanography or heart transplant would be screened by the Science Department. The Faculty Independent Study Committee (FISC) assesses the topics and students according to the results of the department screenings and the students ability, grades and responsibility.

This year, out of the 65 applicants, 55 were accepted.

Each student has his own sponsor to whom he reports his progress periodically. Some students are allowed to go on full time study. Eighteen have chosen to do so this year. Theoretically this means that they do not have to come to school at all, but must do their work elsewhere.

No grade is given for the projects--rather, the interest angle is stressed. This interest angle given to one wherein the student just wants to find out more about the subject, or it can be vocational, meaning that the student is planning to go into this field after high school.

In May, the studies are culminated. Each student gives a general report, and some will submit a written one. Students not on Independent Study will be given a chance to hear oral reports during their free periods.

From Independent Study, the student may find he has gained more from doing the research than from the actual project.

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TO THE PRESIDENT

by Craig Mason

Vice-President Spiro Agnew, the despair of the Republican leaders during the 1968 presidential campaign, has since gone on to antagonize the National news media and the Peace movement. During the Presidential campaign his blunt Conservatism, combined with a talent for overstatement and innuendo, provided a theme for the Democratic effort: "Would you want this man a heartbeat away from the Presidency?" However, at that point Agnew was still amusing figure to most people. As 1969 went by, he stopped being funny, and became seen as a real threat to the freedom of Americans. Almost single-handedly, he launched a smear campaign against the Peace movement, calling the students and adults involved in this "an effete corps of impudent snobs."

When the broadcasting industry did not cover this, he began to see Communists at CBS, and urged government censorship of the media. At this time he also attacked magazines and newspapers, including the New York Times. For his effort to rob Americans of their freedom, a non-communist press association granted him the title of "Worst threat to freedom in 1969."

The association also said that the most frightening aspect of the matter is the statement seemingly made from the President or have at least his tacit approval. Clearly, the Vice-President is no longer a laughing stock. It looks like something that the Vice-President has just turned 75.

Mr. Agnew and his wife have been quite commendable. Everyone has seen that the President is no longer a laughing stock. It looks like something that the Vice-President has just turned 75. The trial itself is so much of a circus, it puts Ringling Bros. to shame. Judge Julius Jennings Hoffman has the habit of deliberately mispronouncing names of the defendants, and their attorneys, Mr. Kunstler, and Mr. Weinglass. Some of the boys confused the Judge with their own antics, like Mr. Seale, who has been sentenced to four years in prison on sixteen counts of contempt. Considering Judge Hoffman, and the manner in which he commands his court, such a score would not be hard to run up.

The trial now being held at Fort Chicago is far more than a farce, it is the systematic persecution of eight men, under an unjust law. It is impossible for the accused to receive a fair trial. Judge Hoffman selected the jury, and he makes every attempt to harass the defense. Every defense motion presented to the bench has been turned down. Bobby Seale was even denied the right to be represented by his own attorney.

The Indians were right when they named Chicago. It is a "stinking swamp".

H.J. Yecell
YOUNG LIFE REACHES MANY STUDENTS

by Nick Ney

"Seek and ye shall find, seek and ye shall find the door shall be opened. Ask it shall be given and the love comes a tumbling down."

This is the message that Young Life and Jack Carpenter, its leader, are relating to the high school students who appear weekly at these informal sessions. Young Life is an organization primarily concerned in communicating positively with high school students in search of answers about life. Young Life feels that the answers can be found by discovering and rediscovering the life of Christ. It is vigorously led by Jack Carpenter, a vivacious, energetic guy who is a "natural." He performs every week backed by an immeasurable supply of optimism which makes everyone sparkling. Music is what sets the atmosphere for these be-ins. Selections include "Kum-by-ya," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "This Land Is Your Land," and "Golden Wings." Everyone joins in, singing and clapping to his own beat, but united in thought.

After the reverberations off the walls have subsided, Jack then relates to the group one of the count- less messages of Christ, making it relevant to today. He is constantly in motion, and is able to communicate a wide variety of sentiments on his expressive face.

Extra activities also play a dominant role of the Young Life program. Ski trips, summer camps in Colorado, caroling at Christmas time, weekly Bible Study groups for respective grades, and occasional gatherings of all the Fairfield County Young Life clubs are the highlights. So, if your Tuesday nights (Wednesday during the basketball season) are missing their mark, come on down to the Young Life Happening where happiness and reality, often a hard combination to come by, abound.

HOT IN THE LOT

MOLGANO'S '67 GTO

by Drew Paproski

This issue features Anthony J. Molgano's 1967 Pontiac GTO. The exterior is metallic turquoise. The suspension has been raised 4 inches all around. It has Crager 8/8 mags with wide oval tires in the front and bengwood J-70's that put 9 inches where it counts.

The interior is black with bucket seats and console. The dash and console are wood grain as is the steering wheel. It has an 8 track stereo tape system with 4 speakers. The engine is 400 cubic inches that use to put out 360 hp. Tony rebuilt the engine to his specs.

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Linda Hawes

THE LITERARY SCENE

A Poem to Ponder

See the man
Standing by the chair, see the door
He doesn't know is there, see the lady
Coming through the door, see the man
Sitting on the floor.

Ruth Schafer
**A LONG TIME COMING**

by Nick Ney

The Blue Wave Basketball Team, now 8-4 and in second place in the Eastern Division of the FCIAL standings is at a major crossroads. It has shown great ability and has performed deftly in outplaying certain opponents, while on the other occasions showing a lack — lack — it seems to fall under the category of relending. The Blue possesses a talented array of shooters who can hit remarkably well from all points of the court; however, when they miss a shot, their weakness is brought to center stage. What they have in accuracy, they lack in height and against some of their taller opponents, they are getting only one shot off per trip down court.

In the past five games, The Blue has managed to win four contests, four of which were at home. They tamed Andrew Warde and Norwalk respectively, but ran into a very impressive Brien McMahon five who recorded the 77-65. In this game, McMahon pulled off a quick finish but the Blue regained its style and was in the lead in the second quarter. This lead dwindled quickly and at the final buzzer, McMahon proved victorious. In the final game of the home stand, the Wave crumbled to a mediocrity of Roger Ludlowe and was upset 51-47. Midyears ended Friday and the Wave five easily swamped New Canaan, 64-43. From here on in, the pressure will be on the team its best record yet, 5 wins and 6 losses.

The team is led on the mat by Duncan Peters and John Burgess. Other varsity wrestlers are Chuck Cleary, Richard Bayless, Chuck Hunter, Jim Falesy, Maynard and Dered Kirpalani, Howard Fessell, Randy Jones, Bruce Manchon, Roger Beatty, Chuck Travers, and Roy Trzcinski.

**SLOW START FOR WRESTLERS**

The wrestling team got off to a poor start this season by losing matches to Danbury, 18-32, and Staples, 8-40 in December. After losing a close one to King 21-23, the grapplers went on to defeat Wilton 28-27 on Friday, January 9. Hopperow defeated Darien, 19-24, in a tough match January 13.

Six more dual matches are scheduled before the season ends. Coach is confident that four of three will be Darien victories, which will give the team its best record yet, 5 wins and 6 losses.

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