

Beatles, Dylan find class seats; 'pop rock' studied for English

by Joyce DeMonnin

Two English teachers, Gerald Merryman and Edward Basaraba, are examining modern music and are learning from the lyrics of this music.

Life in general, happiness, and problems of our society are some of the things being discussed in the "now music." According to Mr. Merryman the groups that compose and play the "hip" music claim to speak for a large segment of our society.

Mr. Merryman feels that if these musicians and poets did not have something valid to say, the musical movement could not have lasted so long. The groups say what the younger people feel and think, express problems they are concerned with, and it's time they were listened to.

Mr. Merryman started the program of listening to this music because he enjoyed the music himself and felt that he could learn a great deal and benefit himself by this experience.

"I'm not concerned as to whether it's good or bad; we're not evaluating but examining," stated Mr. Merryman. "There's more to this music than the kids understand," he continued. "I find that with my experience in poetry I am able to point things out to the students they wouldn't have otherwise noticed, but they in turn point things out to me. It's a mutual exchange."

Mr. Merryman's classes are studying such artists as The Hello People, The Beatles, Tim Buckley, Simon and Garfunkel, Jimi Hendrix, Jefferson Airplane, Bob Dylan, and The Doors.

Mr. Basaraba's class is also studying the lyrics of the hip music because his senior students requested it.

Mr. Basaraba is primarily interested in looking into "the songs as songs. The secondary purpose is to make some judgement on popular songs' poetry."

"All too often English teachers study things that are of the eighteenth or nineteenth century," commented Mr. Basaraba.



MODELING HIS 1969 trailer is senior Paul Frymark. Paul constructed the trailer himself out of steel, and iron and various pipes.

Trailer made to haul snowmobiles; finished product hoped to win award

by Debbie Rovech

"I have two snowmobiles and didn't have a way to carry them," explained Senior Paul Frymark, "so I decided I would make a trailer to carry them both."

For the past month, Paul has

been building the eight feet by six feet, five inch structure in his metal shop class. "I built it out of steel and iron, and different pipes by welding it," he informed. The frame of the trailer is metal, and the floor is made of wood.

When asked if he enjoyed the project, Paul exclaimed, "It was a lot of fun!" He added that he hopes to win a welding scholarship for doing it.

During the time he has been working on the trailer, Paul has taken it home from time to time to speed the progress of constructing it. He found that he could take it out of the building only after he had disassembled the axle and wheels, and had help carrying it.

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European excursions planned for students throughout summer

by Debby Liesch

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Dr. Roy Malo, Program Coordinator, along with Mr. Charles Randolph, Mr. George Galati, Miss Mary Jane Terry and forty students will leave for London on June 22, 1969 and return August 1, 1969. Also on the trip will be Mr. Clifford Ferry from Franklin, and Mrs. Marcia Zervis from Wilson.

Students will attend a final orientation session at Camp Casey, Whidby Island, from June 17 through June 21. They will also be required to study selected reading and other materials that will give them a necessary background prior to departure. The cost of the program is \$950 and covers the student's needs.

Participants will travel from Vancouver, B.C. to London round trip on Air Canada charter. They will have a group party rail ticket or charter busses for their travel to Europe. Overnight travel is by rail with berth.

All participants will stay at least two weeks in private homes in London. They also stay in carefully selected hostels, dormitories, and hotels in Europe.

Members will spend 14 days in London, 6 days in Amsterdam, 5 days in Berlin, 6 days in Rome, 3 days in Florence and 6 days in Paris. In addition the group will take excursions from each of these cities and visit both East and West Berlin.

Meetings will be scheduled to give interested students a chance to meet with representatives of the American Heritage association and learn more about the program. Also these representatives will answer any questions the students ask about the European tour.

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