

Students Display Talent at Spring Fairs

This is the time of year, as the weather improves, for many schools to hold their annual spring fairs, to show off special projects or teaching methods, give parents a glimpse of the school, or just have some fun.

Brooklyn Technical High School held spring carnivals recently with a program of events that included technical and scientific exhibitions and a karate demonstration. William L. Ettinger Junior High in Manhattan got parents involved in discussions of the school's 13 subject areas at its spring conference. Newton High School, in Elmhurst, Queens, is marking its 75th anniversary with series of events featuring sports, concerts, and theatrical events, extending to June 13, while John Dewey High School in Brooklyn held a recent consumer fair for the entire community, with panel discussions and films on such subjects as housing, drugs, transportation, banking and medical care.

And at DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx, more than 2,000 students have had free medical checkups at the school's week-long health fair that ended yesterday. Doctors and nurses from Montefiore Hospital donated their time, and school officials reported that almost two-thirds of the students were

found to have some medical problem needing attention that would otherwise have gone undetected.

A four-year scholarship in memory of Jackie Robinson has been established for black graduates of Stamford (Conn.) High School. The \$8,000 scholarship — \$2,000 for four years—was donated by Chesebrough-Pond's, Inc., of Greenwich, and will be awarded for the first time this June to a winner selected by a committee headed by Rachel Robinson, the ball-player's widow. The Robinson family has had its home in Stamford for 19 years.

When a student at Martin Van Buren High School in Queens Village has a problem these days, chances are he goes to another student for advice. Under the school's new dean's counselors program, 16 students have taken over much of the counseling service once limited to adult staff members. The adult staff is often busy with other duties

"Sometimes a student will relate to us and speak more openly to a peer than to an adult," said Terrance Robinson, a junior, who leads the volunteer counselors. He and the 15 other counselors see about five students each every day to provide some advice and arrange additional interviews or counseling if it is needed.

Philip Miller is a junior at the Dwight Morrow High School in Englewood, N. J., but he spends his afternoons in nursery school. He is one of six Dwight Morrow students taking a course on child care and development.

The course has moved

out of the classroom and into the nursery, where the students work with toddlers and assist their regular teachers.

Young Miller said that when he first started at the Englewood Jewish Community Center Nursery School "I thought little children arrived at nursery school ready to learn to read. Since then, I've learned the importance of things like eye and muscle coordination."

Five city high school student poets won prizes at last Tuesday's citywide high school poetry contest, and Jill Netchinsky, a senior at John Dewey High School, won the \$50 first prize. Here is her poem:

MY WINTER JOURNEY

My winter journey began in fragments:

A young girl's hair blown

back on the beach,
Footprints cold, and eating
apples

On the icy streets.

I, walking without stop,
Covering throat against the
cold.

I, breathing sharp night-skies,
I smelling like snow,
hurting you like snow.

My winter journey:

I was your whiteness in a
snowless winter.

But I must be gone,
I must leave, because after
even February

Ice will melt from the lakes;
Water will swell again, and
the longest strands of my
hair

Follow the direction.

I know of nothing else but
this leaving.

Helped the leaves descend, in
earlier months,

I, winter witch! Black-haired
magician! Green-Eyed lady,
lady, craving to draw blood,

While a lover dreams of her
In an Egyptian coffin.

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