

# Paper Sweeps MIPA Contests

## Third Triumph in Four Attempts; Martin, Johnson Capture Firsts

"I guess by now it is rather obvious who the winner of the sweepstakes award is," announced Mr. Leon L. Lindsay, MIPA Director. With his next few words, thirty-eight Webster journalism students went wild. For the third time in the past four years Webster had captured the highest honors at the annual Missouri Interscholastic Press Association Convention held at Missouri University, September 27 and 28.

The Webster journalists took two first places, two seconds, and five thirds in contests held in five areas and on two levels. In the advanced division Don Martin and Bob Johnson placed first in the news and sports categories respectively. Sue Zinke took second in features writing, while Roy Harris won third in sports. In yearbook competition, Fran Procopio and Sue Swanson both took thirds in organization and layout respectively.

On the beginning level, Doane Grinnell placed second in sports writing. Sara Ruddy took third in yearbook layout while Judy Evans won third in yearbook organization.

New MIPA officers were elected at the convention. The Webster delegation nominated and backed the successful presidential candidate Bill Gansner from Lindbergh High School. Bill hopes to "de-emphasize Annual To Be Sold Early in October

Subscriptions to the Echo Annual will go on sale for one week only, during the third week of October. The price has not yet been determined.

"The trend this year will be toward more pictures; more pictures of everyone, with more emphasis on underclassmen than in previous years," said Tate Pursell, editor of the '63-'64 edition.

Tate will stress quality and individualism, not quantity. However at 200 pages, the yearbook will be longer than it was last year.

To date 509 of the 550 senior pictures have been taken. The staff is presently working on layout and make-up of pages.

## Band Purchases Uniforms

The Webster Groves Marching Statesmen Band, under the direction of Mr. Henry Lemcke and assistant Mr. Anthony Carosello, has new uniforms this year that were bought with \$10,000 raised last year.

The new uniforms are made up of black pants and a black coat in tuxedo style with an orange crest on the left pocket. For marching, an orange overlay with the initials W.G., spats, white gloves, and a black hat with a plume are added.

New uniforms were also purchased for the majorettes and color guards. The majorettes have white statesmen suits with orange trim and hats with white plumes. The color guard uniforms are orange with three rows of gold buttons and black trim. When marching the color guards also wear white gloves and spats.

The \$10,000 was raised under the supervision of the Band Parent's Organization. The Lion's Club and Rotary donated \$500 each, the Kiwanis Club donated \$250, and an average of \$25 each was given by the Chamber of Commerce and various merchants. The band raised \$2,000 from chocolate sales and the remainder was made from ticket sales to concerts. This is the first time in 13 years that the band has had new uniforms.

size the election campaigns and place more emphasis on the educational part of the conference."

Besides taking part in contests and the election, the delegates attended lectures presented on various problems facing school newspaper and yearbook staffs. Members of the staff of the Mizzou School of Journalism and other journalism students presented the lectures.

Friday night the students attended a banquet and a campaign dance. Mr. Joseph Holland, special assistant to the editor of The St. Louis Post Dispatch was guest speaker. A breakfast was held for the representatives Saturday morning.

The Webster journalists left the high school at 7 A.M. Friday morning and arrived home at approximately 4 P.M. Saturday. They

## Student Council Holds Faculty Tea

The Relations Committee of the Student Council sponsored a tea for the faculty on Wednesday, September 25 at 3:30 in the cafeteria.

Before the tea, Denny White, student body president, spoke to the teachers on the purpose and goals of the Student Council. Guy Mellor, vice-president of the Student Council, explained the Honor System while Tate Pursell, editor of the yearbook, familiarized the teachers with the plans for THE ECHO.

The teachers were introduced to Superintendent of Schools, Dr. George W. Brown, and his wife; Monsieur and Madame Georges Massot, new French teachers at Webster and Hixson; and Piero Pezze, the new foreign exchange student.

Normally, bicycles aren't ridden at a tea. However, Mr. Massot broke the rule to try out the new English racer given to him by the student body. The student body also gave Piero a Webster jacket, and Dr. Brown a copy of CATFISH AND CRYSTALS, a popular book about St. Louis.



Marching band displays new uniforms bought with money raised last year.  
Photo by Hanchett

The band will present shows at all the football games except the one at Ritenour. At McCluer, the band will go through precision drill which will include flank movements, turns, and pivots.

In preparation for football games, the band plays in the bandroom on Mondays, marches on a field at Eden's Seminary with the help of cloth yardlines on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and marches at Memorial Field on Fridays.

The band will also make appearances at a political rally and for the Little Giant Football League in October.



Left: Bob Johnson receives first place trophy for Advanced Sports Writing; Center: Editor Steve Scott accepts the Sweepstakes plaque; Right: Don Martin receives first place trophy for Advanced News Writing.  
Photo by Paul

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## Six Chosen As Merit Semi-Finalists

Seniors David Birenbaum, Roger Cannady, William Hitchens, Robert Johnson, Tate Pursell, and Carolyn Vesper are the 1963-64 Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists.

These students were chosen for their outstanding performances on the qualifying test given last March in more than 16,500 high schools in the United States.

The National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is available to juniors every spring. Semi-finalists are chosen for high achievement, and their names are sent to all accredited colleges and scholarship funds.

A second scholastic test will be given and finalists picked. School endorsement and routine requirements are demanded. All finalists receive a Certificate of Merit and are eligible for other scholarship awards.

Merit Scholars are also considered on the basis of high school grades, creative accomplishments, leadership qualities, extra-curricular activities, and school citizenship.

This year's winners will be announced April 23, 1964, with the number depending on the amount contributed by the sponsors. Last year, 1500 scholarships were presented.

Four-year scholarships of up to \$6,000 are awarded for undergrad-

uate work. The exact amount depends on the financial status of the family. A minimum scholarship totals \$400 while \$850 per year is the average received.

Over \$17 million in direct aid has been given since the beginning of the fund. At present there are 4,000 Merit Scholars in college.

The Ford Foundation and Carnegie Corp. of New York founded Former Students Make Deans' List

Six alums have made the honor rolls of their respective colleges. Appointed to their deans' lists are Lionel Whiston, Bates College; Eugenia Taylor, Harris Teachers College; Mary Hoffman and Ann O'Brien, Smith College; Patricia Schacklin, William Jewell College; and Margaret Kerwin, Washington University. Susan Chapman, a seventh honored alum, is participating in an honor class at Cornell College this year.

## Assembly Opens Magazine Sales

Kicking off the annual Magazine Sales Assembly September 27 was a skit written by Sue Kice and Steve Schumaier based on the Broadway musical, "Bye Bye, Birdie." The purpose of the assembly was to familiarize students with the Magazine Sales Campaign--how much money is needed and how the funds are distributed.

Bob Feldmann, co-chairman of the assembly, spoke on the organization of the campaign. As last year, the goal is \$13,000, with a reduced sales quota of ten dollars per student. Co-chairman Ron Wagner explained that prizes are to be awarded to the best salesmen in order to create a greater interest in the selling of magazines.

If the quota is reached, Webster's version of Conrad Birdie will be presented at a special assembly in October. He will be a well-known person around school, but his identity will not be announced until the day of the assembly.

Approximately 30 students, most of whom were non-Student Council members, participated in the skit. Its purpose was to stimulate the interest of the student body in the Magazine Sales Campaign and help create a closer relationship between the Student Council and the student body.

Faculty members Robert K. Smith and Newton Settle, the A.V.O. department, and Mr. Stolhman, representative of the Curtis Publishing Company, worked closely with the student committee in organizing the campaign.

the Merit Scholarship Program in 1955. Ford contributed additional money in 1962 to continue the program until 1970.

## Debaters Discuss Medical Aid Plan

The debate team has invited over 250 students from forty schools to participate in a meeting and discussion period at Webster Groves High School, Tuesday, October 1 from 3:30 to 6:00 P.M. The purpose of the debate is to discuss the subject of medical care.

The topics will be selected from one of the following: Should the Federal Government give aid for medical care, should Social Security benefits include complete medical attention, should the Federal Government aid citizens through subsidies to authorized health insurance companies?

Director of Forensics at Saint Louis University, Mr. Paul McKee, will guest speak on acceptable debate practices and the role of the Federal Government in providing medical care for citizens. An opportunity to question Mr. McKee will follow his talk.

The afternoon's session will close after small student groups debate various aspects of Mr. McKee's talk. Besides informing the attendants on this year's topic, this program will serve as a get acquainted meeting for students and coaches.

## New 'Potpourri' Staff Chosen

This year the staff of POTPOURRI, the school literary magazine, will be led by Karin Hamington, Jim Hopson, Aphrodite Matsakis, Susie McReynolds, Jeannette Roach, Hal Schneider, Carolyn Vesper, and Lynn Zeizer. The contributing staff will include Bonnie Armer, David Birenbaum, Jim Day, Annette Dubrouillet, Charlie Edmunds, Judy Evans, Janet Hoffman, Bob Johnson, Molly Matteson, Rosemary Neavles, Elsi Senniger, Suzi Specking, and John Stockman.

The price for both issues of POTPOURRI will be 75¢. All students will be able to subscribe through their English teachers the first week of October.

POTPOURRI gives writers a chance to display their creative efforts. They may contribute poetry, short story-writing, and essays; exceptional photography, paintings, sketches, or other art work may be submitted.

Students wishing to join the POTPOURRI staff should sign up in room 311. For additional information contact Carolyn Vesper.

## Students, Teacher Play in Symphony

Gordon Schoepfle, senior, and Dave Krughoff, sophomore, became members of the Kirkwood Symphony after tryouts were held two weeks ago. Gordon will play second flute and Dave third trombone.

Also participating in the symphony will be Mr. Henry Lemcke, Webster High's band conductor; and Mrs. Harold Knight, wife of Board of Education member, Mr. Harold E. Knight, Jr. Both Mr. Lemcke and Mrs. Knight play the French horn.