

# School district observes National Education Week

Window displays, open houses, and closed circuit television programs were some of the activities planned by Webster Schools during National Education Week, November 10-16.

The Future Teachers of America Club led the week's activities on the senior high level. This group made classroom posters and arranged for parents to visit the school. At a special meeting, the club invited Mr. J.D. Nolan, English teacher, to speak on college teaching.

Art classes recognized the week by decorating the display case by the senior entrance.

The three junior high schools also celebrated Education Week. Exhibits made by the arts and crafts, home economics, and shop classes at Hixson were displayed in the windows of Webster and Yorkshire Village stores. The band, dramatics classes, and choral groups entertained parents on special open house nights.

Steger's activities included closed circuit television programs originating in science, math, art, health, and reading classes. The

## Language classes work in new lab



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Mrs. Billie Koons, French teacher, explains laboratory equipment to sophomore Abby Shaw.

Students passing by room 319 this year have probably noticed the hustle and bustle of language students as they manipulate headphones attached to a desk-like box at the front of the room. Since shortly after school started this fall, for the first time, Webster High students have been using a portable language lab. "Lab-Ett", as it is called, was ordered from the Instructomatic Company through the Kirkwood Camera Craft company.

The high fidelity language lab has 20 earphones, or positions, at which students can study. It is completely transistorized, insuring safety and economy in repair, and easy operation.

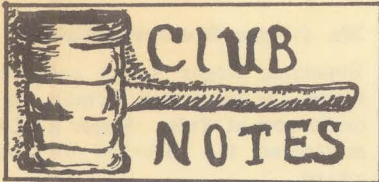
Students can hear themselves as they speak in pronunciation drills, may record dialogue on tapes, and may listen to records. The instructor may divide the class into as many as five groups, each listening to different material.

The language lab is in constant use by 33 classes, including one German, ten French, and 22 Spanish.

classes were televised from 9:00 A.M. until 2:45 P.M. on sets stationed in the lobby and library. Visitors to the school were invited to inspect language labs.

Edgar Road, Washington Park, Lockwood, Clark, and Hudson grade schools had special assemblies for parents and students.

National Education Week was inaugurated in 1921 by the National Education Association and the American Legion to acquaint the public with the importance of learning in a democratic society.



The new Riding Club officers are Chris Burton, president; Carol Erhart, vice-president; Suzette Carlson, secretary; Olga de Gubaroff, treasurer; and Bennie Gordon, activities chairman.

James Brown, Sue Erbe, Bev Quist, and Tate Purcell, the four students who attended the National Junior Classical League Convention in August, spoke at Latin Club's November 19 meeting. Latinus Rumor, the Latin Club newspaper, boasts 350 subscribers, including junior high readers.

As a Christmas project, Red Cross representatives are making cartoon scrapbooks for patients in childrens' hospitals. In addition, a gift chest, financed by homeroom donations and cookie sales, is being sent overseas.

Senior John Stocke lectured at two Math Club meetings, first on propositional logic and then on the circuit design of a binary adder.

The fourteen volunteer student librarians are Carol Steiner, Beverly Wohrs, Barbara Linier, and Dan Lamm, who work daily; Jack Howell, Mike Harshburger, Sandy Lea, Jim Ruhe, Karen Wilson, Mike Darnell, Sandy Ruther, and Lynne Crowell, who work every other day. Suzy Specking and Betty Brodt assist the librarians before and after school.

At meetings held monthly during class, the German Club is reading Gluckauf, a magazine containing plays, riddles, songs, and stories.

Skating Club's 99 members adopted a point system for meeting and activity attendance. At the end of the year, the four students accumulating the most points will receive a gift.



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Bearded like Old World explorers, John Purcell (left) and Dick Comings talk about their canoe trip.

## College students canoe down river; plan to reach Bahamas by Christmas

Lewis and Clark have two modern counterparts in John Purcell, graduate of the class of 1962, and Dick Comings from Olympia, Washington. The two friends became bored with school and both wanted a change of scenery. They invested \$50 in a 16-foot canvas canoe and headed for the Bahamas.

On September 16, John and Dick pushed off from the shores of Lake Itasca, the northern source of the Mississippi River. They are traveling down the river to New Orleans and through the Intercoastal Waterway to Fort Myers, Florida. From there, their itinerary is mapped along the Caloosahatchee River to Lake Okeechobee and down the Miami Canal to Miami Beach. The adventurers hope to cross the ocean to the Bahamas by Christmas. When they complete their trip, they will have travelled 3700 miles.

Their luggage consists of two ninety-pound packs, canned and dried food, and a camera with color film. Besides store-bought groceries, the boys eat turtles and fish found in the river. Occasionally, they stop at farm houses for drinking water. Despite their exotic diet, both bearded students agree they are in good health.

The purposes of their voyage are to meet people and to write an article about the Bahamas. John and Dick dream of buying Corvettes with money from their writing. If they don't have the sports cars when they are ready to return, they will consider riding horses home. Whether traveling by Corvette or by horse, the boys will return to Centralia College in Centralia, Washington this spring. John is majoring in biology and Dick is concentrating on business administration.

## Missouri Curators honor top seniors with certificates

The Curators of the University of Missouri have awarded certificates of recognition to 114 Webster seniors. To qualify for this honor, a senior must rank in the upper fifth percentile of the Missouri Statewide Testing Program. This program includes the Ohio Psychological Test and the School and College Ability Test.

If he is in financial need, the winner of a Curator's Award may apply for a scholarship covering the incidental fees for the freshman year at the University of Missouri.

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Randy Christianson and Gordon Schoepfle were selected for the all-county band. The band will present a concert Monday, December 2, from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. at the Maplewood - Richmond Heights High School Auditorium.

Marilyn Hays, a 1961 graduate of Webster, was one of ten women to be initiated into the Women's Honor Club at Grinnell College.

1961 graduate, Palmer Hartl, was one of fifty students who participated in the 1963 Grinnell College Encampment. The Encampment was sponsored by the college's Student Government Association and included discussions on curriculum.

Ellen Detering and Carol Yenawine, graduates of Webster, were elected to the house council of their respective residence halls at Grinnell College for the first semester. They will assist their hall president in the planning of social functions and the administration of hall regulations.

Senior Diny Flesh stepped through her bedroom ceiling while in the attic above. "I didn't even know I'd done it until I heard my father yelling downstairs," she said.

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