

Swimmers meet Ladue today in league opener

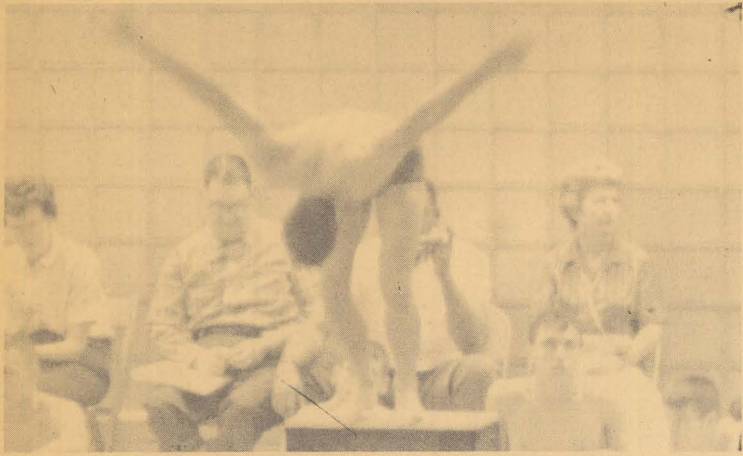


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Dave Schwaninger starts his lap in the University City relays held last Friday.

This year's Webster shark squad can look forward to at least an even season according to Coach Fred Boyd. He stated that the team has "good swimmers in each event" and the meets should be "more interesting due to this all-around ability."

Girls end bowling, start basketball

Girls' basketball coach Miss Barbara Mester is optimistic about the chances of following up last year's undefeated season with another good year. However, she believes, "The other teams are really out to get us because of last year's squad." In after-school basketball, Miss Mester coaches junior girls on Tuesday, seniors on Wednesday, and sophomores on Thursday.

In a way, competition for positions on the girls' basketball team can be as rough as competition for the boys' squad. Not even the stars of last year are assured a place on the team.

This Year's GAA bowling is shaping up as a close race. As of this writing, three senior teams are leading the league. Pat Gordon, Barb Jones, Lauren Stanish, Joan Welhoelter, and Jenny Young are in first place with the highest average per girl.

In second place, with a 107 average, are Polly Boydston, Beth Buchanan, Barb and Pat McCafferty, and Jeanne Sackse. Not far behind are Judy Denckhoff, Vicki Larason, Pat Meinardi, Sue Murray, and Karen Norris with a 104 average.

Eye on Sports

by Bob Johnson

Jane Olenick's recent attempt to become a member of the varsity swimming squad raises the old question of what place women should have in the sports world. Last year when Carol Hanks made headlines by being the first female on the Washington University tennis team, several schools refused to play the Washington squad (perhaps because the boys were afraid of getting beaten.)

Along with this upsetting news comes the startling fact that men do not hold all the world sports records. As a stand-out example, the record for the most one-handed chin-ups is held by a member of the "weaker" sex.

Furthermore, masculine endurance is challenged by Mrs. Jane Baldare of Pensacola, Florida, who set the record for the longest period spent submerged underwater in a frogman's suit.

The last word is the fact that a 123-pound Tampa, Florida woman lifted one end of a 3600-pound car which had fallen on her son. This reporter can only say "Men Beware!"

Schedule

Practicing at the Mid-County YMCA on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the swimmers prepared for the U. City Relays on December 12-14. League meets this season include Ladue this afternoon, there; Lindbergh, January 3, there; U. City, January 31, there; Normandy, February 7, there; and Kirkwood, February 13 at the Mid-County YMCA.

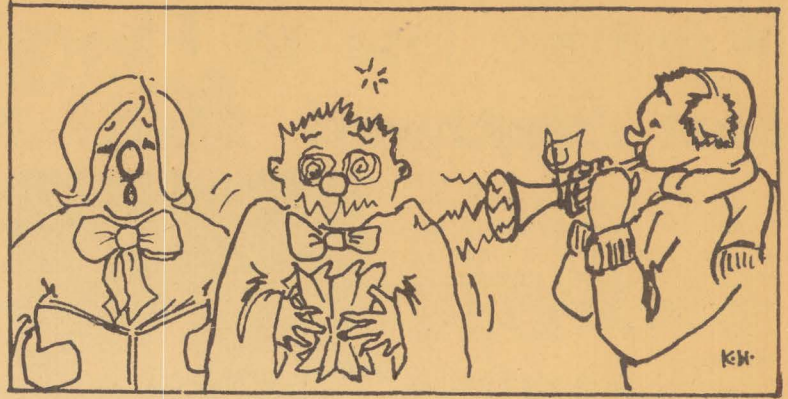
The squad closes the season with the Conference Meet, February 20-21, at Clayton and the State Meet, February 28-29, at U. City.

Coach Boyd believes that all the area teams are evenly matched and that Webster should do "as well as it did in the '62-'63 season (fifth in the state) if not better." However, he feels that the team to beat will be U. City, last year's top area squad.

Ladue meet

Returning letterman Doug Longergan said that the meet Webster really wants to win is the one today against Ladue. "The team hasn't beaten them (Ladue) in the five years Mr. Boyd has been coach, and since he's leaving at the semester, the boys really have the desire to win."

This season there were rumors that Jane Olenick would be the first girl on the varsity swim squad. However, Jane will not be eligible to compete because of league rules.



Carolers to solicit funds for St. Louis charities

Following tradition, 42 vocal groups and three instrumental ensembles will Christmas carol throughout Webster next week. For the past 52 years these groups have raised money for the non-profit Carolers' Association. They in turn, distribute the donations to about 70 St. Louis area welfare agencies.

The singing groups include Webster students, parents, and alumni returning from college. The carol-

ers are under the supervision of Esther Replogle, head of the Webster vocal music department and a board member of the Carolers' Association.

This year the high school band will send out three groups to play Christmas songs and collect donations for the Carolers' Association. The three ensembles will play on Saturday, December 21, in Webster business districts. The musicians will be members of the brass section (trumpets, trombones, tubas, baritones, and French horns).

Present plans call for a junior high group from Hixson and possibly one from Steger to go out tomorrow along with the high school ensembles.

Associated with the caroling groups is a rivalry to see which community can collect the most donations. For the past two years Webster has topped not only Kirkwood but also all other county districts.

Little theater players perform Christmas reading for local church

Eleven members of the Little Theater group presented a Reader's Theater on Thursday, December 12 at 8:00 p.m. The performance was given at the Webster Groves Evangelical and Reformed United Church of Christ, East Lockwood and Plant, under the direction of Mrs. Ernestine Smizer.

The reading was "A Child Is Born" by Stephen Vincent Benet. Benet is best known for his great epic of the War Between the States, "John Brown's Body", which won him the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1929.

Senior Pat Wolff was the narrator. Four other students held the following major parts: Innkeeper-Mike Donovan, a senior; Innkeeper's wife-Ninette Knudsen, senior; Sara-Flower Pring, sophomore; and Lea-Jane Dillencourt, sophomore.

Six others filled minor roles. Senior Dave Birenbaum read the parts of Dismas, a shepherd, and a king. Mike Crane, also a senior, portrayed a shepherd and a soldier.

Junior Les Gruner played a shepherd, a soldier, and a king. Sophomores Eric Birenbaum and Bill Lattner held the same parts as Les. Steve Johnson, a sophomore, portrayed Joseph and a shepherd. This year the Little Theater held its Christmas party after school on Tuesday, December 17.

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