

Students to teach early in March

Students who have ever felt that they could teach a high school class will have their chance March 10.

On January 6 the faculty approved Administration Day, an idea never tried before in Webster. The program involves over 300 faculty-chosen students who, after careful preparation with their teachers, will attempt to teach a class. A student may teach only one hour, and will be allowed to introduce new material, since Administration Day will fall at the beginning of a six-weeks period.

The idea of Administration Day has been discussed in Student Council for several years. Junior John Rose, chairman of the program, convinced members that letting students teach for an hour would give them an opportunity to understand teaching from the faculty's point of view. Then students might be more willing to cooperate. The main purpose of Administration Day will be to promote better relations between students and faculty.

Denny White commented, "Administration Day will be what we make it. If everyone cooperates, it will be successful."

Lueders honored in essay contest

Senior Marilyn Lueders won first place early this month in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Seventeenth Annual "Voice of Democracy" Contest.

Sponsored by the St. Louis VFW posts, the contest consists of writing a three to five minute speech and is open to all the sophomores, juniors, and seniors attending public, private, and parochial schools. The subject this year was "The Challenge of Citizenship."

Marilyn, a member of A Cappella Choir, began work on her entry the week before Vespers. With the assistance of Mrs. Dorothy Weirich, debate teacher, she taped her speech and sent the recording to the judges.

The decisions of the five judges were announced January 11. Marilyn placed first among contestants of six other St. Louis area schools. Her script was sent to Jefferson City as the St. Louis entry in the state contest, which is a preliminary for the National Broadcast Script Writing Contest. Marilyn was sponsored by the Veterans Post 3500 in Maplewood for her preliminary entry.

STATESMEN CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 7—Wrestling: Webster vs. Maplewood, there, 4 p.m.
- Basketball: Webster vs. Ladue, there, 7 p.m.
- 5-6-7—Registration for Student Body President.
- 11—Basketball: Webster vs. Maplewood, here, 6:30 p.m.
- Wrestling: Webster vs. Kirkwood, here, 4 p.m.
- 14-15—Major Dramatic Production, Little Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 14—Basketball: (Accident Benefit Game) Webster vs. Kirkwood, here 7 p.m.
- Pep Assembly, 2:40 p.m.
- 18—Basketball: Webster vs. Brentwood, here, 6:30 p.m.
- 19—Student President Assemblies (7 period day)



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While Coach Moss and members of the Lettermen's club look on, Mrs. Thomas B. Curtis speaks before presenting the flag.

Lettermen given American flag

Representative Thomas B. Curtis brings banner from Washington, D. C.

An American flag which was flown over the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, January 18th, will be permanently displayed in Robert's Gym. The flag was given to the Webster Letterman's Club by Representative Thomas B. Curtis.

Because Representative Curtis

could not be present, his wife presented the five by eight foot flag to Neal Losse, President of the Lettermen's Club, at a special ceremony on Friday, January 24, at the varsity basketball game. Neal, in turn, presented the flag to Coach Ray Moss, Webster's athletic director. A special Marine unit acted as color guards for the presentation. The recording of the National Anthem played during the ceremony was taped earlier by Webster's band.

Architect's certificate

Along with the flag, Representative Curtis presented an architect's certificate to the club. This certificate includes the date the flag was flown over the Capitol, the significance of the date, and the signatures of Representative Curtis, Speaker of the House, John McCormack, and President Pro-Tempore of the Senate, Carl Hayden.

Because Representative Curtis was a letterman himself when he attended Webster, he decided he would like to do something for the club. After finding out that Webster did not have a flag to display in Robert's gym, he decided that an American flag would be an ideal gift to the club. He arranged to have the flag flown over the Capitol on Daniel Webster's birthday in order to make it more significant to Webster students.

Tour guide

Representative Curtis, who arrived Thursday, January 23 in Webster, also gave each student who is planning to go this spring on the Junior-Senior Trip to Washington, D.C. a guide to Washington and a pass to the Senate and House of Representatives. He is also arranging a tour of the White House, the Capitol, Supreme Court Building, and other places of interest to the students.

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Eleven to tour Europe this summer

Burdened down with passports, traveler's checks, cameras, French-English dictionaries, and 45 pounds of luggage apiece, eleven Webster students and their faculty sponsor, French teacher Mrs. Ginevra Blackburn, will board a plane at Lambert Field on June 12th. They will have typhoid and small-pox booster shots behind them, and New York and six weeks in Europe before them.

The eleven, Ann Baker, Christy Bland, Jacque Bottger, Vicki Farmer, Gail Goetz, Kathy Knoop, Nellann McClaren, Sue Anne McKee, Charlie Mills, Nancy Robins, and Sue Scott will spend 32 days at the American prep school in Leysin, Switzerland. Along with other students from the United States, they will have three hours of language instruction each morning.

Leysin, a few miles from Lake Geneva in the valley of the Rhone, is sheltered by 7000 feet high mountains. It has abundant amusement facilities including orchestras, theaters, cinemas, concerts, lectures, swimming pools, and ski lifts, and sports activities such as garden golf, tennis, fishing, and horseback riding.

Before going to Switzerland, the

Debaters present radio broadcast

Is a man who wipes the tears from his eyes when he hears "Sar-Spangled Banner" patriotic or "square"? Members of the National Forensic League discussed this and other questions at the Junior Town Meeting of the Air Wednesday, January 15.

This is the eighteenth year that Webster has participated in the Junior Town Meeting, a program broadcasted Sundays from 8:30-9:00 A.M. on KXOX radio. Steven B. Stevens, news reporter for the station, introduced and concluded the session.

The theme, "Return of the Square" was based on a speech by Charles H. Brower, president of a large advertising agency. Debaters related the differences between the "Square", or Nonconformist, and his counterpart, the Conformist.

Debaters on stage and in the audience included seniors Guy Mellor as moderator, Allan Curtis, Ninette Knudsen, Ted Reed, Hal Schneider, Rick Smith, Rick Sprott, John Stocke, John Stockham, Ellen Strickland, Mike Valenti, Denny White, and Judy Whitener. Junior debaters were Guy Allen, Frank Bubb, Judy Manning, Jeff Schweitzer, and Brent Stromberg.

group will spend three and a half days in Paris. Their activities will include a visit to the opera or ballet, a tour of the city by night, and a trip to Versailles, the castle of Louis XIV.

Visits to Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Tower of London, the Houses of Parliament, and a stageplay will highlight the four days in London after the group leaves Switzerland.

Winding up the program will be the flight to New York, where

Seniors discuss Lounge problem

The Senior Lounge was opened January 14 during the lunch periods for the first time since December. The lounge had been closed because of disorderly conduct, said David Cloud at a senior class meeting first hour January 14.

Dave said the Administration closed the lounge for three reasons: So many sophomores and juniors used the lounge that it became crowded; students dropped candy bar wrappers on the floor and scribbled on the walls and chairs; and communication between monitors and administration was inadequate.

Before presenting the Senior Lounge problem, Neal Losse, Senior Class President, introduced the chairmen of the class committees and asked for volunteers to assist them.

The committees and their chairmen are: Senior Prom, Sara Tweedie and Rick Smith; Senior Luncheon, Terry Toma and Sue Erbe; Senior Day Assembly, Jack Davis and Mary Ann Weaver; Senior-Faculty Game, Allan Curtis and Don Morgan; Caps and Gowns, Sue Murray and Carol Hollander; Senior Lounge and Senior Privileges, Susie Sperber and Judy Feldman; and Class Gift, Mary McComb.

Plans are now being made for the Junior-Senior trip to Washington D. C. on March 23-27. Working on the trip details are tour director Robert K. Smith and committee members Allan Curtis, Doug Lonergan, and Neal Losse.

"I am overwhelmed at the response and feel sure that this will be a worthwhile experience for the students," Mr. Smith remarked. To date, 180 students have signed up for the trip.

some students will see the World's Fair while the rest will continue to St. Louis.

"People think I'm crazy when I tell them I'm taking high school students to Europe," said Mrs. Blackburn, "but I don't expect a bit of trouble."

Burrus Award ratings compiled

Webster Groves High School received third place in the 1963-64 Burrus Award for football. Normandy and Riverview Gardens placed first and second, respectively.

The Burrus award is presented to the senior high school with the best sportsmanship record. Schools are rated according to the sportsmanship of the students, fans, cheerleaders, players, and the coach, and on the preparation for and administration of each game.

At the close of a season, the scores of all participating schools are tallied. The school with the highest number of points receives the award.

Art, chemistry teachers join staff

Mrs. Marilyn Oesch and Mr. Roy Cook, Jr., recently joined the faculty before the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Oesch replaced the late Mr. Edwin Myers in the art department, and Mr. Cook, chemistry teacher, replaced Mr. Frederick Boyd, who left December 20 to work at Random House Publishing Company.

Since early December, Mrs. Oesch has taught students basic principles of proportion, perspective, tone, and figure drawing. Mr. Cook greeted chemistry students January 2 with an explanation of chemical equilibrium.

The new art teacher graduated from Washington University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, and has done graduate work at Central Missouri State College, where she plans to teach this summer. Mr. Cook is graduated from Central Missouri State, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree.

Mr. Cook has had previous teaching experience. In his last two years at college, he was a laboratory assistant in charge of three lab sections. Mrs. Oesch taught three years at Ritenour and was a substitute teacher the first semester of this school year.

In addition to teaching art, Mrs. Oesch is a talented artist herself.



Photo by Paul

New staff members are Mrs. Marilyn Oesch, in a paint-splattered smock, and Mr. Roy Cook.

A showing of her watercolor and oil paintings ran January 6-22 at Maryville College.

Mr. Cook recently became a resident of Webster Groves, moving here from Higginsville, Missouri. "The people of Webster Groves are congenial. The school administration has been most helpful," he said.