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Statesman band plans spring trip, annual concert

"Five Mellow Winds," a number arranged in the style of Glenn Miller, will be one of the compositions featured at the Webster High Band Concert, February 28. Roger Cannady, on first clarinet, will play the lead in the "Winds" number. On tenor saxophone will be Jim McDonald and Bill Whiston, and on alto saxophone will be Earl Reeves and Mike Bowman.

"The Midnight Fire Alarm" will be a change of pace for both the audience and the band. This selection, a musical description of pandemonium, will feature the wail of sirens, the hiss of an old steam engine, rumbling wheels on cobblestones, galloping fire-horses, and the shouts and chaos of a midnight fire alarm.

On March 13, the Statesmen Band will perform in Mexico, Missouri and at the University of Missouri. This will be the first time a Webster Band has ever appeared at the university campus. The tour will be financed by proceeds from the Band Chocolate sales.

Proposed tax levy to boost salaries

"In these times, as never before, the future of our young people depends upon the quality of their education. We have a chance to effect this by our decision on February 27," stated Superintendent of Schools Dr. George W. Brown in reference to the operational tax levy.

At present, Webster citizens are paying a \$2.92 school tax and a \$.66 bonds and interests tax. If the proposed rate passes, the school tax would be increased to \$3.15 annually, and the bonds and interests tax would be reduced to \$.62 thus creating a \$.19 increase on each \$100 of assessment.

The levy has been proposed to accommodate an expanded student enrollment, to increase teachers' salaries on an "Experience-training" schedule, and to meet the rising costs of materials.

STATESMEN CALENDAR FEBRUARY

19-7—Period Day—Presidential Assemblies

20—Presidential Elections

20-21—Swimming Conference meet—Clayton

24-26—Juniors, Seniors sign up for Guidance Council

25-27—Period Day—Advisory Panel Assemblies

27—Election of Junior, Senior Guidance Council Members

28—Annual Pop Concert

29—Kampus King Dance—Robert's Gym—8 P.M.

MARCH

3-5—Registration for Student Council

6—Junior, Senior Basketball game

7—College Boards

10—Student-Teacher Day

13—Senior-Faculty Basketball Game

Junior Class Dance

National Merit Scholarship Test

Five juniors register for top posts



Photo by Dempster

Discussing their campaign platforms are candidates (l. to r.) John Rose, Mary Witte, Jim Durham, Bill Detering, and Brent Stromberg.

In black leotards and tights . . .

Dancers rehearse show

A dance interpretation of the Creation performed with abstract music and a variety of colors will highlight the Modern Dance Club's annual Spring Show, May 1-2.

Under the direction of Mrs. Suzanne Bushey, modern dance instructor, and Betty Bickel, student director, the show is in the beginning stage of choreography. This year the program will be shorter than last year and will deal with dance in relation to the arts. Girls in the club plan the dances through improvisation to music or poetry.

Besides working on artistic aspects of the Club, the members have been concentrating on practical organization. The Executive Board consisting of Betty Bickel, president; Ninette Knud-

sen, vice-president; Lynn Banks, secretary; and Gayle Muth, treasurer, has written a constitution for the club.

The constitution defines the duties of officers, membership qualifications, club rules, and the purpose of the club. It was passed unanimously by the club members and put into effect immediately. The purpose of the constitution was outlined in the preamble:

"We the members of the Modern Dance Club, in order to form a more perfect organization, do ordain and establish this constitution for the Modern Dance Club of Webster Groves High School."

Debaters speak at Mothers' Club

In the auditorium, Thursday morning, February 13, the Senior Mothers' Club viewed a demonstration of speech techniques presented by students of Mrs. Dorothy Weirich, speech teacher and Debate Club sponsor.

Rick Smith, moderator of the program, joined five other students in a group presentation on the definition of speech.

Guy Mellor delivered an extemporaneous speech. According to tournament rules, he drew one of three possible subjects for discussion, took 30 minutes to prepare the talk, and then delivered it near the conclusion of the program.

Ninette Knudsen, Judy Whitener, Mike Donovan, and Marilyn Lueders addressed the group, each one giving a talk illustrating a different aspect of speechmaking. Marilyn presented the address that won her first place in the district "Voice of Democracy" speech contest.

On entering the auditorium, each mother was asked: Would you vote for a woman for President? How do you feel about the way teen-agers are responding to the Beatles? How do you like the new paint job in the auditorium? John Stocke delivered an impromptu speech on answers the mothers gave to these questions.

Durham, Rose, Stromberg compete in race for student body president

Today, the candidates for president and vice-president of the school will present their platforms during the annual campaign assembly. Jim Durham, John Rose, and Brent Stromberg are running for president; Bill Detering and Mary Witte are vice-presidential aspirants. Each will have seven minutes for his speech.

Activities

Jim Durham has been on the Student Council since seventh grade. As past president of Plymouth Junior High School and Outstanding Sophomore, Jim feels he has gained the experience necessary to be Webster's president.

John Rose participated in the "High School Bowl" on February 8. He has been on the Student Council for the past two years and is active on six of its committees.

Brent Stromberg, a member of the Debate Club, won an oratory contest last year. He feels he has the experience to represent the school.

Bill Detering, who was on Class Cabinet last year, is now a member of the Student Council. He is in the Honors program and on the Foreign Exchange Committee.

Mary Witte was vice-president of both Hixson Junior High School and her sophomore class and has been on Student Council since seventh grade. Mary, who is planning to go into political science, has always been interested in student government.

Qualifications

Candidates for school president or vice-president must have attended Webster since the tenth

grade and have maintained at least a 2.5 grade average. The president presides over the Student Council, serves as an *ex officio* member of most committees, and represents the school at all times. The vice-president assists the president and serves as chairman of the Guidance Council.

Platforms explained

An open forum between the candidates and students will be held in the auditorium after school today. Interested students will have a chance to clarify the candidates' platforms by asking questions. Elections will be held Thursday before or after school, or during the lunch hours in the cafeteria.

Faculty to hand reins to students

On Administration Day, Tuesday, March 10, more than 300 students will help teach classes. The purpose of this faculty-approved project is to improve student-teacher relations and to give "student-teachers" new insights into teaching.

Each teacher will decide whether or not his classes will participate in this program. If a teacher wishes to participate, he will determine whether the student-teacher or student-teacher team will be chosen by him or by the class. The selected students will work with their teachers a week beforehand in preparation for Administration Day. No student may teach more than one class.

Kampus Jacks revealed; king to be crowned at dance

Jennifer Young, president of GAA, will crown the 1964 Kampus King Saturday, February 29, at Roberts Gym. Selected as Jacks by GAA members, and notified last night by an advanced copy of *The Webster Echo* were Neal Losse, Bob Mabry, Guy Mellor, Tom Stuber, and Denny White. One of the five Jacks will be chosen to succeed last year's king, Bill Southworth in an election Monday, February 24. Only girls may vote.

The dance, carrying out a Leap Year theme, will feature "A Hot Chase to Dogpatch." Decorations will include a mural of hillbillies from "Lil' Abner" and "Snuffy Smith"; several bales of hay; and a still producing home-made "Kickapoo Joy Juice." Chairing the decorations committee are Nancy Woods and Marguerite Rancall. Prudy Werth is planning the refreshments; Ginzy Schaefer is in charge of ticket sales; Mary Bashford is chairman of the table committee; and Ellen Winkler is directing the cloak room committee. Students will dance to the music of The Pacers, a trio from Missouri University.

All of the Jacks are active in extra-curricular activities. Bob Mabry has participated in Hi-Y, Student Council, and varsity basketball. He is a member of the newly organized Lettermen's Club and he portrayed the "white king" in the Christmas Vesper services.



Neal Losse



Bob Mabry



Guy Mellor



Tom Stuber



Denny White

Photos by Wallace Williams

As vice-president of the student body, Guy Mellor serves as chairman of the Guidance Council. Interested in dramatics, he has participated in *Vespers* and the play *Antigone*. Recently, he was chosen to play the role of the stage manager in *Our Town*, the latest drama production. Last summer Guy was selected to attend Missouri Boys' State, sponsored by the American Legion.

In addition to his participation in class cabinet and Hi-Y, Neal Losse has lettered in both football and track. Because of this interest in sports, he was elected president of the Lettermen's Club. He also serves as president of the Senior Class.

Tom Stuber, vice-president of the Senior Class, has been active in varsity football, basketball, and track. In his sophomore and junior years, Tom served as president of his class and as a member of Student Council. He was selected Outstanding Sophomore by his classmates two years ago.

Denny White, school president, is a member of the debate team and Student Council. He has been active in student government since junior high school where he served as ninth grade student body president. Last fall, he was selected boy Governor of the state of Missouri in the Youth and Government convention.