



Left: Ted Reed, student manager for the debate tournament, holds a folio of speech papers. Right: Rehearsing for the play *Aria Da Capo* are (l. to r.) Ninette Knudsen, Les Gruner, Sue Walker, Robert Knudsen, Jeff Buchman, Jane Dillencourt, and Dave Lively

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## Plans completed for Washington trip

Students who are going to Washington, D.C. on the Junior-Senior trip will meet tomorrow, March 19 in the auditorium. This meeting is designed to answer any questions that the students or their parents might have.

Ten teachers have agreed to go on the trip as chaperones. In-

cluded in this group are Mr. Kenneth Griffith, Mrs. Irene Jungers, Mrs. Roma Lake, Mrs. Yvonne Lanagan, Miss Barbara Mester, Mr. James Pierce, Mr. Don Reid, Mr. Robert Smith, Dr. Joseph Verby, and Mr. Frank Wetta.

The 185 students and teachers are scheduled to leave St. Louis on Monday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m. on the dinner flight to Washington D.C. and will return at 5:00 p.m. on March 27. They will travel on both Eastern Airlines and Trans World Airlines.

On Tuesday, March 24, students will visit the Capitol Building. The highlight of this tour will be a visit to the Senate and the House chambers. Representative Thomas B. Curtis will arrange for each of the students to have a pass to the Congressional Chambers. A night tour of the city will end Tuesday's activities.

Tours of the White House and Arlington National Cemetery are included on Wednesday's agenda. A dinner dance will be held at the Annapolis Hotel, where students will stay during their time in Washington.

After visiting the State Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation buildings on Thursday afternoon, students will see movies that evening. Winding up the trip will be a tour of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving on Friday.

During their free time, the students will be able to visit the monuments and other sites in Washington in which they have special interest.

## Seniors surveyed for TV program

"The United States draft board saved us from Elvis Presley, but we'll have to appeal to Winston Churchill to save us from the Beatles," commented senior Guy Mellor during the filmed television discussion about music for KSD-TV March 3.

Eight seniors, David Cloud, Sue Landwehr, Guy Mellor, Sue Menke, Marsha Millan, Steve Preston, John Stocke, and Sara Tweedie, participated in the impromptu discussion on folk singing, jazz, classical music, and rock and roll. This discussion was filmed for a prospective television program.

Mary Fran, the Channel 5 weather reporter on week nights, moderates the show. She states that the purpose of the show is to present the teenager's viewpoints on topics of interest.

## Players to begin final production

Out of the *Frying Pan*, a sophisticated comedy, will be the Little Theater's last production of the year.

The play is about three young men and three young women who share an apartment. They are would-be stage folk, who have been forced into community togetherness by lack of funds. They have a wacky plan for earning money. Their apartment is above that of a Broadway producer who has a hit play and is about to cast a road company. The actors rehearse the play, but their problem is how to get the producer up to see it.

To impress him, the Broadway hopefuls stage a murder scene. Before the deception can be explained, the police are summoned.

Although specific dates have not been set, casting will be held before spring vacation.

## Foreign students to give assembly

The foreign exchange student committee, co-chaired by Sue Menke and Doug O'Brien, is now planning "International Week," which begins Monday, March 30.

As assembly featuring foreign students from various St. Louis high schools will be presented March 31. Visitors from South Africa, Australia, and Holland are invited to speak. Webster's French exchange teacher, Mr. Georges Massot, will take part in the assembly, which is to be led by Italian exchange student Piero Pezze. Panelists will compare social customs, education, politics, and home life of the United States to those of their own countries.

"International Week" will close Thursday evening, April 2, when Piero's homeland is to be auctioned off at an honorary spaghetti supper and informal dance.

## Council elections to be held today

Elections for Student Council representatives for 1964-65 are being held today before and after school in the auditorium, and at noon in the cafeteria.

Forty-eight juniors and forty-five sophomores have signed up for the election. To be eligible, a student must have at least a 2.5 grade average. Both juniors and sophomores will be electing one representative per home-room.

All elections are organized by the Student Council Election Committee, co-chaired by Bette Tomlinson and Lynn Lonergan.

## Webster hosts district meet

### Speakers, dramatists to take part; winners to enter state competition

The April 3 meeting of the St. Louis Suburban Teachers' Association will not mean a holiday to the 200 students who will be gathered here for the District Speech and Drama Meet on that day and the next.

The competition will include nine categories, including extemporaneous speaking, prose and poetry reading, public speaking, and drama reading. Seventy-five schools in the district may enter one person in each division. The winners will go to a state contest in May at Columbia, Missouri.

#### Dramatists read

Drama reading, the first event, is scheduled to begin on Friday, April 3 at 8:30. Each school will present a one act play. The Webster entry is *Aria Da Capo*, a poetical fantasy by Edna St. Vincent Millay. Student director of the play will be Ninette Knudsen and assistant director, Jane Dillencourt. Both girls will be under the supervision of Mrs. Ernestine Smizer, head of the drama department. The cast of the play will be: Jeff Buchman as Pierrot, Sue Walker playing Columbine, Robert Knudsen as Cathurnus, Mike Donovan portraying Corydon, and Les Gruner in the role of Thyrsis. Last year Webster won a first in drama with a cut from *The Miracle Worker*.

#### Debaters speak

Debates will begin at 1 p.m. "We had 39 rounds of debate last year, and no matter how many there are this year we'll finish every one, even if it takes all night," commented Mrs. Dorothy Weirich, head of the speech department.

The remaining events will be held on Saturday, April 4. In preparation for the extemporaneous speech contest, speakers were instructed to read newspapers and also magazines such as TIME,

NEWSWEEK, and U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT. Topics will be based on events of local, national, and international interest which have occurred since last September.

If at least seven schools enter an event, two will be eligible for state competition. Each of the six districts in the state will be entering students in the contest. Last year Webster sent representatives to the state match in all but two categories.

Judges for the district meet must not have coached any of the entries. One of the judges will be Mrs. Dorothy Colonious, director of the community little theater at Alton, Illinois.

Student manager for the tournament will be Ted Reed. His duty is to assist Mrs. Weirich in the overall organization of the meet.

## Carmody receives Hallmark Award

Senior Mike Carmody has gained national recognition and a chance to win one hundred dollars in the Scholastic Art Award Contest sponsored by Hallmark Cards. His picture and those of four other regional winners will be sent to New York to be judged in the finals. His downtown scene is done in a mixed media, using a felt pen, rubber cement, and varnish.

Two other seniors, Karin Hamington and Joan Marlow, and junior Mike Patrick also received recognition. Karin was selected from the gold key winners as a blue ribbon finalist. Her water color portrayed a group of houses in the Mill Creek Area.

Joan received a key award for her winter street scene done in casein, an opaque water color. Mike won a "place" award for his winter scene done in casein.

## A Capella Choir prepares songs for spring show

"Ups are better than downs; smiles are better than frowns," sing the members of the A Cappella Choir as they dash from rehearsal to rehearsal. *Ups and Downs*, a collection of numbers from Broadway Shows, will be presented by the Webster Groves High School A Cappella Choir April 10 and 11 at 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

Bob Droege, Jim Durham, and Ron Wagner will sing "You Got the Horse Right Here" from *Guys and Dolls*, and Charlie Edmunds, as Sir Joseph Porter, will be surrounded by "his sisters and his cousins and his aunts." Bob Dotson, who is "Just an Ordinary Man," wonders "Why Can't a Woman Be More Like a Man," but he does teach Susan Kice to sing "The Rain in Spain" properly. Susie Sperber's "Hundred and One Pounds of Fun" and Woody Moss' trip to "Kansas City" are also among the numbers featured.

A group of boys will bemoan woman's tardiness in "She Had to Go Back;" gamblers will plead "Luck, Be a Lady Tonight," and boys will explain life in a "Little Tin Box". The shows included range from *Good News*, *Fiorello*, and *Oklahoma*, to *Oliver*, and *Here's Love*.



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Sue Kice, and (l. to r.) Bob Dotson, Sue Menke, Ron Newman, Lynn Coggeshall, Judy Denckhoff and Steye Smith, prepare for *Ups and Downs*.

Ron Wagner, president of the advanced A Cappella Choir, said, "There is something in this show for everyone. No matter what a person likes, he will find something like it in *Ups and Downs*." Miss Esther Replogle took over Webster's choir in 1927, and has produced a show every year since then. The annual productions, be-

ginning with *Sylvia*, have included *Oklahoma*, which was presented in the American Theater; and all of Gilbert and Sullivan's light operas.

Members of both choirs are selling tickets in advance for \$1.25. These tickets must then be mailed in for reserved seats at the performances.