

# Community passes school tax levy; vote of confidence pleases faculty

"I think it's a wonderful indication for the desire of quality education in Webster Groves," said Principal Howard A. Latta referring to the passage of the school tax levy February 27. The \$3.15 tax hike adopted by the community is a 19¢ increase to be used mainly for teachers' salaries. The levy needed a two-thirds majority to pass and had an unofficially tabulated vote of 4,835 to 2,127.

Dr. J. R. Verby, associate principal, thought that it was "very difficult to get a majority vote," but he felt the amount of time spent by many people in distributing information was the reason for success. He said that everyone was "gratified in being able to convince the community of this need to continue education on a high level."

In addition to being pleased with the higher income prospects, many faculty members felt that the levy would also be important in attracting new, well-qualified teachers to the system. Such was the opinion of Mrs. Jeanne Bragg, English teacher, who said, "I would like to see new teachers who have advanced degrees brought into the school system, and I think this is the means of doing it."

Mr. Lewis Hoffman, history teacher, said, "Like the rest of

the teachers, I'm glad it passed, but there's more to it than the additional income. If the school is going to get top, young teachers, it must be able to offer a salary that will persuade them to come to Webster. If it doesn't get these teachers, the school will become stale and won't get new, fresh ideas."

## Thespians initiated

Twelve students interested in dramatics were initiated into the National Thespian Society Friday evening, March 6. They were Eric Birenbaum, Terry Davis, Les Gruner, Steve Johnson, and Bill Lattner. Also David Lively, Chuck Murry, Mike Stokes, Steve Swigert, Natalie Tolles, Bill Whiston, and Pat Wolff.

To become members of the honorary drama society the students worked a hundred hours on play productions, passed a written test, presented monologues to senior Thespians, and wore blue and gold beanies for a week as they muttered, "I'm a lowly scum-of-the-earth Thespian candidate."

The hours were served by working on costumes, properties, make-up, lights, or by acting in a play.



One of the leading race drivers in the United States, Mr. Jack Turner, will speak today, March 18, in a highway safety assembly. Mr. Turner wants the student body to realize that it is a "privilege to hold a driver's license and a responsibility to retain it."

"Superstition" was appropriately chosen as the theme for the junior dance last Friday, March 13. Committee chairmen for the dance were Carol Cage, chairman; Sue Dickens, decorations; Karen Hamm, tickets; Jennifer MacKenzie, refreshments; and Sarah Ginn, publicity.

The Kingsmen Band, a basketball free throw contest, and a water balloon throw contest were featured at the sophomore dance Saturday, March 14, in the south gym.

School camp counselor training sessions were held at Goodall School, 539 Colebrook Dr., on Saturdays, February 22-March 14, to train high school students to help at Camp Wyman during the grade school camp sessions.

## YMCA collects books, magazines

Members of Hi-Y 66D are combing their attics and basements for books and magazines in good condition, to supply libraries of the elementary, junior high, and senior high schools in Kinloch.

A local YMCA project, the book and magazine drive is being organized by Steve Hause, president of Hi-Y 66D, Joe Graves, Tom Hall, Bill Mahon, and Clark Otto.

Aside from the drive itself the club will hold a dance April 18, requiring donated books as admission. The dance, from 7:30 to 10:30, will feature the Invictus band.

Any classical, biographical, or reference book may be turned in at the YMCA or to any Hi-Y 66D member.

# Seniors meet junior, faculty teams in high-spirited, traditional clashes



Photo by Paul Rich Turner, senior, tips a jump ball away from his stretching junior opponent in a tense play of the Junior-Senior game.

Age seemed to figure strongly in victories in both the Junior-Senior and Senior-Faculty basketball games. The seniors continued the traditional upper-class victory by downing the win-hungry juniors 62-52 March 6, but the faculty tripped the high-flying seniors 46-41 in the game Friday, March 13.

In the inter-class battle, the seniors, roaring back from a three-point halftime disadvantage, zipped ahead of the juniors by 15 points. Rich Turner with 16 tallies and James Ivory with 10 led upper-class scorers.

The Junior Class Cabinet committee which organized the game was chaired by Chris Carney and co-chaired by Bob Bennett. The cheerleaders, whose captain was James R. Brown, eased a car up the front stairs of Roberts Gym

for a spectacular halftime show.

In the Senior-Faculty basketball game, Bill Southworth, a turncoat graduate, poured in 16 points to lead the faculty to a 46-41 victory over the seniors. Mr. Donald Reid, psychology teacher, scored eight, and Mr. David Steinmeyer from Hixson Jr. High tallied seven to back up Southworth's high-scoring effort.

Ernest Cole racked up 13 in the effort against the sprightly faculty, which rose from a 17-17 tie at the end of the first quarter to lead for the rest of the game. Don Morgan and Joe Ivory, each with seven, were other high-point scorers.

Alan Curtis and Don Morgan co-chaired the Senior Class Cabinet committee which organized the Senior-Faculty game.

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