

# The Webster Echo

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## Party completes senior activities

Commencement exercises and the all-night Senior Party, Thursday, June 4, will climax the many senior activities of the past month.

The graduation program will begin at 6 p.m. when the members of the class of 1964 file into the stadium at Memorial Park. Mike Donovan, Guy Mellor, and Denny White, who were chosen by the seniors to be speakers, will give addresses based on "A Game of Glass" by Alastair Reid. In case of rain, commencement will be in Roberts Gym at 7 p.m.

After they have received their diplomas, the graduates and their dates will go to Memorial Pool, where the Senior Party, sponsored by the Senior Mothers' Club, will begin with two hours of swimming. The seniors will later visit their "World's Fare", a catered supper at Hixson Junior High School. There will be dancing, ping-pong, and card games until 4:30, when a continental breakfast will be served in the adjoining yards of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wesley Burton and Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Landwehr. The breakfast will last until 7 a.m., when the Senior Party ends.

"A party of this type isn't possible without the dedication and talented contributions of many parents," commented Mrs. S.F. Procopio, chairman of the Senior Mothers' Club. "The theme, the variety of activities, and the quality of entertainment will continue the tradition of outstanding Senior Parties."

## Batts named new editor of 'Echo'

Bob Batts has been chosen 1964-65 editor of *The Echo*, Mr. Newton Settle, sponsor of the yearbook, announced on May 6. Assisting Bob directly will be John Dunkman, the new Business Manager; Steve Massey, Advertising Manager; Martha Spano, Literary Editor; and Jan Bidewell, Art Editor. Other members of the staff include Julie Bemis, Bruce Bergen, Carol Brock, Sue Detering, Betsey Reynolds, John Vornbrock, and Donna Woodard. George Fuller, the photographer, joins the new staff with a year's experience.

Staff members first saw the product of their year's work on Thursday, May 21, at a banquet held at the Green Parrot Inn. Sue Menke, 1964 Echo Queen, and Piero Pezze, her escort for the coronation ceremony on Saturday, April 25, also attended as special guests.

## Baccalaureate set for this Sunday

The baccalaureate service for seniors and their families is set for Sunday, May 31, at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Dr. Allen G. Wehrli of Eden Seminary will deliver the main address of the evening and the Chapel choir directed by Mrs. William Symes of the Webster Groves Presbyterian Church will sing.

The Senior Mother's Club and the Ministerial Alliance of Webster Groves have arranged the program this year.

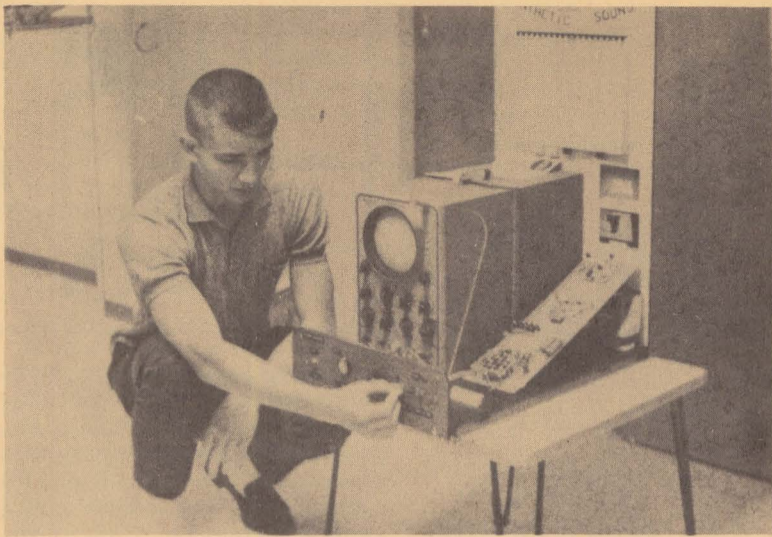


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Charles Galbierz is shown with his project.

## Science winners named

Scientific experiments dealing with synthetic sound and with chick embryology brought second and third place awards to sophomore Charles Galbierz and senior Richard Hanchett in the Greater St. Louis Science Fair, April 20-24.

Also receiving award certificates for their research were John Bernard, Marcia Bodkin, Stephanie Diller, Marilyn Gaston, Jim Gurney, and Nancy Hardt. In all, seventeen students from Webster participated in the Fair.

Charles experimented with "The Visual Analysis of Synthetic Sound." Using an oscillator, he was able to produce synthetic sound which he projected onto a screen with an oscilloscope. He explained that such a procedure is used to check the authenticity of tape recorders and records, to measure the tone accuracy of electrical instruments, and to test the quality of microphones.

Richard, whose winning project explored the "Chemical Effects of Benzadrine, Caffeine, and Nicotine on the Chick Embryo," is an experienced Science Fair partici-

pant. He has entered every year since he was in third grade. Two years ago, he won a first place award for experiment dealing with the chick embryo and its reaction to insulin.

This year, working under a grant from the Academy of Science, Chet, as he prefers to be called, expanded the experiment to include the well-known stimulants benzedrine, caffeine, and nicotine.

Besides winning ten dollars in the fair this year, Chet has been asked to speak on chick embryology at the Science Academy, June 12.

## Mellor, Lueders earn recognition

Guy Mellor and Marilyn Lueders have won "excellent" and "superior" ratings respectively in the State Speech and Drama Meet May 1 and 2 at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

Guy won his honor in the Public Speaking classification with his eight-minute speech on "The Moral Responsibility of the Individual," and Marilyn rated "superior" with her reading of two passages from James Thurber's book, *Thurber Country*, in the Prose Reading competition.

Six debate students, including Guy and Marilyn, presented a debate program for the Ninth Grade Mothers' Club at Steger, Tuesday, May 12. Guy Allen moderated the program. Guy Mellor and Marilyn presented their entries in the State Speech and Drama Meet. Ninette Knudsen gave a human interest speech on her dog, while Mary McComb offered an imaginative talk on the feelings of a trout on opening day of the fishing season.

Brent Stromberg's extemporaneous speech, "Should Lyndon B. Johnson change his political strategy for the upcoming election?" completed the program.

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Sophomores Staci Hall and Elaine Ivory each averaged a 97.1% on a total of seven National Physical Fitness tests; "A remarkable feat," said Miss Mester.

Charles Cary, class of '60, has just been awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship.

Bill Detering, class of '65, was awarded a scholarship to National Science Foundation Summer Institute on Behavioral Science.

Mrs. Pat Cate, Spanish teacher, is volunteering to convert printed materials into Braille.

## Leading seniors announced today

### Hixson Awards presented; top art, science honors given in assembly

The main presentation in the Awards and Recognition Assembly today was the James T. Hixson Awards. These honors are given to eight outstanding seniors, a boy and girl in each of four areas. For scholarship, the winners are Bob Johnson and Aphrodite Matsakis; leadership, Sue Menke and Dennis White; service, Ninette Knudsen and Guy Mellor; and sportsmanship, Neal Losse and Jennifer Young.

#### New Award

The Edwin D. Myers Memorial Trophy was given to Karin Hamingson. This award will be given each year for 15 to 20 years as a memorial to Edwin D. Myers, art teacher at Webster for 32 years. Each nominee must be a senior currently in art, must have shown skill and application in art, must have served the school with his talent, and must maintain a satisfactory record of good citizenship. The winner is chosen by the art teachers, the Senior Class Counselors, the Director of Activities, the Senior Class Sponsor, and the principal on a basis of art students' nominations and a portfolio of the student's work.

In addition to winning the Myers Trophy, Karin won the Blue Ribbon Art award from the National School of Art in New York.

The Wally Gibbs Memorial Award for the best defensive basketball player was won by Tom Stuber. Ron Mautz won the Charles A. Roberts Award for sportsmanship. The Thespian Theatre Guild Award for outstanding work in dramatics was won by Ninette Knudsen and David Birenbaum.

The Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award was given to Bill

Hitchens. Chemistry, physics, and biology teachers select the student who has the highest grade average in the sciences and seems most interested and capable in these fields.

The National Forensic Awards were won by Marilyn Lueders, Guy Mellor, and Michael Norton.

#### Senior Service

The Senior Service Awards were presented to the 29 students who have done outstanding work in school organizations. Each group nominated three members and the votes of the senior class determined the final list. The winners are Elizabeth Bickel, Judy Denckhoff, Bob Dotson, Susan Erbe, Judy Feldman, Andrea Geyer, Sue Kice, Sue Landwehr, Neal Losse, Barbara McCafferty, Patricia McCafferty, Bob Mabry, Guy Mellor, Sue Menke, Marsha Millan, Don Morgan, Bev Quist, Ted Reed, Steve Schumaier, Steve Scott, Rick Smith, Riek Sprott, John Stocke, Tom Stuber, Bette Tomlinson, Ron Wagner, Craig Waldron, Dennis White, and Jennifer Young.

Special recognition was given to the seniors in the top five per cent of their class. These are Gay Barnett, Mary Bashford, Linda Brown, Sue Estes, Joan Frederick, Gary George, John Hoyer, Bob Johnson, Sue Landwehr, Jane Lively, Lynn Lonergan, Lynn McVicker, Don Martin, Aphrodite Matsakis, Sue Menke, Don Morgan, Pat Pearman, Gary Poe, Fran Procopio, Tate Pursell, Bev Quist, Susan Ruder, Hal Schnedler, Steve Scott, Sue Sperber, John Stocke, Bette Tomlinson, Prudy Werth, Pat Wolff, and Jenny Young.

## Johnson, Pursell win merit honors

Seniors Bob Johnson and Tate Pursell have won college scholarships in the 1963-64 National Merit Scholarship Program. Bob, sports editor of *The Webster Echo* and bassoon player in the band, and Tate, editor of *The Echo* annual and president of Latin Club, had outstanding scores on the National Merit Qualifying Test taken in March of their junior year, and were named semi-finalists last September.

From six semi-finalists in the school, Bob and Tate became finalists on the basis of their scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board, extracurricular activities and special honors, academic records, and counselors' recommendations.

The Merit Program Corporation, based in Evanston, Illinois, notified the finalists in the middle of March, but all the winners had to remain silent until the national press release date, April 22. "We could only tell our immediate families," Bob said.

All finalists in the program receive scholarships, but the amount of the awards is determined by a financial form which Mrs. Montgomery Johnson, Bob's mother, said was "worse than the forms for income tax."

Bob will attend Washington University on his partial tuition scholarship, in preparation for an architectural career. Tate, whose



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National Merit winners are (l. to r.) Bob Johnson, and Tate Pursell

aid was to Oberlin College, rejected his National Merit Scholarship and will be a pre-medical student at Washington University next fall.

The reactions of the Webster students when they found they were winners showed restraint. Bob was almost calm when he saw the letter of notification. "It was just an envelope sitting there," he said. He added that his enthusiasm increased during the necessary five weeks of silence, and by the final week, "It was difficult to keep the secret."

Tate was more stunned by the scholarship, and he said that in a delayed reaction after opening the letter, "I sat down."