

A letter to the editor

Sportsmanship

To the editor:

During the last few years, there has been much discussion concerning sportsmanship at Webster Groves High School. During this time several organizations in the school have united to promote school spirit and good sportsmanship. These groups include the Varsity Club, Student Council, Varsity Pep Club, Lettermen's Club, Student Council Sports Committee, and the cheerleaders. We feel that this year through a joint effort, these groups have moved closer to their goal than ever before.

Material evidence of this can perhaps be seen in the results of Webster's standing in the Burris Award ratings of basketball and football. These sportsmanship results indicate that Webster finished second and third in basketball and football respectively in the suburban conference. In both cases, the difference between our scores and those of the first-rated teams was a matter of only a few tenths of a point. Also, in both of these cases, the acts of one or two individuals was the deciding factor in the lower ratings.

If this trend of improvement, as was especially seen in the final basketball tournament games, continues, we feel that next year Webster should be even closer to making school spirit and good sportsmanship synonymous.

Sincerely,
Sports Committee Co-chairmen
Susie Landwehr
Ron Wagner

A review of the year

by Randy Christianson

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under the sun."—Ecclesiastes.

May is the time of reckoning. Having completed an important nine months of their lives, students have reached a vantage point where they can decide just what those nine months have meant. Now is the time to take a look both forwards and back to see what has been done during the school year and what can be expected in the future.

During the past year, Webster students have achieved much. They have earned important awards and honors in athletics, music, the arts, and scholastic achievement. Also, the student government has shown that the concept of a guidance council can work with the support of the student body.

There is also much to look forward to. It is up to future classes to solve such problems as the smoking issue, lack of interest in Student Council affairs, sportsmanship, and poor school spirit. Also, with the prospects of a new addition to the school and improvements in the present building, Webster students can look forward to an even better education.

Finally, the seniors have fulfilled their purpose here and are leaving. Even though they won't return, their attitudes, spirit, and sense of responsibility will remain a part of this school.

Exchange teacher views Webster

by M. Georges Massot

A few days ago, some students of mine had the tactful idea of offering me a splendid orange Statesmen sweater as a souvenir of their class and of Hamsher High School. Later on, when I wear this clothing (every day) I shall want to impress my neighbors and bring them an undisputable and colored proof of my stay in the states! I shall think of Hamsher High School. And I already can imagine what I shall mainly remember.

First, I had the impression of a very active bee-hive. I was impressed by the multiplicity of the various activities, (regular classes, clubs, assemblies, etc.) and the administrative organization which plans it smoothly.

I also appreciated the maturity and the sense of responsibility of many students who volunteer for so many extracurricular activities and do it with both enthusiasm and effectiveness. These organizations, and particularly the Student Council, are genuine schools for democracy.

All the year long, I had the opportunity to appreciate the creativeness of the students, guided by devoted teachers when

I entered and visited the art classes, the home economics, the different workshops and many other classes, or when I read the excellent Webster Echo or the poetical Potpourri.

And there were days when the spirit of the school seemed particularly evident: great days of sports or artistic events. I shall never forget the excitement of a football game and though I must confess that I still have not quite understood the rules of your football and baseball, I shall remember those colorful scenes, their exciting atmosphere, and -- shall I say it? -- the elegance of the majorettes and the smile of the cheerleaders.

I shall remember, in particular, how the seasons were greeted by the beautiful songs of the choir at Christmas and at Spring; and how many artistic events brightened the academic year.

Above all, I shall remember the excellent relationships I had with my students; the friendliness of my fellow teachers and of all the administrative staff. All these quickly made me feel at home and helped me in many ways.

Students plan world-wide vacations

"Traveling through Europe will not only be a vacation, it will be an opportunity to learn how other peoples think about us, international affairs, and life," said junior Jane Olenick thoughtfully. Jane, who will visit parliaments in session and attend a papal audience while touring Europe, is one of several students who are journeying to various parts of the "big, wide world" this summer.

"Although we have been planning our trip for three years, I still can't believe it. I'm enthusiastic about going everywhere," glowed senior Fran Procopio. After three weeks in Italy, Fran and her family will visit France, England, Switzerland, Denmark, and Austria.

Both Fran and Aphrodite Matsakis, who will visit her aunt in Greece, agree that they hope "to have fun and improve and broaden" their minds.

Senior receives award for essay

"I've always had an ambition to be a lawyer," said Pete Senseney, a senior, who recently won an award in an essay contest sponsored by the St. Louis County Bar Association. Pete's winning essay dealt with the fourth amendment to the Constitution and was entitled, "We Should Open Our Doors?"

Pete said, "It seemed to me that the amendment had as many bad points as good ones. I took the middle road and presented both pro and con. I agree that people should be protected from illegal entry, but the need for a search warrant can get out of hand. For instance, if a policeman has a warrant to search a person's house for stolen furniture, and in the process finds narcotics, the policeman can't arrest that person. Instead he must obtain another warrant dealing with the drugs."

Pete's government teacher, Mr. Glen Ogle, presented a certificate to him for "good citizenship" and "excellence in thought" at an assembly for history students on May 1, Law Day.



by Sara Ruddy

It has become increasingly difficult in the past few years for teenagers to find summer work. We think it is possible to solve this problem by making students aware of job opportunities about which they might not be informed. There are many jobs available which are not too well publicized.

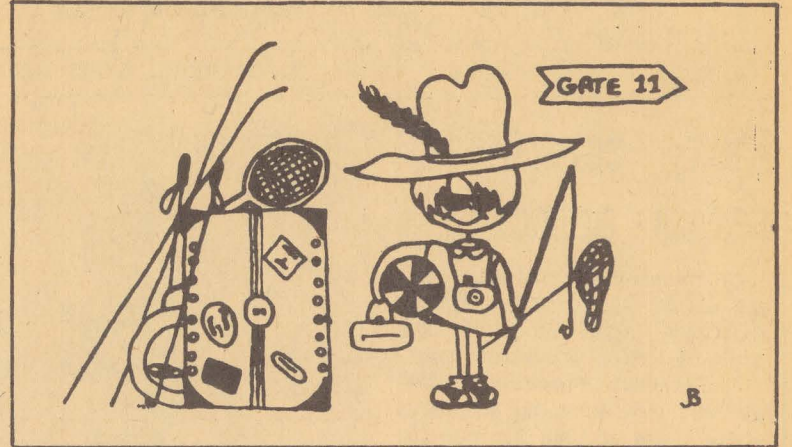
There are many openings for people to be members of crowds to cheer candidates when they come to town this summer. Political affiliations are not important as long as the applicant has strong arms and a good memory for candidates' names.

Travelers to Europe would like a few people to stay home so they can send postcards to them.

Members of sororities are looking for interested young men to be girl watchers.

Several demands have been made for people to infiltrate swimming pools.

These are, of course, only a few odd jobs open to teenage applicants, but this list, we feel, is a definite start in beginning the war on teenage poverty.



Seeking adventure within the United States, Oliver "B-Ball" Richards, Tim Swank, Bob Ferguson, and possibly Peter Senseney will take a five-week motor trip to the West Coast. The senior boys will stop at parks, such as Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, and Rocky Mountain, and at cities, such as Reno, Las Vegas, Hollywood, and Los Angeles.

"Six months of planning, mowing lawns, and otherwise working hard are well worth seeing the Los Angeles Angels play," said "B-Ball" happily. Bob Ferguson, who is anxious to surf on California's beach-

es, is taking his weights along because he "will not get enough exercise just driving in the car all day." Tim's only regret is that he is "leaving Susie."

Another senior, Dianne Flesh, is anticipating "bargaining endlessly with shopkeepers while exploring in small Mexican villages." When Dianne was a seventh-grader, her aunt promised to take her to Mexico after graduation if she would continue Spanish for six years. With this background, Dianne still fears she "will not know what the people are saying."

Faculty members reveal summer plans to travel, study, teach

Students are inclined to feel that no one could be more anxious for the end of school than they are. But, as students slave over final exams, teachers are already anticipating the glories of summer vacation.

Mere escape from school doesn't seem to satisfy some teachers. Five have found it necessary to escape from the country. Mrs. Jane Bernard, senior English teacher, plans to tour England and Scotland, visiting all the places she teaches about in English literature. Mrs. Genevra Blackburn, French professor, will shepherd twelve French students to Macon, France, for part of the summer. She plans to "recuperate" from this experience during a stay in the "majestic Rockies."

Miss Nancy Wieman, vocal music teacher, plans to tour the Music Festivals of Europe, then fly home to visit the World's Fair. Miss Margaret Van Digglen will travel to Mexico. Mr. Kenneth Fast, not content with teaching chemistry all winter, will go to India this summer to teach it.

Several in Mexico

Mr. Emory J. Hampel, Spanish teacher, and his students, Flower Pring, Joe Graves, and Kurt Eisleben will also be in Mexico this summer, sightseeing Mexico and Acapulco. They will also spend two weeks in summer school in the mountain city of Tasco.

New York and the World's Fair will draw Mrs. Annette Beale, Mrs. Elise Coleman, and Miss Dorothy Daniel who plan to travel in the United States. As State Director of Thespians, Mrs. Ernestine Smizer will attend the Dramatic Arts Conference in Bloomington, Indiana, with some of her students and other Thespians from Missouri.

Summer school

Several teachers plan to leave one school only to go to another. Mrs. Helen Southworth, biology teacher, and Mr. Albert Wolfington, English teacher, will attend Washington University. Mr. Lewis W. Hoffman will work on his Master's degree at Central Missouri State. Mrs. Rebecca Fox plans to attend summer school, but a strong lack of studiousness characterizes her other plans, which are "to swim, swim, swim, and to sleep a lot." Also to attend summer school are Miss Patricia Whittington and Mrs. LaFern Bowden.

Miss Barbara Mester, physical education instructor, reports a rather distinctive vacation. After teaching "slimnastics" and contract bridge at a teenage girls' camp in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, she plans an "ultra-secret tour of Southern Tibetan Monasteries under the leadership of the Supreme Dalai Lama" for the State Department.

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