

# Artistic flair gains honors, prizes for six student artists this year

Many artists never attain recognition throughout their lives, but six Webster artists have already achieved fame in recent contest.

In the annual Scholastic Art Awards Contest held in February and March, senior Mike Carmody was one of four winners of the Hallmark Award. His prize painting was a street corner in mixed media. Karin Hamingson, a senior, won a Blue Ribbon for her water color of a Mill Creek slum. Both paintings went on to the exhibition in New York in March, where Karin's won a Gold Medal.

A casein painting won a Gold Key for senior Joan Marlow in the Scholastic contest. Junior Mike Patrick placed with a casein painting. All four pictures were displayed at Stix, Baer, and Fuller for one week last month.

The Saint Louis Independent Artists' Association sponsored a contest for high school students at the Pope Pius XII Memorial Library. Karin Hamingson won Third Prize and a \$25 bond for a water color collage (see story). Seniors Kathleen Passanise and Joan Marlow were awarded Honorable Mentions for their oil paintings.

Junior Ann Comfort won Third Prize for handbuilt sculpture in the recent Webster Ceramics Show.

All work, except Ann's, was done in the students' art classes under the direction of Mrs. Marilyn Oesch.

## Alum News

Milton J. Plomer, Class of '46, has been named Field Group Engineer by Douglas Aircraft. In this capacity he supervises all design work at John F. Kennedy Space Center involving structure and controls for the Saturn S-IV and Saturn S-IV B rockets. Mr. Plomer received his A & T degree from Northrop Institute of Technology in 1955 and has attended U.C.L.A. and Long Beach City College.

Jerry Birkett, Class of '60, who will graduate from Missouri University in June will begin training for the Peace Corps on June 20 at Logan, Utah. He has requested that he be sent to Iran.

Judy Evans, Class of '63, has been elected vice-president of the freshman class and a cheerleader at Miami University.

Mary Beth Barnett, Class of '62, is one of 51 women at Grinnell College to be named to Baffle-board for the coming year. Baffle-board members assist in the administration of women's house rules for their respective residence halls.

Ellen Detering, Class of 1963, has been appointed to the Curriculum Committee by the Student Senate at Grinnell College for the coming year.

## Students attend WU Honors Day

Twenty-two juniors and three seniors representing Webster's intellectual elite, those people who are ranked scholastically in the upper ten per-cent of their classes, attended the High School Honors Day Saturday morning, May 9th at Washington University.

Altogether, one hundred ten Webster students, 55 seniors and 55 juniors, all in the upper ten per-cent grade standing were invited by the University to participate in the program.

The visitors, who were from numerous area high schools, toured the Washington University campus; heard a lecture by Edward G. Weltin, assistant professor of history; and were entertained by a brass and woodwind ensemble from the University School of Music.

The purpose of the program, according to assistant principal Dr. Joseph R. Verby, is "to encourage good students to think in terms of going to college."

# Hamingson sketches for scholarship

"I was humiliated, to say the least," Karin Hamingson, a senior, described the day she entered a painting in the St. Louis Society of Independent Artists contest and received one of the four art awards she has won during the past year.

"I went down to the Pope Pius Library to help them hang the paintings, and agh, two policemen escorted me out. There's a law against girls in slacks, I think."

Despite her poor beginning in the contest for high school students, Karin went on to win a third place. "I was sure I wasn't even qualified," she confessed, "and I had given up hope until my friend called me at 10 o'clock one night and said, 'MYAHH, you've got a third!' I was pretty happy."

Karin's achievements have also won her the Fine Arts Award scholarship to Webster College. Competing against eight semi-finalists from all over the state, she first submitted a portfolio of her work and then drew the required still life and color composition.

"The still life was this awful ironing board-steel pipe thing," she remembered, then added ruefully, "I kept trying to give it an arty, blended look, but all I did was make smudged thumb-prints."

In the Scholastic Art Awards, Karin was one of 30 people in the United States who won a gold medal for watercolor.

"The pictures I won prizes with were all of houses in Hiroshima Flats, the section of Mill Creek around Union Station," commented Karin. "I like that place; it must

## Christianson tops French contests

Juniors Randy Christianson and Bob Bangs have won top honors in county judging of the American Association of French Teachers national proficiency test. Randy placed second in the French II division.

This is the second year Webster students have captured top awards. Last year two seniors won first and second prizes.

Besides having the normal difficulties taking the test, Randy encountered other problems. "When the papers were returned, I was told that I had received a 43 percent," he explained, "but the next day I found out that my grade was really 83 3/4 percent. Then, my paper was so sloppy I had to copy it over."

Mrs. Blackburn, Randy's teacher stated that Randy's grade was the highest scored by any third year french student in the county. "It's a real achievement," she added, "because he won over students from both private and public schools."

Bob and Randy received their prizes during a meeting held in the Maria Lounge at Webster College, May 24.

The test, described by both boys as "extremely difficult," is composed of four divisions dealing with listening comprehension, grammar proficiency, reading comprehension, and French civilization. It is administered in a single class period.

## Need

Water is nothing  
Without thirst.  
Food has no need  
Without hunger.  
Light is not light  
Without darkness.  
Need has no place  
Without want.

Linda Monroe



Photo by Dempster

Karin casually displays a few samples from her collection of painting and sketches.

Besides awards in three contests, Karin received honors in art at Mark Twain Summer Institute, which she attended last summer.

"This summer," she announced, "I'm going on an art history tour of Europe with a Webster College group. Isn't that great? I get excited just crossing the Mississippi." The tour will last for six weeks and include stops in six countries as well as an audience with the Pope. Karin has already made

plans for the trip. "I think I'll bring along No-Doz --you know, unsleep stuff--a big flashlight, and a rope ladder. That way I can shinny down drainpipes at night and not have to waste waste half the time sleeping." The best part of the trip, Karin thought is that "we'll go by motor-bus and stay in little villages that are untourist places at all." She paused for a moment, looking about her last words, concerned, and then added, "Oh, I'm sorry. I talk barefooted."

## Clip and save

Marg Eggers, 1963 graduate and freshman at Bryn Mawr College, offers the following advice to future college students:

- (1): If you're really interested in a particular college, try to find a freshman to quiz; right at the end of freshman year is a good time because the first idealistic glow has faded and some concrete pros and cons are beginning to appear.
  - (2): Unless you have to live at or near home for specific reasons, you should automatically rule out schools within a 500-mile radius of home. This is your chance to be on your own. A very important part of college is building up your own set of values and friends, and your parents shouldn't have any influence.
  - (3): Realize that your teachers will not take a personal interest in you; you will be judged merely by performance.
  - (4): Remember you're not, in many respects, considered an individual, so unless you have a legitimate gripe, or you really feel that you're in a wrong course, etc., keep quiet.
  - (5): When the world comes crashing down about you, don't hesitate to write some of your friends at other colleges. Not only have they gone through similar traumas, but writing things out on paper often helps to put them in their proper perspective. (And no college student minds getting mail!)
- When you really get discouraged, a good poem to read is "Sleeveless Errand", by Jan Struther.

## Retiring teachers plan hobbies, travel, leisure

This year marks the termination of over a century and a half of service of five Webster teachers. Miss Charlotte Bailey, Miss Ruth Bynum, Miss Genevieve Campbell, and Miss Eleanor Henneke have announced their retirements from teaching after this school year. Miss Margaret Schowengerdt has resigned for medical reasons.

Miss Bailey, head of the home economics department, has taught here since 1934. Her plans are indefinite. "Travel, of course, but I haven't quite decided where." A world traveler, she has visited Europe, North Africa, Central America, and all fifty states. "My travel agent says the Orient is just out this year," she sighed. "Maybe next year, though."

Familiar to all Webster students as the woman behind the Boas and Smiths, Miss Bynum, the head librarian, plans to pursue several of her latent hobbies. "I've always enjoyed collecting rocks, and I'd like to try some more unusual hobbies, if I don't feel too lazy, that is." Laziness will probably not have a chance to creep up on her,

for this summer she will attend an American Librarian Association convention in St. Louis and in the fall will begin teaching a course at Washington University.

"I majored in English in college," Miss Campbell smiled, "and all I have taught since I graduated is Latin." Miss Campbell, who has taught since 1931, intends to travel a great deal after her retirement. "Next summer I'm going to visit Europe and then tour the Holy Land," she said.

Miss Eleanor Henneke, a teacher of ancient history, says that her plans are too indefinite to be revealed as yet.

Miss Margaret Schowengerdt, who has been head of the English department, is resigning from the system for medical reasons. She will return to her home in Warrenton, Missouri, and plans to resume teaching in a few years. "I've been wanting to clean up my 98-year-old house for years, and now seems to be the best time." Expressing the sentiment of all five teachers, she added, "I know I'm going to miss everyone."

## Students teach to learn at Wyman



A group of counselors receive training

The blue carry-all pulled up in front of the Board of Education annex and a short-gray-haired woman, Mrs. Adj Dillon, wife of the director of Camp Wyman stepped out and greeted Mr. Kloppe, director of physical education for the Webster Groved Public School system, who stood in the midst of suitcases, purses, cameras, and happily nervous high school students. These students were part of a group of twenty who served as counselors at Webster Groves' School Camp.

Each fall and spring sixth graders in the Webster Groves Public Schools board buses and head for Eureka, Missouri where they live for a week, substituting nature hikes, archery, riflery, cookouts, and arts and crafts for conventional education.

Most counselors discovered that training sessions didn't provide solutions for all situations. When faced with a noisy cabin after lights out, one boy came up with a solution to quiet them down. He promised the boys that if they didn't quiet down they would see stars that night instead of on Astronomy Night.

The week at camp was not only a learning process for the campers but also for the counselors as well. Steve Shumaier, a senior, assigned the task of being weatherman for the first time in his life, discovered he could learn from the children by supplying them with questions. Steve also admitted that all the college algebra and chemistry he had taken in school could not compare to the lessons he had learned in human nature at Wyman.