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ANITA CURRIN

Color Guard Named Student of Month

Webb's student council met Monday, March 10, and elected Anita Currin as February's Student of the Month.

Anita has been a member of the high school band since her freshman year here at Webb. She has been color guard each year and this year she has served as leader of the pep band.

Through the years, Anita has done much for the welfare and interest of our band. She is certainly a member that we are proud to have had.

Anita is a member of the French and Library Clubs. She participates in Sunday School and youth activities at the Oxford Baptist Church.

Upon graduation, Anita plans to attend a beauty school. Congratulations, Anita!

NHS Taps Members During Assembly

On March 10, the National Honor Society held an assembly for sophomores and juniors. The purpose of this meeting was to tap the new members that were to be inducted. President Sanne Jones called the meeting to order and then explained what the NHS was and what qualifications were needed before one could be inducted. Last year's members tapped these Juniors: Bonnie Wilkens, Cindy Ross, Tommy Hobgood, Frank Hielema, Harry Dixon, Julius Johnson, Three Wilson, Kitty Lee, Ivy Lawrence, Tommy Currin, Debra Fox, Anne Cheatham, Deborah Blalock, Joan Roberson, Luther Penny, Cathy Daniel, Glenda Currin, Bert Sherman, Shirley Ann Averett, Dot Williford, Edna Braswell, and Kimball Royster. Also tapped were the following Seniors: Mark Royster, Susan Hunt, Al Barnes, Dale Williford, and Maxine Cox.

The induction ceremony for the new prospective members was held Thursday night, March 20. Reverend Clarence Godwin, introduced by Steve Wright, spoke to the new and old members as well as the parents of the incoming ones. Next a program entitled "Great Americans" was presented by Mike O'Brien, Teresa Currin, Cecelia Pruitt, and Tommy Currin. The presentation compared the qualities of four past presidents with ones that NHS members should display. The new members then signed a beautiful scrapbook that Judy Cash had prepared. The ceremony was finally concluded when the new members took the pledge to uphold the high ideals of the NHS. Refreshments were served afterwards.

French Mardi Gras Delights Club

"Sock it to me?" You can bet your sweet bippy everyone at the French Mardi Gras had it "socked" to them. On March the seventh and eighth the cafeteria was transformed into a night club on Bourbon Street in New Orleans. Looking at the decorations, you could tell that somebody had put a great deal of time and effort into this occasion.

The program at the dance was a tremendous hit. It was Webb's version of Laugh-In complete with our own Goldie (Nancy Finch), our own Aretha Franklin (Mary Ann Fields), and our own Henry Gibson (Sam White). Bobby Colenda was in charge of the program, and he did a great job of organizing it. Everything was "authentic" in the show from the music on down to the "sock-it-to-me" bit. (Joy Wilkie was the unfortunate one who got it socked to her with water.)

The climax of the program was the presentation of the Mardi Gras court and the crowning of the King and the Queen. The girls in the court were Teresa Currin, Susan Fox, and Melina Bifulco; the boys, Bill Mitchell, Michael Currin, and Dal Mackie. Out of these Teresa Currin was elected queen and Michael Currin, king. (Someone remarked how it was funny that their last names were both Currin and they were both going to Wake Forest next year. I wonder if that had any influence?)

There was a great variety of original and unusual costumes. Prizes were given for some of the best ones. Lyna Breedlove (Scarlett O'Hara) won the prize for the prettiest costume. The prize for the funniest one went to Frank Hielema, who was one of the cartoon characters of the Banana Splits. Joan Roberson, who came as a flower, won the prize for the most original. The Best Dressed Couple was Michael Currin and Laura Bullock, who were Spaniards.

Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time especially listening to the music of The Lonely Drifters. This combo knew how to play everything from our special "soul" songs to Happy Birthday. (It was Cecil Peebles' birthday!)

As a whole, our Webb Mardi Gras was definitely improved this year. This was due to the hard work of the many French students and their teacher's. (Mrs. Pace's room will never be the same again.) Let's hope the good work keeps up each year so that the Mardi Gras will become one of the biggest events at Webb.

FHA Talent Show Entertained Many

On Saturday night, February 22, from 7:30 to 9:00, FHA'ers and other attendants were entertained at the annual FHA Talent Show in the Webb cafeteria.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was Mrs. Frank Daniel.

The first prize of \$10.00 was awarded to Emma Day, who played the piano. Martha Hilton, first runner-up, sang "My Favorite Things", "More", and "I Could Have Danced All Night", and won \$5.00.

The second runner-up was Debra Bowling, who did the Charleston and won \$3.00. Honorable mention went to the "Sons of Fate" Combo.

Teresa Currin, chairman of the program, coordinated the talent show.

Man From NASA Presents Program

Let's go to the moon! We all should now be fairly educated enough to think about such an adventure even if we can't go at the present. On February 21, NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) presented in our cafeteria a Spacemobile program. Our lecturer was William M. Cole who hales from Arkansas. He graduated from the University of Arkansas in January 1961. He also did graduate work there and he attended the National Science Foundation Institute of Arkansas during the summer of 1966. Furthermore, he has had five years of teaching experience. Mr. Cole presented a very interesting and very informative program. He discussed the history of rockets and space exploration starting with the development of the rocket in the Orient and carrying it all the way through our present sophisticated technological achievement. Also he presented discussion and demonstrations in the development and synthesis of fuels and propulsion systems. Mr. Cole displayed how effective miniaturization was in building a spaceship. For example he showed a component of the communications system in its original size which he had to hold in both hands. Then, he showed the same component in its miniaturized state, which was smaller than his finger nail. In addition, he had replicas of the rockets and satellites which have been used in the past, and of a spacesuit that astronauts wear, which usually cost about \$1,000 dollars.

Following the 60-minute assembly program that morning, Mr. Cole conducted further discussions in the Physics' room during the afternoon. In these lectures he delved into the drinking, disposing of waste products, etc. He showed pouches and complicated processes of eating, tubes with which the astronauts add water to the dehydrated food, let it set for a while, then squeeze the food out. He further informed the students that the substance of the average meal of an astronaut is equivalent to that of 1½ meals on earth. Mr. Cole then let students ask questions about the space program.

It was a very interesting program and we appreciate NASA making this opportunity possible.

Busy Latin Club Plans for Spring

Webb's Latin Club will be represented at the state JCL convention in Chapel Hill April 12 by nearly fifty students, going by bus.

Heading the delegation will be Glenda Currin, state secretary, who has already participated in two program-planning sessions. Glenda's pages are Shirley Ann Averett, Karen Cutts and Andy Howard.

Linda Montague will be convention pianist, with Mrs. Mac Satterwhite as song-leader.

Several freshmen and sophomores will enter contests in mythology, derivatives, grammar, and history. Others will attend one of several workshops. The Membership workshop will be conducted by Debra Fox, who with Glenda Currin, led a similar session for N. C. JCL at the National Convention at East Lansing, Michigan last August.

The week after the convention local "Romans" will have their annual banquet, Saturday evening April 19, from 7 until 9 o'clock. At that time out-going rulers; Harry Dixon and Debra Fox, will crown their successors, two out of four chosen by Latin II students. Those four are Shelia Arrington, Nancy Callahan, Mike Peters, and Merlin Young. The head slave this year will be Ronald Pruitt, and Gwen Dickerson, Miss JCL.

Latin II students will present dramatic skits, and certain Latin I girls will present a dance, choreographed by Debra Fox and Joy Wilkie. Latin I students, dressed as slaves, will serve the three-course meal to their masters, after which they will be "sold at auction," with Mr. T. J. (Pooky) Currin as auctioneer. Proceeds from the slave sale will be used to help send delegates to the National JCL Convention August 10-14 in New Orleans.

JCL-ers in Latin II Clubs observed the Ides of March with a skit on Caesar's death. Participating were Dowell Godwin, Steve Timberlake, Harold Owen, Bill Wilkie, Merlin Young, Mike Peters, Karen Cutts, Gay King, and others.

Latin I Clubs are planning an April Fool program for March 31, a day early.

FOUR FROM WEBB WINNERS IN FINE ARTS

Listen to this, "Webb had four first place winners at the District Fine Art Festival for the Oxford Woman's Clubs." Isn't that great!

Deborah Simpson won first place in the 1969 Art Talent Contest for High School Seniors sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs with four scholarship awards offered by Hallmark Cards. Her entry was sponsored by the Oxford Woman's Club and was a pen and ink drawing of a lonely chimney engulfed by weeds and nearby old trees. It was entitled, "Ghost of the Flames." The picture must be sent to Greensboro to compete in the national contest, just as the other state winners.

Brenda Slaughter was the representative in the contest for the Oxford Junior Woman's Club. She modeled a dress and hat that she made under the supervision of Mrs. Dorothy Pruitt. The dress had long set-in sleeves and a gathered skirt. She made gathered self-fabric ruffles that were sewn around the neck, sleeves, and down the front. The hat had six sections to the crown with a versatile snap brim. Both the dress and hat were made of green whipped cream. The dress and hat were judged from top to bottom for construction. Brenda won first place at district level and will also compete at the state contest.

Steve Wright was presented the first place award for the public speaking contest. Steve spoke on "Electoral College: Should it be Abolished or Reformed?"

Steve Puckett, an active student here at Webb, also participated in the public speaking contest. Second place was not awarded by the judges but, if it had been, Steve would surely have received it. Steve spoke on "States Rights and Responsibilities."

Last but certainly not least, we can't forget the one and only Dowell Godwin and his abstract art. Dowell won first place at district level in the Abstract Art Division. His painting, "Introspection", was done in oils and consisted of a simple man thinking.

We want to congratulate each of these outstanding students for his or her grand performance.



TOMMY CURRIN

Currin Named Morehead Scholar

Congratulations are in order for Thomas Lee Currin, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Currin, Webb's first student to achieve the John Motley Morehead Scholarship.

Tommy, who will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill next year, will receive \$2,000 for student needs each year upon continued satisfactory work. His award is one of the most valuable and hardest to attain that the University of North Carolina has to offer. Nominees must first be suggested by their high schools, accepted by the county committee, and then face one interrogation after another before being suggested for the three day session with the John Motley Morehead Endowment Committee.

Here at Webb, Tommy has been one of the most active students. He is associated with the Latin Club, French Club, Science Club, Key Club, National Honor Society, Forensic Society, Student Council, and Spectator Staff, serving as Editor-in-Chief last year and the present Sports Editor. His academic achievements are best explained by the repeated appearance of his name on the roster of honor roll students.

But Tommy's interests far exceed the boundaries of our school. He is also active in the Amis Chapel Baptist Church and 4-H Club. In 1967 he attended North Carolina Governor's School in Winston-Salem and the following year spent two weeks in the high school Speech Institute at Wake Forest College.

Tommy was also considered for a National Honor Society Scholarship. After earning a degree in Business Administration, he plans to study law.

Library Club Held Second Meeting

On February 13, the second meeting of Webb's Library Club was held. Cathy Daniel presided over the meeting. After the minutes were read and approved the meeting was turned over to the discussion of the State Convention.

The State Convention is to be held in Durham at the Jack Tar Hotel, April 11-12. The members were informed that any number could attend, but each one should pay \$2.50 to Mrs. Washington by March 14, if she or he plans to go.

Susan Hughes then presented a very interesting classic film, "Treasure Island."

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Gray and enjoyed by all.