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Sixty-seven Students Win Honor Places

Upperclassmen Elect Officers

At the first meetings of the Junior and Senior Classes, officers were elected and plans for the coming year discussed.

Don Griffith was elected president; Barb Stevens, vice-president; and Jane Maltby, secretary. An open dance sponsored by the seniors will be held at Walwood Ballroom, November 19. The committee in charge of the event consists of Dot Hubbell, chairman; Dick Du Moehel, Hope Thezelius and Mart Past. The class also held discussion concerning ways of earning money.

The Junior Class officers are as follows: President, Jim Stephenson; vice-president, Doug Beebe; secretary, Amy Brown; treasurer, Bob Talbot.

The Latin Club and the International Affairs Club are two new societies which have been organized this semester. Altogether, State High has ten clubs.

The Latin Club, under the sponsorship of Miss Eunice Kraft, is considering affiliation with the Junior Classical League of America. The following officers have been chosen: president, Dolores Monday; vice-president, Maxine Marr; secretary, Amy Brown; treasurer, Bob Talbot.

The International Affairs Club, sponsored by Mr. Leonard Gernant, has as its purpose the study of the current happenings in international affairs.

Don Griffith Editor of Highlander Staff

The Highlander staff of 1943 has been chosen with Don Griffith as editor and Miss Myrtle Windsor as the new adviser. Films, labor, and materials are going to be scarce because of the war, but the Highlander is still expected to come out as usual. The staff is as follows: Editor, Don Griffith; Feature Editor, Barb Stevens; Assistant Feature Editor, Betty Miller; Athletics, Boe Espie; Art, Chyllis Polk,Pennins, Carolyn Richardson; Business Manager, Jack Van Boven; Advertising Staff, Bob Palmatier, Audrey Marr and Elayne McAllister; Subscription Editor, Jane Pratt; Photography, Bill Shumaker.

Plans Completed For Parents' Day

The annual Parents' Day will take place on Friday, November 12, from 8:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Its purpose will be to acquaint the parents with State High, its administration and organization, and its teachers.

The Monitors are to assist the parents in finding the classrooms which will be open for observation until 2:30 P.M. At that time Dr. Roy C. Bryan, principal, Miss Helen Howery's adviser, and Mr. Leonard Gernant, boys' adviser, will hold a conference with the parents at Walwood Hall Ballroom. They will answer any questions the parents wish to ask.

At 3:30 there is to be a tea in the ballroom at which the parents will have a chance to meet the teachers and talk with them.

Miss Eunice Kraft is making the plans for the day. The committee in charge of the tea is composed of Miss Sophia Reed, Miss Pearl Ford, Miss Helen Howery, Mr. Julian Greenlee, and Mr. John Brickner. All parents of State High students will be invited by the office.

Citizenship Article Printed

Joan Gerphere, a '43 graduate, Jack Van Boven and Gail Gibb have recently had an article which they wrote last year printed in "Student Life." The article is on the workings of the citizenship committee of State High.

Calendar

Nov. 12—Parents' Day.
Nov. 19—Seniors' Autumn Nocturne Dance.
Nov. 25-26—Thanksgiving Vacation.

Dr. Bryan's Articles Published

"The Extent to Which Students Change Their Opinions of Teachers," a discussion which will appear in the forthcoming issue of "School Review" is the latest of several articles which Dr. Roy C. Bryan, principal, has written for various educational journals during the past two years. Among his other recent articles have been "Inter-City Athletic Competition" which appeared in the September, 1943, issue of "School Activities," and "In Defense of Honors and Awards" published in the June, 1943, issue of "School Review."
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**Armistice Day --1943**

November 11 is Armistice Day. This marks the twenty-fifth year since Marshall Foch and the German delegates signed the thirty-five-point Armistice pact in a railroad car at Compeigne Wood, France. The Armistice of 1918 proved unsatisfactory; our concern is, “How will the peace of this war compare with the Armistice Day peace of World War I?”

November 11, 1918 was a great day. The news of the end of fighting reached the coast before dawn, and citizens held a well-deserved celebration. Every person was glad that it was over; everyone rejoiced that there would be no more wars and that the bloody twentieth century need not be any bloodier. But we can now see how wrong we were, for the same foe, in stronger armor, is now raising havoc all over the world, and the twentieth century is turning out to be the bloodiest in history. Whose fault it is matters little. What we can do in correcting those faults, in making the peace day of this war a final day, of just jubilation, depends upon our attitude from this time on. We are the ones who will decide between an armistice and a total victory.

November 11, 1944 may be a clear day in France; the autumn rawnness may be pierced by a bit of sunlight. Let’s make it that way. Our hard work and our dollars are our weapons, and these are our slogans: “Better Buy Bonds,” “Three Fronts, One Cause,” and “V for Victory.”

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**I Only Regret**

Do you remember those famous words that Nathan Hale spoke just before he died for this nation? “I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country.” Those words may not have meant much when you read them in the eighth grade, but they mean more now, and certainly they mean more to the boys in the foxholes and on the desert sands. These boys don’t give up. They’re fighting and they’re fighting hard. Some of them are losing.

What if you are too young to go out and have little personal hand-to-hand combats with the Germans and Japs? No one is too young to fight at home. That means buying War Bonds. When you hear that call, don’t hesitate and look at your neighbor; it’s your job and you must do it.

State High is falling down. We’re not keeping up to our goal. Sales have been much too few and far between. Winning this conflict is a matter of everyone doing his part as well and as fully as he can. We can’t fall down on the job; to do so would be to let down some boy overseas who is in this thing for us just as we should be in it for him.

So push this drive, students! It’s your school, it’s your country, and it’s your privilege.

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**For Whom The Bell Tolls**

“Every man’s death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind; therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.”

The death of every Allied fighting man is a personal loss to us as individuals. Our support means support for him and our failure means a failure for him. The soldier is forced to defend our life with bullets, but we have the good fortune to be able to defend it with money. What, then, is a bond? It is a means of defending and safeguarding our very own lives. A bond not only defends us in our present trial, but also builds a share in the great world of the future. A bond not only provides safety for now, but may help in a very material way in the time to come.
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"S" Club Organized For Cub Letter Men

A new club has been organized this year in State High. It is the "S" club, the membership of which is made up entirely of boys who have received Varsity letters in some sport. During their first meeting the twenty-four members of the club, under the supervision of Coach Quiring, elected officers. Their choice was as follows: Harry Parker, president; Bill Ryan, vice-president; John Skoubes, secretary; and Bill Lee, treasurer. The "S" club meets every Thursday day at 8 o'clock.

Like the "W" club in Western, this club dedicates itself a good deal to school spirit. They are to have charge of the pep rallies and similar events. It was members of the "S" club who gathered wood for the bonfire before the Dowagiac game. The club also is to sponsor several social events during the year. The first of these is a hayride to be held some time in the near future. They also expect to sponsor one dance before the close of school.

In a recent meeting, the members voted to have pins on which are to be attached the emblem of the sport in which they received their letter. Dues of ten cents per meeting are collected. All meetings are conducted under the supervision of Advisers Quiring's, all of whom have received Varsity letters this year. The graduating part of the forward wall is John Skoubes, Karl Hokenmaier, and Jerry McKinney.

Jim Ralston has put in his bid for having the worst luck of the year. Jim, the only soph to win a place on the starting eleven during the first part of the season, has yet to play in a game. He was cut out of the first game because of a bad cold and then, come time for the second game, he stuck his thumb inside Dick Barnes's helmet with the result that he dislocated his thumb, thus putting him on the sick list for the year.

There seems to be a lack of interest in the Varsity football team these days due to the wicked season, no doubt. Many of the boys have turned to basketball in hopes of excelling there. In fact, there are almost as many playing basketball after school as are out for football. Here's hoping it does some good.

Excuse System Replaced By New Procedure

The system of excuse slips which has been in use for many years at State High is being replaced by a new procedure. The familiar blue slips have disappeared. Neither adviser is issuing blue, pink, or yellow slips to students who return from absences. When a student returns to class, the teacher is to assume that he has been excused by his adviser. If the absence is unexcused, each of his teachers will be notified.

In a letter to the teachers concerning this new procedure, both advisers stressed accuracy in reporting absences and tardinesses.

State High Bows To Niles Team

Hokenmaier, Skoubes Play Defensive Game

By losing to Niles Friday night, October 29, with a score of 13-0, the Cubs finished the conference season without chalking up a single victory. The Cubs, who played very little on the Niles side of the fifty yard line, made only 3 first downs while Niles succeeded in getting 13. A pass interception by Captain Harry Parker stopped a Niles' first quarter threat. However, in the second quarter, Niles put together a 65 yard march to score the game's first touchdown. The extra point was good and Niles led 7-0 at the end of the half.

In the third period two 20 yard runs put Niles in position to score, but the Cubs stiffened on defense. Niles was forced to try for a field goal, which went wide of the mark. On the last play of the third period a punt by Niles which was returned by Jerry McKinney to the Niles' 17 yard line, put the Cubs against the wall. Niles scored again with three plays in the final period to make the score 13-0. Big John Skoubes, who blocked the extra point, and Karl Hokenmaier deserve praise for playing a sensational defensive game.

State High, who upset Sturgis in the opener 7-5 and continued its conference schedule by dropping five games straight, is trying to get a game to fill an open date. The latest prospect is undefeated Bronson, who beat Otsego 26-0 Friday, October 29.

SUMMARY

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Scoring by Quarters

Niles: 0 7 0 6 - 13
State High: 0 0 0 - 9

Scoring: Touchdowns, Wilson; point after touchdowns, Wilson (placekick); first downs, Niles 13; State High 3.

BIG SIX STANDINGS

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Pet Peeves

It seems to the casual observer that there is in the boundaries of State High an exceedingly large number of looking for something much woeful and hardship. So it was decided to delve into the causes which irk our fellow students and contemporaries with the result that we have the following pet peeves:

Jim Gilmore—Willy Miller's flitty, flirty eyes between classes.
Bill Watson—broken ankles.
Joane Ogden—Buses. Next we find a pro and con discussion among two of the leading faculty members:
Mr. Householder—People who have pet peeves.
Mr. Gernant—People who don't have pet peeves.

Walt Layne—Sticky lockers.
Henry Berry—Lucy.

Two of the longest faces belong to Bill Lee and Harry Parker. These two have a joint set of peeves which are: Pin-up pictures in locker rooms, girls on football trips; and last but not least, Jerry Skoubes. Jack Stiles—Hard benches at Reserve football games.

Students of State High—Bill Gilbert.
Jim Stephenson—Light blue pants.
George Moran—School spirit.
John Dunham—People who skip football practice.
Jim Broholm—No competition.
Jack Dorgan—My car on cold mornings.
Rose Bingham—Head patterns.
Don Griffith—The landing of the Marines.

And at last but not least as far as originality goes, this eloquent reply of Dunlap Clark—Women.

Frosh Fail To Find Frankie Fascinating

Since Frank Sinatra has come into the picture, high schools are full of gushing girls swooning at the sound of his voice. However, the "freshie" class seems more level-headed. Out of twenty-two asked, here are the results:

Three like him quite well but not to the "swooning point."
Thirteen thought he was "okay" and "fair." Some of the girls thought he was rather "put on" and too "loving" over some of his songs.
One had never heard him sing.
Three did NOT like him.
Two just looked sick.

Not the frosh was one of those adoring females who shriek in the audience on the Hit Parade! How about it, upperclassmen? Are the frosh right or wrong?

Happy Birthday

Nov. 3 Mary Burdick
Nov. 4 Andrew Jako
Nov. 5, 21 Carolyn Mitchell
Nov. 7 Carl Cooper
Nov. 8 Patricia Keyser
Nov. 9 Harry Parker

Foreign Student

On Campus

An unusual student at Western Michigan College and State High this year is Fujiko Kabayashi, a Japanese-American from Los Angeles. After Pearl Harbor, she and her family were sent to an internment camp at Rivers, Arizona. This camp housed 16,000 people of Japanese descent. The houses were not very spacious and the climate and dust storms were often unpleasant. Miss Kabayashi attended school in this camp for a year and then was permitted to come to Kalamazoo because she had a job in this city. She prefers the climate here rather than the 120 degrees of Arizona.

Fujiko Kabayashi said that most Japanese-Americans thought at first that they would be interned in these camps for the duration but, now that many have been relocated, the future looks much brighter to them.

State Hi Frosh Have Interesting Hobbies

Mary Jane McCarthy claims "The Irish Washer Woman" as her theme song. Reading is the hobby of this froshie and she does a good deal of it. Mary Jane holds the position of vice-president of homeroom 208.

The favorite sport and hobby of Marcia Foster is tennis. Have a little trouble with the high ones, Marcia?

The Navy is Jerry Hagan's hobby and ambition. He's finding a lot of sympathizers around our campus these days. Jerry is out for football on the reserve team this season.

Marilee Fonner's ambition is to be a blues singer. She also likes her work in the Little Symphony in which she plays the cello. She hates stamp collecting though she has a collection of them. She says she plans to sell it soon.

Bob Bills has several hobbies, among them are model airplanes and collecting stamps and matchbooks. He is out for football, too, on the reserve team.

Ron McCauley collects guns and builds model airplanes for a hobby. His favorite sport is baseball and he plans to go out for it next spring.

Though Ellen Rodd's height is in sharp contrast with Marcia Foster's, Ellen shares Marcia's enthusiasm for tennis. Ellen has other interests, too. She plays the piano and likes to dance. She also holds the position of secretary in her homeroom.

This has given you a small picture of a few of our Froshmen. Like 'em?

Galley Yarns

THEME SONGS

Henry Berry — "You'll Never Know."
Phyllis Smith—"My Beloved Is Rugged."
Lona Brown—"When You're a Long, Long Way from Home."
Harry Parker—"I'd Like to Be." Jim Ralston—"I Can't Get Started."
Tom Hickmott and Ann Diller—"Buzz, Buzz, Buzz."
Dot Hubbell—"Scatter Brained."
Mr. Dolan—"Just Kidding Around."
Doug Beebe—"Royal Flush."
Peeg and Bob—"Sweethearts or Strangers."

Mr. Gernant—"You Can't Escape from Me."
Jim Rosenbaum—"After You've Gone" (to Central).
Jane Britton—"He Said Yes, I Said No."
Carol Morris—"I Just Kissed Your Picture Goodnight."
Nancy Clement—"Louisiana (?) Hayride."
Kay Hudson—"Miss You."
Nancy Kesler—"They're Either Too Young or Too Old."
Jim Gilmore and John Skoubes—"It Started All Over Again."
Judy Ogden—"Sophisticated Lady."
Ted Lawrence—"Drum Boogie."
Hope Thezelius—"Deep in the Heart of Texas."
George Waber—"Mary Had a Little Lamb."
Barb Stevens—"Dipsey Doodle."
Nancy Foster—"Flea on a Speer."

I WONDER

If the match isn't a hindrance, Pat! If the coach appreciated the strains of "Princess Poopoo" which came from the stands at South Haven! Who are those gals in the stands at South Haven! Who is that girl who goes around Jane Pratt's neck! Who is that girl with the Kelly green suit is finds such a great interest in the Marines! Who is that Fred who has suddenly gone in for shaving in such a big way! (Or should we say Clay?) Why Elaine didn't see that door. Was it a door which got in her way? If that certain junior boy misses that grade so much he has resorted to the canteen for consolation! What boys found South Haven pretty hot when the "Black Beauty" rode again! Who the senior girl with the chilly green suit is finds such a great interest in the Marines! Who the lucky sop is that Big Boomer has been paying so much attention to recently! (Or should we say both Boomers?) Where that piece of jewelry came from that is hanging around Jane Pratt's neck!