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Council Plans To Aid Newcomers

Old students will have a chance to use their knowledge of all the tricks of State High and teach to freshmen and new students a thing or two under the Student Council’s Big Sister and Brother program being used for the first time this year. Each old student was assigned a freshman or new student for his special responsibility by the council committee.

The first opportunity for helping the “little brothers and sisters” was last Friday night at the annual “Get-Acquainted Dance” at Walwood Hall from 8:30 to 11:30 P.M. The committee in charge of this party was Pat Fisher and Glen Mellinger, co-chairmen, Joanne Schrier, Mary Lou Harvey, Dick Morton, Bill Ryan, and Jim Knauss.

Students are expected to help the newcomers throughout the year and especially during the first few weeks.

TB Test Required

All new students and freshmen will be required by the Health Service to take Mantoux Tuberculosis Tests on Monday, September 25, during the homeroom hour at 8 o’clock. Students taking the tests will report to their homeroom and will be called for some time during the hour. The arms will be read on Wednesday, September 27.

This is the same service that was offered to the student body last spring by the Health Service.

Any freshman or new student having justifiable objections to taking the test must see his advisor, Mr. Leonard Gernant or Miss Helen Howery, to be excused. All others are expected to co-operate.

Band To Be Given as Class

There have been several changes made this year in the State High musical activities. The band, formerly taken during club hour, is this year a full course offered at 1:30 and will be directed by Mr. George Amos, College band leader.

The orchestra, which has been regular class, will this year meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 4:00 with the orchestra of the College. One half a unit credit will be given both the band and orchestra and full credit will be given if the student is taking approved private lessons.

Changes Made In Mark System

State High students will have to start studying up on citizenship as well as English, history, and their other academic studies because of the radical change in the system of report cards being initiated in State High this year. An entirely new report card is being used in which a letter grade for citizenship is given as well as the regular scholastic grade.

This card was approved by the faculty last spring and will be used throughout the year. Each subject will have a separate card on which is a space for a scholastic mark and a citizenship grade. Both of these grades will go on the student’s permanent record.

Under the Scholarship Mark are the divisions: Study Habits; Application or Effort; Absence from Class; Completion of Home Work Regularly; Constant Respect for High Standards of Work; and Reading, Spelling, and Vocabulary. It the student receives a low grade, one or more of these subdivisions are checked to show a weakness in that area.

Similarly, under the citizenship mark there are these divisions: Getting to class on time; Courtesy and co-operation; Tolerance toward the viewpoints of others; Willingness to profit by criticism; Responsibility and dependability; and Initiative.

Marks will be issued four times during the year.

New Club Is Offered

One new club, the Girl Reserve Club, has been added to those available this semester at State High. This club will be sponsored by Miss Jean Casey of the Y.W.C.A. and members of the club will be junior members of the organization. The Girl Reserves are a world-wide club of women and girls and they do a wide variety of activities including war-service projects, co-ed activities, discussions, and dramatics.

The other clubs which will be offered this semester and their sponsors are: Bridge, Mr. Dolan; Chess, Mr. Weber; Dance, Miss McRoberts; Hi-Y, Mr. Deur; Latin, Miss Rix; Mas- ters, Mr. Mills and Mrs. Britton; Cross, Miss Reed; “S” Club, Mr. Greenlee; and Science, Mr. Greenlee.

A group of students may form a club as long as they have at 8 members and a sponsor from among the faculty will meet on Thursday.
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The Lockers Are Washed!

All of last year's pencil marks, scribbled notes, and shoe marks have been washed off the State High lockers during the summer and the office requests that the lockers be kept in good shape as possible as it is impossible to replace them. Each student will be held responsible for the condition of his locker.

Defects in the locks or lockers should be reported to Mr. Leonard Pennington, who will appreciate the student's help in keeping this equipment in working order.

Several old familiar faces are seen by State High students in the groups of sailors wandering around our halls. Four of our old students are now wearing the navy blue at Western Michigan College. They are Allan Hilliard, Bill Penning, Ed Hilgen, and John Skoubus.

The lists in the registration book for former students now in the Armed Forces have increased considerably during the summer vacation with the visits of many former students and old grads. Among those who have signed the book is Lt. Harper C. May- bee, Jr., who recently returned from Italy after completing his missions as a bomber pilot.

Last year's Council President, Bill Watson, who with Bill Lee, left school last spring to go to Houghton, Michigan, as a Cadet in the Army Air Force, also signed the book during the summer. He and Bill Lee both were on furlough from Houghton, where they are attending school.

Others who were in the office are Pvt. Louis Caron, who is stationed in Texas, Pfc. Larry Lage of the Marines stationed at San Diego, California, and Leonard Purdy of the navy, also at San Diego.

The three members of last year's graduation class who were enlisted in the navy's V-12 are now all attending schools. Don Griffith and Jack Van Boven are at Notre Dame University, while Bill Shumaker is stationed at Alma College.

Pvt. Allen Bush, a graduate of State High of 1941, and who served as president of the Student Council his senior year here, is now a member of the Marine Detachment at Western Michigan College. Al has been in action in the Pacific for quite some time and has now returned here for Marine Officer's training. While at State High, Al was active in football, basketball, and baseball and is now a member of the football squad of Western.

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Veterans Return To Bolster Team

By BURT UPJOHN

As we look forward to the 1944 football season, we see an excellent chance for a strong Cub eleven. Although 7 of the 11 starters of '43 have graduated, there are still many boys who saw action last year remaining on the team. Many men graduating from last year's strong reserve squad will be assets to this year's varsity team.

The Cub line has many experienced fellows back from last year. At ends there will be Jim Ralston, who would have been a regular last year but for an injured thumb, and John Dunham and Chuck Klein, who both saw action last year. Duane Smith also has possibilities at end. Bob Anderson was another good prospect for end, but Bob is in the navy as of August.

John Aube is a returning letterman at tackle. Also there are Dick Klepper, Chuck Peterson, Tom Jennings, and a transfer student, Jim Carl, trying for the tackle positions.

The guard positions are more than ablely filled by returning lettermen, Francis Hamel and Captain Dave Auxter, not to mention Hank Berry, Doug Johnson and Norris Sutton.

In the center position to replace "Big John" Skoubus, there is Gordie White. Bill Alman and Dick Vander Klok are also making a bid for center position.

This years' backfield proves to be a problem. Returning letterman Doug Beebe will be on hand to fill a halfback position. Coach Quiriring has moved Bill Cox from center to fullback, while other positions in the backfield will probably be picked from Bill Ryan, Jim Stephenson, Otto Schuhardt, Gene West, Bob Burns, Louis Schimpf, Lloyd Fowler, Ernie Gibbs, and last but not least Bill Gilbert.

This Friday the State High football squad will open with Buchanan at home. State High's hopes for a better team in '44 can be better fulfilled if the students are all up in the stands supporting the team.

Think about this for a while. Eventually it will dawn on you what it is all about:

"I want some consecrated lye," said the customer.

"You mean concentrated lye," corrected the druggist.

"It does nutmeg any difference," retorted the man. "That's wha I camphor. How much does it sulfur?"

"Bright fellow, aren't you? I've never cinnamon with so much wit." "Yeah, and as yet ammonia beginner at it."
Read This, Freshies; It's Free Advice

Now look, kids, to get along in this school you have to be in the know. Get me? Well, here it is, straight from the shoulder and all that. You freshmen and new students have to watch out for yourselves around here; it can get very confusing.

First we take up the upper classmen, your biggest problem (next to school-work, of course). Don't try to act important; the seniors want to have the right amount of humility rights. Well, haven't they? Hmm! Better start over again. Don't let the U. C.'s trample on you; they were all freshmen once — even though they don't want you to know it.

(If that last paragraph was confusing don't go back and read it again, you might be misled).

Horrors, A Slip!

Now we come to the subject of those coveted little white slips you may receive from time to time. Let us enact the scene of the reception of such a missive. You are sitting in a class, say English, when an upperclassman known as an office monitor, snickering evilly, slips into the room and lays a small rectangular bit of paper on the desk. The room seems smothered in a cloak of silence as the instructor gingerly picks up the note, scans it, glances slowly about the room, and gently places it in the fluttering fingers of a certain individual. A sigh escapes the blanched lips of the rest of the class, a sigh of envy (or some other emotion). The recipient of the slip stares at it, then you realize that you are the recipient. It has a date on it, and a name — yours; it says, "Please report to the office at once." You are overwhelmed at the great honor you have received. You have just gotten your first formal invitation to the office. Under certain circumstances you may become a frequent visitor thereto.

Stick to Your Knitting

Another thing, chums, the old "Apple for the teacher" custom went out with slates, but the idea's a good one. Bring your instructors gifts that will be useful to them in teaching: i.e., angle worms for your biology teacher, and so on.

Study halls are not social centers. The rule is: "Stick to your own knitting," only you can't really stick to your own knitting because there was a rule made saying a student may not knit in study hall. Confusing; isn't it? Well, we warned you.

As a parting summary, let us say that if you are obedient, cheerful, quiet, stalwart, and loyal to the school, you'll get by. It's as simple as that!

P.S. And learn S. H. S.'s song and cheers. They might just be useful sometime.

These Faces Missed By The Older Gang

Although the new students and freshmen will be making up the loss in numbers, the old students of State High will miss seeing many former classmates who are not attending this school this year. Some of these people are going away to school, or entered the armed forces, while others have quit school entirely or are attending other schools in Kalamazoo.

The latest list available shows the following people dropped from the enrollment of State High:


Books Replace Jobs

When the school bells of State High rang again, almost all of the stores, factories, and business concerns of Kalamazoo began to realize that State High really exists. There is hardly anywhere in town where the Kalamazoo shoppers did not get friendly State High service during the summer vacation from all the patriotic students who spent their vacations working.

Any time of the day or night, Glen Mellinger could be seen walking up or down Burdick Street heavily laden with advertising for the Gazette, which really felt the loss of Rosemary again, almost all of the stores, factories, and business concerns of Kalamazoo.

In downtown stores were seen Peg and Pat at Lerner's; Patty Rooney at Leo's; Joanne Scougale at the Kalamazoo engraving company; Rita at the A and P. Miss Hathaway was at the Paper Box Company, Mr. Dolan at Ingersoll's, and Mr. Householder on the playground. Ann Leander, Gail Gibb, Joanne Ogden, Amy Lou Brown helped the cause of learning by selling books at Beecher-Kymer's.

Among the boys, Chuck and Johnny Dunham slaved at KVP while Chuck, Klein, John Toomman, and Laurn Meadows were at Upjohns, and Jim Knauss read meters for Consumers Power.

Not seen around lately:

- Bil and Phyl, Chuck and Hank.
- Kent and Shirley! !
- Mary and Jack.
- Gail and Bill.