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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-chairsmen, 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 Germant 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.

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Mr. Ray Deur, former teacher of Biology and Aeronautics at Jackson High School, has been added to the faculty of State High for this year to replace Mr. Leonard Weinier, who is on leave of absence. Mr. Deur will teach biology and physical science, sponsor the Hi-Y club, and have a junior homeroom. He graduated from Western Michigan College in 1939 and has been at Jackson for three years.

Mr. Weinier is spending the year at the Teachers College, Columbia University, where he holds a teaching fellowship.

Other changes in the schedule this year include Miss Muriel Rix, Latin teacher, who will take over the direction of the Monitors in the place of Miss Grace Spaeth, who is teaching in Arizona.

Deur Joins Faculty To Replace Weinier

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 that 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 Mr. Britton; Cross, Miss Reed; "S" Club, Mr. Hardin; and Science, Mr. Greenlee. A group of students may form a club as long as they have at least 8 members and a sponsor from the faculty will meet on Thursday with them to form the club.
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To The Student Body

The State Highlights of 1944-45 is your student body's paper. You will have a voice in the policies of the paper. Every one of you will not only write or typists on the staff of the paper, but be asked to help to choose these actual members.

Under the plan that was formed last spring, you will choose a part of your group to become a member of your group to become a member of the Highlights homeroom, reporting once every two weeks.

Your staff members, along with the officers of the paper and Miss Hathaway, our sponsor, will also form the policy-making committee of the State Highlights, which will draw up a group of policies to be submitted to the Student Council for your approval. This committee, your committee, will have responsibility for the policies in which this paper.

Your criticisms or complaints about the paper, clearly defined, should be addressed to your representative at his meeting with your homeroom group. He will then present these directly to the staff.

The standing staff of the paper will have no voice in your selection of staff members. We sincerely hope that you will remember the importance of your representative and give your consideration to this election, but we have no voice in your choice. Remember, the State Highlights of 1944-45 is your student body's paper.

Our Council Deserves The Best...

Homeroom elections will be held this Thursday, September 21, in all homerooms containing old students, and the State High Student Council will begin functioning almost immediately with its first meeting on the following Wednesday, September 27. Freshmen and new students will elect sometime in the next few weeks.

The Council this year will be led by Glen Mellinger, who was elected president last spring at the annual State Council elections, while Bill Ryan was elected vice-president and Pat Fisher secretary. The council is sponsored by Miss Pearl Ford.

The aim of this Council, stated by the president last spring, is "The highest pep, widest activity and best council ever between the council, faculty, and student body."

As to the social events, Pat Fisher, chairman of the Council's social committee, says that the number of this year's parties will be entirely upon the enthusiasm and initiative of the student body and Council. For the purpose of this goal, the Council has formed a committee of the State Highlights of 1944-45.

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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 ably filled by two 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 Quiring 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 Schimp, 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 nothing any difference," retorted the man. "That's what 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 trample on you. Frosh have their 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.

Lowlights

SUMMER EVENTS

The Burdick Brawl—
"Beazer" Burdick's houseparty at Gull. The only casualty was 'Beazer' broken foot. Other instances: that Blackjack game at three in the morning, spoiled food, everyone trying out "Beazer's" new crutches, the girls suddenly putting their hair up when they learned that Central's last year's basketball team was coming out, the ride around the lake in the luggage compartment of the car, the basketball team throwing all the girls off the "raft," half the girls deciding to continue the houseparty two more days over at Klein's.

Andy's Going Away Party—
Andy (Bob Anderson) is now at Great Lakes, instead of the Army. Some outstanding instances were: the look on Andy's face when they turned the lights on, Steve and "Wilbur" Ryan fixing the juke box, the horrified look on the girls' faces at the presentation of the first gift, Norm Carver fussing around with the P.A. system.

Klein's Party—
Held at their Gull Lake cottage. After the party was over, the party line went to the Country Club. All concerned were present. Klein's wonderful chocolate cake.

We wonder—
If Jack Moss's only interest in the Kalamazoo Country Club is golf? How Mr. Dolan got that electric wire? Could T. L. give us the answer?

Who is known by associates as "Prunella"?

Who are the lucky ones who changed "Woman - hater" Upjohn's views?

Why Glen Mellinger patrolled South Burdick and Michigan all summer?

What State girls were breaking down the ponies out at Milham recently?

Seen around this summer were:
Joanne O. and that Grand Rapids boy.
Bob Bills and Mary Monroe (a freshman!)
Gerry and Duke.

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 freshmen who are not attending 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, Bob Burt and Dave Morgan.

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-Kymers.

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

Not seen around lately:

Bil and Phyl.
Ken and Hank.
Kent and Shirley! ! !
Mary and Jack.
Gail and Bill.