State Highlights 11/1/1944

Western State High School
Students Get Voting Privilege

With election time drawing near, everyone has his own political opinions, and State High students are no exception. Now every student will have a chance to express his preference, for State High is going to have an election of its own.

This project is sponsored by two committees chosen from the 11:00 and 2:30 government classes respectively. The committee chairmen, under the direction of Mr. Ben Dolan, are Judy Miller, from the 11:00 class and Ruth Morton and Jack Moss from the 2:30 class. Other committee members are: Pat Fisher, Emily Frey, Rosemary Hagan, Dave Crawford, Bob Wolbers, Jim Knauss, and Dick Morton.

The school will be divided into two precincts. Precinct 1 will include the five homerooms on the second floor and precinct 2 will include the four homerooms in the basement. Members of Precinct 1 will register and vote in Mr. Leonard Gernant's office, and members of precinct 2 will do the same at the north end of the corridor in the basement. Booths will be provided in these places so that the students may vote secretly. The voting will be held all day Monday, November 6, in order to get the results may be announced on the regular election day, Tuesday, November 7.

The purpose of this election is not only to see which presidential candidate State High will favor but to acquaint the students with the voting procedure and make them realize what a grave responsibility it is to vote.

Freshies "Do Right"

It looks as though the seniors of State High have been teaching their freshie brothers and sisters "to do right." At least it seemed that way when the frosh election returns were revealed.

Little Dick Dorgan, brother of big Jack Dorgan, senior, was elected president of the freshmen. The other class officers were elected after much competition, especially for the office of vice-president. Neither Judy Miller nor John Derhammer received a majority the first time; therefore a second vote was cast and Judy was chosen. Judy is the sister of Marty Miller who was a junior at State last year and who is now attending Ferry Hall, Lake Forest, Illinois. Shirley Beebe, Doug's little sister, received the position of secretary and treasurer.

Choir Chooses Operetta Leads

Lead parts for the two performances of this year's operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance," have been chosen after much competition. Results of the tryouts held recently have been announced by Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, State High choir director, who will be assisted by Miss Louise Fuller, and Mrs. Bud Carr, the accompanist. Each choir position which tried out for a lead did so before the choir, which selected the winners.

The part of Mabel will be taken by Lola Cheyne and Ida Schuhardt. Lola had one of the leads, as Celina, in last year's operetta. Ida also had a lead, as "Joanthe," the title role in last year's operetta.

Opposite Lola and Ida, as Frederick, will be Lester Shelley, a sophomore and a newcomer to the choir this year.

Other lead parts are: Bill Cox as the Major; Martha Delano and Barbara Coleman as Ruth; John Dunham and Jack Herr as King; Marilee Forner and Pat Herr as Loud deceased; Dick Hill and Tom McKinney as Sam; Frances Spitters and Ione Bailey as Edith; Bob Burns as the Sergeant; and Margaret Tozer and Marguerite Klein as Isabel. A chorus of pirates and wards of chancery and policemen are to complete the cast.

Lowlites Coming Out

The Lowlights is coming out! In response to the popular demand for a continuation of this supplement to the regular Highlights which was started last year, the staff has made plans for the first issue to be published next week, November 8. As last year, the Lowlights will be one mimeographed sheet and will contain chatter and late school news.

The decision to have a Lowlights was made by the Highlights staff and the Highlights homeroom representatives after each representative had secured the opinion of his homeroom on the subject. The paper will be edited by a member of the Highlights staff, assisted by one of the representatives. These representatives will take a few minutes of the homeroom period on Mondays to collect from the members of their homerooms contributions for the paper to add to those placed in the Highlights box. As long as the contributions keep coming in, the Lowlights will keep coming out.

Highlights homeroom representatives are: Paula Richmond, 209A; Joan Winklmeier, 211A; Marcia Foster, 212A; Otto Schmiedt, 15A; Louis Shimp, 2A; Bob Berghus, 208A; Jerry Hoddell, 10A; Carolyn Mitchell, 210A.

Calendar

November 2—NO SCHOOL TOMORROW.
November 3—Football game, Niles, here at 3:30.
November 6—Report Cards issued.
November 7—Assembly, Dr. Willis Dunbar, speaker.
November 9—Parents' Day.
November 14—Assembly, Book Week.
Stop Kicking Yourself!

At the last two games which State High has played out of town, several instances of poor sportsmanship have been shown up among a few of our students. These actions tend to prove that some students are not using sound judgment of which they are capable.

Reports have come in from our students that we were not well received at the games even to the extent of barring us from a dance. However true these may be, they do not warrant the action taken by a few to try to get even. Regardless of how the students of the other school receive us, we should act in a way that will make them realize that State High is made up of good sports capable of intelligent thinking.

Now naturally a person has to have fun at a football or basketball game. Unless you yell and cheer and make a lot of noise, the whole game is rather dull. However, breaking windows does not constitute good fun. If some students believe that this is necessary for a good time, I suggest that they go buy a pane of glass, set it up against a brick wall and throw stones at it. Fun ceases to be fun when it is done at the expense of others.

It is unfortunate that our Student Council, after many of the out-of-town games has to send letters of apology for damage which some of our students did. Letters of apology are not enough. These students who are the cause of these things must realize that it is doing more damage to State High than to those schools upon which the damage is inflicted. In the future we will have a harder time getting into dances and our teams will be met with the feeling of resentfulness rather than the feeling of competition.

Let us remember then that by our actions our school as a whole is judged. Since a few of us can create much dislike for State High, each of us should take it upon himself to act as if our school were being judged by his actions.

By Bob Heath.

Apples and More Apples!

Have you been noticing all the smug or worried expressions (as the circumstances may be) around the one: They are supplied with the objects of the worm once turned in by dedicated students who feel it their solemn duty to nourish and extract good marks from said instructor. The real problem is what to do with the darn things now that grades are in! ! !

Letting the apples fall where they may, there haven’t been so many skeletons in the adviser’s offices lately, but you know, you smug ones, that the office uses washable ink, so don’t start acting like yourself for a day or so, and don’t, for heaven’s sake, engage your instructor in a discussion of the “indispensable man” or G.O.P. arguments. Otherwise, the worm might turn, and marks with ‘em. Anyway, you still can hope.

—By Bob Heath.

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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Some of the servicemen who have been around the campus lately talking to State High students and faculty are not men from the V-12 unit at Western. They are State High grads who are in the service. Many of them are on leave or furlough from colleges between terms.

Pvt. Norman Rabbers, ’43, was here from Ann Arbor where he has been two semesters in the engineering school at the U. of M. He thinks he will be there two more semesters . . . Here from the East was Charles Dean who graduated in 1942. He entered Harvard as a civilian in the fall of 1942. In July, 1943, he entered the naval ROTC unit at Harvard where he is majoring in international relations. He will graduate in February, 1945, and become a commissioned officer. Chuck hopes for submarine training . . . Here from Notre Dame are Don Griffith and Jack Van Boven, who are grads of 1944. They have until November 5 . . . Home from Alma College on a fourteen day furlough was Bill Shumaker A/S, ’44 . . . Apprentice seaman Bob Espie was here from Mount Pleasant where he is in a V-12 unit.

Allan Bush of the marines, a graduate in 1941, and Lt. Nick Musselman of the navy, who graduated in 1929, gave State High some advice in the assembly October 24. Allan told about some of his experiences in the Pacific, and Nick explained how to get in the armed forces and how to work up in them.

Hendrik Meyer was one of forty-eight men who have been accepted by the armed services in the first October induction. Hendrik, a ’44 grad, drew the army and went to Camp Wolters, Texas. Pvt. Edward Campbell and Pvt. Harry Parker, both members of the 1944 class are also in Texas at Camp Wolters. Ed left for the army in July and hopes to have a furlough in November. The boys are in the infantry.

Pvt. Robert Kansrud is at the Gunnery school in Yuma, Arizona. He writes and says, “A test out here of 99% is failing.”

Pvt. Karl Hokenmaier is at Fort McClellan, Alabama. Karl says he would like to be back here playing football.

Pvt. Allen Mulder, who graduated in 1940, is at an air base in Northeast India. He has been in Iran, Africa, and Bombay.

The Highlights appreciates all the assistance students have given it with the men-in-service news. It will be glad to accept any news about servicemen.
STATE HIGHLIGHTS

Reserve Boys Show Varsity Promise

Despite the fact the State High reserve squad has faced only one opponent so far this year, the fellows show much promise for future varsity teams. Coach Bob Quiring believes he has the manpower to make the members of the reserve team which will probably be playing varsity football next year.

Halfback Otto Schuhardt, who did all the kicking and who handled the ball a good deal of the time in the Three Rivers game, October 4, is among those likely to be moved up. Included in the list of promising backs are Bill Tuberty, fullback, with Jim Mater and Bob Steble at quarterback. Bob, however, is suffering from a severely injured ankle.

This year's line consists of seven very capable men. Dick VanderKlok, one of the heavier members of the eleven, plays center, with Captain Jim Powell and Bill Alman as guards and Dick Hill and Tom Jennings playing the positions of tackles. Ends Larkin Winther and Lloyd Fowler played a great game at Three Rivers with Winther shining on defense.

The fellows played a hard game and succeeded in keeping the other team to a scoreless tie. Although the team broke back and forth, up and down all through the contest, they were in scoring position only once. They fought their way to the Three Rivers thirty yard line but lost the ball on a bad center. However, hard defense held the Wildcat Reserves to a deadlock.

The fellows had a new coach in marine Chuck Welch, who hails from Missouri and who has played some high school and a little college football. Welch recently lost his leg, though, when he was transferred to Parris Island for boot training.

Prospects mentioned for varsity next year are Coach Quiring and men Powell, Fowler, Hill, Alman, and VanderKlok. Winther and Jennings are seniors. Although he is ineligible at the present time, Paul "Slug" Rafferty has starred in practice against the varsity squad at halfback position. Paul, who is ineligible until the second semester because he has moved here from Schoolcraft, recently broke his collar bone in practice.

Games have been planned with Plainwell reserves, the St. Augustine reserves, and possibly one or two other games will be carded. Coach Quiring believes that with all the material coming up for the varsity squad, State High should stand a good chance in the Big Seven Conference next season.

The Reserve starting line-up:
VanderKlok, center; Jim Powell and Bill Alman, guards; Tom Jennings and Bob Schuhardt; Lloyd Fowler and Larkin Winther, ends; Jim Mater, quarterback; Otto Schuhardt and Jack Herr, halfbacks; and Bill Tuberty, fullback.

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The Chicago Tribune, November 1, 1944
QUESTION: What was the best excuse you ever received from a dancing partner who stepped on your feet?

Harriet Beerstecher, junior — He said, “My feet are too big.” (How about that, Hank?)

Tom McKinney, freshman — She said, “Oh, I’m too clumsy.”

Ray Wiersma, junior — She said, “This place is crowded.”

Carol Morris, sophomore — He said, “Your feet are too big!” (“I didn’t believe it!”)

Bill Gilbert, senior — She said, “Pardon my wooden leg.”

Judy Miller, freshman — He said, “Can’t dance.”

Frances Spitters, junior — He said, “The heel of my shoe is loose.”

Mr. Greenlee — I always had to make the excuse!”

Jack Dorgan, senior — She said, “Low ceiling, eh?”

John Dorgan, senior — She said, “They’re big enough for both of us to walk on.”

Bob Bills, sophomore — She said, “It proves there isn’t room for four feet when you’re dancing like this.”

Mary Roberts, junior — He said, “Sorry, I had a hard game of golf.”

Chuck Peterson, senior — She said, “I’ve had one too many.”

Judy Ogden, sophomore — He said, “My feet are killing you.”

Mart Delano, senior — He said, “Mice.”

Jim Ralston, junior — She said, “I’m sleepy.”

Jack Herr, sophomore — She said, “I just learned how to dance.”

Miss Howery — “My partner never had a chance to step on my feet — I stepped on his first!”

NOTICE

Any girl or boy, who can type, and would like to type for the Highlights during some of his study hours, please see either Rose Bingham or Rosemary Hogan. — Adv.

Happy Birthday

November 7 — Carl Cooper
November 8 — Pat Keyser
November 10 — Shirley Chapin
November 12 — Jean Guymer
November 13 — David Peterson
November 14 — Bill Glennon
November 15 — McCall
November 15 — Roland Parker

These Soph boys should know that you can’t have 7 people in a coupe. Or is it different in Downagiac?

Speaking of the Dowagiac game, did those girls who went over with Coach have fun?

What certain Soph girls are always on the lookout for the man in the “Moon”?

Those mittens are bound to start a new fad, “Do!”

“Lee-Lee” has some new interest in St. A., “tis said.

Just who does Berghuis think he is? Frankie or Bing?

THEME SONGS

Jack Dorgan — “Racing with the Moon.”

Highlights Staff — “Time Waits for No-one.”

Jim Stephenson — “It Had To Be You.”

Pat Herr — “You’ll Never Know.”

State High girls — “I Love You” (coach).

“Time on My Hands” — Tony Ver Hey.

“All or Nothing at All” — Miss Hathaway.

“It Could Happen to You” — Mr. Gernant and Miss Howery.

Let’s do some snoopin’, keeds, and find out who these names belong to: “B. F. F. S. & S.” (a club)

“Fish” “Tea” “Good Lookin’”

“S. P.” “Moonshine”

“Laugh” “Roacho”

“Gorilla” “Stupe”

Dolan, Foremost Faculty Father

Today, our spotlight falls on the leading papa of the faculty, the one with the most heirs, Mr. Donald Dolan. His revelations as to the little Dolans are as follows: Patrick, five, attends South Westend School and is commonly known as Pat. Next in line is Stephanie, called Steve, who will soon have reached the ripe old age of three years, while her younger brother, Terry, will become two in February. The latest addition to the Dolan clan arrived a week or so ago and was named Christina.

“We’ll probably call her Chris,” her father said. “I can’t say much about her as yet.”

Mr. Dolan enjoys bridge, sailing and swimming, in which latter hobbies Frank and Steve are following in his footsteps, as it were, for they were learning to swim last summer, and Pat handled a sailboat for the first time in his life.

Reading and concerts also bring Mr. Dolan much pleasure. He goes in strongly for the Russians, giving Tchaikowsky as his favorite composer and a couple of unpronounceable and even more un-spellable names as best-known authors.

“Tchaikowsky’s stuff isn’t bad either,” he admits. “I like the freedom and the rhythm of it.”

And while we’re on the subject of boogie, Mr. D. says he dislikes seeing side-sitters at the dances. He says that it would be a great improvement if these people would get in and mix with the group. How about it, kids? He likes movies, especially musical comedies, and his favorite stars are Bette Davis and Spencer Tracy. Steak and coffee are his most loved foods—too bad about the rationing!

Having taught at Central and at State High for a total of six years, he says he enjoys teaching government a great deal, especially this year as his students seem interesting.

“That makes one in the class that enjoys it, anyway,” said Mr. Dolan. Though he stayed at Gull Lake this summer, he came in to town to work at Ingersoll every day. His home at Gulf is on Crescent Beach.

“It’s the best beach on the lake,” he asserted, “and I extend an invitation to anyone who’s out there next summer to drop in for a swim anytime.”

What’s this we hear about Camie Clark’s flowering romance? What are his chances, Donoghue?

We hear that some certain boys had fun one night at the A. and W. By the way, fellows, the car runs in jerks now.

Ann Diller seems to be a good friend of “Big John” Cairns, or so it looked Monday night.