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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. Don Dolan, are Sally Benton, 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 4 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 that 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.



State High To Be Visited By Parents

On Thursday, November 9, the State High annual Parents' Day will be held, from 8:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. The students' parents will be invited to the high school classes throughout the day. They will be invited to the high school classes assisted by the Monitors and members of the Student Council, who will help them in locating the various classes.

At 2:30, the parents will meet in the Walwood Ballroom for a discussion of various problems with Dr. Roy C. Bryan, principal, Miss Helen Howery, girls' adviser, and Mr. Leonard Gernant, boys' adviser.

There will be a social hour from 3:30 until 4:30 in the West Room of Walwood Hall where they may meet and chat with the instructors and student teachers.

Miss Eunice Kraft is the chairman of the committee making the plans for this day. She is assisted by Mr. John Brickner, Miss Rachel Acree, Miss Mathilde Steckleberg and Dr. Bryan. All parents are invited to attend.

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.

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 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 member who 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 Celia, in last year's operetta. Ida also had a lead, as "Iolanthe," 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 the King; Marilee Fonner and Pat Herr as Kate; 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 Winkleman, 211A; Marcia Foster, 13A; Otto Schuhardt, 15A; Louis Shimp, 2A; Bob Berghuis, 208A; Jerry Hollowell, 10A; Carolyn Mitchell, 210A.

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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 can 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 resentment 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 halls this last week? also apples? The reason—the marks are in at last!

A few days ago when galavanting down the halls, all of five apples fell out of lockers on my benumbed bean (at least it was by that time, you understand). Is State High instituting a national health week? I doubt it, for the instructors seem to compose most of the apple demolishing squad. "So what—maybe they like 'em," you (poor dope) may retort. Well, instructors who are able to eat apples do so for one reason, and only one: They are supplied with the ob-

jects the worm once turned in by deluded 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 won't 'em. Anyway, you still can hope.



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 an ensign. 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 Kausrud is at the Gun-nery 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.

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 some good material in 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 Mateer and Bob Stelle 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 teams rocked 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. State High recently lost him, though, when he was transferred to Parris Island for boot training.

Prospects mentioned for varsity next year by Coach Quiring are linemen 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 Reserves' starting line-up:

Vanderklok, center; Jim Powell and Bill Alman, guards; Tom Jennings and Dick Hill, tackles; Lloyd Fowler and Larkin Winther, ends; Jim Mateer, quarterback; Otto Schuhardt and Jack Herr, halfbacks; and Bill Tuberty, fullback.

Sportlight

John Aube, veteran of last year's varsity, and probably the only man who has played all of every game State High has had, except at Holland, has proved himself to be one of the Cubs' most valuable linemen.

Aube seems to be improving as he goes along. He played good football in the first three games; then against Three Rivers he got in to stop many plays, and sometimes threw the Wildcats for a loss. He really stood out, though, in the Dowagiac game. There, on defensive work, he seemed to be all over, breaking up plays. On defense he really took his man out of the play.



John Aube, a long guy, being 6

feet tall, only weighs 165 pounds. But when he bounces around blocking and tackling, he makes it seem like 265. Aube has had no bad injuries, and it looks like his playing record will continue. The only part of any game he has missed is a few minutes rest at Holland. As a lineman Aube has proved himself, and is a big addition to the team. If he keeps up this work, State's opponents will find his position at left tackle a hard place to go through.

Although Chuck Klein is really an end, he has played two other positions thus far in State's 1944 football season. Klein played tackle at Holland and Three Rivers, and he has played some guard, which is his regular position, in other games. He played end at St. Joseph, Dowagiac, and Buchanan.

One of the times that Chuck's play really stood out was in the Holland game when he was in as a tackle. The Cubs held Holland for 7 downs inside the eleven yard line before the Dutchmen finally pushed across. Klein is a valuable player because he can play any position in the line. In case somebody gets hurt and there is no available regular sub, Chuck goes in. Besides playing all these other positions, Klein is as good a sub end as the Cubs have, making him a really valuable man.



Memos by Moe

The injury-plagued State High Cubs close their 1944 football schedule Friday afternoon, November 3, against Niles in an attempt to break back into the win column after four straight losses. Last week Niles rolled over Dowagiac, who had previously beaten the Cubs, in easy fashion by a 20-0 score. By comparative scores Niles should be an easy winner, but the Cubs will be in there fighting until the final whistle.

The Cubs' last two defeats have brought to light more hidden pigskin talent from the long list of substitutes. At Dowagiac, Gene West, who replaced the injured Doug Beebe at tailback, sparked State High's rally that almost won the game. West was responsible for both Cub touchdowns as he passed to Wilbur Ryan twice on "153" to hit paydirt. Against South Haven, veteran end "Moonshine" Dunham gave the Cub rooters a thrill as he snared a pass from Bill Ryan and scampered across the goal to score on a sixty-yard pass play.

Friday's game will be the final State High gridiron contest for eleven seniors. Those playing their last game Friday are Dick Klepper, John Dunham, and Chuck Klein, ends; Chuck Peterson, John Aube, and Jim Carl, tackles, and Capt. Dave Auxter, guard. Senior backfield men are Doug Beebe, Bill Cox, Jim Stephenson, and Francis Hamel. These boys all did a great job this season, and their spirit will be remembered for a long time.

When a person goes to a football game he often wonders whose responsibility it is to keep the equipment in good condition, who fixes up all the minor injuries, and who carries out water and towels to the players in time-outs. This is all done by the manager, the so-called "forgotten man." State has two excellent managers, "Laffy" Graybiel and Clare Poloms who do anything from fixing injuries to paying off the referees. "Laffy" was basketball manager last year, and hence a veteran manager. This is Clare's first year, but under "Laffy's" guidance he is doing a commendable job. These two boys both deserve plenty of credit for their fine work.

Last week the football team was polled for their selection of "Football Queen." When the pep committee counted the votes, it was found that none other than Ruth (now called "Queenie") Morton had won by a large margin. At the dance Ruth was crowned queen by team captain "Rudy" Auxter who was very disappointed because he couldn't kiss the queen. The election of Ruth as queen is rumored as the reason John Dunham made his brilliant pass catch against South Haven.



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").

Bil 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 Dunham, senior — She said "They're big enough for both of us to walk on."

Bob Bills, sophomore — She said "This 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 Hagan.—Adv.

Trolley Talk

Here's some information we'd like to pass along.

It's about a trolley, not the one that's in the song,

But the one that's on our campus, the one that you all ride.

Be sure that you remember by these rules to abide.

Don't overload the trolley, fourteen people it will hold.

If one's full, wait for the next one, even though you may be cold.

If you'd rather climb the stairs than wait, you've two feet for that use.

So if you're the fifteenth on the trolley, there's really no excuse.

Don't get on the trolley after it has started up or down the hill.

And be sure you don't jump off until the trolley's standing still.

Besides the danger that's involved, the men who run the trolley

Tell us not to do it, and that's definite, by golly!

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—Ronald McCaul

November 15—Jean Parker.

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

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:

"Fish"	"B. F. F. S. & S."
"Tes"	(a club)
"S. P."	"Good Lookin' "
"Laughy"	"Moonshine"
"Gorilla"	"Roacho"
	"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 Westnedge 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 Pat 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-liked authors.

"This boogie-woogie 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 Gull 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.