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State Highlights

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Fifty-Six Students Placed On Honor Roll

Yearbook Order To Be Taken

State High students are looking forward to the day when the Highlander will come out. Although the editor-in-chief, Martha Delano, has stated that this will not be until the end of the year, Jim Knauss, the subscription editor, will begin taking subscriptions during the next two weeks from students wishing to buy Highlanders. The cost is estimated at \$2.00 per copy.

The engraving and printing will be done by Crescent Studios and the Wolverine Press. The Powell Studios are doing the photography for the Highlander, and the senior pictures will be taken in the near future. If anyone has any pictures which he would like to see in the Highlander, he should give them to Lester Gibbs or put them in the Highlander Box in the office.

The complete staff, chosen for this year, is as follows: Editor-in-chief, Martha Delano; business manager, Charles Klein; photography editor, Lester Gibbs; art editor, Sally Benton; feature editors, Bob Kistler, Gail Gibb; sports editor, Bill Cox; organizations editor, Joanne Schrier; subscriptions editor, Jim Knauss; advertising, Joanne Ogden, Dick Morton; subscriptions, Ruth Morton.

Operetta Dates Given

January 26 and 27 have been set as the dates for State High's annual operetta which this year is "The Pirates of Penzance". As voted by the choir it will be presented in the Little Theatre. Omitted from the list in the choir members having lead parts was Douglas Johnson, who shares the lead part of Frederick with Lester Shelley.

The choir has been invited to present the operetta at Percy Jones Military Hospital at the Fort's Field House.

Calendar

November 23—Thanksgiving day.

December 1 — First basketball game with Holland Christian, here.

Upperclassmen Elect

The organization of the four classes of State High has been completed during the past two weeks with the election of sophomore, junior and senior officers. The freshmen were the first to elect.

In the senior class Bob Kistler was elected president; Francis Hamel, vice-president; Sally Benton, secretary; and Bob Heath, treasurer. The class assembly was discussed and Bil Gilbert was nominated chairman of this assembly which will be presented later in the year. Means of raising money were discussed. It was decided that the class would have a rummage sale.

The junior class elected Bill Ryan as president, Lloyd Fowler as vice-president, and Carolyn Mitchell as secretary. Since the juniors' biggest worry is the Prom, most of the meeting was given over to discussing this. Harriet Beerstecher was nominated chairman of the Prom committee.

Don Stace was elected president of the sophomore class with Carol Morris vice-president, and Ellen Rood, secretary.

Baskets Again To Be Given

This Thanksgiving, as in years past, members of State High will have a chance to show their generosity to those in need by giving Thanksgiving baskets. The Student Council has obtained from the Civic League the names of twelve families ranging in size from two to ten people who are considered in need of the support and cheer which Thanksgiving baskets can bring.

Each homeroom will first decide how many families it can aid, and a committee will then be appointed to plan what each individual will bring.

State's Band Outstanding

State High's thirty-piece band, under the direction of Mr. George E. Amos, is making itself outstanding as the best band State High has had for several years. Besides playing, marching, and forming letters at football games, the band is going to give a Leisure Time concert. These concerts, which are sponsored by Western Michigan College, were also held last year.

Officers were elected in band and Dick Morton was chosen as Captain (president), John Dunn as Lieutenant (vice-president) and Ruth Morton as Sergeant (secretary).

219 Leads Race; Girls Edge Boys

Fifty-six of State High's more studious pupils, approximately one-seventh of the entire population, made the three honor rolls for the first marking period of this year. The girls held a slight edge over the fellows in this count, having thirty-three representatives to the boys' twenty-three.

The sophomores, as a class, led the other three numerically in honor students having nineteen to the seniors' fifteen. Thirteen juniors and nine freshmen made the grade. Homeroom 219A, the Highlights staff, won out over the Monitors in the homeroom contest. The Highlights had 53 per cent of its members on one of the three rolls with the Monitors totaled 34.5 per cent.

Due to the lack of a Citizenship standard, the Citizenship mark did not count in compiling this honor roll. It will count in rolls in the future. Any scholastic C disqualified its receiver from the honor roll:

The first honor roll, consisting of those students who received all A's or four A's and one B, has the following eleven names: Alison Clark, Janet Crum, Margery Davis, Tom Hickmott, Gisela Keck, Glen Mellinger, Carol Morris, Jim Osborne, Ellen Rood, Joan Rood, Vincent Solomon.

The following twenty people received at least two A's and no grade less than a B, and thereby are on the second honor roll: Jim Amos, Sally Benton, Henry Berry, Carl Cooper, Jim Bigelow, Martha DeLano, Barbara Frederick, Mary Lou Harvey, Jim Knauss, Larry Mayer, Mary Jane McCarthy, Beth Moore, Ruth Morton, Jim Pellowe, Hildur Sangren, Don Sherman, Herbert Smith, Margaret Tozer, Ann Weber, Beverly West.

The largest honor roll, that one composed of those receiving no grade less than a B, follows: John Bigelow, Edith Dean, Pat Fisher, Marilee Foner, Emily Frey, Franklin Fulton, Francis Garrison, Helen Holly, Peter Junker, Bruce Kitchen, Charles Klein, Richard Kolloff, Ann Leander, Warren Louis, Nancy McQuigg, Judy Miller, Mary Jo Rix, Judith Scharer, Joanne Scougale, William Smith, Lois Solomon, John Toornman, Betty Ann Warren, Burton Upjohn, Marilyn Whaley.

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War Stamps

By ALISON CLARK

I remember a song we used to sing around Christmas time when we were in grade school. It ended with the words, "Christmas Eve is merry for all." That may have seemed very true to our young mentalities, but we know better now. We know that there are many people who won't be having such a wonderful time this Christmas. To the boys in the South Pacific area the jungles and tropic heat just somehow won't seem like the "White Christmas" they've been dreaming about nor will presents from home take the place of family and friends.



Maybe you're wondering what I'm getting at; maybe you already know. But don't stop now if you've gotten this far. I'm not preaching—I only want to say this: Our boys never stop fighting and giving their lives. Why should we discontinue our lending to help them win? Yes, I said lending. You ask anyone and he'll tell you that getting \$25 back for every \$18.75 you put down is not a bad deal at all. We did a good job last year, kids, but the war isn't over yet,

and don't forget it. The soldiers and sailors and marines haven't stopped fighting and we should not stop giving—no, lending.

In short, come on, State High, let's all get together and put our war stamp and bond buying over the top.

We can do it, we will do it, WE MUST DO IT.

Former Teacher Returns To State High

This week's biography is on the new history teacher, Dr. Margaret Macmillan.

Teaching has come natural to Dr. Macmillan since her father is Dr. Smith Burnham, author of a junior high school American History and her uncle, Ernest Burnham was the first teacher appointed by Dr. Dwight Waldo for Western Michigan College.

Dr. Macmillan came here with Miss Eunice Kraft from Ann Arbor in the fall of 1930. She and Miss Kraft were classmates at the University of Michigan and lived in the same dormitory. When she was first teaching at Western High she taught all the social studies and government then given here. Later new teachers were annexed and relieved her of some of her duties.

In 1934 she went to New York to attend Columbia University to get her doctor's degree. She received this in 1943. Between 1936 and 1938, she taught in New York City's, Hunter College for girls. She was connected

with the Bronx Branch of the college, which has now been taken over by the Waves.

In 1940 she married William Macmillan, Civil Service employee of the United States Army Engineers. They went by boat to Puerto Rico, and resided in Ponce, on the south coast, where her husband was helping build an air base. They also lived at San Juan for a while. In 1942 they flew to Miami from San Juan. This trip converted her to travel by air.

Mr. Macmillan then traveled to Nassau in the Bahamas. She lived in a little cottage on the beach while there, and went swimming in the ocean every day. While returning from the Bahamas by plane, she sat near the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. They were enroute to a Christmas shopping trip in Miami.

Last year Dr. Macmillan taught in the University of Tennessee, at Knoxville, in the Army Air Corps College Training Program. Her husband was engaged in secret work at Oak Ridge,

Follow The Girls

...Previously we've had a column "Following the Boys," but now, for the benefit of the boys, we are going to have a column, "Following the Girls," those who were seniors here last year.

June Albertson, former secretary of the student council, is working at the Shakespeare factory here in Kalamazoo and is planning to attend Western Michigan College in March.

Betty De Ryke and Jean Ekema are working at the Michigan Audit Bureau. Jean is an entry girl and Betty is a typist.

Maria Frey is working at the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

Jean Vanderberg married Marine Private Milton McKay in July, 1944.

Blodwyn Wilson is living in Williamstown near Lansing, Michigan.

Caroline Richardson is a "second generation" freshman at Kalamazoo College.

Beverly Carr, Kay Hudson, and Ann Holdship are attending Parsons Business School, here in Kalamazoo.

The following are attending Western Michigan College: Elaine Arnett, Mary Bigelow, Virginia Bourner, Jane Britton, Lona Brown, Mary Dawson, Peggy Feltes, Barbara Glendenning, Paula Harrington, Betty Heeringa, Adele Kuempe, Jeanne Maltby, Audrey Marr, Yvonne Mosier, Jane Pratt, Mary Rooney, Evelyn Sessions, Phyllis Smith, Madalyn Stelle, Barbara Stevens, Joanne Vander Linde, and Cena Grace Young.

The following are attending school out of town: Martha Fast is a freshman at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts.

Lisel Goldstein is a freshman at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dorothy Hubbell and Hope Thezelius are freshmen at Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois.

Lois Ann Kellner is attending the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida.

Elayne McAllister and Betty Miller are Nurse Cadets at St. Camillus School of Nursing, Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Mary Frances Wilbur is a freshman at Ripon College, in Ripon, Wisconsin.

Rosemary Mayo is attending the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona.

A school paper is a great invention—The school gets all the fame,
The printer gets all the money,
And the staff gets all the blame.

—Gallitin High News.

Tennessee.

Then she came back to Kalamazoo. When asked if she felt State High had changed she replied that it hadn't changed so very much. "There's a new principal, of course, and there is much more emphasis on student government." She also said, "Coming back to State High is coming home to me."

Cagers Seek Big 7 Title

Now that the football season is finished, the sports spotlight shifts to basketball where the State High Cubs are eyeing the Big Seven championship.

Prospects this year are fairly good, but replacements must be found for Bill Perrin, all-city star, who is now on Western's varsity as a V-12 trainee. John Skoubes and Harry Parker are also in the service, and Harold Upjohn, who transferred to Andover Academy, after being a sophomore sensation last year, will be sorely missed.

This year's cagers will be led by Captain Dave Auxter, who is a returning starter and letterman. Auxter was considered one of the best defensive players in the conference last year. The only other returning starter is Jim Ralston, who is good on both offensive and defense and very apt at getting rebounds. Two seniors back from last year's varsity squad hoping to get starting assignments are center, Dick Barnes, and forward, Dave Ritsema. These boys will have a tough fight on their hands, however, because Bob Burns, Gene West, and Bill Ryan, all up from the reserves, have shown plenty of ability in early practice sessions, and all will be battling for a starting berth.

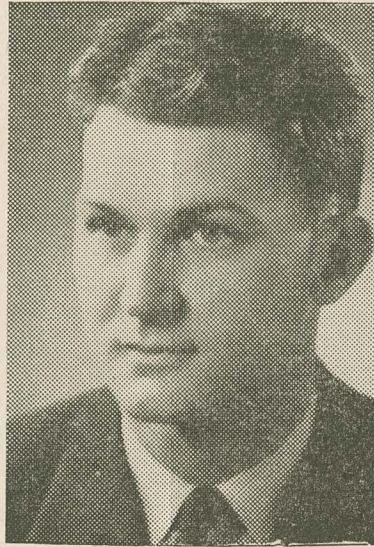
With his fourteen-man squad Coach Bob Quiring will face a tough 15-game schedule which opens at home against Niles, December 1. Coach Quiring stated Thursday evening that he was certain that the Cub cagers would win at least half their games and expressed hope of being a Big Seven Conference title contender.

The reserves also began practice November 9 with a squad of fifty boys reporting for workouts. The Cub reserves will have a full card this year and will probably produce some future varsity stars. Some of the better prospects include Howard De Witt, Jim Powell, Dick Cain, Warren Louis, Dick Dorgan, and Jerry Hagan. Coach Quiring announced that the first cut for both the varsity and reserve squads would be made today, so in the next few weeks the hard-working basketball players will be found practicing every night from 6:15 to 8:30 in preparation for the opening game with Niles.

CUB SCHEDULE

Dec. 1—Niles, here.
Dec. 8—South Haven, there.
Dec. 15—Dowagiac, here.
Dec. 19—Three Rivers, there.
Dec. 21—Open.
Jan. 5—St. Joe, here.
Jan. 12—Buchanan, there.
Jan. 19—Open.
Jan. 26—Niles, there.
Feb. 2—South Haven, here.
Feb. 9—Dowagiac, there.
Feb. 13—Three Rivers, here.
Feb. 16—St. Joe, there.
Feb. 23—Buchanan, here.
March 2—Open.

Our Coach



One person often forgotten in athletic contests is the coach. State High has a very versatile coach in Robert Quiring, who coaches football, basketball, baseball, and track, and seems to really enjoy it.

Coach Quiring attended Western, where he was outstanding in basketball and baseball before graduating in 1933.

Mr. Quiring had coached at three other high schools before coming to State. His first post was Grass Lake, followed by Martin, White Pigeon and finally State High.

In 1942, Mr. Quiring's first year here, he produced conference champs in football and came right back to walk away with the area basketball title.

Coach Quiring is one of the runners-up to Mr. Donald Dolan in the number of offspring, being the proud papa of three "little Quirings." The oldest one, Joanne, is four and ready to enter school next year while John, who is only two, will have to wait, but is already giving indication of following in his father's footsteps and become athletically minded. Last but not least, comes little Roberta who was born a year ago last Fourth of July.

Mr. Quiring enjoys swimming and did a lot of it as lifeguard at Clear Lake boys' camp. Incidentally, Bill Ryan and Gene West were with Coach as assistants (so that's where Gene got some more "extra" weight). In the fall, hunting takes much of his time, and on two occasions he shot two pheasants.

During the winter basketball takes up most of his time, either coaching or officiating. "Coach's" interests include movies where his favorite actor is Spencer Tracy and bridge, which, as "all kinds of card games," he enjoys playing very much.

Now that football has ended, Coach has turned to basketball where he forecasts more success than on the gridiron.

Memos by Moe

The battle-weary State High Cubs ended a poor gridiron season November 3 by taking a 20-0 trouncing from the hands of a tough Niles aggregation. The score, however, does not tell the whole story for the hard-fighting Cubs chalked up 17 first downs to 4 for Niles. The game was highlighted by the brilliant play of senior end, Dick Klepper, who caught plenty of passes during the afternoon. Another line standout was Dave Auxter who made most of the tackles before being injured.

Despite a poor record by the Varsity, the pigskin honor of State High is being held up by the Cub "Bees" who haven't been defeated or scored on. The "Bees" have beaten Paw Paw 18-0, St. Augustine 25-0, and were held to two scoreless ties by a good Three Rivers team. These four games have brought to light some outstanding varsity prospects in center Dick VanderKlok, Capt. Jim Powell and fullback and halfback Otto Schuhardt. These boys have done a fine job and no doubt will be heard of next year on the varsity.

Sportlight

Jim Stephenson is a valuable man on State High's eleven for he is the only one who can sub for Gordon White, at center, and do a good job of it. Stephenson also plays at quarterback, as he did in the Buchanan game, and three or four other games. At his sub center position Jim has been in every game except the last one against Niles. Stephenson was kept out of this game because of a broken nose which he received in the South Haven contest. Jim also missed some Hallowe'en fun because of this injury.

Stephenson's best game, at either position, was when he played center for over three-fourths of the game at Three Rivers, where his centering was good, and he was doing a good job of line backing and blocking. His next best game was at quarterback position in the Buchanan game. There Jim played a good defensive game and was blocking lord.

This year was Stephenson's fourth season out for football, and he has just started his last year of basketball, after being out in his freshman, sophomore, and junior year. Jim was also out for track in his sophomore stay. During his junior year he was president of the class, and this year he is president of the monitor home room. Jim has been both a monitor and in the student council for the last two years.

From The Highlights Box

THEME SONGS

Joyce VanderPoler—"Always."
Dorothy Boehm—"So Good Night."
Shirley Dale—"Together."
Carolyn Mitchell—"Ten Days with Baby."
Jim Mateer—"I'll Be Around."
Molly Kabbe—"Let's Have a Party."
Ruth Swart, Marilyn Schutz—"I Walk Alone."
Joan Walton—"Time Alone Will Tell."
Hollis Weston—"The Wolf of Colka."

WE WONDER IF—

Milly and Yvonne are hard up for men or trying to get Don just for spite?

That certain soph girl is still interested in a senior boy? Ask C. K. Ray and Jeanne found something interesting in the garden of the Congregational church Saturday night and why all the guilty looks!!!

Doug has something that makes 3 S. H. gals sit and drool?

If Steve and Snookie are still inseparables?

Wink has found her ideal?

INSEPARABLES

Frank and Edith.
Bruce and Barbara.
Don and Connie.
Jim A. and Marilyn.

What two girls around school are known as "Butch"?

Why did Lillian Willie go to Norfolk, Virginia, and come back keeping her left hand covered. Congratulations, Lillian and Chuck!

LATIN POEMORUM

Boyibus kissabus sweet girlorum.
Girlibus likibus, wantem some mororum.
Kissibus noisibus wake up paporum.
Kickibus boyibus out of front dorum.
Darkibus nightibus, no lightorum.
Climb picket fensibus, breechibus tore 'em.

—The School Spirit.

Happy Birthday

November 17—Mildred Worden
November 19—John Toornman
November 21—Dick Roberts
November 21—Gene West
November 26—Gordon White
November 27—Jot Van Haften
November 28—George Buckham
November 28—Fred Buckham
November 29—Pat Rooney
November 29—Jim Simonds
November 29—Al Shiley

Slick Chicks Talk

After receiving comments on the behavior of the State High boys, we decided to look further into the matter. We interviewed a number of State High's "slickest chicks" and have acquired their opinions. So here it is, guys, straight from the shoulder.

Let's begin with the date. The average girl expects you to call at least two days ahead of time in order to make plans. Now that's not really asking too much of any "smooth sender." Another important thing is to have your plans made before you reach her doorstep, and not waste half of the evening trying to decide whether to see a show or "cut a rug" at the Canteen. When you are introduced to your big moment's parents, act natural and don't be a stuffed shirt. She wants to be proud of you.

On your way to the Canteen don't try to show her how many cars you can miss, because she certainly doesn't want her nerves shattered before her perfect evening has begun. After your arrival, show that you have a bit of the gentleman in you by opening the doors for her and taking her coat. You leave a much better impression. While drifting across the floor to the smooth strains of "Stardust," don't give the lowdown on yourself or you will be classed as one "Joe Blow." Just because your fair partner takes time out for a dance with her last year's heart glow, don't go into a pout and give her the "woe is me" expression. After all, she likes variety, and while she is doing this, you can certainly find someone else to dance with.

Another thing on the "black list" for all you "smoothies" is showing off. After all, she went out with you for yourself, and not some bad imitation of Van Johnson or the like. On the way home, don't give her that line, "love of my life," or soon you will want to convince everything in a skirt and sweater that you are a pretty smooth fellow, and that super-duper line comes out with no effort at all. Before long you are branded as a "rambling romeo" or the "coke crowd Casanova."

Nix on parking! The girls don't expect or like it, and besides it spells trouble. Just take it slow and easy. Be fair to your date, and get her in at a decent hour. Remember, she may have to get up at an early hour for work or Church, although you can sleep until noon. You can't expect her to look like Lana Turner when she has last night's circles under her eyes. Your perfect evening should then end with a casual good-bye, minus the doorstep doodling. It really isn't necessary. Why can't you, the next day, act friendly and not as a complete stranger.

So that's it, fellows. A guy in the groove is worth two off the track, and the boy on the beam is well worth

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QUESTION — What about yourself makes you most attractive to the opposite sex?

Bob Bills, sophomore—"My use of fly paper."

Jim Stephenson, senior—"The people I go around with."

Yvonne Hill, freshman—"My dimples."

James Osborn, sophomore—"I guess they want to get all A's."

Bob Burns, junior—"My big beautiful brown eyes and my personality plus."

Joanne Schrier, senior—"My lazy disposition."

Margaret Verdon, freshman—"My small number of bracelets."

Glen Mellinger, senior—"My lordly superior air."

Jerry Hollowell, freshman—"My freckles."

Joanne Ogden, senior—"My pivot tooth."

Bill Adair, senior—"I dunno, they just like me."

Jim Powell, junior—"My art ability."

Mr. Mills—"My red tie."

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knowing. So keep an eye on how the right boys do it. These are a few words to the wise and winsome who want to get the most out of high school and are eager to make their ways with smoothness.

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Editor's Note: This article was written by Marguerite Klein and Eleanor McCane and contributed to the Highlights. More such contributions from any member of the student body giving student thought or opinion would be appreciated.