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Western State High School
Science Talent Search Begun

Mr. Julian Greenlee of the Science Department announces that any senior who is interested in competing in the Fifth Annual Science Talent Search should contact him.

This annual search, sponsored by the Science Club of America and Westinghouse, is conducted for the purpose of "discovering and fostering the education of boys and girls whose scientific skill, talent, and ability indicate potential creative originality and warrant scholarships for their development." Students from all parts of the nation compete for the $11,000 in scholarships offered each year.

Entrance requirements for the contest are that the student be a senior in high school, that he take an examination administered by the school but obtained from the contest committee, and that he write an essay of approximately five hundred words on the subject, "My Scientific Project." The top forty contestants, selected on the basis of the essay and the competitive examination, will be sent to Washington for a five-day institute to pick the final winners of the $2400 and $400 scholarships.

Highlights Representatives Elected by Homerooms

So that the students of State High may better understand the policies of the Highlights staff, and also that they themselves may voice opinions and suggestions, a student is elected by each homeroom to represent it. This policy has afforded the staff in years past, with a working knowledge of the student attitude toward the paper.

These representatives will attend the meetings of the staff and take part in discussions of the Highlights on alternate Fridays beginning November second. Those elected by the various homerooms are: 211A, Jim Ralston; 219A, Pete Slater; 11A, Emily Milham; 1A, Marcia Foster; 210A, Martha Shuhardt; 206A, Barbara Klop; and 2A, Marilyn Morris. One homeroom, 13A, has not yet elected its representative.

Band Plays for Basketball

The Band of State High this year has been organized with Warren Graybied as president, Ronald Frye as vice president, and Mary Layne, secretary. Mr. Leonard Meretta, as director, states that the group will be ready to play at the first scheduled basketball game, while marching in formation will not be attempted as yet for lack of practice.

Student Council Goes All Out For New Plan

The Student Council voted unanimously Wednesday morning, October 24, in favor of holding at least one of the Student Canteen dances here in the Women's Gym. Each quickly agreed upon by Dr. Bryan, Mr. Hoekje, and Dr. Sangren, the plan was then taken to the Canteen Board where it again was approved unanimously.

The suggestion is to have one meeting in the Women's Gym November 30, and if this party meets with general approval, the Canteen will continue meeting here at least once every four weeks. It is to be understood that this is just a trial meeting and unless everyone concerned is willing to cooperate and put it across, the program will be immediately discontinued.

Geo. King To Provide Music

Assisting the Canteen Board, will be a committee appointed from the Student Council and student body of State High, but the dance will remain a Canteen function and will be just exactly as the Canteen always has been. Music will be furnished by George King's orchestra, with soft drinks being sold during intermission, while for those who don't care to dance there will be games in several of the homerooms. The usual Canteen fee of forty-five cents will be charged.

Board Conducts Business

At the second fall meeting of the Canteen Board, which was held at the Presbyterian Church, Thursday, October 25, new officers were elected and plans for the coming year organized. Elected to the presidency was Judy Ogden, president of the student body of Central, while State High's Bob Dunham was chosen vice president and another State representative, Judy Ogden, was elected secretary.

No student will be allowed to any Canteen dance without his membership card which will cost twenty-five cents. State High is cooperating with this plan and tickets will be on sale in the hall this week.

The next party on the Canteen program is a Hallowe'en overall dance tonight at Kalamazoo Central from 8:30 to 11:30.
Pin-Up Pictures Found in Hall

Has anyone a passion for pure art? Does the sight of a rich oil painting or delicate water color give you a lump in the throat? Then for heaven's sake, don't come to the High School art department, for, mounting the stairs to good old 202 in the Barracks, you will find a who's who of that collection of art work ever dragged together. You will be viewing the High School Pin-Up Hall and it's really something. There is exhibited the peerless work of such artists as James Powell, Esq. and Maryellen Ward.

Although the great masters are doubtless squirming in their graves, the feeling of the High School Art Students is expressed as follows by two would-be artists (obviously they wouldn't be poets]):

We can draw!! (believe it or not). Maybe this stuff ain't so hot; Heck, we aren't tryin' for art at all! This here's just our "pin-up" hall: P.B. As soon as they find the books for hanging pictures the classes are going to have a real art show in the East and West rooms of Walwood. By hook or by crook State High will become art-minded.

The Home Economics Class Finds Out What's Cookin'

The girls in the first year Home Ec. class finished their first cooking project Tuesday, October 23. Divided into groups of four, they planned, prepared and served their own luncheons at 12:00 in the basement of the Training School and could be seen buzzing around State's halls between college classes. The lunch dish had been wiped and put away.

The class is none the worse for their experience of consuming a meal prepared by their own hand although four girls who had toasted cheese sandwiches said, "The stuff tasted like rubber! Every time we took a bite the cheese popped back in our faces!" One group had sour milk to drink, while another had chocolate cookies, so hard that they had to "dunk and drink" them. And who ever heard of Waldorf Salad without nuts, marshmallows, or mayonnaise?

All things considered the meals were successful and the girls hope to be first rate cooks by the end of the course.

Bartoo Houses

The Tower of Babel is a mythical building of which is sung “a place with residents all of different tongue.” Mythical? “Ah no!” cry the strangers who have stumbled into the Bartoo House of late. Yes, that's it! State High has acquired access to a separate language house where speech minded citizens of State are now taking courses in French, German or Latin. But beware any newcomer to this secluded outskirt of the campus, for many a lost soul, walking into the wrong class-room has been entirely bewildered by a questioning flood of “Parlez-vous Frangais?”

The smell of onions would have greeted any visitor to the second year French class Thursday, October 25, since Miss Marian Tamin and Miss Frances Noble provided the knowledge hungry group with a feast consisting of onion soup with cheese, cold meat sandwiches, cookies, and milk. Suspense hung over the room for a moment as the hot plate refused to stick, but it finally worked and they got their onions "hot."

Even France has its Dagwood Bumstead or it would seem, as one thinks of the sandwiches consumed by the various French students.

Menagerie Added To Science Dept.

The latest addition to the Science Department is Mr. Ray Deur's menagerie in Room 201 of the Science Building. Mr. Deur's collection of questionable characters consists of a brown snake, a peeper frog, ten red back Salamanders, a toad, and a Jefferson salamander besides a sphinx moth cocoon, and a wooly bear that is expected to spin a cocoon soon. A pet hamster, the contribution of Bob Woods may also be found there. The salamanders are fed with a daily supply of angle worms and are kept in damp plant life, toadstools, moss and fungus growing.

Bob Gunnett has been taking care of the aquarium containing pollywogs, frogs, and water bugs.

Beating The Gums About The Alums

Everyone has been trying to keep track of the whereabouts of the “45” grads, so here is some information as to where some of the characters who adorned State's halls last year may be found:

Bob Kistler, outstanding as a pitcher with the Cub 45 baseball squad, is now pitching in to help Uncle Sam in the Army Air Corps, at Scott Field, Illinois.

Another outstanding State High athlete, Dick "Klop" Klepper, is with the Marine Corps at Parris Island, South Carolina.

Still further representing State High in the armed forces are John Aube, Dick Barnes, and John Toorman, all of whom are now clad in navy blue. John Aube is stationed at Sand Point, Seattle, Washington; John Toorman is at Navy Pier in Chicago; and Dick Barnes is at the Alabama Polytechnical Institute, Auburn, Alabama.

Several grads, it would seem, have been irresistibly drawn back to their old Alma Mater, if the fact that so many grads are attending Western Michigan College is any indication of their affection for State High. Some of the "49ers" may be seen buzzing around State's halls between college classes as Pat Abrams, Chuck Klein, Mary DeHaan, Anna Porter, Jimmy Lou Pierce, Margaret Tozer, and Ione Bailey.

Students who wander into Grant's on their shopping tours are likely to find Viola Worden and Peg Elliott slaving away, since both of these grads are employed there.

The belle at the Bell is none other than Sally Benton who is now a long-distance telephone operator at the Bell Telephone Company.

State's former student council secretary, Pat Fisher, is at present working at the Hercules Powder Company, and Rose Bingham (now engaged to another State High alum, navy man Jack Stearns) has a job in a Texaco office.

Some other grads who have announced their college plans are Mary Lou Harvey who is attending Kalamazoo College, and Paul Nibbelink who is in Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan.

Maria Frey, a grad of "44", is now taking a post grad course at State High and plans to transfer to Western in February. Her sister, Emma Frey, who graduated last year, is now in Chicago, where she plans to take an evening course at the American Academy of Arts.

A graduate of "32", Clarence Read, Radioman 1st class, son of carpenter Clarence Read who works here at school, died in a prison camp in Thailand after being taken prisoner by the Japs when the Houston was sunk.
Cubs vs. Vikings
Final Big "11" Tilt

On November 2, the State High Cubs will invade one of its tougher opponents of the grid schedule, the Niles Vikings, who at present are in fourth place with two wins and two losses. The top two teams of the Big Seven Conference, St. Joseph and Buchanan, handed the Niles eleven losses in the first half of the game to the tune of 12-0 and 19-6. In both of these games Niles' defense was strong for the first half but let up in the third and fourth quarters and opponents have found it hard to crack the Vikings' tricky defense.

The Niles' gridders have a strong ground attack that is anchored around Bill Hradel, an end who was recently converted to a fullback, while Tom Knoll, right halfback, can pass with uncanny accuracy. With this strong ground attack and good passing in mind, the Cubs will go into battle definitely as the underdogs.

The probable starting lineups for the game will be as follows:

**State High**
- Duane Smith ..... T . . . Tom Kennedy
- Doug Johnson ... G . . . David Korman
- Richard Hill . C . . . Robert Burge
- James Powell . G . . . Leonard Gray
- Henry Berry . T . . . Dick Mitchell
- Lloyd Fowler . E . . . George Boller
- Robert Burns . QB . . . Joe Funk
- William Ryan . HB . . . Art Coleman
- Paul Rafferty . HB . . . Norman Arnold
- Gordon White . FB . . . Bill Hradel

**Niles**
- Robert Burns . . QB . . . Joe Funk
- James Ralston . E . . . Eugene Gorton
- Henry Berry . T . . . Dick Mitchell
- Robert Burns . QB . . . Joe Funk
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Cubs Tie South Haven;
State Fumbles Aid Rams

Marred by fumbles, the State High Cubs were held to a 6-6 tie by the South Haven Rams, Friday, October 27. The Cubs received and marched to the ten yard marker before fumbling the first time. The Rams recovered and were held to three down; so on fourth, Bill Edwards, former Central reserve star, booted a very sloppy kick which bounced crazily behind the State's safety man. With the ball on the 30 yard line, State's plays brought the ball to midfield where they were forced to kick, Jim Ralston, right end, changed to a backfield spot and made a beautiful, spiraling kick which went out of bounds on the ten yard line.

After a series of downs the Rams kicked to the Cub's forty yard line, where the ball was run back a few feet. The State eleven started moving, and it looked as if they couldn't be stopped, but a Cub backfield man was tackled hard and finally South Haven pushed over a touchdown, as the half ended.

The Cubs came on the field in the second half very determined, with White and Ryan carrying the ball to the Rams 20 yard line where the ball was fumbled again. The third and fourth quarters were played in South Haven's territory, but it was only in the last ten minutes that State scored as White went the final ten yards through the center of the line. The try for conversion was low and the game score stood at 6-6. The Cubs, with less than a minute left, were throwing the ball near midfield when Jim Ralston received one and was tackled on the Ram's six yard line as the game ended.

**Reserve Squad Still Unbeaten**

Coach Bob Quiring has something to look forward to in a couple of years. That something is in his Reserve Squad. The fighting Cub "B" team has chalked up three victories against no defeats so far this season. Going into their third game Monday, October 22, with victories over the Reserve Squads of Paw Paw and Three Rivers, they trimmed a St. Augustine powerhouse to the tune of 19-0. It was State High all the way although the Irish threatened in the final quarter.

Bob Dunbar, the big frosh fullback scored the Blue and Gold's first touchdown by plunging through right guard. The after-touchdown kick was blocked and the Cubs led at the end of the first quarter 6-0.

A pass from Dick Cain to Herb Smith in the closing seconds of the first half gave State a safe margin, while Bob Bills ran fifteen yards in the third quarter for the Cub's final tally.

Although neither team could do much in the final quarter, St. A marched fifty yards but was unable to overcome the hard hitting Cub aggregation.

The starting lineup was made up of Phil Avery and Herb Smith, ends; Ken Reeves and Jack Herr, tackles; Warren Graybie and Dave Anderson, guards; and Dick Vander Klok, center. In the backfield are found, Dick Cain, quarterback; Bob Bills and Bill Glennon at the halves; and Big Bob Dunbar in the fullback position.

Able substitutes include, Jerry Hagan, Larry Okun, Chris Nezamis, Roger Burns, Dick Dorgan, Tom Woodworth, John Smith, Roger McMurray, Robert Smith, and Bob Kimbel. All of these boys saw action at C. A. A. field the other night.

**Get in Step;**
**LET'S HAVE PEP**

Did you know that?

1. There were actually some moldy people playing cards at the Dowagiac game?
2. Girls still have to get into those idiotic cat-chats at a football game?
3. They must not yet have noticed what a cute football team we have.
4. A few characters seemed to think that they could handle this cheerleading better than the chosen ones? Why didn't you try out, kids?
5. Everybody would have a swell time and State High would really get ahead and fast if we'd all pull together. After all the football is the thing. We've got a team, we've got the cheerleaders, so come on, Keeds, lets go!
Sergeant Studies at State

Sitting weekly in the Highlight's office, I overheard someone say, "We seem to have a new vet—Gordon Sergeant."

"Hurray!" I shrieked, "My first interview!" Thereupon, I dashed madly up and down the halls in excitement searching for my prey.

After poking my head into practically every room on campus, I walked into the high school office in desperation.

"Look on his schedule," said Miss DeKoning.

Oo! Nothing dumb about this girl! So I did. Finally I spied Gordon in 1:00 government class—"O.K., chum, I've got you cornered," I said, in my most polite manner. "Give." He glanced away.

Gordon left State High in February, 1942, and received his boot training at Paris Island, South Carolina. He moved to New River, N.C. and was in the third Marine Regiment. In September, 1942, he went overseas to American Samoa, then New Zealand, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, the Marshall Islands, Guam, with the New Hebrides, Bougainville and Guam being his major battles.

Well, anyway, Gordy came back to the States in November 1944, and had a thirty day furlough, which must have been quite welcomed. He then reported to S. Carolina and was a member of the M. P. division. Sgt. Sergeant was discharged on Oct. 7, 1945. I forgot to say that he was in hospitals with malaria fourteen different times. Imagine! Four times overseas and ten here in the states. He was also wounded on Guam. But ex-sergeant Gordy Sergeant looks none the worse for wear (of course I didn't see him before but he couldn't look better.)

After graduating from State High he plans to go on to college. I pried him, "and what do you think of State High?"

The great man sighed and in an "of course - you want-me to-say-this so-i'll-will" way, said "State High's a swell school!"

By MARY DELANO

Happy Birthday

October 26—Carol Morris
October 28—Robert Gimbel
October 29—Anthony Ver Hey
October 30—Martha McKinley, Bessie and Chris Nezamis.
October 31—Betary Davis
November 2—Helen Fischer
November 6—Jane Jennings, Carolyn Mitchell
November 7—Carl Cooper
November 10—Pat Keyser
November 12—Skippy Bills, Jean Guymer
November 14—Bill Glennon

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It's Halloween

By FULLER

As we come to the end of the bright month of October we find people busily preparing for many Halloween braves. Some have already had theirs. Marge Davis threw a brute party Friday, as did the Kitchens—Bruce and Rosalie, Saturday.

Here at school there aren't too many items of interest. Among our few is the following: We hear say that a couple of our seniors think that one Junior girl, namely Snookie Klein, is a very friendly girl. Well, Hank and Bill, what's your definition of "friendly?" ** * *

The Highlights congratulates Mark Thompson and Stan Chase on their recent weddings. BEST OF LUCK. ** * *

One Frosh, Stephen Davis, seems to have gotten enlisted with two of our beautiful (Ha) U. C.'s. Art class is a good place to strike up friendships. Eh wot, Stevie-boy?

What is this new campaign that Lorraine Donoghue and her buddies have started? The first victim turned out to be none other than Jimmie Powell. Mebbe' Lou's nephew is a good practice target—but that's another story.

Miss Stekteee seems to think Dale Pattison is cute—"Hum-m-m-m!" ** * *

The 2:00 English class is really the class with Mr. Housholder's humor and Burt Upjohn's reflections on Contemporary Literature.

SUPPORT THE CANTEEN 
UP H'YAR

By ALISON CLARK

No doubt, sometime in the devious windings of your past you have come in contact with the works of poets who have really let this autumn thing go to their heads. They gush about red leaves, shining apples lying around on the ground, beautiful goldenrod and such, shall we say, rot. Maybe I haven't been brought up right, but all the apples I have seen lying around beneath the charming trees were definitely green and more or less wormy. Hay-fever sufferers do not appreciate the goldenrod angle, either.

All right, so I'm cynical, but friends I have suffered! October's bright blue weather really leaves me cold (it is getting chilly, isn't it?)

For instance, on a gorgeous autumn Saturday, do I gambol about on the leaf-strewn lawn? uh-uh. The woman with a lucky enough to claim me as her child gets that relentless "today we're going to accomplish something" look in her eye and drags the twelve-foot-long ladder from the garage.

Ladders and I have an aversion for each other, especially when several spiders have made their respective homes all over the blasted thing. Nevertheless, up I clamber and get to work, you guessed it, washing windows. Needless to say, the roof slopes and the shiny seat of my levis doesn't seem to get a good grasp on the sash-ables. So I slip and slide and climb and complain all through a perfectly good Saturday p.m.

Well, a little work never bothers me much (short pause for laughter), but the thing that really gets one down about this fall thing is—BUGS.

We dear little Jackie Frost comes tripping across the meadows, and he falls flat all over our back yard, every single musca domestica (fly—blast their little hides) in the country takes up permanent residence on our back porch. And for two weeks the front door is used; natch, the handle of said door decides to come off about that time, but things are "tuff" all over.

And the wasps. They must think they own the place! It's terribly disconcerting to be engrossed in an algebra book (I say laughingly, of course) and have several of our little winged friends playing dive bomber in an intoxicated way over one's head.

From all this, you will gather that as far as the author is concerned, autumn is a thoroughly bad state of affairs, and frankly I doubt that it is here to stay.