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State Highlights

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Debate Team Begins Promising Year

Having started off the year with a bang by giving a debate and airing their views of current questions over radio station WKZO, the members of the advanced speech class, under the direction of Mr. George E. Mills, are looking forward to more participation in these same ventures.

On Friday, November 1, Carol Morris and Jim Osborn, together with a two other speech students, not yet selected, will discuss "Issues of the Election" over WKZO. Last Friday, October 18, the topic "How to Prevent Rising Prices" was debated by a quartet composed of Jim Bigelow, Jim Osborn, Carol Morris, and Marguerite Klein. According to Mr. Mills, it will be the policy of the class to give each student an opportunity to appear on two consecutive programs. State High is to present a program every other week from 5:00 to 5:30.

Three trips to various schools in southern Michigan have been planned by the debates. Next week a practice debate will be held at Battle Creek Central High. On Thursday, October 30, eight debaters from State High will make themselves known among debaters from Albion, Marshall, and Battle Creek Lakeview. Lansing Eastern High School is sponsoring an invitational tournament Saturday, November 3, at which eight students from State High will be allowed to show what they can do.

Future Assembly Programs Announced by Committee

To insure weekly entertainment for students of State High, the Assembly Committee made plans for this year's assemblies. On October 23 there will be a program observing United Nations week which extends from October 21-25.

To inaugurate the movie series "Know Your Neighbors," dealing with nations in the western hemisphere, a movie will be shown on Oct. 30. The Annual Book Week Assembly will be held on Nov. 6. Other programs planned are the Annual Junior and Senior assemblies, band, debate, Thanksgiving, the inter-school assembly with Central, and the football assembly, during which letters are awarded the members of the team and a football movie is shown.

The committee is composed of three Student Council members, Ralph Miller as chairman, assisted by Dick Schlick, Herb Smith, and the following members of homerooms: Phyllis Baich, 1A; Dorothy Worden, 10A; Phyllis Mann, 11A; Sally Wyman, Melba Manning, 1A; Mollie Boylan, 15A; Bill McNeil, 12A; Jim Osborn, 210A; Barbara Jordan, 211A; Jim Stowell, 219A.

Variety Shown in Choice of Clubs

Among the clubs organized this year several new ones are prominent. The Swing Club, begun this year under the leadership of Elmer Beloof, consists of about ten members who are not only playing but also arranging swing. It is hoped that they will play for some future State High dances.

Two other music clubs recently formed are the Senior Girl's Trio and the Boy's Glee Club. The Trio, composed of Gerrie Klein, Marguerite Klein, and Marie Pomeroy, is a picked group under the direction of Mrs. Leotis Britton. The Glee Club gives boys who are unable to take choir a chance to have fun singing. The group is working with tenor Larry Moody of the college, and a boys quartet has already been organized including Lester Shelly, Louis Osborn, and Dick Kolloff.

The Stamp Club under the sponsorship of Jack Deboer has chosen Jack Deboer as president and Delma Jean Connor as secretary.

With the help of George E. Mills, the eleven students of the new Forum Club are debating topics of interest. The current issue being discussed is Socialized Medicine.

In the advanced Hunter's Club, Jack Sipperly is president, Art Gilmore, vice president; and Leon First, secretary and treasurer. Lectures, hunting plans, and a field demonstration with Dr. Roy C. Bryan's hounds are but a few of the activities planned. The beginning Hunter's Club also elected officers with Jack Herr, president; Dave Anderson, vice president; and Larry Okun, secretary.

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Canteen Meet Underway

In order to make plans for the coming season and to elect officers, the members of the Student Canteen board of Kalamazoo met Wednesday, October 16, at the Y. M. C. A. wholesome office of Kalamazoo Central High School were chosen president and vice president respectively, while Judy Ogden from State High is to keep records.

Other representatives on the board are Skippy Bills and Jack Sipperly from State High, Sue Harper and Don Christian from Central High, and Bradley Allen from Kalamazoo College. Adult members are Mr. O. K. Christian of Central, Mr. Ray Deur of State, Mr. Bob Smith, Y. M. C. A. secretary; and Mr. Len Colby of W. K. Z. O.

Plans are "in the making" for a dance to be held at Central High on Halloween night for the price of 25 cents per person. The following Friday, November 1, the Student Canteen will be held at State High.

Students Camp Out

"Hey, would you look at my spotted salamander!" "What kind of a snake is this?" "Jeepers, where did that bird fly?"

The preceding remarks might have caught your ear had you been present at the camp-out held October 11 and 12 at Clear Lake by some members of Mr. Deur's Biology classes. Those who enjoyed a weekend of real outdoor life, Carole Lage, Cleora Fletcher, Phyllis Baich, Nancy Bryant, Claire Miche, Billy Forbes, Crawford Owen, Harry Strong, Jack Tozer, Hadley Osborn, Eugene Toormann, and Bob Lorentz, spent their time hiking the five miles around the lake, looking at the moon through a telescope, catching three varieties of salamanders, and studying birds. During the evenings they saw movies and Friday hiked to Dowling.

The Audubon Society camp-out, held October 4 and 5 at Yankee Springs was attended by two hundred Michigan, including from State High, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Deur, Hadley Osborn, Tom Holdship, Winston Wessels, and Ruth Emerson.

They saw movies and on bird hikes, on which they saw twenty different kinds of birds. An auction sale was held to raise money for a new bird sanctuary near Battle Creek.

CALENDAR

Oct. 25—Football with South Haven here at 3:30 p.m. Dance at night.

Oct. 31—Halloween

Nov. 1—Football with Niles here at 3:30 p.m.

Student Canteen here

Nov. 2—"5" Club Dance.
STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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Band Bolsters Pep

Have you noticed a larger crowd at the games? Don’t you think that school pep is getting a little better? Has some unforeseen miracle happened? No, not quite that. It’s just that a swell organization has been working like mad recently to promote school pep, and they’re doing a pretty good job. Who are they? Why the band, of course. Throughout the previous years, State has had a good band, even though its members have been few. This year the organization under a new director, Mr. Elmer Beloof, shows marked improvement and promises even better things to come. It takes a hard working group, as they are, to work together and to achieve the goals for which they are striving. Keep it up, band. Your school is behind you.

Band to Witness Festival

On Thursday, October 24, the members of the band and a few guests under the sponsorship of Mr. Elmer Beloof, director of the band, are going by bus to Pilgrum Field, Benton Harbor, to witness the Marching Festival arranged by the Southwestern Michigan Band and Orchestra Association. Due to its limited size, State High’s band will not compete but will observe in order to gain experience in the techniques of marching. Among the fifteen schools participating in the event, Kalamazoo Central is the only local band entered. The programs consist of: (1) general marching of individual bands before the judges and audience; (2) playing of the Star Spangled Banner by all the participants in one huge massed band; (3) twirling exhibitions, massed and individual; and (4) the massed band playing two popular marches, “The Zooster” and “Military Escort.”

Council Committees Appointed

At the beginning of the school year the following Council Committees were appointed:

Citizenship, Walter Storey, ch.; Pep, Bob Bills, ch., Tom Woodworth, Bill McGinnis; Social, Carol Morris, ch., Judy Ogden; Ron Seiner, Barbara Klopf, Louis Vander Linde, Betty Carver, Walter Storey, Herb Smith; Bulletin Board, Barbara Klopf, Mary Jane McCarthy, ch.; Friendship and Correspondence, Carol Morris; Inter-High School Council, Carol Morris; Finance, Herb Smith, ch., Dale Griffith, Dick Colton, Ken Green, Lou de Linde; Assembly, Ralph Miller, ch., Dick Schlick, Herb Smith.

Questions Not Answered

The Highlights had a questionnaire sent to the Junior, Senior, Freshman, and Monitor homerooms with three simple questions to be answered. The questions were 1) Do you want mixer dances? 2) Do you want square dancing in-between regular dances? 3) Do you have any suggestions for improvement? After short consideration, some made very good replies. The remaining were typical of kindergarteners.

They obviously just took a piece of paper and without thinking about the questions wrote three no’s and handed it in. The people who answered with ‘girls’ choice, once in a while, entertainment during intermission, more advertising,” etc. have shown that they belong in high school. People who asked for refreshments and bands all the time weren’t using their heads because the Student Council isn’t made of money and bands are asking one hundred dollars and up for one evening. We have made an earnest effort to help the students of State High and what happens!!! You kick about the dances but when asked for suggestions, this is what we get. Students of this high school should grow up and its about time they started.

Former Students Attend Prep School

Although there are many new faces to be seen in the good old halls of State High this year, the Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and Seniors have noted the absence of some of their classmates. Investigation showed that twelve former State High students who were here last year are now enrolled in Prep Schools ranging from Canada to Florida.

The Foster is attending Assumption College, Windsor, Ontario Canada. Sister Marca tells us that he’s really “crazy about it.” Moving south west, former State High student, Mrs. Emma Willard School, Troy, New York, while four of our classmates are going to school in Massachusetts. Former Dunham Academy in Massachusetts is where Pete Statler is studying this year. Joan Rood has joined her sister, Ellen, at Walnut Hill, and Patsy Todd is also enrolled there.

Nancy McGuigg is to be found in Massachusetts at Stoneleigh, Prospect Hill. Also in the east is Emily Milham who is attending the Mary C. Wheeler School in Providence, Rhode Island. We hear that she likes it pretty much except for the fact that she has been in bed with pneumonia for over a week. Attending other schools here in Michigan are Alison Clark, feature writer on our paper last year, who is studying at Kingswood Cranbrook, and Marilyn Patterson who is spending this year at Cedar Lake Academy. Nancy Boudeman is going to Ward Belmont in Nashville, Tenn. and way down South in the Florida sunshine we find Barbara Aach and Billie Sanders attending Fairmont Casements at Ormond Beach.

Women’s Gym Site Of Cub’s Caper, October 25

The latest caper planed by the Social Committee is an overall dance in the Women’s Gym at 8:30 to 11:30 o’clock on October 25, following the South Haven game. Cards and other amusements will be provided for those who do not wish to dance, and refreshments will be sold. Those working hard to make the Cub’s Caper a success are Betty Carver, music; Fred McGinnis, refreshments; Barbara Klopf, Judy Ogden, and Maryellen Ward, decorations; and Louis Vander Linde, recreation. Carol Morris is general chairman of this event, and other members of the committee are Ronald Seiner, Herb Smith, and Walt Storey.
Reserves Battle To 6-6 Deadlock

Earlier this season a weak Cub Reserve eleven met defeat at the hands of the strong-over-powering reserve team of Three Rivers with a score of 58-6. Last week this game supposedly weak team bounded back up, and against South Haven 6-6, with both teams handicapped by a cold half-rain.

As their pass attempts failed because of a very wet ball, the fighting reserve team turned to running. Neither seemed to gain by steady pressure but rather by long sweeping end runs. With one touchdown run called back by an off side, penalties greatly hampered the Three Rivers team. Both touchdowns were a result of long runs since passes seemed to fail because of the cold rainy weather.

Sparked by two alert eno., Barney Fowler and Bob Houts, along with Larry Moran, a good kicker and passer, State held back the heavier Three Rivers team. Nifty running was turned in by Gary Wilson, Larry Moran, and Roger McMurray while quick thinking on the part of Chris Nezmaides enabled the Cubs to put up the good showing.

Excellent blocking made it possible for State to turn in long end runs and chalk up yardage against a much heavier opponent. The “Bees” have improved very much through the season and should send some valuable material to the varsity next year.

Bob Lewis suffered a fractured nose in the reserve game with Three Rivers last Thursday.

Girls Begin Gym Tourneys

“Oh, my sprained ankle,” “Ouch, my sore finger,” “Will I ever be the same again?” These and many other comments can be overheard in the girls’ locker room following a gym class, especially after the 3:00 class plays touch football. They have already done their best with the game and expect to continue struggling with it as long as fair weather continues. One brave 8:00 class has been plunging into the swimming pool, while the other 8:00 class and the 10:00 class have been playing volley ball. Soon a tournament will take place in each class.

Did You Know That

Did you know that the schools of the big seven have the following enrollments according to the Michigan Educational Directory? State High—343, Three Rivers—270, St. Joseph—711, Buchanan—515, Niles—650, Dowagiac—494, South Haven—326.

Stars and Answers

Gene West upon being asked, What is our best line? said he thought it was 42x on which Gene fakes to Gordie driving off tackle and hands the ball to Stelle who drives over the left tackle.

When asked for an honest opinion of this quarter’s Big 7 school spirit, help a team? Gordie answered, “Yes, it makes you feel that you’re not the only one on the field, and it especially helps it. When scores, the kids are backing their team.”

Next we went down the hall to 21A where we found Jack Slippery deep in thought. Our reporter very rudely interrupted “Slip” to ask him the question, Do you think State has turned out good teams for the competitive big seven schools? Jack answered, “I think so. We have played the best three teams so far, and now maybe the outcome of the games will be different. We are a very small school, but just because we’re a small one doesn’t mean that every team we put out won’t be there scrapping just as hard as it can.”

After quizking Jack we returned to 21A where sailing much along and deeply engulmed in a big blue history book was Dick “Dutchman” Vander Klok. When asked this question, What do you think of the Three Rivers game? Dick said, “Three Rivers had a very good team, and they out-weighted us by a large margin. We thoroughly outfought and out scrapped them, and if games were won by fight, scrap, and spirit, we would have come out on top.”

Next we glanced across the room to where Bob Stelle and Dave Anderson were having a 3 bull session. Your reporter boldly stepped up to ask Bob for his opinion of the St. Joe game. He answered, “They did have an awfully good team, but if we’d have played in the big 7 with the Chiefs as we did in the first, we would have beaten them.”

While all this was going on, Dave Anderson was perched over Stelle’s shoulder with a ready reply to the question, Does your size handicap you? Andy gave it a little thought while we were talking to Stelle and then replied, “Oh yes, I guess so, but I like to play against big guys because they are so awkward and easy to block.” We summed up his answer in this fashion, Slow-joes are easy meat for Andy.

Your writer then departed through the swinging doors of 211 and came face to face with none other than Jack Herr. We grabbed him before he could get away and dragged him to a seat where he was asked the following question, Does our backfield run as hard and work as hard as other backfields that you have played against? Jack answered, “You bet they do. Those guys work hard and are always running hard, isn’t the fault they go down. Everybody on this year’s team works hard but as yet we haven’t had any good breaks. But breaks or no breaks, we’ll be heard from this season.”

Big 7 Standings

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We thanked Jack and moved back in the corner to find Roger Burns and ask him, Were you nervous before the first game? Roger the Loger answered, “Yeah I had so many butterflies I thought I was going to burst.”

From here we went over to 206A where we interrupted Bob Dunbar who was expertly studying some language. What it was we couldn’t make out. We asked him why we couldn’t score against Three Rivers. Bob answered, “We should have scored, that’s true. It’s nobody’s fault but our own, but I can say that nobody wanted to score more than those fellows out there. We were just too soft, and you can be sure we’ll never be stopped on the six-inch line again.”

With that answer we thanked Bob and returned to the Highlights office where we put this little quiz in black as it appears here to you.

Cubs Romp to Win Over Chief’s, 13-6

State High Cubs football team defeated Dowagiac High, 13-6, Friday night at Dowagiac, to win its first victory of the season. The game proved to be the Chief’s third conference loss against no victories.

Dowagiac had the ball on its own 13 to start the second period but was only able to go to the 31 before having to kick. State High took over their own 37 and started what was to reach pay dirt. After runs by Gene West and Gordie White, the ball rested on the Chief’s 5 yard line. On the next play Bill Glennon went through tackle for 35 yards and the touchdown. Gene West split the uprights for the extra point to make the score State High 7, Dowagiac 0 at the half.

As the third period ended Bill Glennon ran a Dowagiac punt back to the Chief’s 44. Glennon White threw a pass to West on the 26, then Stelle took the ball in two runs to the 16. On the next play West threw a pass to Stelle on the 6. Glennon went to the ½ foot line and West carried the ball over on a quarter back sneak. West’s attempt was wide to make the score State High 13, Dowagiac 0.

State High kicked off to the Chief’s, who started what proved to be a touchdown march. With Hartsell and Gould doing most of the running, the Chiefs found themselves on the Cub 3 yard line. Hartsell went over on the next play but failed to make the extra point. The final score was 13-6 State High.

The Cubs’ next game is Friday at Waldo Stadium with South Haven.
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On The Sly

With Sue

Eleven illus try females started out on a Saturday night to a nice quiet hen party. But as the evening wore on, some fellows came staggering in. The dining room table was the scene of a pitch game and some bridge fiends clattered up the floor used for dancing. It was a race all evening to see who would have the upper hand in the party. The girls left when the boys outnumbered them.

We hear there’s a little soul play in the newly organized band. It seems that Ed Torrence, Laffy Graybie, Don Sherman, and Bruce Kitchen are running quite a racket. By nominating each other as their birthing friends, they are now dominating the positions of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Unsuspecting Mr. Be loof said nothing.

It seems that Jerry Hagen and Herb Smith, while out “hunting”, bagged their quota of pheasants on the side. Why they had their guns along, no one knows; maybe they were running into some over eager ones. Who knows?

Hot off the wire—The Kleiris are now are dominating the positions of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Unsuspecting Mr. Be loof said nothing.

Who is this anonymous brunette seen sitting in the halls with “lover - boy” Jack? Hear say she’s sixteen and in college! Can you hold up your end of the conversation, Jack, or do actions speak louder than words?

Moreta Begins Band Day

Through the efforts of Mr. Leonard Meretta, director of Western Michigan College Band, a high school band day was staged Saturday, October 12, for the purpose of bringing various bands together. Those participating in addition to the college band were groups from Three Rivers, Coldwater, Paw Paw, and Kalamazoo Central.

The program consisted of marching stunts by all the bands but two, and massed band performances. Western’s band shared in the program by forming a huge W and also playing for the flag raising ceremony. At half-time, Kalamazoo Central and Grand Haven High School put on an exhibition before the grand stands. Mr. Meretta wants to make this an annual affair at Western and hopes it will produce interest in other schools.

Future Teachers Seen in Halls

With the motto of the college section, “A teacher for every child” we find many a Senior, after having four years of college, student-teaching within the walls of State High.

Probably the most familiar to State’s male population is Flossie Huyzinga, whose stunning blond face is seen behind the bar at the well known “Oak,” for a soda-jerk is Florence when she isn’t busy with Miss Ducette’s and Mrs. Deur’s English classes. Florence thinks State’s students are “real” aw. Along with jerking sodas, she has for her hobbies tennis and making mad excursions to Lake Geneva.

Another feminine pedagogue is bright-eyed Doris Kolkema who mails from Fremont. Doris has spent all four years at Western and is now helping out in Mrs. Deur’s English and Mr. Haaby’s History class. Music takes up her interests and she tells us she plays piano “amateurishly.”

In the art department we come to a gorgeous brunette from Bloomfield Hills, Dorothy, who goes by the label of Helen Haskins, Miss Haskins, who plans on getting married and teaching art after graduation, finds State Hi keeps “pressing in.”

Enough for the female representatives and on to the masculine side. And who is this monster Joe Casanova that made our eye in the H. S. History class? Harold Gensichen is getting some other kind of practical experience, this time in the line of practice teaching. Mr. Gensichen, who hails from South Bend, was previously at Western in the V-12 unit. His interest is basketball, as if Western cage fans didn’t know. “Many nice people come out of State High,” was his comment on the high school population. Possibly is oblivious to the noon rush.

Class Officers Elected

The Senior, Junior, and Sophomore Classes have met and elected their new officers for the school year. They are as follows:

Senior Class President, Phil Averey; Vice-President, Bill Alman; Secretary, Betty Carver; Treasurer, Bruce Kitchen. Junior Class President, John Bigelow; Vice-President, Jack Sipperly; Secretary - treasurer, Margery Steen.

Sophomore Class President, Lawrence Fowler; Vice-President, Leonard Vanden Berg; Secretary - Treasurer, Pat Mitchell.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 24 — Clair Miche
Oct. 25 — Carol Morris
Oct. 27 — Helen Fiecher
Oct. 28 — Bob Gimbel
Oct. 29 — Anthony Ver Hey
Oct. 30 — Martin McKinley
Nov. 2 — Helen Fiecher
Nov. 3 — Phyllis Heidanus

Pertinalities

Flash—Be on the lookout! Lost—Lou Vander Linde and Carol Morris! Last seen—immersed in a book on parliamentary procedure.

ANCIENT HISTORY

Gad zooks, what will we do without Lou? After all, every school needs a president. His heartrending version of “Stouthearted Men” or his radio blaring out murder mysteries would surely be a loss to ye old school.

“Louis’ ambition (brace yourself) is to be a success. His travels have dragged him to sunny Florida and Nebraska where he added to that famed stamp collection. Late ly though, Louie has found himself forced to sell it, probably to keep supplied with ice-cream. Last signs of Lou were the pinup of Ellis Raines and Cary Grant scattered along the way to the Kalasign (this summer’s hangout).

A small piece of paper was also found among these scraps—no doubt his last words before the strange disappearance; it said, “This school gives every student a chance to participate in a democratic society.”

INFORMATION PLEASE

And there’s Carol—yes, to be a favor ed few). State High might as well fold up without a secretary—an experienced one at that, for Carol has had other political ventures: secretary of the Junior Class, and vice pres. of the Sophomore Class.

Come to think of it, she could be discovered debating on varied and sundry problems or listening to the Hit Parade, might even be in the cinema peeping at Ingrid B e r g m a n. Faint echoes of “I Don’t Know Enough About You” and strains of violin could disclose her whereabouts. Yet, grad, that trail of Hershey bar wrappers or those spare pieces of stationery might lead her.

Here’s a brainstorm; let’s try the school library. She labored there all summer—perhaps habit dragged her back or the deep South could contain our missing person, as that was the object of her wanderlust in travel.

The last resort for both, I guess, will have to be the “Court of Missing Persons.” If found, please return to State High immediately as they are needed desperately.

Date Set For Mikado

As its opetta for this year, the State High choir, under the direction of Mrs. Leo C. Brown, has announce d its plans to present sometime in January the “Mikado,” written by Gilbert and Sullivan.

The officers elected for the current year are president, Lester Shelley; vice-president, Margarette Klein; secretary, Mary Ellen Ward; assistant secretary, Yvonne Hill; and treasurer, Larry Okun.