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Attention All Gossips! Column Contest!

Five Dollar Prize To Be Given Winner

Yes, the Highlights is sponsoring a contest. This contest, whose results will give a permanent name to the fourth page Gossip Column. A prize of five silver dollars will be awarded to the State High student who submits the winning headline.

Several years ago a similar contest was held from which the title “Galley Yarns” was taken. Since then such names as “First Column”, “We Snoop to Conquer”, “The Line Is Busy”, and “The Nose Bows” have been used as the headings for the gossip column.

Now the Highlights would like to print a permanent headline above the “Gabb Section” of the paper and would like to have the students pick the title themselves. For this reason the contest is being staged. Those who wish to enter the contest (and this should mean every State High student) must and comply with the following rules:

1. Only students of State High school are eligible! Neither faculty members, students from other schools nor members of the Highlights staff can enter this contest.

2. All entries must be written on a piece of paper bearing the contestants name and placed in the Highlights box which can be found above the drinking fountain in the upstairs hall of the Administration building.

3. All entries must be in the Highlights box by 12:00 noon, Friday, Nov. 14, 1947, or they cannot be counted.

4. All entries become the property of the Highlights.

5. There is no limit to the number of entries one person can submit as long as rules 1, 2, and 3 are followed.

All entries will be given careful consideration and the winning headline will be selected by the Highlights staff under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Jones. All decisions are final. The results of the contest will be printed in the November 19 issue of the Highlights, and the winning title used to head the column. Also the names and entries of the four runner-up contestants will be printed.

So put on your thinking caps everyone. Remember five silver dollars will be awarded the lucky winner!

Assemblies Planned

Mr. Snow and the assembly committee consisting of Barbara Weiss from 11A, Marilyn Morris, 110A; Mary Joyce Maltby, 219; Dorothy Tucker, 19A; Jim Hoekje, 210A; Jack Taylor, 211A; Fred Hoyt, 1A; Phillip Steen, 208A; and Phil Bell, representing the Student Council, are working on assemblies this year.

The tentative schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

- October 22 — Football assembly
- November 5 — American Education Week
- November 12 — Musical Assembly
- November 19 — National Book Week Assembly
- November 26 — Thanksgiving Assembly

The goal of the assembly committee is bigger and better assemblies for State High.

New Cheer Leaders Chosen By Students

Skip Bills and Shirley Loughead begin new season. Sandy Hackman and Lois Green are this year’s choices.

Three cheers for the new cheer leaders!!!

Having attended the try-outs, which were for the first time held at an actual meet, Friday afternoon during the Dowagiac game, the students elected by secret ballot during homeroom meetings Monday morning, Skip Bills and Shirley Loughead, veterans of last years seasons, and Sandy Hackman and Lois Green, new choices, to lead the school forth to victory at our remaining football and basketball and baseball games. The two former have already had a year experience, while Sandy and Lois are beginning this year.

The uniforms, white sweaters with blue letters and blue skirts or pants, which were a new addition to last year will also be continued.

Bette French and Jill Ganaway who also tried out Friday, it has been announced will be the new reserve cheerleaders.

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9. Red Cross — Tom Murray, chairman, L. Fry; M. Tinkham; E. Brenner; J. Schuhab; M. Popeano
10. Assembly — Council, Phil Bell

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Fifteen Cheers For State High's Team

Have our students been keeping up the standards of good school spirit and pep? Well, maybe. At a recent contest in St. Joe, I don’t think that the approximate thirty State High students could have made more noise. But what kind of noise? Coughing, clearing throats, blowing noses, and chattering of teeth made up the majority of these team inspiring cheers. Even once when the entire mass was on their feet yelling “We want a touchdown” as the Cubs were crowding the opponent’s goal stripe, I heard one person straining his lungs on the cheer, “Block that kick”. But is noise all there is to the term “school spirit”? Is school spirit all Hooray for our side and the heck with the rest of the players? Are yells like “Come on Joe, break his leg” evidence of good school spirit? Certainly it adds to the noise, but I am inclined to believe that noise isn’t all there is to pep.

Let us take the fictitious case of Adam McGuerke. When he entered State High in 1944, he was a loyal freshman getting little or no admiring from his classmates. When football season opened, he thought that his big chance had come to have the attention of the whole school focused on him. His cheers went like this: Cut his lip, knock out his left eye-tooth, break his jaw, fracture his right forearm. His buddies thought that this was the highest form of humor and quickly adopted it as their pride and joy. Actually, neither Frank nor Ernest nor any of the rest of Adam’s crowd would like to see a player get his left eye-tooth disconnected from his jaw, but what is the opposing high school to think of this side of the problem. After the game the members of Water Rapids (the opposing high school) filed out through the gate talking of the cheers of Adam and his friends. By way of mouth in Water Rapids the word got around that State High disliked every team that came there and would just as soon fracture an opponents’ right forearm as look at him. State High’s reputation went down sharply and the schools from all over southwestern section came to State High with a grudge before they even played the Cub’s really clean football squad.

Now Adam’s case may be slightly exaggerated, but nevertheless, cheers like McGuerkes are liable to spread bad reputations around about State High. So let’s remember that the reputation of the Cub’s team is to a great extent resting on YOU, the student. If a player gets hurt, give him a hand or a cheer when he comes off the field, and cheer like everything with those cheerleaders for good old State High!!!

DALE GRIFFITH
State High Defeats Dowagiac Club 14-0

Last Friday, October 17, a much improved and peped up State High team sought second straight victory by beating the Dowagiac Chief's eleven 14-0 in an afternoon game at Waldo Stadium.

Bill Glennon was the running spark of the team as he scored both touchdowns.

After Dowagiac failed to go anywhere on the first three plays, they elected to punt the ball to the home teams 20 where the Cubs took over the pigskin for the first time. On State High's third down Dick Cain tossed a good pass to end John Smith who received the ball behind the secondary of Dowagiac. He ran down the sidelines to the Chief's nine yard line before he was brought down by a Dowagiac player. On the next play Don Brown plunged through the line for six yards which made it second and three to go to paydirt. But on the next trial Bill Glennon was thrown for a loss on an end run and Cain's fourth down pass went wild after he was rushed. Here Dowagiac took over and was again forced to punt. Taggart, Dowagiac's kicker booted the ball to midfield where Glennon received the ball and raced down the field to the Chief's 25. The next play saw Glennon go through for twelve yards and a first down. Here State High was held for four downs, and Dowagiac took over.

After the Chief's failed to gain through the line, Taggart booted the ball out of bounds on his own 37. Glennon plunged over the goal line to climax a rushing march of 37 yards. Dunbar made good the conversion, and the Cubs led 7-0.

The Big Seven standings were

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Cubs Whip Wildcats

The Big Seven standings were thrown into a scrambled mess Friday as the State High Cubs slapped down the league leading Wildcats, 26-0. It was the Cubs all the way.

In the first quarter there was no action except the exchanging of punts. Late in the second period Bill Ressizuie got away from the Three Rivers 35 yard line and raced all the way to the five, before being knocked out of bounds by the safety. From here in two tries, Bill Glennon crashed over tackle to score. Dunbar booted the extra point, and the score stood 7 to 0 until half time.

The Cubs really began to roll in the second half. After receiving the kick off Three Rivers was forced to punt and the Cubs took over on the Cats 45 yard line. Don Brown, hard-charging fullback picked up a first down around end, Glennon slashed over tackle for five, then Cain hit Fowler on a pass for a gain of seven and a first and ten. Cain then carried the ball over center to score standing up, Dunbar booted the extra point and the score stood 14-0. State High kicked off to Three Rivers, but the Wildcats were unable to do anything in three down. On the fourth down Roush attempted to punt from his own 5, but the kick was blocked by John Smith. The ball rolled into the end zone and Redwood fell on it for touchdown number three. John Smith's attempted boot for the extra point was blocked. The score stood, Cubs 20, Wildcats, 0.

After receiving the kickoff the Cats still could not get going and State took over on their opponents 45. The Cubs tried two line buck which gained nothing. On the next play Cain

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Fanatic Fails In Fall Feature

One fine fall day I charged into the Highlights office hoping to find who I would next bless our fair paper. Hurr- 
ryingly to the assignment sheet I found my name, and as all GOOD "Highlights- 
ters" do, I sat down immediately, but before I could sit down I removed a typewriter, a pair of shoes, two notebooks, and a bottle of peroxide from the chair and pushed over several people who were sitting on the table.

Removing a sheet of paper, I headed it "Feature on Fall". I sat and looked at the heading for a few minutes hoping for a quick outburst of ideas, realizing I wasn't accomplishing anything by staring foolishly at a comparatively blank sheet of paper, I decided with effort to view the great outdoors hoping perhaps that I would find inspirational materials usable for my article. Raising my eyes to the offices one lone window was confronted by the five sweatered backs of the same number of females, who were crowding the window sill removal. Without, with five pairs of legs, beach and shriveled forms weak and shriveled forms With recovery still in doubt

As I looked out at the sunny but bare and lifeless branches By bare and lifeless hands The lucky few who still can walk And requested by the management And to shower if they will The showers are a blessing And we find them very nice For it helps thaw out our bodies And melted off excess ice. When springtime comes around again And it's warm and green to stay We'll face the east and say a prayer For the girls who've passed away.

Inquirng Reporter

While wandering through the halls several questions clogged up my already befuddled mind. Among them, the question of improvements and changes in the last four years made me wonder if the seniors had realized them. Here were a few of their answers.

Shirley Beebe - The seniors used to be the important ones and now it's the freshmen who think they are

Yvonne Hill - The men keep getting smaller.

Barbara Fredericks - The clubs are better.

Dale Griffith - I have become a senior.

Sally Bradfield - Western has gotten more men.

Winter Woes

When it's winter at State High And it's 99 below Every gym class will play field ball In the warm and drifted snow. In our brief and skimpy outfits We will brave the winter storms And stand up against the elements With weak and shriveled forms When pneumonia cases stagger in With recovery still in doubt She's forced to let them die inside But the others must go out. The "survival of the fittest" Is a statement that still stands As the icy ball is passed around By bare and lifeless hands The lucky few who still can walk Are hurled up the hill And requested by the management To shower if they will The showers are a blessing And we find them very nice For it helps thaw out our bodies And melted off excess ice. When springtime comes around again And it's warm and green to stay We'll face the east and say a prayer For the girls who've passed away.

Meet the Staff

Believe it or not, even the capable members of this fair staff have queer quirks in their so-called professionalism.

Take the editor, Dale Griffith. On second thought maybe you'd better take him and his mad manda for the barbaric show tonight.

Speaking of hair, where did Corilynn McLaughlin get that economy sized bottle of peroxide she is sprinkling around?

Then there's John Avery and his instant grill in typing and Mary Ann Tinkham and her likewise desire to learn to type.

Of course by now no one is surprised that Ann Eldridge hopping around on one foot inquiring as to the location of her shoe or Corilynn McLaughlin practicing hanging by her heels out of the office. How.

Speaking of you know what, there's John Post, alias Mr. Potts, and his diplomatic letters in code.

Marilyn Morris seems to find October a good month for washing cars in bare feet. Jackie Slaughter revels in listening to the "Whistler" and adding columns for Jr. Biz. Libby Brenner finds taking out her braces an interesting occupation.

Tom Murray? Well, he's usually tearing around getting football programs printed or relating how he ran away to see the San Francisco World Fair - age 10.

As far as going at a speedy pace, Sue Pullon beats "Tom all hollow. Flash Pullon, that's her.

Bob Dunbar as a breath-taking fascination for the 8:00 gym class.

Julie Cartland is renowned far and wide for her mad ambitions.

In a private conference, Betsy Davis stated to the Press, quote, "I find that after a hard day at the task of life, I find a bowl of Snappees and standing on my head spitting volley balls very restful."

Dick McCallum is known as the "boy flash-bulb". Crawford Owen and his modesty is a common spectacle in the H. L. office.

Of course everyone is familiar with Howard Morrison and his brief case of flashy neckties.

Jack Gibbs and Arlen Winther seem to find joy in heated conversation.

Bob Wood, of course, benefits from Carolyn McLaughlin's bottle of peroxide.

Pat Mitchell sits facing west towards Denver. Ann Hoebke is a whiz at French and then, of course, there's Alice, tough.

It happens in the best of families, and thus we meet our deadline.

BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 23 Fred Hunt
Oct. 24 Claire Mische
Oct. 25 Winston Wissells
Oct. 27 Goldie Foy
Oct. 28 Bob Gimbles
Oct. 29 Tony Ver Hey
Oct. 30 Betty Davis
Nov. 3 Phyllis Heidanus
Nov. 4 Don Dooley