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Band Obtains New Members

The band, under the direction of Elmer Beloof, is looking forward to a very good year with the arrival of new members, many of these being from the Milwood district, the band will consist of fifty-five pieces this year.

Last week, the election of band officers was conducted. John R. Smith, was chosen president, Ruth Ann Emerson, secretary, and Roger Mills treasurer.

The new members seem to be making a great deal of progress. Graydon Meintz and George Haggins are playing a good clarinet and trombone respectively while Vivian Smith, Goldie Fooy, and Beverly Howard have been added to the french horn section.

Mr. Beloof reports that the orchestra is also coming along very nicely. Any student interested in joining the band or orchestra should not hesitate to do so. A good band and orchestra make a better school. The band has done a fine job at the football games, and has certainly done its share towards promoting school spirit.

S. H. School Annual Now in Production

Plans have already begun to take shape in the Highlander office. The staff, busily working over in the Ty House since school started, hopes to make several changes in the year book this year.

Some of the more drastic changes include: designing a different cover of leather, new types of materials added to the contents, and also a different arrangement of the material which has become traditional. They hope to make up a thicker book, but as a result prices may go up to about three dollars per book.

A photographer from Powell's studio will come in at different times to take pictures of dances or special events. Plans for pictures to be taken of the game October 29, 1948 have already been arranged. Senior pictures will be taken during the week of October 11.

This year the Highlander staff brings forth Barbara Klop as the Editor and Ann Hoebeke as co-editor. Others of the staff are as follows:

Howard Morrison, Art Editor; Dick McLaughlin, Photographer; Sally Schier and Nelma Conner, Subscriptions; Carolyn McLaughlin and Sue Ralston, Features; Chuck Malthy, Sports; Phyllis Heldamus and Marilyn Wilson, Organizations; Douglas Wenzell and Bob Smith, Advertisements.

Home Rooms Elect Semester Officers

The 12:30 classes were set up as homerooms with the election of officers on October 29, 1948. These officers will carry out their respective duties until January, when a new election will take place. The officers elected for this semester are as follows:

Room 200TY President, Judy Bills, Vice-president, Clare Gernrich, Secretary-treasurer, Jim Nichols; Room 201A President, John Smith, Vice-president, Ruth Emerson, Secretary-treasurer, Lorraine Hope, Roger Mills; Room 212A President, Dorothy Cartland, Vice-president, C. Fischer, Secretary-treasurer, Mary A. Kuijenga, Beverly Swoop; Room 21A President, Bob Wood, Vice-president, Larry Moran, Secretary-treasurer, Ilene Weisman; Secretary-treasurer, Julia Strone, Vice-president, Sue Pullon, Secretary-treasurer, Marilyn Carlson; Room 11A President, S. Kindelberger, Vice-president, Sandra Beebe, Secretary-treasurer, Jim Toornman; Room 210A President, Barnsey Fowler, Vice-president, Bob Struble, Secretary-treasurer, C. McLaughlin; Room 15A President, Trevor Jones, Vice-president, Jim McCrum; Room 303S President, Tom Holdship, Vice-president, Bob Lewis, Secretary-treasurer, Jim McCrum; Room 1A President, Howard Morrison, Vice-president, Betsy Davis, Secretary-treasurer, Jackie Welch; Room 10A President, Charles Maltby, Vice-president, T. Woodworth, Secretary-treasurer, (not elected); Room 201B President, Dick McLaughlin, Vice-president, Dale Stockwell, Secretary-treasurer, Helena Miles, Ted Emerson; Room 206A President, Frank Spitters, Vice-president, M. L. Woodworth, Secretary-treasurer, Billie Forbes.

Plan Homecoming

Plans are being formulated for a Homecoming Day at State High. Student Council President Skip Bills says no definite plans have been made, but several ideas are being considered.

The result of the pep meeting before the State Joe game will be one of the deciding factors as to whether a Homecoming Day would be advisable. If the High School and College faculty think that such a day could be carried through to the satisfaction of all concerned, there is a very good chance of having one. Therefore, its materialization depends largely on how well the students can handle such a program.

The probable date, if the plan is approved, will be the day of the football game with Nilos on October 29. It has been suggested that classes be excused, as at the previous pep meetings, which makes for similar get-togethers. A Homecoming dance will probably be held that night to celebrate or mourn for the team. If you have any suggestions as to what type of dance you would like, send word to the Council by way of your Homeroom president. Any other ideas will be appreciated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mary Joyce Maltby—October 14
Pat Paialek—October 14
Jackie Slaughter—October 14
Glen Bishop—October 15
Joan Bixby—October 16
Fred Meek—October 16
Louise Scharer—October 16
Beverly Griggs—October 17
Ray Malotte—October 18
Mary Helen Dorgan—October 19
Alene Watterworth—October 20
Norman Moody—October 20
Eugene Toormam—October 21
Winston Wessels—October 25

This Is Your "HIGHLIGHTS"

This is the first issue of your Highights. We say "your highlights" because we feel that your high school paper should be something of which you are proud. For this reason, Highlights is adopting a new policy this year:

As president of the student council, Skip Bills is setting out to promote a program of more school spirit at State High. The team, the council, the pep committee, the band, and the student body as a whole are all doing their part to give State High some real school pep ... Highlights would also like to do its share. The school paper is one of the best means by which the faculty, and the students can get together. Therefore, we are striving to print articles which will represent the opinions of these factors, in the form of inquiring reporters, news clippings, and editorials; as well as the straight news and feature writing. We are asking YOU to contribute to the paper by making use of the Highlights box. This box is located in the upstairs hall of the administration building near the drinking fountain. All you have to do is write your suggestion, comment upon any problem which is confronting the council, or bit of gossip for the "Alma Angles," on a piece of paper and drop it in the Highlights box. With your cooperation, we should be able to present your views, report the school spirit program, and print a better Highights for you.
New Teachers Join Faculty

Of all the changes made at State High in recent years none so directly affects the students as the addition of seven new teachers to the faculty. The additions with their field, are as follows:

Mr. Hackney, math; Mr. Cooper, business; Mrs. Jones, English; Dr. French, social studies; Mr. Richmond, social studies; Mr. Sack, speech, and Miss Greer, library.

This article, the first of a series of articles designed to acquaint you with our new faculty, will discuss Mr. George K. Cooper, teacher of business education, and Highlights sponsor for our new faculty, will discuss Mr. Cooperation, a genial, dark haired, short, powerfully built man who gives the impression of having plenty of reserve power, spends most of the school day in the business education building, directing our future business men and women, and when his duties are over for the day, he hurries to 1729 W. Michigan Ave, Apt. A-2 (Faculty Apartments) where he and his wife of four months, reside.

Mr. Cooper is new to Michigan. Last year he was graduate assistant in business mathematics at Indiana University. He acquired 34 semester hours of graduate work there. Before this he spent four years in the army. He was released from active duty as a First Lieutenant and appointed to the Adjutant General's Department Reserve.

After graduating from Western Illinois University, Mr. Cooper has gotten along as a lot as a teacher, soldier, and student; but he has never been to Michigan before this year. When asked if he likes our native state, Mr. Cooper replied "This is my first time in the state of Michigan. I am delighted with the scenic beauty, good roads, and progressive schools I have found here."

The Highlights welcomes Mr. Cooper to State High. Wait for further news about other new teachers in the next issue.

Operettas Selected

The State High Choir plans to give the operetta "Chonita," by Maria Wakeman and Ira Wilson, some time this fall, states Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, Director. They are also planning to present "Pirates of Penzance," by Gilbert and Sullivan; a spring concert; the may festival; a joint concert with the college choir; and songs for Homecoming day and commencement. The Choir's recently-elected officers are: Dawn Birch, president; Bradley Smith, vice president, and Jackie Leach, secretary.

Social Committee Faces Problem of Future Dances

This being the beginning of a new school year, we again turn our attention to the social field. The question of a school-sponsored dance every Saturday evening has arisen. The students seem to feel that there is nothing to do on Saturday evening and think such a series of dances would be of value. The faculty and committees, those who would have to carry the load, wonder if the "turn-out" would be sufficient to conduct the dances without taking a terrible loss of time after classes. The students themselves, must realize that to put on a dance costs money, and, as the old saying goes, money doesn't grow on trees.

One solution might be that the homerooms take turns sponsoring the dances. In this way the responsibility shifts instead of resting on one pair of shoulders throughout the year. People may not realize it, but that load is a heavy one, and it gets mighty tiresome carrying it without help.

Another possible solution is to have the Saturday night parties as jive box dances. A series of square dances have also been suggested. These dances are easier than most to put on and different clubs might be interested in lending a helpful hand.

If anyone has any suggestions regarding the dances, let the social committee know. In this way, through cooperation with the council, the students will find that they will have more dances and more of the kind of dances they want.


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Our school can boast of only four students who had entries in the Kalamazoo County fair. (September 28-October 2). But of those we can truly boast!

Ingerid Van Stratton entered cupcakes and was awarded second prize by the 4-H club. John E. Smith's cow was judged "Grand Champion" in the 4-H class; his heifer won prizes in 4-H and also open class, and his corn received a first in 4-H and class.

Dick Seeley entered three head of cattle and received three firsts and a "Grand Champion" for showmanship from 4-H, plus a first, second, and third in open class. Of his three hogs entered, two received firsts and one received a second from 4-H. In open class one was judged "Grand Champion," and one was a second place.

Jackie Leach won three blue ribbons in baking for cookies, cupcakes, and yeast rolls. Her calf was awarded third, while her garden took a blue ribbon, and both her corn and popcorn won red ribbons.
Cubs Lose Thriller In Big Seven Race

St. Joseph’s Bears, outflung and outplayed for three quarters, came from behind to defeat State High, 13-6, on two last-period touchdown passes.

Early in the game the cubs marched 56 yards and reached St. Joe’s on defense and offense. Jerry Knowlton’s eight on the running of Tom Woodworth and Frank Spitters, but the Bears got out of this jam when Ziemba recovered Spitter’s fumble. This did not hurt the Cubs spirit any, for a few minutes, later in the second quarter, Don Hendricks fired a 22-yard pass to the 12-yard line. From here Larry Moran went wide on an end run to score. Roger Burns’ try for point was wide but State High led 6-0 and it looked as though an upset was in the making.

State had another good chance to score in the second quarter, but lost the ball on downs at the 12 just before intermission. Woodworth’s long punt kept the Bears deep in their territory during the first half.

St. Joe came back strong in the second half to march 80 yards for the tying touchdown. Durrow’s passing and Beckhan’s running sparked the march. Dorow hit Al Ziebert with a 32-yard touchdown pass to knot the score. The fake-kick-pass was incomplete.

It looked as though the game would end 6 to 6, but late in the fourth quarter Woodworth fumbled and Marty Kniechke recovered on State’s 25-yard line. State High boys, who had gone all out in the hope of an upset, were tired and battered by now. They gave up a first down on the fifteen. Two more plays gained only four yards and the Ziemba hit Marutz with a touchdown pass. The fake-kick-pass was incomplete.

They got four good ones! What do you say to that? Let’s see everyone at the games.

State High's line did a fine job both on defense and offense. Jerry Knowlton, Bob Dunbar, Roger Burns, Bob Vanbeck, Dale Crawford, and Barney Fowler stopped St. Joe’s running game.

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STATE HIGHLIGHTS

State High Cheers At Big Pep Rally

By SKIP BILLS

Throughout the years it seems as though State High has been lacking in real school pep. Most of our graduates notice this after watching us at our games—not as a student but as a spectator. We have the spirit, but it just doesn’t show and we’ve got to bring it out this year. The first impression the freshmen get this school year is largely due to our spirit at our games. To start off right this year we held a pep assembly Friday, October 1, before the St. Joe game.

It was our first real outburst as a school. I’m sure everyone enjoyed it and had a good yell. The team can tell you it was that pep rally that built them up for the swell job they did in the game that afternoon. No Team can do a good job unless they have lots of people behind them. The team gives all they can to win. They’re out there playing their hearts out for us—why can’t we yell our lungs out for them?

Too many of the kids just don’t care. What would happen if the team just didn’t care? If all of us turn out in full to all the games, we can guarantee a good time for all and can hope for a victory. Some people just don’t know how much fun bus trips are! So let’s see everyone at the games!

One of the main purposes of cheers at a game is to pep the team along. If the team doesn’t turn out in full to all the games, we can guarantee a good time for all and can hope for a victory. Some people just don’t know how much fun bus trips are! So let’s see everyone at the games!

Sebaly Interviewed

This reporter went to see Mr. Sebaly about State High’s athletic program and found some very interesting facts.

The first question was about our financial problems. We own our own budget as you probably already know. At a football game we take in around one hundred fifty dollars, and after official’s expenses, taxes, stadium expenses, etc. there isn’t much left. We take in even less at basketball and baseball games. We get no outside help on our budget—all our money must come from gate receipts or from a portion of our ten-fifty allowed for student tickets. From this we have to buy equipment, transportation and meals for out-of-town games, plus other expenses.

Our track coach this year is Mr. Richmond, who will be ably assisted by Mr. Humble. If my memory is correct, Mr. Humble was Western’s top 440 man last year.

This year we are having basketball practice in the new gym across the railroad tracks. This will give us lots more time to practice for we won’t have to get off the floor for Western every day. However, we will continue to have our games in the Men’s Gym. By the way, the basketball season starts December third, when we play Dowagiac.

YEA TEAM! Beat Dowagiac

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we make them proud to be leading cheers for State? We can do it! Let’s really back our teams this year through thick and thin. How about expecting the best—but taking what comes without ever letting down. State High needs YOUR support!

O. K.???
Moronitors Mortify Mumbling Masses

Dear Mr. Editor:

Who says this country is democratic? Why, we have people in our school who are still confirmed members of the Hitler Youth. You don't believe it? Oh, they may walk around school in the conventional blue jeans, skirts, and sweaters, but down deep they have hearts of black and are out to persecute any unsuspecting and even the innocent persons. Here in this country they are known as monitors, but actually they are the future wardens of Sing Sing, Alcatraz, and other illustrious institutions. It may be all for the best that they've picked their future vocations, but practicing on their fellow students is an outrage. Why, just the other day I saw Sally Wykkel mortify one of her o'clock study down to the encampment at the barracks; whip in hand. She made sure the double line was securely chained and fully blindfolded by shouting: out vigorously, "Hup, two, three, four!" Any stragglers were merely dragged along and forced to await further punishment upon their arrival at the encampment. (Latest official list of casualties include Dick Curry, (broken jaw), Marlene Smith, (lacerated back), Arlin Winter, (fractured left leg) and Beverly Swoop, (severe facial bruises).

And big Jim Hockje, once Hitler's right hand man, and now in charge of hall operations and gas chambers, from his eleven o'clock hall position, makes each tardy or hall-roaming student sign his name in blood on the "to be shot at dawn" list.

Another sight we frequently see is Kenny Louis standing guard over his eleven o'clock hall position, being more lenient than his fellow S. S. men, allows each student four minutes per week to breathe freely and exercise such facial expressions as frowns and smiles. This the school considers a great privilege and we heartily thank Lt. Louis for this.

To get to the activities of the guards, every Tuesday and Thursday from one-thirty to two they do synchronized marching and drilling on the women's athletic field. These mass meetings may be witnessed by any students skipping twelve-thirty study hall.

Well, Mr. Editor, this concludes my bi-weekly propaganda report for the "Communist Daily Worker!" But, say, if you want the real facts about the State High monitor system, it's one of the best in Michigan. Set up and operated by the students, under the direction of Mrs. Muriel Vincent, it's a big success, has been for several years as long as the students want self-discipline. The faculty lauds this system and you can be sure everyone, including highlights members, are pretty proud of their monitors and the wonderful job they are doing.

Students Speak

This year, not only may one see a host of dazed freshmen roaming the halls, but also a large group of puzzled upperclassmen are to be seen at loss. The reason is obviously due to the new schedule. The first few weeks of school finds many confused as to just where one is to be doing that ever-puzzling twelve-thirty hour. To aid those still in doubt, we have been asking some of the students how the new schedule is affecting them:

Mary Woodworth: Chairman pep committee

"I think the new hours are wonderful. By getting out at 2:50 the kids will come out for the games and show the fellows that the school is really behind them."

Alene Watterworth: Soph. lead in H. M. S. Pinnavore...

"I think it's fine. I like getting out an hour earlier but still dislike having to get up so early every morning."

Tom Holdship: Homeroom president...

"I think the new time system is swell. We don't have to get home now when the sun is setting even if we do get up before the sun rises."

Sally Wykkel: Student Council treas.

"I think it's swell! Only, with this short noon hour, I'll have trouble next spring trying to get a tan on the Ad building steps."

John R. Smith: Band president...

"The new school schedule does not suit me because there are more class hours for me. Last year we, in sports, got out at 3:00, anyway, and still got an hour for lunch. The 8:00 hour served as an hour for Swing Band practice which now we have no time for."

Barney Fowler: Football captain...

"The new schedule doesn't affect me much, I liked the old one and I like the new one, too."

Sandy Hackman: Cheerleader...

"I like the new school hours, because you are free practically half the afternoon. The disadvantage is the short lunch hour."

"CHUCKLES"

Recovering from an operation, a patient asked the doctor, "Why are the blinds drawn?"

The doctor replied, "Well, there's a fire across the street, and I didn't want you to wake up and think the operation was a failure."

There was once a scientist who was curious about monkeys and so decided to observe one and observe its actions. After the monkey was shut in a room by itself, the scientist went out and locked the door. He immediately started observing through the keyhole. Peering through the other side just as curiously was a small black eye.