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German Band Now In Action

Junior Class Looks Toward Spring

The junior class, the class of 1951, has started making its plans for the annual Junior-Senior Prom. June 14th, from 9:00 to 12:00, in Walwood ballroom, will be the time and place. Bobby Davidson's orchestra will furnish the music.

Class officers Sandy Hackman, president, Ron Chipps, vice-president, Joyce Perry, secretary, and Pat Pahalek, treasurer, have appointed Don Cain general chairman of the Prom with Shirley Gary co-chairman. Committee chairmen are Sally Kurtz, in charge of invitations; Kay Brouwer, chaperones; Sandy Hackman, clean-up; Dot Jackson, tickets; Sandra Beebe, advertising; Mary Joyce Malby, program; and Pat Bloom, Orchestra. A large decorations and refreshments committee has also been appointed.

In order to raise the money necessary to have this Prom, a finance committee has been set up. Money has been raised through candy and cookie sales and the magazine sale, which added $118 to the funds in the treasurary, to bring the total to $207.

A committee has also been set up to organize the Junior Assembly. This committee is headed by Skip Kindleberger and Don Vrobel. Rings were ordered in September and are expected to arrive next month.

Open Letter From Mr. Sack

Fairmount Hospital
January 4, 1950

Dear Students,

My Christmas was made so much happier because of your thoughtfulness. I most deeply appreciate the really entertaining, informative, and you. That “Notes to Mr. Sack” box is a wonderful idea! Such notes are really entertaining, informative, and truly delightful.

The book of humor and the magazine subscription from the Junior class helps immensely to speed the hours toward recovery.

In my book you all get an “A plus” for thoughtfulness. Thanks again to each of you for everything.

Sincerely,

W. Sack

Highlander To Have New Look

The Annual staff of 1950 has voted some changes to be made in the yearbook. The book will be lithographed again this year, but steps have been taken to make the pictures clearer and darker than those in last year's book.

Something quite new will be added this year. The book will be bound on the short edge. A hard, embossed cover (like those generally used by Peppy Notes

Boost Morale

There's a new organization around State High. You've seen and heard (!) it at recent assemblies and basketball games, both home and away.

Ted Klinger, president of the regular band, thought a lot of an idea of having a small, snappy German or "Pep" band. He got Mr. Beloof's permission and then talked to some of the band members about it. The result was the "Pep" Band.

The members admit they don't exactly play dinner music and are partial to tunes like "Darktown Strutters Ball." One of their problems now is to get and learn some new music along the line that they think we will like to hear.

For uniforms, they've been wearing yellow shirts, overalls, and blue neckerchiefs. Graydon Meints, the mainstay on the bass, and Dick Forward and Don Dooley, the men with the drums, go for the engineer type hats. Cornetists Bill Persons and Hadley Osborn, and trombonist Roger Mills would rather have something along the sombrero line. Art West, who plays the mellow baritone, and Carol Cessna and Gloria Redmond, clarinetists, haven't taken sides in the not too strenuous argument yet, but they say that a decision will be made soon.

After deciding to play at away games and receiving the welcome support of the Student Council, the band found they still had the problems of transportation and seating space at the games are overcoming these difficulties, though, having represented State High at the East Grand Rapids game, and are really doing a good job promoting school pep.

CALENDAR

Jan. 20—Holland Christian—There
Jan. 27—Dowagiac—There
Jan. 30—Exams—Begin
Jan. 31—Niles—Here
Feb. 3—Allegan—Here
Feb. 8—Beginnings of Second Semester—Report Cards
Feb. 7—Holland Christian—Here

Western and Michigan State's Annual staff will be printed in a modern blue and gold design. The total effect, quite different from any in recent years, should be quite simple and pleasing.

Because the Annual is financed largely by subscriptions, the staff is hoping you will get your money in to the person in your homeroom who is collecting before the DEADLINE JAN. 27.
The Responsibility Is Yours

The purpose of the Student Council, as stated in the preamble to the Constitution, is "to aid the faculty in the administration of student activities and the promotion of good citizenship."

But, we are losing the privilege of carrying out our purpose. A working organization with capable officers and advisors has been established. Certainly it should exist for reasons other than teaching parliamentary procedure. The Council has been, and can be in the future, a helping factor in solving problems concerning the school.

Over a month ago, roundness at a dance reached a critical point. Something had to be done, and so it came to pass that there went out a decree requiring "Greek Slips" for all non-State High students.

If this plan doesn't seem satisfactory, muddling into the depths of your locker won't help. Discuss the problem in homeroom and, since it is one of the duties of the Student Council to aid the faculty in maintaining good citizenship, operate through it to formulate a workable counter-plan. Let the student government of your school be a sounding board for the expression of student opinion.

It is only right that the folks in the office have a veto power, for they carry the responsibility. That word responsibility is a pretty important one. Perhaps if we took a little, we might get some.

Mary Fopeano

Postman 'Tres' S. H. News Across U. S. and Canada

Almost everybody that has ever seen the list of Highlights members has seen the words "Exchange Editor ... Graydon Meints." "What's he do?" you ask.

He is the guy who sends out about 100 copies of the paper every time it comes out. He mails it to some fifty-five other high schools, all of last year's graduates, and Messrs. Sack, Haaby, Richmond, and the great Jack Moss.

He sends papers as far away as Brownsville, Tex., Portland, Ore., Las Vegas, Nev., Little Rock, Cleveland, and good old Brooklyn. In-state they go to such towns as Grand Rapids, Flint, Lansing, South Haven, Buchanan, Benton Harbor, Allegan, Three Rivers, and B. C. Lakeview. In town, copies go to Central, Christian, Washington, and Nazareth.

Exam Schedule

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Here at last is what the students of State High have long been waiting for—the exam schedule. For some time everyone has been promising himself that there would be no more last minute cramming before the fatal day, but suddenly the end of January looms up with the inevitable trial.

The marks are due at the office on Friday, February 3, and each lucky pupil will receive his card on Wednesday, February 8.

We hope that no one will need a large supply of midnight oil on January 29!

Happy Birthday

Jan. 20—John Smith
Jan. 21—Roger Linner
Jan. 27—Martha Brown
Eleanor Scamehorn
Jill Gannaway
Jan. 28—Suzanne Gilbert
Lynn Tuberty
Jan. 30—Nancy Barnum
Frank Goodrich
Jan. 31—Herta Payson
Kenneth Sherman
Jane Smith
Nancie Strome
Nancy Maas
Feb. 1—Dick Defreeze
Feb. 3—Fred Hoyt
Jim Toormann
Feb. 4—Joe Zitney
Feb. 9—Jackie Taylor
Anne Wise
Feb. 10—Kay Loughead
Patt Sprouse
John Weber

State Highlights

The Student Council is revising the constitution through a committee consisting of Gaylord Kitchen, Hadley Osborn, Mary Fopeano, Elizabeth Brenner, Anne Wise, and Frank Maher.

The present constitution has become obsolete in many respects, and the Council has been forced in some instances to operate outside its constitutional powers. The last revision was made in 1946.

The revision is being made under the supervision of Mr. Ray Deur and Mr. Thomas Bailey, student teacher.

Thursday, January 19, 1950, will be Vocation's Night in the gym and various classrooms of State High. There will be people representing different occupations and professions in Kalamazoo. Perhaps it may be arranged for you to talk with some of these people, depending on which vocation you are interested in.

Orchids to Dorothy Jacob, junior, who has had her poems accepted in the 1950 Youth Anthology Collection.

Congratulations to Jack Hill for handing his Highlights article in on time, Jan. 9!

Suzanne Sawyer certainly seems to have started the New Year off in a head way. On Jan. 4 she broke her arm and can be seen running around the halls these next few weeks toting a heavy plaster cast. We've awfully sorry, Suzie.

On Monday, January 23, at the Y.W.C.A., a group of twelve State High girls will take part in a style show directed by Mrs. Karl Genus. The girls, Sue Snyder, Betty Jo Burdick, Carole Smith, Beverly Swoap, Robin Rose, Addie Anne Telhurst, Judy Bills, Lynda Spaulding, Nanette Sliavin, Nancie Strome, Ann Wise, and Dorothy Cartland, have completed a six week's course in the Charm School at the Y.W.C.A.

The style show will be open to the public.

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The Poor Referee Really Has a Job!

His stripes may run the wrong way and his glass eye may need cleaning, but the poor referee has a job to do and he needn't be threatened with his life while doing it. I guess it hasn't come to that yet, but it probably will if things keep up.

The conditions seem to be getting worse with every game. The next step will probably be some coke bottles carefully aimed at the ref's noggin. I wouldn't be a bit surprised if we soon encounter difficulty finding good referees who are willing to take the abuses they get at State High games. Western Michigan College has already had such trouble.

Another thing that is discouraging is the respect, or rather the lack of it, shown to our opponents. "Break his arm," "jump on him," and "knock out his two front teeth" may sound funny at the moment, but they don't encourage good feelings between schools. Neither do such yells as "Well, well, do tell, wasn't that a-- of a yell," after the other team cheering section has finished. Our Student Council has spent several years trying to foster co-operation between the schools of the Big 7, but some students insist on tearing down their work.

I wonder how you would like it if you were out on the basketball floor trying to do your job while a couple hundred spectators were calling you names, some of them unprintable and threatening your life and limb. You wouldn't like it very much. And how do you feel when the other school lets you have it with a barrage of laughs and semi-facetious yells meant to arouse your curiosity? It's not a bad idea to keep that in mind before you start booing the referee, and before you direct some derisive yells at the other team. The referee can call a technical foul on the crowd if they get too abusive!

By JIM RUSSEL

The Track Meet
by Jerry Knowlton

"Twas the 21st running of the conference meet.
And all of the spectators had risen to their feet.
Everyone knew State High needed a win.
In order to be champs of the tough league they're in.
The men were all waiting anxiously on the track,
Like a lonely cabby in a vacant hack.
The starter's gun went off with a bang.
To the first curve they raced in one big gang.
And in the record book a great story is told
Of that of a race, tough, rough and bold.
South Haven was first in all their glory,
Though the other schools were out to change the story.
Buchanan was second in a heat that was fast,
And poor old State High was holding down last.
It looked like the Cubs hadn't a chance,
But all of sudden the people were in a trance.
For lo and behold State High was passing them all,
And surely would win if they could keep from a fall.
State High was first to cross the line.
In a race that had proven both exciting and fine.
The trophy again State High accepted with glory,
Now isn't that a fine way to end my story?

This is the second article written by one of the student body to be published in the Highlights.
Kodak Cuties Caught

The screams heard from eight o'clock and twelve-thirty English classes on January third were in most cases justified. Perhaps my class took the shock better than some, but the roars uttered by Carolyn Fox and Donna Cartland when they looked at “themselves” did not go unheard. Jack Hill, the boy who made so much money last year selling yo-yo’s, could have made another fortune by selling headache pills.

Wandering into the hall after class this reporter saw a group of sophomore girls laughing over what seemed to be a very funny joke. A step or two closer and I noticed Don Caim standing near with an indescribable expression on his face. The object of the joke was his picture!

As the two-of-bell rang, I heard a red-haired junior say that she was going to sue the company; and an hour later Billie Hoyt was still telling everybody “that Great Big Black Spot” on his happy face. Jackie Anderson complained that her smile took up the whole picture and Clare Gemrich said she would buy one reflection of herself “just for laughs.”

Maybe the campus man’s visit wasn’t a complete loss; for at least, most of us have stored in our billfolds enough pictures for one big laugh.

Correction Please!

The following correction appeared in the Vineland, N. J., Rotary Club bulletin: “We had Howard Kulp listed as absent last week. He was present and we’re sorry.”

The St. Louis POST DISCRIPTION society column reports: “Out-of-town guests expected to attend the wedding are— Ed."

“Mary Mopiano,” Editor of the Highlights, and the “entire staff” spent the “day” “learning how the Gazette is run”. (“Oh, brother!”—Ed.)

The following correction appeared in a small town paper: “Our paper carried the notice last week that Mr. John Jones is a detective in the police force. This was a typographical error. Mr. Jones is really a detective in the police force.”

Humor

He: “We certainly had a good time last night for ten cents.”

She: “Yes, what’s wrong with my little brother did with it.”

Pa: “It’s two o’clock. About time Jean’s boy friend went home.”

Ma: “Now Pa, remember when we used to court.”

Pa: “That settles it. Out he goes.”

Glass is sometimes used for finding little boys’ baseballs on the broken other side of.

Colonel Stoopnagle