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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 Chips, vice-president; Joyce Perry, secretary, and Pat Pahlke, 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 Bower, chaperones; Sandy Hackman, clean-up; Dot Jacob, 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 treasury, 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 real 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. Beloff'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. They 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. 5—Allegan—Here
Feb. 7—Beginning of Second Semes-
ter—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, rowdiness 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 “Guest Slips” for all non-State High students.

If this plan doesn’t seem satisfactory, muttering 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 ‘Totes’ 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 grader, and Mears, 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 final 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!
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 you? I guess you would be in a hurry before you started at the ref's noggin, and before you direct some derisive yells at the other team. And keep this in mind. The referee can call a technical foul on the crowd if they get too abusive!

By JIM RUSSELL

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 cabin in a vacant back.
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.

Kazoo's Above Average

In Basketball Season

As a whole, the prep schools in Kalamazoo are carving a pretty good record in basketball so far this season. The biggest per cent of this record has been made by Kalamazoo Central and Kalamazoo Christian. Both of these schools have exceptionally good records in the games up to date. Central is undefeated thus far, and they are currently at the top of the standings in the Southwestern Conference. Christian has won seven straight games and are also atop the Kalamazoo County League standings. St Augustine isn't faring nearly as well as Central and Christian. They played in the Holiday Catholic Tournament and were undefeated even in the consolation play-offs. In league play, St. A. has won only one game. Maybe Harve Free man will live up to the quotation, "He can make a team out of anything," and mould another State Champion team. These are the standings of the other high schools in Kalamazoo, and for a change, State High isn't the biggest dragnet!

Mind's Our Man

There's a lanky, six-foot-four, 165-pound junior roaming the halls of State High at the present time. He's a friendly, well-liked guy with dark brown hair, brown eyes, size 10½ shoes, and the monicker of Jack C. Mindeman.

"Mindy" turned in steady work for the football team at an end position last fall and was elected a co-captain of next year's squad. He is also a top-flight player in basketball. He uses his height at the center slot. His height gives him lots of help around the basket when going up for rebounds or trying for tip-ins.

Except for his size, Jack is just about average. He likes brunettes, almost any kind of food, and almost any kind of sports. His favorite sport, however, is basketball.

Jack lives in Oakwood and attended Oakwood School before coming here. He is not sure of what occupation he wants to take up, but he is taking a general course in order to prepare for a variety of jobs.
Ahhhhh! The new year is here. So are some new changes around the school. Mr. Weber now has a larger blackboard so that he can put longer problems on it. Mr. Deur, whose class he has, his room remodeled. Pat Paahalek has recently established the theory that it is much easier to fall up the stairs than down. She proved that it was possible, too.

The eternal triangle—Lorraine, Phyllisian, and Art—are back together again. This time there’s another—Suzanne Gilbert and her Great Danes.

How long has Miss Steketee been giving rides in her car to Mr. Hinckley?

Here are some couples that haven’t been mentioned: Corby Lewis and Ann Mahoney, Janet Snow and Dave Roth.

If you see Skip Kindleeberger wandering around and looking for her “green alligator,” don’t be alarmed. She hasn’t started to collect them (yet). She lost a green alligator billfold.

What attraction do Cuban fellows have for Nancy Doubleday? Is it really true that she prefers them to Kalamazooans? Hmmm?

Flash! If you really want to know how to make your next New Year’s Eve exciting, take a tip from Ilyne Weisman, Pat Paahalek, and Shirley Gary. They played a thrilling game of—you guessed it—Canasta!

Ask Mary Alice Hilliard for all the details on what she did night before new-years. At four o’clock in the A.M. her parents complained about the “noise.”

A little freckle cut in on a senior girl at a dance.

“Why did you cut in on me so abruptly?” she demanded.

“Well,” he replied, “I’m working my way through college and your partner waved a five dollar bill at me.”

Itches are stuff that when you’re standing at attention your nose always.

Colonel Stoopnagle

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**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 Dorothy 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 Cain standing near with an indescribable expression on his face. The object of the joke was his picture!

As the two-o’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 Andrus 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 camera 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 Dispatch society column reports: “Out-of-town guests expected to attend the wedding are—”

“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, we won what 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