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Western State High School
Committees Begin to Organize at State

One of the first committees to begin their plans for the coming school year was the Citizenship Committee comprised of Home-room Vice Presidents and under the direction of Jim Dollahan, Student Council Vice President. This group of hardworking State Hi-ites meets every Monday at noon. They began their work this year on Monday, September 25th, which is the first day of school.

Their jobs are to keep the lunchrooms neat and orderly, to eliminate noise and confusion from the halls, and to offer to the students of State High noon recreation and entertainment. For entertainment they are offering you Ping Pong in the basement of the Ad building (Ken Cobb and Tom Krellick), Movies in 301 S. (John Weber), Cards in 206 A (Anne Frey), Study in the Library (Dick Allers), Ron Weaver and Ed Marseaux and Dancing in the Annex. (Jim Dollahan).

On Friday noons they have been able to secure the Women's Gym for dancing and basketball throw. However, this gym has been obtained on a trial basis, and if you in some way abuse the privilege of using the gym, it will no longer be a part of the noon recreational plan.

Another committee which has begun to organize themselves is the Pep Committee under the direction of Sandy Beebe. This year the Pep Committee has sponsored the election of cheerleaders, the pep rallies and cheering at the games. As a new school year starts one of our first duties—and privileges—as students of State High is to elect our representatives to our Student Council. Headed by Frank Nugent, Jimmy Dollahan, Mary Joyce Maltby and Kay Malotte, the Council this year numbers twenty-seven members. Of this number, four are freshmen, four sophomores, six juniors, and thirteen seniors. They are, by homeroom: 15A, Bob Britton, Larry Weisman, 303S; John Warfield, Don Marshall, 204A; George Tinkham, Ken Fracke, 219; Janet Snow, Pat Sprouse, 206A; Sandra Buck, Joe McCarthy, 13A; Mel Pettit, Tod Borst, 210A; Ilyne Weisman, Pat Pahalek, 310S; Ken Sherman, Bob Dalm, Band Pat Bloom, Highlights; Mary Kuizenga, Roger Liminger, Monitors, Frank Maher, Sandy Woodworth, Pep Committee Chairman, Sandy Beebe, Assembly Committee chairman, Sandy Hackman.

Note New Faculty Faces

Besides all the new students we have this year, there are also several new teachers. The redheaded teacher who is temporarily taking Mrs. Britton's place is Mrs. Fordham. Although she has taught in the Kalamazoo public schools and Denver, she feels right at home on the hilltop for she graduated from Western. She finds that State High students as far as she knows them are very nice. Mrs. Monore, who incidentally hails from Battle Creek, is assuming Mr. Fliss's place in the language department. She has her A.B. degree from Western and her M.A. from the University of Michigan. Mrs. Monore finds State High pupils a normal group of teen-agers. For the linguistic apple-polishers amongst us, her hobbies are golf and piano.

Mrs. Rowe is the successor to Miss Sanders in the Home-Economics department. She comes here from Lansing, where she was the State Department Public Instructor and the State Supervisor of Homemaking Education, even with all that she has been teaching too, at Lansing and Michigan State. She got her training at the University of Chicago and at Michigan State. At the present Mrs. Rowe is the Executive Secretary of the Future Homemakers of America, and an organization for High School students interested in homemaking. By the way, this organization includes boys.

Homerooms Elect Leaders

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The Gold and Blue Are Bright and New

Wednesday afternoon, September twenty-seventh members of State High School saw something not witnessed on the hilltop in many years. States High's forty three member band all had uniforms. The story behind these uniforms is one of hard work and long anticipation for the day when the band might dress with uniformity. Last year the P.T.S.O. under the leadership of Rev. E. C. Waterworth, sponsored the band to raise the necessary funds for the uniforms. Everyone pitched in and as a result of their effort, the needed sum was raised. This is only one example of our P.T.S.O. and how with our cooperation it can achieve things that would seem impossible otherwise.

If you look back on the first week of school, you might remember that the band wore uniforms for three days straight. The first day was for the cheerleaders' assembly, the second was for the fair, and the third day for the game with St. Joe.

The band had quite a time at the Kalamazoo County Fair. When the bus first came it was allowed to pass the open gates without anyone having to pay the fifty-cent gate admission. After that the bus rolled toward the stage in front of the grandstand right down the race track. About then, everyone got a case of the coughs due to the dust that rose to greet them. After the band played they were treated to free rides on all of the W. G. Wade show thrillers, including the merry-go-round. Later a free supper was served to each member, and after the band played for the evening performance, they were allowed to sit on the race track and watch the Ice Fantasies. Besides all these things, the Kalamazoo County Fair Association gave the band fifty dollars.

The future for the band looks like a bright one, and its director, Mr. Elmer Beloof says a few more people are needed in the organization, and also that no experience is necessary.

Calendar

October 11—Assembly
October 13—Dowagiac football game—there
October 20—South Haven—here
October 25—Assembly
October 27—Three Rivers—here
State Invades Dowagiac

State High's rugged football squad moves to Dowagiac Friday for a battle with the Chiefs, led by Manly and Northrop. The Orange and Black have a rugged team again this year. They have dropped a close 14-0 decision to the powerful Niles eleven.

Last year Dowagiac handed our Cubs a 26-6 setback. Our lone touchdown came on a pass from Hill to Ryan, last year's great aerial combination. Their offense will be matched against ours. The Shore squad. The Rams put up a rough on our State eleven all year. Let's have a huge turnout for both games. It looks as if they will give our State High's rugged football squad something new for first place with Niles in the Big Seven Conference. Weest...-

Eugene Hale Takes Over As New State Hi Mentor

Roving up and down the sidelines along with Coach Stevens this year, we find a newcomer. His name is Eugene Hale, who is the assistant football coach for the Cubs this year. He works with the line while Coach Stevens handles the backfield. Mr. Hale will also be assistant basketball coach when the hardwood season rolls around. And in the spring, he will handle the reins on the track squad.

Mr. Hale graduated from Grand Haven High School, where he was quite active in sports. There he participated in football, basketball, baseball, and tennis. He holds the unofficial record for punching with a ninety-one yard punt against Muskegon. His college education was at Western, where he is now getting his Master's degree. Along the way, Uncle Sam received three years of his service.

When asked what sports he has participated in while attending Western, he said he was too busy to enter into any college sports. From another source it was learned the Dan Cupid appears to have been busy too, for Mr. Hale was married just a few weeks ago.

As to his reaction on coming to State High, Mr. Hale thought the student-monitor system was good. And so, to Mr. Hale (and Mrs. Hale) go these best wishes for a fine stay at State High and wherever else he goes, so long as it isn't a Big Seven Conference High School! Welcome!

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Girls, Looky Here! Synchronized Splash

There will be something new for the girls of State High in the field of sports this year. Because the G. A. A. Play Hour had to be canceled, Miss Margret Large has introduced a "Synchronized Swimming" class. The new class will meet Mondays at 3:00 in the pool room of the Women's Gymnasium.

These "Modern Dancers of the Water" will be working toward a water show in the spring. Since their student teacher is to be Miss Betty Collier, director of Western's annual water ballet, The Water Sprites State High's girls will also take part in that show this year.

Anyone who is interested in the new class is urged to attend the first two or three meetings. The two instructors are anxious to know the swimming ability of those wanting to participate in this class.

State High's Overall Picture for Year Shows Great Promise

Coach Fred Stevens has three varsity lettermen returning for this year's basketball team. They are, Captain Fred Hubbell, Jack Min- deman and Frank Nugent. Pat Coffield, John Gelder, Don Kendricks, and Jim Russel, who saw some action last year will also return. Stevens has a few bright prospects coming up for the reserves, in Ted Emerson, Fred Dtilo, Marynand Neboer, Ron Weaver, and possibly sophomores Don Gill and Dick Debrose.

Last year's basketball season was only fair. The reserves compiled victories over Buchanan and Allegan, and the varsity took South Haven. Dowagiac, Buchanan and Holland Christian, to finish sixth in the Big Seven Conference. Serious practice sessions along with plenty of spirit should help to better last year's record.

This year's baseball picture is a little dull, although there are eight men returning from last year's squad. A good pitching staff includes Captains Clair Kirkpatrick, Dick Hawkins and Ron Weaver. Other veterans include Ted Emerson behind the plate, Al Hackman, Dick Debrose and Don Gill in the infield, along with Fred Hubbell in the outfield.

Last year's baseball team had a very successful season; for they tied for first place with Niles in the Big Seven Conference.

The track team, which finished fourth in the conference last year, has only a few veterans returning. Pat Nugent, Duncan Carter, Ken Sherman, Maynard Neboer, and Gerry Post, sprinters, Jim Dollahan, distance, Dick Teugh, pole vault, and several new-comers will carry the load this year.

Last year's tennis team turned in a fine performance by winning five cups for the school's trophy case. They won the conference trophy, the regional, and the state, and Jim Pore won the State Singles cup and John Littig and Steve Fast won the state doubles cup. The team was also undefeated in dual matches with schools of its own class. They split matches with class "A" Holland and were beaten by class "A" Hamtramck. Returning from last year's squad are Jim Russel, Bob Dalm, Fred Dlin and Roger Lininger.

State High's golf team finished third behind Dowagiac and St. Joseph in the Big Seven Conference last year. John Gelder and Maynard Neboer will be top men on this year's squad along with Ron Chipp, Jim Nichols and David Roth, who will fill in positions three and four. They have possibilities of a good year.

State High will have to find new coaches for each of the track, tennis and golf teams.

Cheerleaders Elected by Popular Demand

FIGHT TEAM! FIGHT! FIGHT TEAM! FIGHT!

The cheers were coming from the cheerleader tryouts which were held in the Little Theatre during the assembly, September 27th. It was a hot contest that September day when twelve girls and one fella gave their all in hopes of winning.

Sandy Beebe, chairman of the Pep Committee presided over the affair and read off the names of the contestants as they were about to perform. After the many encores of her proteges, Sandy announced that six cheerleaders were to be elected, four varsity and two reserve, during our two o'clock classes.

The varsity winners are Jim Dollahan, senior, Pat Petros, Sophomore, Pat Sprouse, Sophomore, and Sandy Woodworth, Junior. All are new to the game except Sandy Woodworth, who was a reserve last year.

The reserve winners are Mary Thompson and Nancy Storme, both of whom are Juniors. Nancy has had a year's experience in cheerleading, while Mary is just beginning.
Editorial

With this issue your Highlights is beginning its twelfth year of publication, and we hope to make it the best in State High's history. A school newspaper that is tops is our aim, and with the help of the students we believe that we can make it just that.

This year we shall try to cooperate more closely with the student body. In the past many have said that this paper wasn't part of the school as a whole. Right now a remedy, we extend a standing invitation for contributions from the readers. The Highlights box is right next to the trophy case and we open frequently (contrary to popular belief).

We plan to set aside space in each issue where aspiring Damon Runyon and Walter Winchells may sound off and add some of their own ideas about the school or anything else they might like to voice an opinion on. We would also like to have any moist tidbits of gossip that you would like to see in the Highlights. We, of course, keep the right of not printing anything that would be detrimental to the school.

If you have any gripes or suggestions for improving the paper, please give them to the editor or some other member of the staff. Or better still, write them out and put them in the box. We promise we won't toss any out.

We welcome any good ideas.

Besides improving our paper this year, we would like to improve cooperation and spirit within the school. Most of the student body is in the dark on the activities of the citizenship committee, pep committee, and the interschool council to name a few. We want to promote these organizations by publicizing their activities.

There it is. We want to serve you to the best of our ability. With your help we think that we can make your Highlights better than ever.

Jim Russel

Central's Loss Is Our Gain

That new Senior boy we've been seeing around here lately is none other than Glen Shugars, who hails from Kalamazoo Central. He's blond-haired blue-eyed lad who has lots of hobbies to keep him busy.

One of his interests is music. He spends an hour a day practicing with Central's band and a couple of hours every Saturday morning at the rehearsal of the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra. I hear he really knows how to play that trumpet.

Glen thinks the chemistry course he is taking this year is a fascinating subject. Along with it he is taking English, Governor, and Band.

I wouldn't be too surprised if you hear more about him when baseball season comes around.

When hunting and fishing season draws near he likes to try his luck in the field and stream.

When I asked Glen about his future he said he wants to attend either Houghton or Michigan State College to study conservation. That's Glen Shugars.

Learn Your Abilities, Seniors!

Any senior interested in more definitely determining a proper vocational choice is invited to take a battery of aptitude tests offered by the Psycho-Educational Clinic of Western Michigan College. The availability of these aptitude tests was announced by Dr. Sebaly last week. Arrangements for taking the tests must be made through Dr. Sebaly or Miss Crisman, and scheduling will be done on a first-come first-served basis.

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Here We Go Again

Hey gang! Remember the Student Council's magazine sale last year? Well, they're having one again this year. Kay Malotte is chairman and she'll have a representative in each homeroom. Last year they bought band uniforms and an amplifier from the proceeds. This year they hope to get a new tape recorder and possibly some new FM radios to be used in conjunction with Western's new FM station. The contest is open to anyone from the seventh to the twelfth grade. To give you a little push here are some prizes. For the homeroom turning in the highest percent of sales there is a free bus trip to some away basketball game. For the second highest homeroom there is a choice of a bicycle, watch, or a radio; also a drawing will be held for the same prizes. Loads of other prizes are going to be given out, so let's get on the ball man, and try for a prize.
Students Soak Up Sunshine During Summer

In the middle of the week, a group of students went to California for a week of soaking up some of the sun at that lake. Peg Yntema and Ethel Peelen spent some time in Holland. Eric Peterson and Jim Brouseau went to Interlochen to further their studies in music. Pat Perigo was at her cottage at Sylvan Lake.

Dick Hawkins and "Kirk" Kirkpatrick played baseball for the Oakwood A's. The latter also worked at the Beach Products Co. Jim Nichols worked for Dr. Lewis doing orthodontist's tech. work. Bob Dahn helped at the Pine Lake Boat-Motor Company.

Mrs. Collins spent her summer along the Ohio River Valley at "the most beautiful spot in the world." Joan Biggium left for England to study.

Western Michigan College hired several fellows to work around the campus. Graydon Meints, Phil Steen, Pete Lindquist, Don Cain, Frank Maher, and John Gelder helped to push brooms. Jim Dollahan worked at a "relatives" gas station. Dunc Carter painted his house and then went to Texas for three weeks. Yours Truly spent the summer cruising around Bermuda—What a laugh!