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Social Committee
Plans Formals

Walwood has been promised to us this year for both our Christmas and Spring formals as well as the Prom. The Turnabout is also to be held in February and will be in Walwood, too.

After a successful homecoming dance the social committee is planning to have another dance on November 4th in the Women’s Gym. The amplifier will furnish the music for this affair.

On the eleventh of November the girls get their first chance of the year to sport their best dresses and manners and take out the boys. A name has not been given to this turnabout as yet. Remember to save your allowances cause here’s your chance.

Your Library

Have you done any reading lately just for fun? If you haven’t, try some of the books in our school library. Seven new books have just arrived for high school age people.

One is Ross Duncan at Bataan by Stanly Pashko which is a story of danger, courage, and heroism during the invasion of the Philippines in World War II.

Do you like stories about the development of our country? If you do, try The Edge of Time by Louisa Grace Eardman. This tells about the opening of the West by Texas pioneers in exciting fiction form.

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Do you remember The Black Rose? Here is another book by the same author. Ride With Me by Cootain shows all the glamor and excitement of the Napoleonic period.

Jan Struther’s Mrs. Miniver tells a mother’s thoughts about ordinary incident’s in the life she shares with her children.

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Classes

Choose

Officers

At our class meetings Wednesday, October eleventh, the following people were elected officers of their respective classes.

Freshman: John Warnerfield-President, Bob Graff-Vice-president, Matt Peeler-Secretary-Treasurer.

Sophomore: Louis Marsh-President, Pat Perigo-Vice-president, Pat Sproston-Secretary-Treasurer.

Junior: Frank Mahler-President Pete Lindquist-Vice-president, Dot Jaycon-Secretary-Treasurer.

Senior: Frank Mahler-President Pete Lindquist-Vice-president, Dot Jaycon-Secretary-Treasurer.

The seniors, as befits their exalted position in the school, did some serious planning during their meeting, for their spring activities. The Juniors and Sophomores merely sang songs, including inevitably, Good Night, Irene. The Freshmen, being new and knowing no better, just relied on the Little Theatre for the assembly.

Clubs Start

As the school year gets under full steam, a vital part of State High, our club organizations, are formulating plans for the Year’s activities. There are many clubs on campus this year; everyone is sure to find one that interests him.

For the amateur Thespians, there is the Masquers Club, already busy making plans for a Christmas play under the direction of Miss Cleveland. You’ve seen all those people in the halls making like Arthur Godfrey. Those are the members of the new Ukulele Club, who give out with the really sweet harmony.

In the Highlights club we learn the rudiments of good journalism from Mr. Cooper and our esteemed editors.

For those who like to dance or would like to learn to dance, there is the Dance Club, where you can learn all the latest steps.

The Bridge Club is busy teaching that card game which many girls consider a “must” for social success. The Pre-Nursing club is for girls who intend to go into nursing or who are interested in it.

The S-Club is for those “big wheels,” boys who have earned a varsity letter in some sport.

That’s only a sample of the many clubs in State High. Some of the others are Art, Study, Chess and Checkers, and Games.
Proud to notice that State High is well represented in the "The Nutcracker Suite," directed by Mrs. Eugene Malone. The ballet will be presented December 20, at Central Auditorium. The talented ballerinas are Carolin Fox, Lilla Ellet, Clair Gemrich, Tamsin and Lillian Malone, Carol Hartman, Diane Doubleday, and Jordan Greenlee. Let's all turn out and take it in.

The Red Cross Committee hopes to give an assembly in the near future to acquaint the students with the functions of the Junior Red Cross with which it is affiliated. The assembly would also be used to explain about the many projects of the Junior Red Cross and to enlist the aid of volunteers to help carry them through.

No Hallowe'en dance this year. The Social Committee thinks three dances in three weeks is just a little too fraying on the nerves. By the way, are there any tall young athletes willing to hang by their heels and pin the black curtains together? See Mary Joyce, she needs you.

Those people who have been giving their all to make the magazine sale a success certainly deserve a vote of thanks from the entire school. Let's hope the results show as gratifying receipts as last year's.

Peg Yntema announces that the Rainbow Girls are giving a Hard Times Party at the Masonic Temple on October 27. Everybody is invited to come and join the fun. Charge is seventy-five cents.

The 'Synchronized Swimming' team has been chosen by Miss Large. The lucky gals are Barb Oakland, Ann Frey, Lilla Ellet, Lola Bennet, Marilyn Greenlee, Stevie Malone, Ann Mahoney, Judy Scott, Shirley Van Valkenburg, Joan Stimson, Eleanor Clark, Gail Hubbell, Diane Pullon, Linnea Taylor, and Carol Neff.

Scoop on Scoopers

Perhaps many of you have wondered how your school paper is organized. First of all, page editors are appointed by the editor. These editors are responsible for assigning the articles for their particular page. The first and second page editors are referred to as news-editors, while the third and fourth page editors are referred to as sport's and feature editors respectively.

On the first Monday after the appointment of the page editors, a meeting of them is called by the editor to hunt news. After the meeting, assignments are posted on the bulletin board.

Articles are due Monday of the next week as you may tell by watching the page editors running around trying to collect articles. By the way; if one forgets to write his article three times, he or she is politely expelled from the staff.

On Wednesday of the same week the typewritten and proof-read articles are sent down to the printshop, where they later send up the galley proofs in form of several long strips of paper. The editor, or Red Cross and to enlist the aid of volunteers to help carry them through.

Following this, the headlines are made and the entire page is set just as we want it.

On Wednesday the paper is ready and put out in the halls.

1950 Grad
At Large

What are last year's seniors doing this year? This year? This question popped out of nowhere while I was writing my English theme.

For instance, HARRIET LOGAN is learning to be a nurse at Nazareth. FRED HOYT is in the Navy and CAROLE LAGE is married. Can you top that?

Of course, DICK CURRY, HERTA PAYSON, HADLEY OSBORN went to the U. of Michigan. After the trimming their football team received they might wish they had chosen the Michigan State. Everyone knew that ALBERTA RENBARGER and LYALL NORDAHL were "joined together in holy matrimony in the month of May at the "Exchange"

JOANIE HARBOUR engaged? JANE SMITH has given her answer to none other than FRED MECK.

JACK HILL likes golf so much that he wants to play the year around. You'll find him in one of those southern schools.

JERRY KNOWLTON and MARY FOPEANO are at Oberlin. Some of the other ones are MARY LOU WOODWORTH at Northwestern, STEVE FAST at Dartmouth, NANCY BRYANT at Lincoln College, JOAN BAUER at Furman and RDU at the South Carolinas and JILL NAWAY at Rockford.

Do you need notebook paper pencils or school supplies? If you do stop at Dykema's, you might see PEARL DEERING there.

Also, if you need insurance (I've forgotten which type), call MARGARET STOREY.

Three K-College freshmen are LIBBY BRENNER, GARRETT KRUZENGA and TED KLINGER.

Is that all, did you say? No, it's only half. You've forgotten K-College's rival, Western Michigan! A round the halls you might see CLEVELAND, PLETHIC, DALE CRAB FORD, MARILYN CARLSON, GYLAND KITCHEN, HENRY SPITTES, RUTH POINKE, PAT MABIE, JACQUI ELLETON, ZELMA ALBERT, CLINTON DRUMMOND, BILLIE FORBES, FRAN FREY, TOM HOLDSHIP, LORRAINE HOPE, TREVOR JONES, CLAIRE MICHIE, BILL PERSONS, ANN SOLOMON, JOE SPICETTS, JANE SMITH, BRAD SMITH, MARY ANN TINKHAM, ALICE TEUGH, DOT TUCKER, INGER VAN STRATTON, ART WEST, ALICE WATTERWORTH, JANE WILLIAMS, and SHIRLEY LOUGHEAD.
A Look at Sports
By MARSHALL BRENNER

Some of State High's former football standouts are now playing the gridiron sport for another Kalama- 
zoo school, Kalamazoo College. In the lineup we find Roger Burns at a tackle and halfbacks Bill Glen- 
non and Bob Stelle.

Coach Al Bush, basketball, track, and assistant football mentor last year, has accepted a job as coach at 
Battle Creek Central.

Dale Crawford, football captain and All-City guard last season, has enrolled at Western and is trying out 
for the frosh football squad.

The Reserves, even in losing to Allegan's seconds, showed lots of promise and loads of fight. They 
fought hard and tried with all their might, but were outweighed, outsped, and outscored 18-7. The most im-
portant thing, however, was that they were not outfought.

Suggestions: Why no cross-country team this year? * * *

Has anyone ever heard of a billiards team? We could schedule inter-
school matches with other interested 
schools. Dr. Sebaly, how about it?

Everybody that attended the out 
town football game, was informed 
of a lesson in good sportsmanship. 
The kids who left early in order to 
get a good seat, received Boos and 
only the faithfuls received a cheer 
of a lesson in good sportsmanship.

Reserves Lose at Portage 
State High's reserve football team 
lost 32 to 0 decision to a large, 
speedy, Portage reserve team.

The Cubs were outplayed for three 
quarters, as they made several fum-
bles which resulted in Portage touch-
downs. In the fourth quarter they dug 
in to hold them scoreless.

The score by quarters:

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Journalists Rush Lansing 

Just one week ago today seventeen 
students from State High attended 
a Journalism Clinic at Michigan State 
College. Mr. George Cooper was in 
charge of the arrangements for this 
annual affair, and not only members of the Highlights but also representa-
tives from the Highlander went.

State High 'II' 
At Triple Creek 

Friday night our Cub eleven will 
move to the metropolis of Three 
Rivers where it will meet Francis 
Pellomogram's fighting Wildkittens. The 
Cats are led by Verhuel, Johnson, 
Sangalli, and their brilliant quarter-
back Luzader whose passing and 
field-generalship have been sensational 
this year.

Last year Three Rivers toppled 
State 26-6 in a hard fought battle. 
It was a battle of passers with Hill 
and Luzader in the leading roles.
So far this year the Wildcats have 
a two-won-and-one-lost record in 
conference competition. Their loss 
came at St. Joe. They defeated South 
Haven and Buchanan. Three Rivers 
operates out of a fast opening "T". 
Their big weapon is the brilliant 
passing of Jerry Luzader. He is 
backed up by the running of 
Johnson and Sangalli.

The Hilltoppers are idle next week 
and then to Battle Creek for 
the big game with Lakeview on 
November 10th. The cereal city team 
has one of the State's Class B power-
house elevens this year. It should 
turn into quite a game. See you all 
at Three Rivers Friday.

Staff Kept Busy 

Have you ever been curious about 
the kids who go outside at noon, and 
then in the door to the woman's gym? 
They are not going to admire the 
college ballet class, but they are all 
members of the staff that composes 
your school paper. We really have 
our rough times trying to think up 
"stuff" to keep the paper going.

Thought you might like a birdseye 
view of what goes on in the little 
room around the corner.

The three red heads really make 
the homeroom meetings interesting. 
Mary and Dot are not so bad, but 
Kate has to take minutes of the 
meeting at the same time. Carol, 
Graydon, Jim B. are all band 
enthusiasts. Graydon is always being 
asked to write the nutty notes with 
cowboy spelling and dialect. Nan 
Doubleday is tagged as being one 
of the quieter members if that is 
possible.

Roger spent most of his time during 
the summer playing tennis. He 
and Kay Ploen usually have to work 
on some sports article under the as-
sistance of Jack Brenner. Nanette and 
Lynda keep up the gossip end of 
things. Joyce has been having 
difficulties with her eyes. Dot F. and 
Joyce find that they have to hunt up 
news for the front pages. Poor old 
Jim and Mr. Cooper have their little 
heads full of problems about the 
money end of things.

Many of you students who were 
here last year probably don't know 
Mr. Stevens is using a new offense 
this year in football. It is called the 
split "T". Previous to this year we 
had been using the single-wing. For 
the benefit of those who don't know 
the "T" formation from a tea party, 
this writer will try his best to give 
a feeble explanation.

First of all there are two main var-
iations of the "T". The Bear "T" which 
was made famous by the Chicago 
Bears, and the Missouri "T", inven-
ted by Don Farout, coach of the U. of 
Missouri.

In the Bear "T", the line is set 
such that the center, guards, and 
tackles play close together with the 
end split out from one to two yards 
end in this variation the quarterback 
spins after receiving the ball from 
center and hands off to his backs. 
Also in this type of "T" there is usu-
ally a man-in-motion, and many trap 
plays are used. A trap play is a 
play in which the quarterback spins 
and gives better blocking angles. 
The quarterback in this variation, af-
ter taking the ball from center, runs 
along the line of scrimmage and has 
the option of either handing the ball 
off to one of his backs or running 
with it himself.

State High's offense is a combina-
tion of both these variations. We 
use a split line but our quarterback 
spins instead of running along the 
line. However, we seldom use a man-
in-motion. On the line we use a few 
basic blocking patterns for any play 
rather than individual assignments 
on each play. The pattern to be used 
is called out just before each play 
is run. The advantage of these pat-
terns is that they are easy to re-
member and they give us a way to 
cope with any defense that may be 
thrown at us.
**Alley Angles**

"Hello everybody, my first exclusive!" Although the senior boys at State High have formed a secret "Fraternity", the one where you can ask why all of the same clothes, but not the one of the organization, they have been attending Sunday school, and the youth meetings on Sunday night. They also have an interest in the year book, and the monitor staff.

In Mr. Deur's Physical Science class recently, John Weber started his tape recorder. "Why, don't I sound like that," was the most common thing heard. Gordon Leathers seemed to shine on the tape. There has also been some weight and height guessing in connection with a unit on measure. Jim Sanderson proved very baffling but some confederates in the room just happened to remember some very exact figures. Dave Fowl, Chuck Gook, and Bob Holtz did some fancy guessing.

At a recent dance Mr. Cooper was found watching two hilarious comedians, Larry Mittler and Bob Wooten. "They're cute, aren't they," was the reply.

"Flash! My second exclusive: Did you know that Gene Logan has been revisited. Through the help of Miss Skesteele, he sat up in his chair in order to get full benefit of History."

Some of the off-campus gals have been stealing the men of State High. Joan Fox has been seen several times with John Gelder, and Joyce Parker and Jim Dollahn are steady company. When Jim Pore came home from school recently, he took Joyce Dean out several times. The couple traveled with Joe and Lois Zitney to Michigan State's Homecoming dance.

The dancing that has been going along so successfully as a moon project has attracted several new couples. Friday is a good day to hang over the railing that overlooks the gymnasium. Don Cain makes the rounds. Julie Davis and Fred Dillo, and Fran Cooley and Bob Dalm have been seen humming a new hit around school. Nighty Night.

**Halloween Terrors**

We thought it might be interesting to find out what some kids are planning to do Halloween night. Our results prove conclusively that the safest place to be is home with the doors tightly locked.

For instance the junior boys plan to raise "Cain"... if he gets light headed enough that is.

Halloween night will find certain suspects in the organization. Nice work if you can get it Patt and Sue.

George Hove said he was going to stay home and carve Jack O' Lanterns for his little brothers and sisters. (Did I hear his right.)

Some of the freshmen girls have decided to go "Koon" hunting... How about it Chuck.

Again the seniors of State High have written a spectacular event; the crowning of the king and queen. Oh, don't misunderstand me, I mean State High's Homecoming king and queen. The event took place at the Stadium, where the knights valiently battled their opponents until the very last.

To start the gay tournament, the band played our school song and sounded off the challenge. While this was going on the freshies tried some valentines themselves. Shoshos were usually provided for a cheering aid, and these little nobles probably insisted on your reaction as to the taste of the paper, and practiced their skill in spear throwing with you as victim. Most of them were marked "beware" —I mean they had to have some means of indentification. We remembered to steer clear of them.

The sophomores carried the greatest cheering section of all time and between acts, practiced a bit of football passing with apple cores and their own foot-stamped paper cups. One was most likely drenched with coke, because just maturing from the cannible-freshie stage of development, the sophomores haven't quite gained the poise or grace of the upper-classmen.

Perhaps you now may have wondered about the juniors. These students rented to bring their ukuleles and serenaded the spectators by singing "This Is The End". The very refined seniors all sat and watched any Western men they could lay their eyes on. In general, they attempted to act half-intelligent and well-mannered lords and ladies.

Those of you not completely worn out by then, were cordially invited to attend the ball in the gymnasium of the palace. The entertainment there was the music of Tommy Doray's magic violin, while your partner was swinging you to the minuet rag.

After the event, your escort probably developed carriage trouble but lets not think of unpleasant things now. Your prince charming took you to the threshold of your abode, where you might acquire... shall we say, a knightly kiss.

While Donna Enslj says she may be out "Marshmallowing".

Let's remember that Holloween can be a night of a lot of fun WITHOUT bothering other people's things. We know don't enjoy washing soap off windows, getting pins out of doorbells, or chasing garbage can tops, and let's not do it. But other people don't like it either. So remember kids to be good, and you'll still have lots of fun.

**Secret Escapades**

Brought to Light

It's time now for me to climb on my broom and take a trip around town for my annual report of Holloween. This year I had a hydraulic drive put in my mode of travel. You put the accelerator down to the floor board and take off. It's too bad there is no floor board.

I can see all of you State Highites down there and you aren't all staying home and taking things so that you'll be nice and clean for church tomorrow. In fact only two people are in their respective homes. NANCY STROME, VIVIAN SMITH and ELEANOR ALLMAN caught tying garbage pails to lamposts.

Down the street I see PAT COFIELD, JOHN GELDER, JIM NICHOLS and FRED HUBBELL being forced to carve Jack-o-laterns. It looks as if they're being compelled by RED GEMICH, TOM KRIELICK, and PAT RYAN.

Next I see four ghosts traipsing up Westnedge hill. It's rather difficult to see through the sheets but I think I see JON SEBALLY and ILYNNE WEISMANN together. The second couple is materializing into PATTY PAHLOW and PATRICK LEWIS.

Directly over Bronson Boulevard I came upon State High's triumvira—Miss Crisman, Dr. Schaly and Dr. Bryan. They're standing on the sidewalk allowing rotten tomatoes at the people foolish enough to attempt to go under the bridge tonight.

The sky is beginning to turn from black to grey so I'd better take my broom down for a simonize job to put it in shape for next year's journey.

So long gang, see you on Holloween!