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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 succesful homecoming dance the social commitee 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 own school library. Seven ntw books have just arrived for high school age people.

One is **Ross Ducan 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 Loula Grace Eardman. This tells about the opening of the West by Texas pioneers in exciting fiction form.

Sir Walter Raleigh by Nina Brown Baker gives a splendid picture of not only one man, but of a great period of England's history.

Crocodile Crew by Richard Watkins is a story of two boys just out of high school who run a sightseeing boat down in Floridia. Troubles come thick and fast when another boat owner tries to run them out of business. Another book by Richard Watkins is **Hurricane's Secret**. Rockley Ide, during his last year in high school, helped recondition a sailing schooner so he could get a step closer to his ambition sailing. Before the year was out, he found he had more excitement coming then he had planned for. This too, is among the new books.

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

Jan Struther's **Mrs. Miniver** tells a mother's thoughts about ordinary

Masquers Plan Year's Activities

Eva Aube, Debby Parker, Bernadine Paul are the leaders of your Masquer's club. This club which is under the direction of Miss Cleveland is composed of nine members who are the ones who choose, and for the most part put on the Christmas and Spring plays. The Christmas play is frequently a comedy and always pleasing. The Christmas play is though as yet unchosen will be on December 6. The club plans to start work directly on it. The play this year will probably be an older story, perhaps of the nativity, as for he past two years it has been a modern play, reports Eva Aube, president, after a meeting Oct. 6.

Miss Skelly, new director of the Civic Theatre, became interested in children's plays. This interest was transferred to the Masquer's club which is going to put on several children's plays.

We wish this hard working club every success with their plays, Christmas, Spring, and Children's.

incident's in the life she shares with her children.

Speaking of books, I'd like to review some of the library regulations for those of you who haven't heard about them yet. On the door of the library are two lists. The top list gives the names of those who have overdue books. The lower list tells the names of the borrowers who have books due on that particular day. It is very easy to glance over the list to see if your name is there. A fine of 2c per book per day helps you get your books back on time.

Another thing which is confusing some of you is the system for taking magazines out. All the latest issues must stay in the library, but any older ones may go out for one hour or overnight from 3:00 P. M. to 8:00 A. M.

Miss Green, our librarian is in the library most of the time between 7:45 A. M. and 4:30 P. M. to help you find books for pleasure reading or reference work. Mrs. Grey, assistant librarian would be glad to help you any time in the morning. Feel free to use the library and ask help when you need it.

Come in and be the first to read those new books.

Classes

Choose

Officers

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

Freshman: John Warfield-President, Bob Graff-Vice-president, Matt Peelen Secretary-Treasurer.

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

Junior: Beverly Swoap-President, Ted Emerson-Vice-president, Frank Goodrich-Secretary-Treasurer.

Senior: Frank Maher-President, Pete Lindquist-Vice-president, Dot Jabcon-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 retired to 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 editor.

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.

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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 Carol Fox, Lilla Eliet, Clair Gemrich, Tamsin and Lillian Malone, Carol Hartman, Diane Doubleday, and Joanne Puotinen. Let's all turn out and take it in.

The Red Cross Committee hopes to give a 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. Lets 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 Eliet, 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 appointing 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. This contains the very articles we wrote. One of these galleys is used for proof-reading, while the other is used for placing the articles on the page.

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.



Oct. 28—Goldie Fooy
 Oct. 30—Gail Wilson
 —Dale Wilson
 Oct. 31—Paul Wheeler
 —Gerald Hawkins
 Nov. 3—Jim Burger
 Nov. 4—Dick Shumar
 Nov. 5—Jim Boylan
 Nov. 6—Matt Peelen
 —Patricia Eliet
 —Ralph Allen
 Nov. 7—Gene Logan

1950 Grads 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 how 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 "cow" college as did WINI CRAIG ANN ELDREDGE, JIM PORE and AL RYAN. The "cow" college is none other than Michigan State.

Have you seen Mr. and Mrs. JOE ZITNEY? She was LOIS GREEN. last June. Everyone knew that ALBERTA RENBARGER and LYALL NORDAHL were "joined together in holy matrimony."

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

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 single ones are MARY LOU WOODWORTH at Northwestern, STEVE FAST at Dartmouth, NANCY BRYANT at Lincoln College, JOAN BAUIERLA at Furman U., South Carolina and JILL GANAWAY at Rockford.

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

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

Three K-College freshmen are LIBBY BRENNER, GARRETT KRUIZENGA 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 CLEORA FLETCHER, DALE CRAWFORD, MARILYN CARLSON, GYALORD KITCHEN, FRANK SPITTES, RUTH POINKE, PAT MABIE, JACKIE SLAUGHTER ZELMA ALBERT, CLINTON DRUMMOND, BILLIE FORBES, FRANK FREY, TOM HOLDSHIP, LORRAINE HOPE, TREVOR JONES, CLAIRE MICHE, BILL PERSONS, ANN SOLOMON, JOE SPICKETTS, JANE SMITH, BRAD SMITH, MARY ANN TINKHAM, ALICE TEUGH, DOT TUCKER, INGERID VAN STRATTON, ART WEST, ALENE WATERTWORTH, 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 Kalamazoo school, Kalamazoo College. In their lineup we find Roger Burns at a tackle and halfbacks Bill Glennon and Bob Stelle.

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

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

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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 important thing, however, was that they were not outfought.

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Suggestions: Why no cross-country team this year?

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Has anyone ever heard of a billiards team? We could schedule interschool matches with other interested schools. Dr. Sebal, how about it?

Everybody that attended the out of 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 "To The End".

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 fumbles which resulted in Portage touchdowns. In the fourth quarter they dug in to hold them scoreless.

The score by quarters:

	1	2	3	4
Portage	20	6	6	0
State High	0	0	0	0

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 representatives 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 Pellogram's fighting Wildkittens. The Cats are led by Verhuel, Johnson, Sangalli, and their brilliant quarterback 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 journey to Battle Creek for the big game with Lakeview on November 10th. The cereal city team has one of the State's Class B powerhouse 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 "nuff" 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 Peelen usually have to work on some sports article under the assistance of Jack Brenner. Nanette and Lynda keep up the gossip end of things. Joan Stiles has been having difficulties with her eyes. Dot J. 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.



Hilltop Gridders Utilize Split 'T'

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 variations of the "T". The Bear "T" which was made famous by the Chicago Bears, and the Missouri "T", invented by Don Farout, coach of the U. of Missouri.

In the Bear "T", the line is set up such that the center, guards, and tackles play close together with the end split out from one to two yards. 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 usually a man-in-motion, and many trap plays are used. A trap play is a play in which the guard on the side of the line that the play isn't going, pulls out and traps an opponent.

In the Missouri "T" which is quite often called the "split T", the line is said to be split. That is, the guard lines up about two feet from the center, the tackle about two feet from the guard and the end about one or two yards from the tackles. The advantage of this type of line is that it forces the defensive line apart and gives better blocking angles. The quarterback in this variation, after 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 combination 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 five basic blocking patterns for any play instead of individual assignments on each play. The pattern to be used is called out just before each play is run. The advantage of these patterns is that they are easy to remember 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 "Fraturnity", the one where you can ask why all of the same clothes, but not the name 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 Powel, Chuck Coons, and Bob Holtz did some fancy guessing.

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

Flash! ! My second exclusive: Did you know that Gene Logan has been revived? Through the help of Miss Steketee, 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 very successfully as a noon project has attracted several new couples. Friday is a good day to hang over the railing that overlooks the gym to notice Don Cain making the rounds. Julie Davis and Fred Dilno, 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 senior boys plan to raise "Cain" . . . if he gets light headed enough that is.

Halloween night will find certain sophomores "boysitting". Nice work if you can get it Patt and Sue.

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

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



Again the students of State High have witnessed a most 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 South Haven game, 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 valientship 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 thorwing 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 rembered to bring their ukuleles and serenaded the spectators by singing "This Is The End".

Now 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 Dorsy'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 Ensly says she may be out "Marshmallowing".

Let's remember that Halloween can be a heck of a lot of fun WITHOUT bothering other people's things. We know we don't enjoy washing soap off windows, getting pins out of doorbells, or chasing garbage can tops, and its a safe bet 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 Halloween. This year I had a hydramatic drive put in my mode of travel. You push 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 High-ites down there and you aren't all staying home and taking baths so that you'll be nice and clean for church tomorrow. In fact only two people are in their respective homes. LOLA BENNET is busy reading Ellery Queen's latest pocket edition of "Who done it." MATT PEELEN seems to be enthusiastically following the adventures of Mickey Mouse and the M.dnigh Terror.

I'm now directly over State High School. I see TED EMERSON, KEN FRICKE, JIM DOLLAHAN and PETE LINDQUIST busily slapping paint all over the sidewalk. It looks to me as if they're writing "Yea, Lake-view."

Over here on South Street KAY PEELEN, ANNE FREY, CAROL NEFF and SUE ANDERSON are sticking horns. Apparently they are slick operators for they haven't been picked up by the little wagon yet. However, one of the conveyances marked "P. D." is just rounding the corner and many of your fellow Hill-toppers are included.

PATT SPROUSE, PEG YNTEMA and JOAN STILES were nabbed for letting the air out of automobile tires.

NANCY STROME, VIVIAN SMITH and ELEANOR ALLMAN were caught tying garbage pails to lampposts.

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 SEBALY and ILYNE WEISMAN together. The second couple is materializing into PATTY PAHALEK and CORBY LEWIS.

Directly over Bronson Boulevard I came upon State High's triumvira'e--Miss Crisman,, Dr. Sebaly and Dr. Bryan. They're standing on the viaduct throwing 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 Halloween!