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Music Notes

Strings

The String Choir is an organization directed by Dr. Elmer Beloof and in previous years has been called the orchestra. But because of difficulties in arranging time to rehearse with the other instruments which make up the orchestra, last year they decided to try having a group made up entirely of strings. This has seemed to work out to the satisfaction of all members.

This group is working on two programs, one for a concert of classical and modern music. One of their numbers in this group is "Holiday for Strings." It is a difficult composition, but Dr. Beloof says that they are doing a good job on it. The other program, to be played, will be a medley of numbers for this; and "White Christmas" might be played, too.

Before school started, the string choir played for a faculty square dance and a college fun night.

Band

"The band has done as much as any other group in State High so far this year to give the school publicity," said Dr. Elmer Beloof, the band's director. He pointed out some of the band's activities this year to prove his statement. During the first week of school the band took part in three different things. That first Wednesday they played at an assembly, on Thursday the band played for the fair, and then they were at the game with St. Joe on Friday.

Later on October 17 the forty-three musicians boarded a bus and went to Buchanan to see the Southwestern Michigan Marching Festival. A few weeks after that your band marched for our homecoming game with South Haven.

It also marched in Western's Homecoming parade and played at our pep assembly before the game with Lakeview.

Really, as Dr. Beloof pointed out it would seem that the band has done a lot this year. However, Jackie Andrus, head of the band's social committee, tells me that work, work, work isn't the band's only motto because plans are being made for some parties in the future. Suggestions that have been made are a square dance, a rollerskating party, and a scavenger hunt.

Council Posts Plans

A new committee, in charge of publicity, has recently been organized here on the hilltop. Don Cain was elected as chairman at the third student council meeting of the year, to see that all school events are adequately publicized.

There are three members on the committee. Shirley Gary has charge of announcements put out on the Bulletin Board located in the upstairs hall, Ilyne Wiesman has charge of publicity brought to you State Hi-tes via printed notes, and Mary Kuzenga is in charge of all posters that go up around State High. Posters will be put up to inform you of Social Committee planned dances, Christmas and Spring plays, Pep Committee plans, and other events of importance.

Signs and notices will be posted notifying everybody of assemblies and games. Also notices will be sent around to homerooms and classes announcing events and meetings of importance.

The Publicity Committee has acquired the use of a special workroom, also the Student Council has promised to purchase all needed equipment such as poster board, poster paint, and paint brushes.

Bernadine Wins Again

The proceeds from the Magazine Sale held by State High have been tabulated. The High School sold $1,363.30 worth of magazines. This was a profit of $476.50 out of which the prizes will be purchased. Bernadine Paul, for the second year in succession, topped the salesmen with $140, worth of subscriptions to her name.

High Homeroom in this sale, took in about $412. This lead was enough to insure the bus trip to one of the games for the homeroom.

All other prizes will be awarded at an assembly in the near future.

Calendar

Nov. 22-Thanksgiving vacation starts at noon.
Nov. 23-Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 29-Assembly - Little Theater
Dec. 1-Buchanan basketball game here
Dec. 8-Niles basketball game here

Want to Be a Cub Reporter

In the very near future the home-rooms will choose representatives for Highlights.

One representative chosen from each homeroom will be asked by members of the staff to write certain articles or submit suggestions that will prove helpful to the paper. They will also be responsible for collecting items of interest from other members in the homeroom. The articles and suggestions should be deposited in the Highlights box.

The representative who is chosen should be willing, responsible, and original.

Soon on the staff is also going to hold a class for students interested in joining Highlights next year. The class will meet every week and learn the general rules of journalism and apply them.

These students who are interested must comply with all the rules in attending these classes. Afterwards teachers and staff members will choose the candidates best qualified.

Junior Red Cross Swings into Action

The first regular meeting of the Red Cross Committee met in the annex, Monday, November 13, 1950, after school, to discuss the projects of the coming year. Carolyn Buder was appointed chairman in charge of the Thanksgiving baskets. Monday, Tuesday, and today have been three days of the drive for canned goods. The mission to the 8:00 classes has been a "can" or ten cents each until the canned good was brought. The money collected will be used to purchase perishable and other types of foods.

There will not be several drives for money this year. The committee is working on one big week-drive, probably some time in January. The drive will probably end with a dance for the benefit of the YWCA, the YMCA and other organizations supported by the Kalamazoo County Chapter of the Junior Red Cross. The Publicity Committee headed by Don Cain will work to make the week a big success.
**Who Art the Junior Wheels**

This time the Juniors had their turn to "rate heir mates." Most of the votes were close, but if you have any doubt as to the accuracy of the returns, you can check from all of the ballots which have been saved. The thing that was proved: the Highlights Box isn't so lazy after all.

Funniest—Bruce Brown, Kate Randall
Most Conceived—John Lemon, Shirley Smith
Best Looking—Ted Emerson, Sue Sawyer
Friendliest—Jack Behrens, George Hager, Eva Aube
Best Dressed—Fred Dilno, Nancy Strome
Most Interesting Personality—Fred Dilno, Sandy Woodworth
Braniest—Frank Goodrich, Dot Carlland
Cuter—John Thayer, Ted Emerson, Jackie Andrus, Judy Bills
Most Original—Frank Goodrich, Robin Rose
Best Athlete—Maynard Nieboer, Bev Griggs
Most Absent—Minded—Roger Whistler, Robin Rose
Fastest Talker—Vern Hoffman, Suzie Gilbert
Most Active—Ted Emerson, Sandy Woodworth, Lilla Eliet
Noisiest—Mel Pettit, Lynda Spauld
Most Likeable—George Hager, Addie Anne Tolhurst, Sue Snyder
Best Dancer—Fred Dilno, Kay Loughead
Most Sophisticated—Joe McCarthy, John Lemon, Eleanor Alman
Best Liked by Teachers—Ted Emerson, Nan Strome
Most Loveable—Ted Emerson, Jackie Andrus, Bev Swoap
Hardest Worker—Frank Goodrich, Lilla Eliet
Most Likely to Succeed—Frank Goodrich, Sue Sawyer

Miss Crisman: (in English class)
"Give me an example of a sentence Berenadine."
Bernadine: "He ran."
Miss Crisman: "That's right. Now give me another example."
Bernadine: "She ran."
Miss Crisman: "That's what I like about you, Bernadine. Such originality."

**State High's Newest Club Makes Music**

The Ukelele club is one of the most popular new clubs that has been introduced to State High in recent years. The thirty members meet every other Wednesday at club time under the direction of Dick Bordon and his assistants, Jim Willete and Ed Mott.

The club is divided into two groups, one for beginners and another for the more advanced players. The two groups are planning an audience participation assembly sometime in January.

President Dick Forward and secretary 'Duke' Peterson are working on an advisor for next semester. They hope to have one of the student teachers as none of the faculty want to sponsor the club.

If the club is continued next semester, here will be another beginners group. The only requirement for membership is the ownership of a ukelele, Mr. Bordon said. "We have lots of fun and we'd like to share it with everybody."

**State High Goes Hollywood**

By JOAN STILES

The other day as I walked through the halls I was thinking how many State High students would make ideal movie stars.

Sandy Hackman would be the first female director of movies in filmland. Her latest production stars Dr. Seabury as Howard Duff, master detective. The title is "Murder in School."

In another part of Hollywood is Don Cain, playing Laurence Olivier with Lynn Cassady as his female lead.

"Samson and Delilah" with Jim Nichols and Nanette Slavin is popular with the younger set.

Jimmy Stewart (Frank Nugent) just got back from a vacation in Bermuda. His next picture will be "One More Hour" taken from the great novelist Peter Lindquist's book. "A Night in Jail."

I went over to Sharon West's tea-room the other day and saw Charles Boyer (Frank Maher) sipping a cup of tea with Gloria Swanson (Carol Sheldon).

Charles Laughton (George Hager) and Barry Fitzgerald (Jim Dollahan) have bought a plane and any time you might see them hurtling into space.

"My Friend Irma" (Peggy Yntema) has a very busy schedule with her new television show.

Frank Sinatra (John Thayer) continues to wow the women.

Hing Crosby (John Gelder) and Bob Hope (Frank Goodrich) are having a golf tournament in a couple of weeks. The proceeds will go for a charity fund.

Shirley Standish is in the latest "Lassie" film.

I'm going to leave you here at Grauman's Chinese Theater where Don Vrobel is having his body imprinted as a lasting memory of his muscular form.
**STATE HIGHLIGHTS**

**Cubs Prepare for Bucs**

“We're utilizing a fast break offense and a man to man defense this year,” says our coach Fred Stevens. Coach has been working the team hard every night from four until six this past week and a half. So far he has stressed fundamentals and conditioning. Later he will put the accent on offensive and defensive patterns.

The Cubs lack experience this year. Fred Hubbell, Jack Mindeman, and Frank Nugent are the only returning letter winners. Don “Blacky” Kendrick also saw some varsity action last year. Up from the reserves are Don Gil, Ted Emerson, Maynard Neber, and Fred Dilno. Ed Sutton and John Keyser from Milwood and Stan Vine from Oakwood should be lots of help. Glenn Shugars, a transfer from Central, will be of assistance next semester.

The Reserves should have a good year, although lack of knowledge of fundamentals and lack of experience will hamper their chances of winning the title. They have lots of fine material and show a great deal of promise.

As to the teams in the Big Seven, Coach said, “Niles should be one of the toughest teams in the Conference again this year even though they lost their All Conference high pointmaker Ed Foster through graduation. Three Rivers and St. Joe will also be rugged.”

The season gets under way in a game with Buchanan Dec. 1st. A game with Portage has been added to the schedule to bring it up to fifteen games. There is a possibility of getting a game with Marshall if a date can be arranged.

**Girls Prepare for Volleyball Contest**

The girls volleyball tournament with Paw Paw will be held in the Women’s Gym, December second.

The team which will represent State High in the tournament will be chosen out of the group of interested girls. Saturday morning practices these practices will be held until tournament time.

In each gym class this year the girls have divided up into six teams. These teams play each other until all except one are eliminated, thus giving the class a champion.

When the teams were formed they each had a chance to pick a name. These are a few from the eleven o’clock gym class: Cubs, Stripes, Polka Dots, Buzz Bombs, Junior Jays, and Elmer’s Rascals.

Best of luck, girls, in the tournament.

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**Plans Underway for Indoor Track Team**

Another winter sport may be introduced into State High this year: indoor track. We will have a squad if we have enough boys interested to make up a full team. There is no coach who has enough spare time to work it up, so Duncan Carter, captain of the outdoor track team, would have to take over and handle the responsibility.

An indoor track meet would have some short dashes, the quarter-mile, half-mile, and mile, broad-jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, hurdles and relays. Anyone interested in being on such a team, please get in touch with either Duncan or Marshall Brenner. Let’s have a large squad turn out. This could be quite helpful to the outdoor season.

**Sherman Wins in Stock Car Race**

“It’s a beautiful day for the stock car races, ladies and gentlemen. The track is in great condition and the cars are now jockeying in position for the start. They’re coming around now; it looks like all the cars are in the right order. There’s the flag, and they’re off. There they go.

Sixteen is favored in this race, and he’s out in front right away. Dale Stockwell, in his Ford special, is second, and John Geldman in his Pontiac is third. Al Hackman is roaring up from behind and is making a challenge for Gelder’s spot. In fifth we see Lynn Tuberty in the Chevy convert. She is followed by Linsinger, Hubbell, Bill Holland, Nanette Slavin, Mr. Squire, and bringing up the rear Kenny Sherman on his motor scooter (put-putt).

And there they go into the sixth lap. Dalm is still ahead. Mr. Squire is coming up fast; he’s going past Mr. Cooper now. We have two new entries, Mr. Duer and Stan Vine just got their cars started and are trying to catch the pack. Look at those two go—they just passed Sherman (put-putt).

Lola Bennett just broke an ankle and is dropping out of the race. Her model A just couldn’t take it. There goes another one; Mr. Cooper just dropped his transmission—bang. Hubbell is up waved off the track by Judge Patt Sprouse for being wreakless.

There’s another one. Nanette rammed Mr. Duer off the track and in turn was nosed off by Bill Hoyt. Hoyt, by the way, is driving a police car. Every time he wants to go around a round and a car turns on the green.

All now they are re-taking around the last turn. And now they’re coming down the stretch. And now, crash! Oh, oh, there’s a wreck out there. All the cars have piled up. It looks like nobody is going to finish the race. All
**Turnabout Turnouts**

A really wonderful turnabout was held a week ago last Saturday night. Some of the gals picked some 'sporty' guys and a few of these "cutie couples" might have been: Mary Thomson- Bob Steffier Julie Davis-Fred Dino Pat Perigo-Kirk Kirkpatrick Kay Lougheed-Dave Hanna Judy Scott-Larry Weisman Lou Bennett-Hal Blodgett Ann Mahoney-Ken Sherman Lynn Cassidy-Don Cain Annie Wise-Dick Speese Pat Pahulek-Jack Mimman Sue Snyder-Jim Rochester Connie White-Louie Johnson Charlene Pellowe-Jim Allison Shirley Gary-Larry Okun Fran Cooley-Bob Dalm Joyce Parker-Jim Dollahan Patt Sprouse-Stan Vine Joyce Dean-Jim Pore John Stiles-Ol Hackman Lynda Spaulding-Don O'Brien Sue Sawyer-Duncan Carter Suzie Gilbert-Paul Hubbell

We find it necessary to give special recognition to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent, who really showed this younger generation how to cut a rug.

**That's Our Gal**

Most of us around State High have noticed a cute little freshman less than five feet tall with curly red hair and a friendly smile. In answer to the numerous requests of several anonymous students, the Highlights has endeavored to find out more about her. Her name, of course, is Donna Endly.

Donna is in agreement with several other State High females in that she is an ardent fan of Monty Clift—She prefers the tall, dark, and handsome type! She also sighs over the strains of "You and the Night and the Music," and her radio dial often selects such thrillers as "Detect" and "Escape."

Her favorite color is navy blue, which everyone knows looks exceptionally nice on her, and she admits that scrambled eggs are her weakness.

When asked about her opinion of State High, she used the expressive phrase, "Real swell!" Of the subjects she is taking, she likes English best; her club selection is Y-teens.

Although she wishes no major changes in the traditions of the school, she would like to add a "Mr. and Mrs. Bills Day," on which the seniors would have to dress up and the freshman would have complete authority. This idea is probably due to the fact that seniors are her pet peeve!

State High welcomes Donna as a member of our "big happy family," and we all hope she enjoys her four years here in our school.

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**At Boys First Glance**

Ever since Adam awoke to find Eve, girls have been wondering what it was that the boys noticed first about them. So we thought we'd ask some of the male population his important question, and the answers we got were both numerous and similar.

John Gelder, for instance, states, "The eyes" Kirk remembers the elections and states that, "A girl's politics are important to him." Fred Dino all the Democrat girls haven't got a chance—sorry.

I asked some of the freshman boys—Red, Matt, Jon, Ron and Larry, but they were too shy to say outright and a "girl said, "It wouldn't be printable." They're learning young these days.

Several boys-Dunc Carter, Jim Russel and Maynard Niebor think that, personality means much." A lot of other girls agree to this I'm sure. A couple of the boys I asked said they just didn't look any more 'fran's been blushing—imagine that.

Don Cain and Fred Dino say they look for in a girl. Lessons aren't too expensive, girls. Hubbell and Kirk said, "You know—lots of things" and I'm almost sure Kirk was blushing—imagine that.

Frank Maher says, "One of the things he looks at first is a girl's eyes." And I'm almost sure Mindy's grandmother was certain to have two girls liking you, Mindy. The senior and Junior girls seem to be giving the college gals quite a run for their money. Al Hackman and Fred Dilno agree with him.

If she goes to Central—that's half of it says Jimmy Dollahan, while John DuMont thinks it's important for a girl to act natural and take the principles involved.

"And Corby just aren't interested." Say—that's certainly a new twist.

"You must be well read," says Phil Brunis and Dick Kramer. Beautiful, but dumb doesn't seem to be too good a recommendation for them. There it goes—has your slip been showing lately, your hair been straight? Do something about it. Brush up your chatter to more than the latest gossip and don't turn ice box or clinging vine. The results? We'll wait and see.

**Wonder What Would Happen?**

If Irene said Goodnight? If the benches in the halls were cleared between class? If State High was accused of having too much school spirit? If Maxine stopped getting monitor reports? If people on the Highlight's got their assignments in on time?

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**Chit - - Chat**

The turnabout created a few fairly funny situations:

Judy said that she and Fitz had a flat tire.

The senior girls and their dates were going to park en masse. Wonder why they planned it?

Clare G. had a respiratory disease and had to stay home while Kate R. took over her date. Wonder when the gang went over to Genrich's after the dance. Clare followed doctor's orders and kept her distance.

The sophomores had a rowdy party at Stille's after the dance. Sue's date was the life of the party, what with throwing food around. Could be they kept Joanie's grandmother up till all hours of the morning.

Wanted: A key to the swimming pool so we can enjoy other Saturday morning swims and not get locked in.

Dolley and Lilla.

Obituaries: Frank and Nanette, Polly and Bob.

Theme Songs: Anne W. "Sam's Song," Dr. Sebaly "Tell Me a Story," Sen. or Boys "Cigarettes and Whiskey and Wild, Wild Women."

What's this we hear about Norm Harvey and a football on the bus to Lakeview. Dr. Beloof seemed to think it was quite funny.

Dr. Fry said that smoking decreased your life by 30 per cent, drinking by 20 per cent. How many people are figuring up what 35 per cent of the allotted three score and ten is?

Another triangle: Must be tough to have two girls liking you, Mindy. The junior and Senior girls seem to be giving the college gals quite a run for their money. Al Hackman and Fred Dilno agree with him.

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**Guess Who!**

This guy that we know is a pretty swell fellow - He laughs all the time, and his jokes sure are mellow.

He's now reached the age of a senior in school, and most of the time, he's at the Burdick, playing pool.

He is a good sport on the field or the floor, and when coach lets him play the kids yell for more. He looks pretty when he dances with Lynn, and he gets a lot of kidding about not being too thin.

He is known as the boy with the sporty plaid hat, and he goes by the name of just plain "________"!