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Western State High School
Musicians Migrate

State, Paw Paw, and Zeeland high schools are planning a series of three exchange concerts, one to be held at each school.

The first of the three will be held at Zeeland on the 3rd of February. Our band will leave on Friday morning and will present the concert along with the Zeeland and Paw Paw bands that evening. There will be a party held and several other events, including a sightseeing trip. Our band members will stay overnight in the homes of Zeeland band-members.

The second concert will be held in Paw Paw in March.

The third and last concert will be held outdoors in March or April, in Kalamazoo with State High as host. Each band will play several numbers and then combine and play as one massed band.

This concert exchange is something new and valuable in the way of inter-school relations and we hope it will be a success.

Seniors Get to Work

Lynn Tuberty, Lola Bennett, Mary Hilliard, John Gelder, Pat Pahalek, and Barbara Forbes were chosen chairmen of the six senior committees last week. These committees are: Senior Gift, Assembly, Commencement, Skip Day, Banquet, and Announcements. Every student in the senior class is a member of one of these committees, and if anyone doesn't know which one he is on, the list is on the bulletin board. Consult it.

These committees are chosen to take care of all the duties and pleasures that are attendant upon any senior class graduation. Dr. Sebaly and Miss Crisman were the faculty members who arranged the committees on the basis of abilities, character, scholarship, and interest.

State Assembly Committee Plans Future Attractions

The Assembly committee, made up of various representatives from each homeroom, has planned the remaining eleven assemblies under the direction of the faculty sponsor, Miss Cleveland. "A Little Bit of Heaven" was the movie shown January tenth. Sandy Hackman was in charge of the plans. To roll up the first semester the music department and Modern Dance Club will present their program. Marlene Williams and Dot Jabcon are student chairman.

The first assembly scheduled for the next semester is the "Club assembly" dated for February seventh. Students from State will take part, and this program will be used as our exchange assembly. Lyn Cassady and Charlene Pellow are in charge of arrangements.

Niles' exchange assembly is booked for February twenty-first with Sandy Hackman in charge.

On March seventh the Science Department is scheduled. The Hi-Y has planned to present a program on March twenty-fifth.

Plans for May ninth have not been definitely set. On May twenty-third and June sixth, the traditional Sports Awards and Honors Assemblies will take place.

Highlights Office Gets Face Lifting

With the incoming new year, 1951, Highlights has decided to do a face lifting job on its office.

Plans have been underway for over a month now. The cracks in the walls have been scraped and filled with patching plaster, and they are now ready for the paint job. After much argument, discussion, and debate, the staff decided to paint three walls a medium green and the remaining wall a deeper shade of the same color.

The staff hopes to have their decorating finished by the end of January so that the senior staff members may receive the benefit of a pleasant office for at least one semester.

The staff is also figuring on getting new draperies and reviving its furniture.

We think a newly decorated, fresh office will lift the spirit of the staff and help us to put out a better paper for all you "Hilltoppers."

So come and visit us next semester and see our new office.

State Students Star on 'WGFG'

Organizations and Talent Featured

State High was on the air. Yes, Saturday, January 6, some of our students and representatives of the organizations of State High were on radio station WGFG. This broadcast was at 11:00 A.M. and was sponsored by the Coca-Cola company. Those early risers who got up in time to listen to this program heard the student Council in session, the monitors' work described by Sandy Woodworth, music by the Uke Club, and members of the Highlander and Highlights staffs. The program opened with our school song. This was followed by narrators Shirley Gary and Frank Maher, who gave a few of the vital statistics about State High. After the organizations mentioned above were described, some of our talented students performed. These included Mary Alice Hilliard, who played Mazurka by Miynarzki on the violin and was accompanied by Irene Emerson, Martha Braden played Goliwogs Cake-walk by Debussy on the piano, and Janet Snow, whose narrated the well remembered "Three Blind Mice" accompanied by Nancy Ford who played her original composition.

To your reporter, who had a chance to witness the whole proceedings of the "taping" of this program, it was a very interesting experience. The clubs and organization meetings, student reports, and musical numbers were recorded separately on a tape recorder, and then later they were cut where necessary and spliced together to make the complete program. All this was packed into thirty minutes. Those who took part did well, adding honor to our school.

These high school programs are a weekly feature of WGFG, whose aim is to make other people better acquainted with the several schools in Kalamazoo and vicinity. We should like to thank the Coca-Cola company for giving us this opportunity to inform others of State High.

CALENDAR

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Why Not?

Did I hear you muttering angrily as you tripped on that broken step on the south stairs? Was that you, kicking your locker and frantically spinning the combination at one minute of the hour? Maybe you were the one who wished the trolleys were working again as you trudge up the hill. Well, what if the floors do creak and the buildings aren’t as new as the ones on the other campus? What if there are fire laws for the dances and the roof leaks and the plaster is falling down? What if the whole roof caves in? Is that what makes our school good or bad?

Of course you’ll say that the school would be going to ruin if the roof fell, but have you ever thought about the kids that make up the school? They’re the ones that count.

Remember when you first came to State and you felt lost until someone showed you around and maybe introduced you to a lot of kids? Have you done that for newcomers this year? They can be loads of fun.

The next time you see some gal or fellow standing alone when you’re with the gang, go over and include him. When you see everyone in the morning, have a smile on your face, say “Hi” and act like you’re glad to see them again. If you can’t remember that English assignment, ask the new student who loaned you his fountain pen yesterday. He might even give you some good ideas for your theme.

There are many more ways to make our school spirit a little better. You can do it through classes, sports, clubs, dances, and everything on campus or off campus. What’re we waiting for? Let’s go!

by Joyce Perry

Names 'N Nonsense

Cutest ........................................ Bob Mindeman, Donna Endsley
Most Popular ............................... Bob Britigan, Polly Allen
Most Likely to Succeed ...................... Eugene Williams, Polly Allen
Friendliest .................................. John Warfield, Carolyn Buder
Best All Around .............................. Red Gemrich, Gail Hubbell
Most Dependable ............................ Red Gemrich, Polly Allen
Best Sense of Humor ....................... Bob Britigan, Diane Pullon
Most Musical ............................... Bill Govier, Martha Braden
Most School Spirit .......................... Jon Sebaly, Judy Scott
Best Dressed .......................... Bob Graff, Julie Davis
Most Serious ................................. Eugene Williams, Penny Farr
Sweetest .................................... Matt Peelen, Donna Endsley
Most Talkative .............................. Dick Wilsiey, Judy Scott
Nicest Smile .................................. Larry Weisman, Donna Endsley
Most Expressive Eyes ................. Larry Weisman, Donna Endsley
Smallest Line ............................... Tom Krellick, Sandie Shreve
Most Bashful ................................. Larry Weisman, Penny Farr
Hardest Worker ............................. Eugene Williams & Bill Govier, Polly Allen
Most Active .................................. Bob Britigan, Gail Hubbell
Best Athlete ................................. Bob Britigan, Sandy Hicks
Best Scholar ................................. Eugene Williams, Polly Allen
Most Likeable ................................ Bob Britigan, Polly Allen
Most Original ............................... Red Gemrich, Donna Endsley & Janet Hughes

Modern Dance Club Plans Future Programs

Mrs. Helen Brown’s protégés in the modern dance club have plans underway for several interesting projects this year.

The prospective Martha Grahams of the State High are now working on an eerie Halloween dance to represent the month October as a part of the “Finette” swimming show scheduled for this spring.

Orchids to the Social Committee for a very successful and beautiful "Santa’s Sleighride." The decorations were very cleverly, devised by Eleanor Alman in spite of the odds presented by the fire laws. The refreshments were very good. (I didn’t hear one complaint.) The formal drew a large crowd and everyone looked as if he was having a good time.

All the many people who worked to make the formal a success deserve our recognition and appreciation.

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State High is proud to have one of their fellow Hilltoppers in the cast of the current civic play “The Philadelphia Story,” Directed by Madge Skelly. Congratulations, Suzie Gilbert.

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Joanne Herlihy plans to leave our “institution for the public diffusion of knowledge” to return to the University of Chicago. Au revoir, Joan, and our sincerest wishes for your certain success.

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For the first time Dr. Beloof is planning to give the Blue and Gold Revue for three evenings. In the past years two performances have been given. His theme will be style and music. Plans are underway and anyone who has talent and an original idea is welcome to try. Performances will be on March 13, 14, 15.

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Plains are percolating for a Hoedown dance on February 2. This is the biggest benefit dance of the year. It is being planned by the Student Council and the Red Cross. Suzanne Sawyer has been chosen as general chairman. Working with Sue on the affair are Dunc Carter and Jim Dillahan on the tin can committee, Pete Shook and Bev Griggs on decorations, Mary Kuizenga on publicity, Frank Nugent on games and Kay Mallote on chaperones. Mr. Deur is the faculty advisor. Lets have a big turnout at this dance, kids.

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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Coming Headlines

Everybody else has been predicting, so we might as well add some more blur to the reams that already been written even though we are a little late. (Only seventeen days) Here are the headlines you should be seeing in your Highlights during the rest of the year.

January: Cub Cagers Throw Three Rivers, State High Defeats Niles (in billiards meet.)


March: Debate Team Wins Match With U. S. Senate. Basketball Team Loses to Kentucky in State Tournament (How did they get in there?) Our Billiards Team Wins Another Match. Mr. Jurankevits Unbeaten.

April: Diamond Squad Gets into Action. Wins First Game As Fred Hubbell Hits Four Home Runs and Rivers. State High Defeats Niles (in Billiards.)

May: Dunc Carter Breaks World’s Track Record for Hop, Skip, and Jump. Debate Team Takes Russian Delegation to U. N. Hubbell has .698 Batting Average. Kirkpatrick Pitches Perfect Game.

June: Hubbell’s Batting Average Now .742. He and “Kirk” Sign With St. Louis Browns After School Closes. Jim Nichols Defeats Willie Hoppe In Exhibition Tour In Billiards.

July: All State High Girls Join Wacs.

September: Hubbell and Kirkpatrick Bat and Pitch the Browns Into World Series Against the Strong Kalamazoo Lassies. (National League Folded Earlier.)

October: All State High Boys Join Air Force.

November: Billiards Table Sold.

December: All Faculty Members Join French Foreign Legion.

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Cubs Travel to Buchanan

Jack Brenner

A Look at Sports

Last week, the students of the school had an excellent opportunity to see if some of the teachers are as good in athletics as they say they are. This opportunity was the basketball game between the faculty and varsity basketball teams. Maybe it didn’t prove too much, but I think all who saw it will agree that all concerned had loads of fun.

Talking to some of the players afterwards, I heard some of the following statements, “Boy, isn’t that Dr. Sebaly a rough cookie?” or a statement such as “Gee, did you see Mr. Hackney get up and down that floor?” I am wondering how rough Dr. Sebaly felt after the game was over; or how many floors Mr. Hackney felt like running up and down the next day.

The statistics say that the varsity won by the score of 39-21. Glenn Shugara was high scorer for the varsity while Coach Stevens topped the scoring for the faculty. In case you didn’t see the game, the faculty was composed of Dr. Sebaly, Coach Finney Hale, Coach Stevens, Mr. Hackney, Mr. Deur, Mr. Juris, Mr. Detert, Dr. Beloof and Mr. Friemuth.

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The Training School has come up with some pretty good basketball teams this year. Both the seventh and the eighth grades have good teams this winter. Quite a few kids to whom I have spoken noticed this in the half-time of the Dowagiac game. A couple of dead-eye’s have also been spotted in their ranks. The records of both teams are good. They have some good ball-handlers, and their coach, should receive credit for instructing them well in the fundamentals.

Basketball Roster

Fred Hubbell capt. Senior F 170 6’2”
Jack Mindeman Senior C 170 6’4 1/2”
Ed Sutton Senior F 160 6’1”
Don Kendrick Senior G 170 5’11”
Don Gill Soph. G 150 5’9”
Frank Nugent Senior C-F 172 6’3 1/2”
John Keyser Soph. G 185 6’
Ted Emerson Junior G 149 5’8”
Ken Cobb G 155 5’9”
Al Hackman Soph. F 150 6’
Bob Anson Junior G 155 5’9”
Maynard Nieboer Junior MGR 165 6’
Phil Steen Senior

Buchanan Five Eyes

1st Conference Win

Th Cub basketball team is scheduled to invade Buchanan this Friday night for a Big Seven Conference tit. The Stevensmen are the favorites although the “Bucks” have a very effective zone defense in their small “pillbox” gym. The Cubs looked sharp when they trumped the Bucks on the home court 30-22 in the season opener and have steadily been improving.

The Hilltoppers lost a three point heartbreaker to Portage the following game and Niles outran them to a 48-46 victory the next contest. Setting down, the Cubs dropped Allegan 38-35, and then nosed out Dowagiac 41-40 in a thrilling see-saw contest. Neither team could hold a lead, but in the final 30 seconds the Cubs held on to their one point margin with a nice display of ball handling.

The Bucks have tried without success to hit the win column, and they will be out for blood.

Ed Sutton, Milwood sharpshooter, is leading the Cub scoring with 56.

Cub Pitchers Begin Spring Training Plan

With the approach of baseball season the pitching prospects for State High’s team have started to work out. They are Chair Kirkpatrick, Ron Weaver, Vern Hoffman, and Dick Hawkins. They were joined later by others interested in pitching. Of those mentioned above Kirk, Ron, and Dick are returning members from last years pitching staff which also included Larry Smith.

The outstanding game pitched during the season last year was the final game in which Kirk pitched a 2-1 triumph on a one hitter. We hope he can repeat this again this year.

The whole team was hit hard by graduation. The only returning regular is Fred Hubbell. This means that Coach Stevens will have an almost complete rebuilding job confronting him.

Big Seven Conference

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Believe It... Or Not
By Suzie Gilbert and Mary Thompson

Believe it or not but... Kate Randell is now down to 639 lbs. S. H. S. once had a top league football team. There was once a time when Addie and Ted didn't go with each other. Sue and Dunc aren't going steady. On the average one can take 200 revolutions per minute with an egg beater (survey conducted by your reporter). There's a desk in 211 without "Pete done it" on it. The boys of State High spend more time at school than at the pool hall (actual statistical report made by your reporter). The button joke went around school in less than two hours. Peg Yntema's parents worried about her unusual reticence when she was a child. Little Copeland was rated "Man Most Resembling Charles Atlas in 1951" in a secret contest run by your reporter. In a poll recently conducted by Miss Crisman it has been revealed that State High girls are 99.4% truthful (the average is slightly higher for boys, reports A. Sebaly, boys advisor). Every third person in State High is engaged in the illicit pursuit of importing Communist bred Tarantulas for the purpose of overthrowing student run study halls. Believe it or not but... Donny Cain tips the scales at the daunting figure of 68 while on the other hand Donny Smith is losing weight and now down to 299. Jim Nichols is 17 and hasn't yet tried "Hadacol." P. S. watch out for low flying E-29's. There are more than five "spauddling" in our midst. State High is governed by students. Ed Sutton has broken his leg and is unable to finish basketball season. Suggestion - see Jim Nichols for some "Hadacol." Some kids aren't worried about Exams. Fools! We are too free around the halls at noon. Can't something be done. The girl's gym classes have been very educational - we think everyone should see and try it.

LOST!!

DR. SEBALY'S HORSEWHIP
(loaned to social committee for Xmas formal)

DRAMATICALLY NEEDED FOR THE SENIOR BOYS. KINDLY RETURN - LENIENCY PROMISED

We wonder how some of the Senior boys like Battle Creek dances - and girls? If so, see Clare Genrich for one in quite good condition.

Taking a peek at some new tomases around State, we see Lynn Cassady, and Don Cain together a lot. while Jim Dollahan, wearing his class rings again, has been dating Sue Snyder.

Some new steadies are: Pete Lindquist and Judy Lyon, Mary Kuizenga and Jim Brosseau, Ann Mahoney and Ken Sherman, Mary Ann Shaw and Ken Darling, and Patt Sprouse and Stan Vine.

The reason for Judy moping around the halls is that Fitz is in the Air Force. Maxine's Jack is over in Tokyo. Some scenes - hmm, Frank?

This mystery man, is pretty darn swell. He's a wonderful buddy; everyones pal. He knows as being friendly, that's for sure. To play the field with girls he seems... to prefer. He likes to joke, and make people laugh.

His very best buddy, is called "other half" He and a senior girl are next door neighbors. He came pretty close to Presidential labors. The clothes he wears, are all very sporty and neat.

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He's really quite talented and on the radio we heard his voice. Just ask the seniors, they'll name him first choice.

He is known to everybody in this hall. With his butt and blue-eyes, he's not very tall.

Now I want you to know that this is no prank. He's just everybody's friend!...