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'Moon Mist' Prom Theme

For the graduating seniors, the high school years have passed quickly. Soon they will be only a boulevard of memories. The last event of importance which they will make special note of in their scrapbooks will be the Junior-Senior Prom. The prom is probably the most beautiful, expensive and magnificent dance of the school year.

This year the Junior class has raised the money to finance the event by a magazine sale, candy sales, and paper sales. Because of the rising prices, the cost of the dance has gone up considerably. Carolyn Fox was elected chairman of the committee of ways and means. She and Frank Goodrich, class treasurer, are working together to bring the finances of the Junior class into the necessary range.

The people chosen to name the prom were Ted Emerson, Jackie Andrus, Nancie Strome and Frank Goodrich. They have decided upon a name which suggests a great deal of sentiment and intrigue—"Moon Mist."

Lilla Ellet chairman of the decorations committee, says the trimmings will be kept mostly secret, but the ballroom will resemble a French via with the romantic French street cafes of Paris.

Invitations will be sent to every member of the Senior class. The admission is free to junior and seniors of State High. Outsiders and underclassmen will be required to pay a designated fee. These people must, of course, be in the company of an upperclassman.

Kate Randall is in charge of providing the refreshments. Kay Longhead has not as yet gotten the publicity committee together but plans to do so in the near future. The committee doesn't need to drum up business until about a month and a half before the event.

At the beginning of the school year at an election involving the entire Junior class they selected Jackie Andrus as general chairman of the prom, and official head of the committees.

The dance will be held in Walwood Ballroom, and Bobby Davidson's orchestra plans to furnish the "sentimental music." The Juniors have selected June 11 for the anticipated event.

The prom promises to be the big event in your scrapbook of reminiscings.

Monitor-Highlights Luncheon Today

The eleventh annual Council luncheon honoring the Monitors, Highlights, and Highlander Staffs will be held this afternoon at 1:00 in Arcadia Brook Club House.

Nine busy workers formed a committee which made careful plans to assure the success of the affair. Shirley Gary planned the menu and obtained the Club House for the occasion. Invitations were written and sent out by Mary Maithby and Polly Allen. Kay Malotte was in charge of making program and place cards. Carolyn Fox was seen dancing around getting together some entertainment. Duncan Carter, Sue Sawyer, Jim Dollahan and Frank Nugent took care of the rest of the details.

A musical number will open the program. Frank Nugent, as Council president will then give the welcome. The response for the Monitors will be given by Frank Maher, president of that organization. Jim Russel, editor-in-chief of the Highlights, will say a few words on behalf of his staff. Highlander editor-in-chief, Joyce Perry, will speak for her group.

Another musical number will be brought into the program, followed by a speech by Dr. Charles Van Riper on "The Turning Point." Dr. Roy C. Bryan will then add a few remarks. Frank Nugent will conclude the program.

Coming Up

May 2—Monitor Highlights Luncheon
May 3—Niles Baseball Game—There
May 4—Tennis Match—St. Joe
May 9—Election Assembly
   Tennis Match—Dowagiac
May 10—Election Day
May 11—Conference Baseball Game—Dowagiac
May 14—Allegan Baseball Game—There
May 15—Senior Girls’ Tea.

Student Council Election Soon

It’s that time of year again! Spring not only brings robins but State High Student Council elections.

The elections campaigns got under way last Wednesday in a special pre-election assembly. Four former council officers gave short talks on the duties of an officer and some of the experiences they had when they were serving on the Student Council. The alums were Burton Upjohn, president in 46-47; Donna Kowalski, vice-president in 47-48; Carolyn Nycum, secretary in 46-47; and Paul Deal, last year's treasurer.

Immediately after the assembly, nominating petitions were started circulating.

Monday the fun started. Soap box orators were heard in the halls, walls were covered with posters, leaflets cluttered the floor. This continues through Thursday when all the good times have to come to an end. All posters must be removed from the hall by 3:00 on Friday.

All candidates will make a final appeal for support next Wednesday in the election assembly. Here they will again state their platforms, assure all of their high sense of responsibility, and promise to do their utmost to put their policies into operation if elected. They will all tell a few worn out jokes just to keep things lively.

Thursday the election will take place down at the office.

Remember there are 330 eligible voters in State High. Every vote is important. Don’t fail to make yours count!

Seniors Plan Their Graduation Program

The Senior Graduation Committee, under the sponsorship of Miss Eunice Kraft, has begun making plans for June.

The Senior English classes have voted to have one outside speaker and two student speakers. These have not been chosen at the present time.

The committee composed of Mary Alice Hilliard, Kay Brower, Frank Maher, Shirley Gary, Ilyne Weisman, Dick Hawkins, Carol Sheldon, Nancy Doubleday, and Ilyne Weisman are determining the topic for the speakers to use.
Let All Students Make Rules

For many years now, the study halls and hallways have been run by the students of the monitor staff. I think they have done a wonderful job, and I hope they keep it up. True, there have been a few who have played favorites and some who have taken advantage of their position, but they have been in the minority. On the whole, the system has worked smoothly. I'd like to commend this year's monitor staff as the most able group I have seen here at State.

There is one criticism, or suggestion, to make. The students should have more voice in the making of rules for their study halls. The monitor home-rooms makes all new rules, and the student body has little or no say in these regulations. Our study halls are run by the students, but actually the students have no say in how they are run. Some kind of an arrangement should be made where by the students have more to do with the development of their study hall regulations.

The argument will come up that the students would make a farce of the whole monitor system by rewriting the study hall code, easing the regulations too much. Possibly a few students would try to pull a deal like that, but they would be out-weighted by the more sensible students of the school. The Student Council has done a good job of handling study affairs in the past, and possibly they could take this over. They are a more representative body than the monitor staff.

It is felt that some of our study hall and hall regulations are a bit stiff. For example, two speaking permits a week is possibly too low. Often times a person will use two permits but still need to find out an assignment or how to do a problem. Also, hall permits should be granted a person without that student having to stay after school. Perhaps some method of control might be worked out.

The students would be more likely to cooperate in study hall if they had more voice in its regulations. They should have more voice in how their study halls are managed. The Student Council or some other representative body instead of the closed monitor staff should make the governing rules.

Jim Russel

Banquet Plans Made

The senior class is giving a banquet June 8 at the Arcadia Brook Cafe. The banquet will be the final get-together of the senior class before graduation, so all seniors are urged to come, says Pat Pahleak, chairman of the planning committee.

Jim Brosseau is in charge of the tickets, which will probably cost $1.50, but the class is thinking about playing some of the expenses, so perhaps they will be less.

Don Cain is taking care of the decorations, and Joyce Perry, the entertainment. This isn’t sure but they think the banquet’s theme will be “Crystal-Gazing.”

Others working on the party are Dot Jabeon, invitations, Pat Coffield, Jack Mindeman, Irene Emerson, and Joan Davies.

Bands Put on Fine Showings at Concert

The bands of Paw Paw, Zeeland, and State High combined to give a tri-city concert in the Woman’s Gym on April 28. Mr. Homer La Grassey, supervisor of instrumental music in the Detroit elementary and intermediate schools and also composer of a famous tone poem called “Sequoia” conducted the massed band; and the individual band directors, Mr. Elmer Beloof from State High, Mr. Robert McEmber from Paw Paw, and Mr. William L. Tower from Zeeland, led their bands in their own special numbers.

Previously Paw Paw and Zeeland had been the band’s hosts in their cities for similar concerts; so State High band members and friends entertained them while they were here.

On Friday evening a picnic supper was served following by a State High girl’s water show put on by a group called the “Finettes,” a variety show. A square and social dancing Saturday at one o’clock lunch was served at the Arcadia Brook Club House, and Western’s baseball game with Ohio State came next on the program. That night the band mothers served supper to the musicians before the concert at eight o’clock.

The band has asked the Highlights for this opportunity to thank each person outside the band, who helped out in supplying a place for the town band members to stay.

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Finettes Present Successful Program

“The Finettes,” the girls’ swimming club, put on their first water show last week. The show was built around eight months of the year, with music appropriate for each month used as the backdrop for the swimmers.

The numbers were originated by Ann Mahoney, Barb Oakland, Marian Schau, and Kay Brower. They were assisted by Miss Large.

The back drops for the show were scenes which might be seen during each month, such as a bonfire and a school house in September. These added color to the show.

The Modern Dance Club under the direction of Mrs. Brown ably assisted the Finettes. Six members of the choir; Janet Snow, Judy Bree, Bernadine Faull, Mary Tough, Sally Reeves, and Pete Shook also lent their assistance to make the evening performance successful.

The Swimmers were Ann Prey, Char Pellowe, Kay Brower, Carol Neff, Barb Oakland, Ann Mahoney, Patt Sprouse, Lilla Elise, Clare Gerrick, Marlyn Greenlee, Eleanor Clark, Joan Stimpson, Shirley Van Valkenburg, and Marian Schau.

NEWSETTES

The "Y Teens" are planning a weekend trip to Lake Michigan as soon as the weather permits. Happy picnicking, kids!

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Congratulations to Irene Emerson who played a piano solo with the Junior Symphony Concert, April 22.

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State High’s track meet with three Rivers here today at 3:30.

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The “Finettes” presented a successful swimming program in Western’s April 23 and 26. The mermaids have nothing on our "Finettes."
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A Look at Sports

By JACK BRENNER

Although the freshman do not have a very good chance of playing much on the varsity yet, they do have a chance to play. There is a freshman baseball squad which enables those of the yearlings who do not make the varsity to play anyhow. The greenhorns engaged the Parchment ninth grade team the following night and then turned out at South Haven.

The track team will be at Niles. There will be a high school meet at Dowagiac while the conference meet will be at Niles.

It seems that there are some track stars on the baseball squad, Ken Cobb outfielder for Coach Steven's nine, recently ran the mile in 5:13. This isn't at all bad for the first time. Maybe there will be more track men on the diamond. How about a track meet between the high school and the boys with the long flannels?

The golf and tennis teams have had practically no following at all this year. They like to think that somebody is interested in them, too. Tennis and golf are interesting sports as well as baseball and track. Come on out and watch 'em!

By JACK BRENNER

Big Seven Tournaments May II

The big meets of the year, the Big Seven Conference tournaments, are to be held next week. Here lie our hopes of having successful spring sports records this season. The tennis and golf tournaments are to be held at Dowagiac while the track meet will be at Niles. There will also be a baseball game with Dowagiac that day.

In tennis the Cubs will rank as slight favorites although they have already dropped a match to a conference foe. Their big competition will come from the South Haven Rams who defeated our squad April 20. Littig of State should win the singles title. He appears now to be the best man in the league.

In golf the South Haven Rams will probably be our number one doubles team. Lingtner and Ryan are another probable pair for number two. They both will face strong opposition from the number one team from South Haven.

Our golfers rate as an underdog in the conference but could come through with a win. They have lost matches to several league opponents, but they are developing rapidly, and if they have a hot day, they could surprise. Gelder and Nieboer rank with the top players on any of the other teams, and if they get support from the rest of the team, our linksmen could come home with the trophy.

St. Joe, Buchanan, and Dowagiac are the top contenders with Three Rivers and State in the darkhorse roles.

In track the team lacks enough team depth to make it a contender for the title. Such men as Dick Teugh, Dunc Carter, Ken Sherman, and Dick Teugh have been the top point getters so far.

Girls Win Again

For the second year in a row the Sophomore girls' basketball team won the annual basketball playday. Portage and Paw Paw were the other schools entered.

The girls won their first game 25-15 from Paw Paw with Pat Perigo the high scorer with 18 points. In their second game the girls overwhelmed Portage 48-24. Pat Perigo and Sue Anderson emerged from this game as the high scorers. Sue had 23 points while Pat had 20.

Members of the team were Marianne Schau, Barb Oakland, Patt Sprouse, Lyn Cassady, Peg Yntema, Ann Frey, Ann Dilno, Ann Mahoney, Sue Anderson, and Pat Perigo, the captain. Let's win again next year.
Goldfish
Glubs
Gossip

Well jumping goldfish and floating seaweed-what a job Mr. Spring has done at re-decorating. Smirle Weston and Anne Wise have their white bucks on, and Helena and Jack have begun to strum their ukulele. The Jr's have named John Littig "Indian-giver of the week."

The weather seems to affect dispositions! Claire Gemrich hollars "I'm sick, sick, sick!") My favorite, borrowed from T.V., is I'm ill, ill, illilll! George Hager still greets his friends with "Hi Babes," Jim Dollahan while saying "Gotta find my-self a girl," is joined by Frank Mahen in "Am I way along your friend, too?" They should hear Ilye Wise- man and her constant chatter of "Just the girls."

I wouldn't be surprised if Matt Peelen looked tough or if Vern Hoffman and Vivian Smith stopped talking and laughing. Wouldn't you be shocked to find Al Gemrich a blond or Anne Peterson a brunette?

Kate Randall and Joan Stiles had a swimming class all of their own the other day. Shirley Smith read Alice Adams, Sue Anderson and Pat Perigo discussed Pat's first acquaintances in Kazoo. Diane Hayward and Nancy Barnum talked about the dog paddle.

I have to feed the little fishes now and then, if she wants to.

"Grandma Gipple"

Middle Monikers

No one seems to like their middle names so we thought that we would snoop around and dig up some of the "Super stickers" of some of the student's middle names which sometimes go back many generations.

Dorothy Cartland and Bill McConachie, if they lived up to their middle names, would probably be strolling each other around halls, because their names are Lee and Grant.

If Sue Sawyer ever has aspirations toward becoming President of the United States, she has the appropriate middle name of Pierce, the fourteenth president of the U.S.

Debby Parker's middle name is Wing - at least one half the ability to fly, if she wants to.

Even the teachers have middle names too! Mr. Cooper's is Kile, an old family name.

One of the really "Super Stickers" is Carol Neff with Robinson, but Ted Emerson with Poindexter is really the stopper. Be happy if you have in the middle of your name an Ann, Jean, William, or Robert. What if it was Hossineffer?

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Who Makes Most 'Moola'

I'm Ted, the Tax Collector, and I have been wandering about the halls of State High looking into the work situation. It seems that the other day a number of students were filling out polls for this newspaper concerning their outside of school jobs. As tax collector, I felt I should investigate. Quite a few facts came up which might be of interest to you.

For instance: about the same number of students work only on Saturdays as those who work after school and Saturdays both. Of the two groups a few more work Saturdays only. As far as number of hours go, the variance is great. There were several who work four, five, or six hours a week as the low, while one worked as many as twenty-six hours a week. From twenty-six, the number drops to twenty, then about seventeen, then to ten, and down to seven. More fall into the seven hours a week group than in any other.

Pay is another item which is quite varied. The highest is $1.20 per hour. It then drops to seventy-five cents for several people. The most popular pay seems to be sixty-five cents; then the amount drops to sixty and several receive fifty. Some of the girls who work in clothing or shoe stores get a 1 per cent commission on the goods they sell.

One of the most unusual returns that was received came from Skip Miller, who works for the U.S.S.R. in the Department of Foreign Espionage during his spare time. The number of hours spent working differs from week to week. Though it was promised that salaries would not be used with names, I don't think Skip will mind too much since his is such an extraordinary case. He receives 100 rubles a month plus expenses. As for commissions or tips, he receives a bonus for each extra bit of U.S. atom information he cares to impart.

Well, I must be getting back to my office to make up an official report of these statistics.

Ted, the Tax Collector

MATCHED

Carolyn F. - Duke P.
Sue A. - John K.
Sandy W. - Frank M.
Marie B. - Dick D.
Carlyn B. - Kirk K.
Judy B. - Pat C.
Diane F. - Red G.
Lila E. - Dick H.

PATCHED

Barb O. - Bob S.
Julie D. - Fred D.
Annie W. - Dick S.

DETACHED

Ann M. - Ken S.
Jackie A. - Don K.
Suzie G. - Paul H.