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Ted Announces Agenda

Ted Emerson, president of our State High Student Council, is working on plans for this year. Student Council members are made up of class officers, home room officers, club presidents and vice-presidents, and various other representatives.

This year, the organization will work toward bringing the students closer together. They will try to have a regular meeting in front of the whole student body as an assembly and have guests in the meetings so as to let more students know how they are run. They will also ask the students for their opinion of the council through a special evaluation sheet.

Among the proposals which Ted plans to submit is a definite schedule for class meetings, a special agenda for home rooms, and a set amount for class dues. The officers this year would like to have the constitution revised and brought up to date.

And, if all goes as planned, you will soon find a calendar in the front hall with all important dates posted on it.

Classified Feet Appear at Dance

"Put Your Best Foot Forward" provided the general theme for the first dance of the year, our annual Get-Acquainted Dance, which was held Wednesday night in the R.O.T.C. Annex.

Slates and ink-wells were part of the back-to-school decorations. The customary name-tags were extremely popular. Following the "Best Foot Forward" theme, they were shapes of shoes. The freshman had baby booties, the sophomores were shoe-less, that is their tags were bare feet. The juniors had good, old saddles, and the seniors, very sophisticated high-heeled shoes.

Janet Snow made the arrangements for mixers, and Dale Allers did the calling. During intermission, free cokes and cookies were served to everyone. The music was on records.

Lila Eliet took charge of publicity and Beverly Swoap, Gail Hubbell, Judy Woodworth, and Carolyn Cartland and Carolyn Fox helped with decorations and invitations.

The girl behind the whole thing was Nancie Strome, Student Council Secretary. Nancie deserves a vote of thanks for all her work on this dance. Also recognition to the guys and gals who worked and devoted time to start the year off with a "bang!"

Stauffer Fills Vacated Office

With the departure of Dr. Sebaly, Mr. James Stauffer has been appointed to occupy the familiar office. Mr. Stauffer will be the boy's advisor and in addition will teach one class in senior government.

Previously, Mr. Stauffer has taught commercial subjects at Comstock, Morley, and Flint High Schools. During World War II he served in the United States Army as group headquarters sergeant.

Mr. Stauffer has his B.A. degree from Central Michigan College at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, and he is at present completing his M.A. degree from the University of Michigan. He is graduated from Vesterburg High School, at Vesterburg, Michigan.

Coming Up

September 25 Get Acquainted Assembly—9:00
September 26 Administration Assembly—12:30—Little Theatre
September 27 P.T.S.O. meeting—Walwood Hall
September 28 St. Joseph Football game—there
September 29 Dance—Women's Gym
October 5 Pep Assembly—Niles Football game—there
October 6 Dance—Women's Gym
October 9 Magazine Sale Assembly—Little Theater—10:00
October 10 Administration Assembly—Little Theater—12:30
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Nancy Strome Proposes Dance Plans

State High's Student Council secretary and Social Committee head is Nancy Strome.

Nancy has lots of ideas for a better social committee and social functions this year. She plans to have a larger, more representative social committee, and a large number of varied dances ranging from sock hops to formals.

The dates for the Christmas and Spring Formal as well as others have already been secured by Nancy. She also plans to make our homecoming a big affair, and to collaborate with the newly-formed "Dads" Club in a dance whose proceeds would go toward the Athletic Club. The social committee will probably have two turn-a-bouts, one to be held this fall and the other next spring.

This year some of the annual magazine sale profits will go toward the Spring Formal as well as other dances. Last year we were unable to have such an affair due to lack of funds.

Many of the dances the social committee will sponsor are already planned in regard to dates, and these will be arranged in the "HAND BOOK." However, there are many openings for homerooms and clubs to give dances, and these dates may be obtained from the social committee.

In keeping with her campaign, Nancy promises Nancy is trying to secure a permanent room for the social committee. Here, as well as holding meetings the social committee could make decorations for dances and then store them for possible future use. This space would also be economical as it would be possible to put materials in large quantities and keep them.

As secretary, Nancy is also head of the Friendship committee. She plans to expand the work of this group and to include plans for better interschool relation within it.

Nancy has said that there will be as many dances and affairs as the student body wants, but to make this possible there will have to be cooperation between the students and social committee and good attendance at their functions.

Jean Lawrie to Serve as Librarian

State High has engaged a new librarian in the person of Miss Jean C. Lawrie of Oak Ridge.

Miss Lawrie served as librarian at the Lindon Elementary School in Oak Ridge for seven years. For a year of this time Miss Lawrie went to England as an exchange teacher. She taught at the Sneiton Dale Secondary School in Nottingham, England.

Miss Lawrie attended Medina High School. There, she became a member of the National Honor Society and president of the Glee Club. Miss Lawrie was also a reporter on the school paper, and a feature writer for their annual.

Miss Lawrie received her B. A. degree from Keuka College. Here she participated in various concerts and the club groupings. She is President of the Christian Leadership Club. She received her M.S. degree in Library Science at Western Reserve University at Cleveland.

Her interests include all types of music, especially piano playing and singing. As could be easily expected in her profession, she is interested in books. Miss Lawrie will not teach any subjects, but will replace Miss Green as librarian for both the Training and high schools. Miss Lawrie is now studying for her advanced degree in Library Science at Columbia University.

Freedom is a Hard Bought Thing

With a possible armistice being derived from the Korean truce talks, a question frequently arises within the American mind, "What have our boys died for in the battlefields of Korea?"

First, let us consider what the results would have been if we had neglected to intervene in Korea. The Communists would have overrun Korea, thereby laying open to their advancing armies many islands and countries which due to the U.N. soldiers are now free and democratic nations. With these countries under red control or in the hands of the world's population would be controlled by the Soviet Union, and greatly enlarge the marching power of Moscow.

The Communists have shown their hand - they want to take the freedom of every country and bring the world under the control of a few selfish and cruel men. Are we as democratic Americans going to stand aside to let them take every army they need to bring about the downfall of democracy and the American way of life? We need allies—that means, the army of Tito in Yugoslavia, the army of Franco in Spain, and the potential armies of Germany and Japan. We must preserve freedom where ever we are able.

I am confident that with the help of many allies, all contributing to the cause of freedom, we could win any large scale war with Russia. If we would have failed to save Korea almost all of the Asiatic countries would have become Communist and America would be forced to relinquish all for which she has fought and bled. Try to comprehend for a moment the changes which would be brought to our lives under the Communist form of government. No, better to say the Russian totalitarian dictatorship. Only then can you understand for what Korea's dead have given their lives, for freedom is a hard bought thing.

Simply, they have died for Democracy. So that we as Americans can possess it forever.

I believe men were meant to be free, they were meant to respect each other and everyone's ideas. They must have a reverence for life, however small and insignificant it may appear at first impression. I believe there is a God. I think this philosophy will stand and Stalin's ideas cannot endure, they must fall.

When Americans understand democracy, they understand why their countrymen give their lives.

—By Mary Kuizenga
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Cubs Expect Good Season

By the time school starts and you have the first issue of the Highlights in your hands, the State High Football Team will have at least one game under its belt.

The varsity squad will be coached by Roy G. Walters. Coach Walters is a new addition to our coaching staff and comes to us from Redwood Falls Minn.

He was backfield coach and track coach at Redwood Falls. During his stay at Redwood Falls the football team won 15 and lost 2, while his track team won four conference titles in a row.

We have asked Coach Walters for a statement concerning the possibilities of the team and he consented. We quoted him as saying, “although I think this team is a year away, possibilities for this season appear encouraging. Barring injuries in crucial positions, I seriously believe that the students of State High can expect a creditable showing from the Cubs this season.”

“At present we have several apparent weaknesses that we hope to correct in the not too distant future.”

“The squad has been working hard, and if the football squad is anywhere near “typical” of the rest of the student body at State High I’m certain that my stay in Kalamazoo will be a satisfactory and thoroughly enjoyable one.”

Returning letter winners are: George Hager, Bruce Brown, Dick Defreece, Stan Vine, Don Gidl, Ken Fricke, Ted Emerson, Maynard Neibor, John Keyser, John Thayer, Bob Wiese, Harry George, and Jim Hawkins.

The Reserve Squad will be coached by Fred Stevens.

Steven’s Heads Athletics

There will be a new coaching staff this year. Mr. Roy Walters will be the football and track coach, and Mr. Detert will be the coach of basketball. Mr. Stevens has been appointed to assist these coaches as the Director of Athletics. Mr. Stevens will also coach baseball. The Junior High sports will be coached by Mr. Jerse. The tennis and golf coaches have not been assigned and will be announced at a later date.

Mr. Detert as basketball coach, intends to stress speed and stamina this year. The basketball team will have no permanent place in which to practice but it is planning on using the Men’s and Women’s gym twice a week each for one hour a night.

There are nine games scheduled for the football team with George Hager as captain. Fifteen games are going to be played in basketball and the team’s captain will be Don Gill. Full schedules will be played in baseball, track, golf, and tennis.

Roy Walters is Grid Coach

Summer Sports Attract State High Students

Practically everyone takes part in the sports of baseball and tennis at one time or another during the summer months. The students of State High were certainly no exceptions to the rule, this summer. Ann Dilno, Janet Huges, John Littig, Carol Hartman, Gail Hubbell, Fred Dilno, Julie Davis, Barbara Oakland, and Shirley Van Valkenburg were just a few of the number of students, who did take part in the tennis activities here this summer.

Many major league baseball players have reached their present status through Junior Legion and American Legion baseball tournaments held during the summer. State High was well represented in Junior Legion baseball this summer in Kalamazoo. Mr. Peelan, Larry Wiseman, Bob Woody, Al Glendenning, David Eaton, Bob Graff, Peter Parker, and Larry Miller.

With the end of summer the athletic teams will probably welcome to their ranks any experienced athletes from this group of seasoned sports enthusiasts.

Hager Predicts Improvement

State High’s football team and their achievements are of exceptional interest to the student body. Therefore, we recently interviewed George Hager—this year’s Captain and guard concerning the squad’s prospects and general outlook for this season.

“George says, “If our squad is justly rewarded for their spirit and hard work now being shown on the practice field we should have a good season. Jim Hawkins is proving to be the best line player,” continues George, “but the entire backfield is making good progress.”

Hager thinks Niles will prove our toughest opponents, and reveals that our defensive line is larger than last year, and that a completely new offensive strategy is planned. Our team is composed mostly of juniors and is scheduled to play a nine game season; three at home six away.

In regard to the new coach, George comments that, “He is well liked and respected, a swell guy who is really sparking the team. I hope the school backs us up and shows us as much confidence as we ourselves feel.” He concludes by saying that there’s no guarantee in any game, but we’re going to be out there doing our best in each game.”

Future Battles

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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Beat Buchanan
1951-52 Launched Today

Featuring
Susan

One of the blondest and curliest heads of hair in this freshman class will belong to Susan Locke. Susan not only possesses a blond head of hair, but she also has the asset of being a fine horsewoman since the age of four and in shows since the age of seven. During this summer she has placed at the Bloomfield Hills horse show in Detroit, the Castle Park horse show in Holland, and in the other shows in which she rode.

However Susan is not the only riding enthusiast in her family as both her parents and two sisters, Wendy and Nancy are all very much interested in riding too.

Susan first went to the campus school and then switched to Richland school, when her family moved to their farm near Richland. She returned to be campus school in the fourth grade.

Last year Susan was elected president of the junior high student council, and served on various committees concerned with the functions of the school.

In addition to riding, Susan is interested in both baseball and football, and is an avid University of Michigan football fan, while her loyalties in baseball belong to the Detroit Tigers.

And that’s our Susan Locke.

Upperclass Scientists Offered New Opportunities

In this 1951-1952 school year the administration of State High is offering to its students a new course, Advanced Biology, to be under the instruction of Mr. Raymond Dearth and conducted in the Science Building.

This class will be available to upper classmen only, and the credit of Freshman Biology would be desirable to have assembled. The group will go specifically into Botany and the mechanics of Man, besides making a number of field trips to put their knowledge into practical use. This class will assemble during the last hour of the school day, and any student feeling that he would like to enlarge his interest and knowledge in Biology, should inquire about the enrollment for Advanced Biology.
Sangren Terminates
15th Year

Our school for the past 15 years, under the direction of Dr. Paul V. Sangren has expanded into a broader and more well rounded institute of education.

Not only have the various departments been vastly improved upon, but new and modern buildings have been constructed — no doubt the most familiar ones to the present students now on the campus are the classrooms and dormitories on the West Michigan Campus. Funds for buildings fall into three brackets, those being: 1. self liquidating, meaning borrowed funds to be repaid by profits from the buildings; 2. state and federal money grants; and 3. gifts. Most of our buildings lie in the self liquidating group. Those being: Health and Personnel building, Union, Walwood Hall Residence, Waldo Stadium, Hyames Field, Arcadia Cafeteria, Hillside Apartments, the Presidents residence, Maybee Music Hall, Draper-Siedschlag Dormitory, and Burnham Hall residence. Federal and State money grants in this group: Bartoo house, Colesha house, four Faculty Houses, Maintenance building, McCracken Hall, Temporary buildings, Business Education building, Physical Education Administration buildings and the various others, are given as being Kanley Memorial Chapel and the Mechanical Trades building.

The new Administration building on the West Michigan campus is at present under construction and will be ready for use at the opening of the following school year. To the High School this means better and more classrooms. However, college women will continue to use the gymnasium in the Ad. Building and some College Education classes will meet in the building to facilitate the practice teachers and students observing in elementary and secondary education. As present plans are far enough into the future to remodel the High School classrooms.

Plans for a new field house which will be officially ready for use in the fall of 1962 are ready for the construction crew. High School and elementary school students will then have free rein of the present Woman's gymnasium in the Ad. Building and college women will be moved to the present men's gym.

Changes in our High School and elementary School for which Dr. Sangren is directly responsible are: the School Library, whereas, before students used the college library facilities; a high school boy's and girl's advisor; an increasing of the high school athletic coaching staff: more secretarial help in the office; unification of the High School and Training School under one administration, and; the increase in size of the seventh and eighth grades from 60 students to 120 students.

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Miss Hyde, Former Fifth Grade Teacher, Replaced by Donald Wyand

Donald Wyand, from Santa Paula, California, is going to be the new fifth grade teacher for the Training School. He was born and raised in California, and graduated from Santa Paula High School. He went from there to San Jose State College where he studied for two years. Then he joined the Navy for six years, and in 1948 he and his wife came to Michigan where he graduated from the American Association of University Women and in 1948 he and his wife came to Michigan where he graduated from Western and received his Bachelor of Sciences degree. Next summer he will get his masters degree from the University of Michigan.

Mr. Wyand and his wife have two children, a daughter four years old, and a son who is nine months old.

Mr. Wyand replaces Miss Charlotte Hyde, the former fifth grade teacher.

Yearbook Staff Organized

At the end of the last school year, during exams in fact, this year's HIGHLANDER staff was announced. This year for the first time a policy of junior apprentices is being initiated. This was advised because each year an entirely new staff is selected, one without any experience whatsoever in the job of putting out a yearbook. This year we are fortunate to have the same advisor that helped with last year's book.

Our staff this year is headed by Bev Swop. The assistant editorship is held by Sandy Woodworth.

Business, which is behind-the-scenes but a very important department, is headed by Kate Randell. Under her are Carolyn Fox and Duke Peterson. Then there are the five junior apprentices. The Feature department is Dorothy Cartland, who is chairman. Helping her will be Addie Tulehurst and another junior apprentice, Janet Snow. The chairman of the Sports department is Fred Dillo, whose assistant is Maynard Neiber.

Subscriptions (and we hope these girls receive plenty of cooperation) are the duty of Sally Schrier, “Pete” Shook is helping her. Carole Smith is in charge of Organization with Alman and Kay LeGrand working with her. Photography will be John Lemon's headache. There with the aspirin tablets and other assistance in that department will be Ruth Brown, Persons and John Gibson, a junior. The art department is headed by Suzie Gilbert. Helping her will be Lilla Ellet and two juniors, Nancy Magas and Carole A. Smith.

That's your HIGHLANDER staff. Ideas, pictures, and money for subscriptions will be appreciated.

Pep and Citizenship Committee Plan to Tackle Many Problems

New plans for the Citizenship committee, headed by George Hager, student council vice president, will soon be underway. One of the aims of the committee is to coordinate their plans with those of the cafeteria by having one of our students on the Western Student Council.

Problems such as freshman haz ing, hall conduct, locker clean-ups, and destruction of school property will be tackled.

Night recreation will be handled according to the reaction of the student body on polls. Social dancing plans are expected to function as they did during the past school year, but movies, ping pong, and etc. will be decided upon if the students show their approval.

The committee promises to be an active group and hopes to attain the cooperation that it has had in the past years.

The Pep Committee will be organized in the very near future by Sandy Woodworth, general chairman. A paper will be sent around to be signed by all students that are interested in being on the committee and are willing to work. Fifteen of them will then be chosen to be in the group. There will be a meeting every Monday throughout the year and all members will be expected to attend regularly. The main objectives and projects for which the committee is organized are: 1. Scheduled buses to six of the games. 2. Ten pep assemblies. 3. Raising funds for cheerleading outfits, equipment, and etc. 4. Homecoming on the weekend of November 9. 5. Big all spring sports assembly.

You will find most of these dates, bus schedules and new yells in the State High handbook published by the student council of our school.

Georgia Miles and Harper Atherton

Miles and Harper Atherton

As you look around, you will notice many new faces. Two of these faces will belong to juniors. They are Georgia Miles and Harper Atherton.

Georgia comes to State High from Central High and Harper from Jackson High School at Jackson, Michigan. The Training School is not new to Harper, however, for he attended it during his elementary school years.

Harper is going to major in science and math and is interested in collecting old coins. Georgia is taking a business course and makes a hobby of photography.