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Dominic Leonardi To Coach Senior Government Classes

To replace Mrs. Gladys Saur, who is leaving the teaching profession, State High will have Mr. Dominic B. Leonardi as the government and social problems teacher. Mr. Leonardi will spend half of his time in the High School and the rest in the College Education Department.

Mr. Leonardi graduated from Norway High School at Norway, Michigan. He received his B.A. degree from Northern State Teachers College at Marquette, Michigan, and his M.S. from the University of Michigan. In college he was elected the best man of his fraternity and was awarded a key for scholarship, personality, and contribution to public relations.

Before coming to State High, Mr. Leonardi taught Junior High science at Flint Junior High School at Flint, Michigan, and at the Campus School of State Normal University at Normal, Illinois. He recently taught Biology and Basic Living at Battle Creek High School.

Mr. Leonardi has many hobbies and special interests outside of school. He is interested in birds and wrote his Master's thesis on birds in the Marquette area. He also has sponsored a bird study club. Mr. Leonardi likes to square dance and has taught classes in both square and social dancing. He is married and has one child. During World War II he was in the U.S. Coast Gaurd and has traveled twice around the world.

Ted Anounces 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 unusual. 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.

Lilla Eliet took charge of publicity and Beverly Swoap, Polly Allen, Sandy Woodworth, Gail Hubbell, Judy Scott, Dot 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 headquarter 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 Assembley—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
State Highlights

The State Highlights is published bi-weekly by the students of State High.

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 larger 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 a 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 listed in the “DANCE BOOK.” However, there are many openings for home rooms and clubs to give dances, and these dates may be obtained from the social committee.

In keeping with her campaign 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 use some of 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.

Nancy Strome Proposes Dance Plans

Jean Lawrie to Serve as Librarian

State High has engaged a new librarian in the person of Miss Jean E. Lowrie 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 concert and glee club groups, served as 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 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 domination by the U.N. soldiers are now free and democratic nations. With these countries under red control over half 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 wherever 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.

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
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, 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 lettermen are: George Hager, (Captain), Bruce Brown, Dick Defreeze, Stan Vine, Don Gill, Ken Fricke, Ted Emerson, Maynard Neibor, John Keyser, Jim Thayer, John Post, Henry 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 gyms two nights a week for one hour a night.

There are nine games scheduled for the football team with George 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 Hugus, 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 ball 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. John Peelan, Larry Wiesman, Bob Woody, Al Glendenning, David Eaton, Bob Graff, Peter Parker, and Larry Miller.

With the end of summer the athletic teams will probably welcome back 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 justified in 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 key 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 that we have no guarantee of anything, but we're going to be out there doing our best in each game.

Beat Buchanan

Serving as the new football and track coach this year will be Mr. Roy G. Walters. In addition to his coaching duties Mr. Walters will teach two classes of world history.

Previous coaching experience was gained by Mr. Walters at Redwood Falls, Minnesota, where he was assistant football coach for two years with a record of 15 won and 2 lost. He also was coach of the reserve basketball squad, and coached the track team to three district and three conference championships.

Mr. Walters attended Mankato State Teachers College at Mankato, Minnesota, where he was voted athlete of the year in 1946. He holds several conference track records and was an all-conference halfback in 1942 and 1946.

Mr. Walters is married and has one child. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. During World War II he served as a Navy pilot.

Mr. Bush, who Mr. Walters is replacing is now in the U. S. Marines.

Future Battles

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September 14—Portage
September 21—Buchanan
September 28—St. Joseph
October 5—Niles
October 12—Dowagiac
October 19—South Haven
October 26—Three Rivers
November 2—Fremont
November 9—Lakeview

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Summertime Slaves

Am I ever popular today! You see today is pay-day and I am a pay window. Just see all the people queuing up out there.

Here is a nice fat envelope for Jim Bowen who has been working for Louis Kingscott and Associates, Architects. There are some other office workers coming by to see me. They are Alden Tolhurst, Kathryn Wood, Pat Perigo, Clare Gemrich, and Carolyn Fox.

The sales clerks have the greatest number in line. Soda jerks all in white known as Eva Aube, Pete Shook, Sharon West, and Kay Loughhead are receiving their pay. Various and sundry other clerks are Ann Carlton, Suzanne Sawyer, George Reeves, Sandy Buck, Carol Cessna, Judy Lyon, Nancy Strome, and Linda Enfield. Sandy Woodworth and Bill Hoyt keep busy between visits with me by selling groceries and Vivian Smith sells baked goods. Everyone in line is always anxious to Willard Andus to get in line for his pay check because then they can all buy an ice cream bar from him.

Ann Maloney earns her way to me by counseling at Camp Pigtailia, and Pat Sprouse by teaching swimming at one of Kalamazoo's assortment of lakes, ponds, and pools. Ted Emerson helps at one of the Pro Shop and so he steps up for the pay envelopes also. Charles Maloney Cleans the old, familiar halls for his work at Henry Upjohn's Machine Shop.

I hear someone talking about the kids out at the Kalamazoo Country Club. They mentioned Chuck Koons who is working in the Pro Shop and Sally Reeves who is baby-sitting at the pool. (Now there's a career I might like, just sitting all day.) Maynard Neihor, Tom Krellick, Bob Carver, Ed Morseau, and Red Gemrich are caddies on the club's golf course.

There is always someone who gets a job very different from anyone else's. This year it is Frank Goodrich and Jack Behrens. They have been painting a house. I wonder if they are seeing spots from all the paint?

There you have a short summary of some of my weekly visitors. Now I'm afraid I won't see them for a while because of school, but maybe some of them and some more new faces will return with the advent of the following summer.
State Highers Go Sightseeing

Twenty-four State High students, under the sponsorship of Mr. Raymond Deur, took a nine day field trip to the upper peninsula of Michigan.

August twenty-first was the date of departure, and the Hilltoppers with four college students accompanying, traveled via Western bus. This group was composed of last year’s Travelers Club, who during club periods completely arranged and planned this very educational and worth while trip. The sight-seers did all their own cooking and the pitching of tents in the woods and hills was a new experience for many of them. However some of these tourists who work as staff members on film enjoyed the similar excursion last summer, when they toured the eastern half of the upper peninsula. The field trip proved to be very worth while, as well as educational and interesting. The scenery was a great topic of conversation and appreciation. The group viewed the Taquamenon Falls and then went on to the Pictured Rocks at Munising on Lake Superior. Also the Pet>.</p> <p>Paper Pleads Photographer</p> <p>Are you a Camera bug? The Highlights is desperately in need of a staff photographer this year, due to the untimely graduation of Jim Brosseau. The job is simple, all that is necessary is to take pictures of school events. A school paper needs lots of pictures and a good photographer is a must.</p> <p>If you are interested in camera work and would like to join the Highlights staff as the official staff photographer, please contact Editor, Mary Kuizenga, for a personal interview. The work is easy, the happenings that you record on film are fun to attend, and besides, the experience you receive is something you will never regret having. Even if you have never clicked a shutter, perhaps you could be an assistant and gain valuable experience, if you have the ambition.</p> <p>Anyone interested please inform the editor of your ambitions, qualifications, and interests.</p> <p>STATE HIGHLIGHTS</p> <p>Sangren Terminates 15th Year</p> <p>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 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 President’s residence, Maybee Music Hall, Draper-Siedschlag Dormitory, and Burnham Hall residence. Federal and State money grants in this group: Bartoo house, Colecha house, four Faculty Houses, Maintenance building, McCracken Hall, Temporary buildings, Business Education building, Physical Education Annex, buildings and halls are given as being Kanley Memorial Chapel and the Mechanical Trades building.</p> <p>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 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. At present plans are formulating 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 Women’s gymnasium in the Ad. Building and college women will be moved to the present men’s gym.</p> <p>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. (Continued in next column)</p>
Miss Hyde, Former Fifth Grade Teacher, Replaced by Donald Wyard

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 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.

Nursery School Under W.M.C. Management

The first floor of the Temporary Building at the foot of the hill contains an industrial arts class which we probably aren't so well acquainted with since it's a reasonable deduction that those students who are in high school are not members of a nursery school at the same time.

Right now we're concerned with the teacher in charge of the nursery school, Mrs. Howard Lavendar. One reason being that the nursery was formerly sponsored by the American Association of University Women and this is its first year of operation under W.M.C. The other reason is that anyone willing to tackle twenty-five four year olds every morning and all morning during the school year deserves some recognition. Mrs. Lavendar is a pretty brunette whose occupations, other than nursery teaching, consist of homemaking, Sunday School teaching, sewing, knitting, and zoo keeping. The sewing, knitting, and the zoo keeping come under homemaking. The two former being hobbies and the latter consisting of the care of two German Shepard dogs. If there was only one of them I'd call it a pet but two go past that, besides, last year she was taking care of two-year-old puppies too.

Mrs. Lavendar and her husband have lived in Kalamazoo for eleven years and of these two children, a ten year old girl and a boy two years younger. Mrs. Lavendar received her training at the National College of Education in Evanston, Illinois, a school which trains teachers for elementary grades. She also has one third of her credits toward her Masters Degree and will probably have it before long. This is Mrs. Lavendar's second year of nursery-school teaching on the campus of W. M. C.

Mind your Manners, Please!

This year the campus school cafeteria will be run on the same basis, as it was last year, as far as the director of the cafeteria, Mrs. Patterson knew at the time. However, the cafeteria board will meet sometime after the start of school and they might possibly decide to make some changes in the cafeteria at that time.

Keeping in mind the simple facts of common courtesy and respect will vastly change one's eating habits. Don't crowd or push when you're standing in line. Make it a point to have your money ready for the cashier and remember your table manners, please.

Remember the cafeteria rules and be sure to follow them, as well. If everyone concerned with the cafeteria is even, it will be there once a year will remember this, our cafeteria will be a more pleasant and a better place in which to eat.

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 new 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 Randal. Under her are Carolyn Fox and Duke Peterson, both of the five junior apprentices. The Feature department has Dorothy Cartland, who is chairman. Helping her will be Addie Tolhurst and another junior apprentice, Janet Snow. The chairman of the Sports department is Fred Dillo, whose assistant is Maynard Neibor.

Subscriptions (and we hope these girls receive a lot of cooperation) are the duty of Sally Schriber. "Pete" Shook is helping her. Carole Smith is in charge of Organization with Eleanor Idol and Kay Leicland working with her. Photography will be John Lemon's headache. There with the aspirin tablets and other assistance in that department will be Ruth Ann Persons and John Gibson, a junior. The art department is headed by Suzie Gilbert. Helping her will be Lilla Eliot 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 the plans with those of the cafeteria by having one of our students on the Western Student Council.

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

Soon recreation will be handled according to the reaction of the students. 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 and from the six of the games. 2. Ten pep assemblies. 3. Raising funds for cheerleading outfits, equipment, and etc. 4. Homecoming on the day after the homecoming 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 Only New Names Added to Junior Roll

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.