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Western State High School
Senior Potluck Held Nov. 15

The annual Senior potluck will be held on Thursday, November 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Rotunda. All Senior students and their parents are invited. Senior parents are being called now regarding the menu. The decorations will be of Thanksgiving design.

Working on the committee for the potluck are the Senior class officers, Carole Smith, Maynard Nieboer, Jack Andrus, and Ruth DeHaan. Other members of the committee are Mrs. Nieboer, Mrs. Andrus, Mrs. DeHaan, Mrs. Wise, Miss Crisman, and Mr. Stauffer.

After the dinner there will be a period of group singing. The committee is planning on providing other forms of entertainment.

Sale Nets $800

The total sales for this year’s magazine sale were $2347.60, slightly under last year’s final tabulations. Approximately $800 of this total will be profit.

High salesman was Jean Hoag, of Homeroom 204A. However 204A not only brought forth the high salesman, but also boasted the high homeroom honor, too.

Profits from the sale ought to help bolster the now-sagging Student Council treasury, which stands at a $100 deficit.

Vacation Planned

The week of Thanksgiving Vacation will begin this year with Thanksgiving assembly at 9:00 on Tuesday, Nov. 20. The vacation begins on November 21, at noon. During the vacation not only will Thanksgiving be observed, but the 1951 Twirp season will come to a climax. The Twirp about, a sock-hop, will be given in the Women’s Gym on Saturday, Nov. 24, from 9:00 to 12:00.

Juniors Near Goal

The class of ‘53 is confident that it can lick any and all of the financial difficulties confronting them during the year.

Pat Perigo, class treasurer reports an approximate balance of $165 in the treasury. Incoming class dues should yield about $80 and the class, of course, intends to clean up on their share of the magazine sale profits.

Tri-School Homecoming Starts

Dance Profits Aid Athletic Fund

Profits of over $50 were received from the “Indian Summer” booster dance of October 26. This amount will go entirely to the athletic fund for the purpose of feeding our football players after out of town games.

Nancie Strome, social committee chairman, said that they would like to give a Homecoming Dinner for all letter winners, if it is at all possible. She also said that if the attendance of the dances remains as high, the dances in the future will be bigger and better.

Civic Production

“The Gloconda Smile” by Aldous Huxley is now playing at the Civic Theater. The play is a suspense-filled drama based on a story by the same name.

Professor Limpus, member of Western’s faculty, has the leading role.

The presentation opened on Thursday, November first and will continue through the rest of the week.

Debaters Organized

After a lapse of a year State High now has a debate team. Since Mr. Hinckley’s leaving in 1950, there has been no one designated as coach of debate. This year a team made up of members from the debate club and another group who meet after school, is under the direction of Miss Cesslowicz, debater from the college who is a speech practice teacher this year. Saturday, October 27, the team attended a clinic held at Western. Tuesday, the 30th, they went to Battle Creek for another such meeting.

Posters Launch Bookweek

“New Horizons for Books.” This is the slogan for the National Book Week which begins on November 11 and extends through the 17th.

All over the United States librarians will be featuring projects to introduce people to the entertainment element in the country’s libraries. Our library is featuring a poster contest. Any student in State High is eligible and welcome to participate.

The posters will be displayed in the library and judged by Mrs. Struble, Miss Smutz, and two chosen student judges.

The prize for the best poster will be a certificate to be paid in lieu of money for any book you like from “Kom-Tiki” to “David Copperfield” in a downtown book-shop.

Speech Class Enters Contest

Students of Miss Cleveland’s advanced speech class are participating in the fifth annual “Voice of Democracy” contest. This contest requires an original radio script written by the student, of five minutes or less in length, to be tape recorded in broadcast form. The subject: “I Speak for Democracy.”

Exchange Editor Chosen

Pete Shook has been chosen as the new Exchange Editor for the Highlights. Her responsibilities as this officer include locating the addresses of last year’s graduates and sending the paper to them. She also must carry on a regular correspondence with other schools and mail issues of her paper to them. The position of Exchange Editor probably takes more steady work than any other job on the staff other than that of the Editor.
Homecoming Draws Distinguished Grads

Each year, as homecoming week rolls around, the old grads come tumbling back to their old Alma Mater. To tell what they all have done and are planning to do would be impossible in this space. We can, however include three on which there was available information, namely Jim and Hadley Osborn, and Herb Smith.

While at State High, Jim Osborn was on the Student Council, monitors, and Highlander. When he graduated, he was a member of the National Honor Society and Valedictorian of his class. He entered the University of Michigan in Sept. 1947, and will receive his A.B. Degree in Feb. 1951. Jim is a math major and in the varsity band, in college. He is also a member of the Scholastic Honor society for Freshmen Men.

Hadley Osborn was on the Student Council, Highlander, Highlights, monitors, and he was also out for track and golf. He graduated in June 1950, and entered the University of Michigan, where he is majoring in engineering. He is a member of the Honorary Society for Freshmen Men.

Herb Smith was on the Student Council, Monitors, and Highlander Staff, of which he was the editor. He was chosen the all around boy of the Senior class, and was a member of the National Honor Society. Herb is a graduate of Northwestern University.

Assembly Committee

The Assembly Committee this year is under the chairmanship of Janet Snow. The group consists of Ann Frey, Corby Lewis, Lilla Elet, Martha Braden, Pete Shook, Lyn Casid, Red Gemrich, Kate Randall, Fred Dilno, Jackie Andrus, Charlene Pellowe, and EVA Aube.

The committee plans and organizes most of the assemblies throughout the year. They hope to arrange the programs so that more students will have the chance to take part in them.

Standard Tests Taken

Tests were given to the upper classmen during first hour classes on October 24th. Many of us have been wondering just why we take these tests and what the results will be used for.

The school has a regulation that all seniors must meet a certain standard in mathematics before they will be graduated.

The Juniors had a psychological test which measured mental ability. The results of these tests will be available for teachers' information. The results will also show students' abilities required for college entrance.

The Sophomores were given no test this year. However, they are given the Kouder Preference Test. This test shows what fields the student tends to be best suited for. Freshmen were given the California Mental Maturity Test before school started. This also is a psychological exam of mental ability which will be comparable to the test given when the student is a Junior.

Assemblies Create Traffic Congestion

Probably many of us have heard complaints now and then from frustrated drivers concerning the traffic problem on Oakland Drive at the foot of our hill. This spot seems to be a bottle-neck and a continuous battle of survival.

This situation might be partially solved by building an overpass above Oakland Drive for the students to use, but this project is not likely to materialize in the near future. In the meantime, there is something we can do to help right now.

At least every other week, State High journeys in a body to the Little Theater for assemblies. When crossing the road, it has been noticed that we give very little consideration to the automobiles. In the "safety" of a crowd, we stroll along leisurely in the midst of traffic as we wouldn't think of doing individually. The drivers have no choice but to stop and wait for the "passing parade."

Next time we go to an assembly, let's try exercising a little courtesy to these drivers, and State High's name will undoubtedly rise in their estimation.

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Phases of 'Many Moons'

Saturday, October 26, "Many Moons," presented by the Masquer's and directed by Miss Cleveland, was given in the Women's Gym.

An appreciative audience watched the King and his court around the humorous children's play. The Modern Dance Club directed by Mrs. Brown furnished the dancing.

The production manager, business manager, and the stars, Debby Parker, Gloria Weiss, and Liliane Malone respectively. Scenery and properties were handled by Willard Andrus and Judy Bree. Tamzin Malone was in charge of costumes, Donna Endsley supervised make-up, Kathryn Wood handled programs, and Dinny Linveld arranged for ushers.

In addition to the above mentioned people, the cast and the director wish to express their appreciation for the extra work done by the following: Bill Andrus who drove his truck on overcrowded errands; Judy Bree, Louis Johnson, Bob Graff, John Gibson, John Lemon, Bonnie Peterson, Barbara Rock, and Linnea Taylor, who made up the stage crew; Arburli Shook, who played the piano; Marianne Schau, who served as prompter; Julie Davis and Donna Endsley, who helped with the curtain; John Weber, who took charge of the lighting; Carole Smith and Beverly Griggs did art work and Miss Smutz furnished some ideas for scenery. Sue Gilbert worked on programs, and Mrs. Jarman sold tickets. Miss Ehrnstrom, Mrs. Rowe, and Mrs. Struble furnished or helped make costumes. And last, but not least, is Miss Norma Parrish, a student teacher, who did a great deal for the play in every department.

Thanksgiving Campaign

At Thanksgiving time every year, our school presents a Thanksgiving assembly. This year, as in previous years, the Thanksgiving assembly committee plans to conduct a campaign for which the students bring cans of food to school. The committee, working with the Red Cross, collects the cans, makes up baskets, and distributes them to the families in our city who might not have much of a Thanksgiving dinner.

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Events Scheduled For Three Days

Homecoming this year is going to be a big event. It will be a three school affair and will include a parade along with the games, dance, a pep rally and bonfire.

The parade, the first big event of the 1951 homecoming will be Thursday night, Nov. 8. Central, St. Augustine and State HI will contribute floats, and, from rumors floating around, the college parades will stand some competition tomorrow night. The parade will start at 7 p.m. at Academy Street, from there it will proceed to Rose, Water, Burdick and down Dutton to Central's playground where the tri-school pep rally will be held. Along with the pep rally will be a bonfire and appropriate speeches.

Friday will be remembered not only as the day of the game but it will also be memorable to a good many freshmen from State High. This will be freshman initiation day, or as it is naively called, "freshman dress-up day." At the time of publication, the plans had not been finally settled on, but there were ideas ofオン, to be tied around the neck, hair washed, but not put up, (for the girls) and, of course weird costumes. Pete Shook is in charge of the committee for plans for the freshmen.

Friday afternoon at 3:30 the game with Battle Creek Lakeview (the Spartans) will be played. Freshmen must attend en masse and will be requested to make as much noise as their little hearts desire. Last year, Coach Rolla Anderson's club was rated third in the State Class E competition. They have lost one game this season to keep up pretty well with last year's record.

With the Cubs out for their third victory of the season and the Lakeview squad trying for another win, the game Friday ought to be exciting battle.

Friday night Central will play their Homecoming game with Battle Creek and Saturday St. A will meet Battle Creek St. Phillip.

From 9-12 Saturday night, the Homecoming dance will be held in the Women's gym for all these schools. Admission will be 35c; there will be a band. The affair is definitely not dressy; rather, school clothes should be worn. During intermission State High will crown the 1951 homecoming queen, the rest of the schools having crowned their own queens at earlier dates.

The huge task of arranging the homecoming has been done by a tri-school committee.

Soap for Locker Room
Given by Homeroom 210

The most novel example of school spirit has recently been demonstrated by Homeroom 210 A. During one of their homecoming meetings it was mentioned that the boy's locker rooms were without soap. Although the Student Council representatives from 210 brought up the matter in the next Student Council session, no results were noticeable. So 210 took it upon themselves to furnish the boys with soap of all sizes, shapes and smells. The idea seems to have gone over well according to Carole Smith, homeroom president.

210A is a Senior homeroom supervised by Mrs. Rogers. Sandy Woodworth, Eleanor Alman and Don Smith are the other officers.

Cost Is High to Finance Players

Did you ever watch one hundred bucks run down the football field? When you see your favorite star running for a touchdown, that's what you are seeing.

Over a period of one year, it costs approximately $107.50 to dress one player for the season according to head coach Fred Stevens. The individual prices for each piece of equipment are listed below:

- Helmet: $17.00
- Shoulder pads: $10.50
- Hip pads: $10.00
- Thigh guards, per pair: $2.00
- Game shirt: $9.00
- Game pants: $15.00
- Practice shirt: $3.00
- Practice pants: $6.00
- Shoes: $21.00
- Miscellaneous items including first aid, cost about $7 a player for the year. It is costs about $7.50 to feed each player on away games during the season.

The approximate investment to put a 60-man squad on the field for one season is estimated by Coach Stevens to be $6500.00.

College Football Powers in Michigan

Michigan State and the University of Michigan are the two most prominent college football teams in the State of Michigan. Both teams, members of the Big Ten Conference, are nationally ranked this year, as they have been for many years. However, some twenty places separate them, with Michigan State rated second and the University of Michigan twenty first.

Neither team can represent the Big Ten in the annual Rose Bowl tilt this year. Michigan State has one more year before they are eligible to go to the Rose Bowl. However, in all probability when they are eligible they will pose a serious threat for the Big Ten title.

Michigan is also ineligible to face the West Coast opponent, as they went to the Rose Bowl last year. This leaves both teams completely out of the Rose Bowl picture.

Both teams have All-American talent on their rosters. Michigan State's Bob Carey, their left end, and the University of Michigan's Tom Johnson, the big tackle, are the main prospects from each team.

For many future years, as they have in the past, both teams will continue to well represent their schools in the Big Ten Conference and throughout the nation.

Kay Peelen
Love 'n Stuff

There are some new twosomes around State High, proving that although it may not be spring, romance is not hibernating.

Ann Mahoney is going steady with Frank Maher (a well known alumnus of a year). It's really swell, Ann—welcome to the club!

We heard the comment made by Jiggs Harbor after he sat on Bobbie Gleasons’ lap present. Better watch it, boy!

Charlene Pellowe has Tom Wren’s medals and Tom Wren. Congrats, kids—we think Portage guys are swell.

Dave Roth is home on leave from the Navy, and Janet Snow is happily going steady with him. Also we notice Wayne Carr and Rosemary Buckham going on hayrides together and with one on else.

Our nominatin for cute couples of the month—Peg and George, and Sue and John.

Our sources tell us something about a gay time after a recent football game with a gallon of cider. Know anything about it, Sally and Paul? We thought so!

Then there are gals like Patt, Jackie, and Suzie who agree the “variety is the spice of life.”

The freshmen are still in the blushing stage of talking about their dates, but we know who really gets around. Watch for their names in the future.

Surprise of the week—Joanie’s made up her mind. No joke! Just ask her.

Lads and Lasses Labeled

They say that it takes all kinds of people to make up a world, and it looks like we have a good example of this maxim right here in State High. We find many varieties of students, each with his own particular “trade mark” by which he may be recognized. See if you agree with our IDENTIFICATION TAGS:


Emerson’s Ethics

If you were to meet him for the first time, you would see through his guile manner at once and realize that he is a playboy.

This handsome guy with the blonde hair, blue eyes, winsome smile and athletic build is our student council president, Ted Emerson.

His special interests are sports and Addison Avenue cake is on the top of his list of favorite foods and his pet peeve is people who make a lot of noise when they eat.

After he graduates from high school, he intends to go to college and study engineering; although at the moment he hasn’t decided which college he will attend.

In connection with his job as president, he states that there is an overflow of meetings with which an awful lot of work is attached. Ted doesn’t seem to mind it and he thinks that there is plenty to keep him busy.

Cooperation from the students as a whole has been very good and everyone is working hard. This pleased Ted for he is a hard worker himself.

The main things he would like to start work on at the moment are: revising the constitution, and getting more girls to the dances.

Frolic of Photographer

What was that mysterious object in the darkened Little Theater Auditorium during the book week assembly? Was it a bird? Was it a plane? No, it wasn’t Superman. The Highlander staff introduces their new secret weapon that will make this year’s yearbook guaranteed the best book ever.

The secret weapon that you saw on Tuesday was only one third of our atomic plan taking off. The shooting of the stage in order to bring permanent recollections of our first assemblies to your yearbook. Our first photo taker, John Lemon, a senior from South Dartmouth (street) has already caught you unaware: filling the secretly-locked, carefully guarded, picture file full of “dittys”.

Ruthmary Persons, who has even stood for long minutes in the dripping rain in order to contact all possible candidates for the title of “chief junior-picture-taker” is the next one third of the staff’s atomic bombshell. Ruthmary’s “special” is parties. She may crash your’s.

John Gibson is our third fraction of this task which completes the whole. He, too is in on the plan of secret service that is bound to catch you in the halls without using a flashbulb! Isn’t that something?

Universal military training has been advocated recently for boys 18 years of age. Did you ever think what might happen if all teachers were required to attend a military camp to maintain a soldier’s view of world events? In other words, what would evolve it State High’s faculty were drafted?

Of course, civilian rank means nothing in the Army. Walking along the streets of Camp Cuddles, our reporter discovered Private Bryan busily stuffing cigarette butts. He was working off demerits gained by talking back to General Marshall, (Stark, that is), Pfc. Cooper was discovered on K.P. duty, he had forgotten to salute W.A.C. Lieutenant Jarman.

Sergeant Deur and Corporal Schoenhals were cooling their heels in the yard. They had been caught playing solitary while on guard duty. As a result of their negligence, four W.A.C.s, on scrub duty were routed by a rendition of “BEANS, BEANS, BEANS!” by H.C. Chief Stamper and an inquiry as to where Mrs. Patterson is? I believe you mean Corporal Patterson of the Electrical staff. In the Army, nothing is ever done according to a plan.

Wait a minute! Maybe something is logical after all. Draftees Belof and Frey are over at the barber-shop with the quartet. Quartet of W.A.C.s, you understand, Frey and Draftee just received their first crew-cuts, close. The four W.A.C.s, on duty are helping them search for their shorn locks to save as souvenirs. Will these innocent rookies ever be able to thank the gay Army gals; Ebert, Osborn, Lowrie, and Collins? We see private Crisman ready for court martial. She neglected to polish the bottoms of her shoes.

Corporal Leonardelli, if you please, Sir! How do you find Army life? You understand, Pfc. Leonardelli, that it is logical? I see! What’s that? You don’t mean Lieutenant Beyer has a grudge against you?! Just because he made you walk 56 miles under full pack? I agree, Corporal, it wouldn’t have been so bad if he hadn’t driven his jeep along in front of you, making naughty faces.

Will you look at who is driving General Marshall’s private car! None other than that cute little W.A.C., Private Large. We hear she took the job to avoid arithmetic drills. That is the same reason Pfc. Walters scrub floors all day. He finds he can’t stand callisthenics.

As a result of this survey into Army life, the reporter feels that if the old saying is true, the only way to confuse the enemy is to confuse yourself, then warn these proficient soldiers (?), the U.S.A. can’t help but come on top out.

Red Gemich — “Do you know how to drive a jeep?”

Jon Sebaly — “No, how’d you find out?”

Red — “Tickle its little feet.”