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No Fines—Jan. 24

All overdue library books must be in by January twenty-fourth. That Thursday will be a “day of grace,” meaning any books returned Thursday don’t require fines paid on them no matter how high the fine may have stacked up. Be sure to return your books the economical way on Thursday, the twenty-fourth of January.

Spotlight Retrieved

The spots missing after our last dance, “Monkey Shines,” have been covered and returned to the Consumer Power Company.

Leadership Day Planned

Leadership Day is being planned by a committee consisting of Ted Emerson, chairman; Dick Forward Kate Randall, Eva Aube, Frank Goodrich, and Suzanne Sawyer with Mr. Deur as the faculty advisor. The Leadership Assembly will be February 19 from 11:00 to 11:50. This committee is also planning the coming Student Council elections.

Balances ’n Bills

At the present time there is $728.60 in the Student Council treasury. This includes the money from the magazine sale. $105 has been paid to the junior class from the amount earned from the sale.

Students Organize Hall Plans

The new plan for keeping order in the halls will be carried on by 44 students who volunteered, and your co-operation. Instead of having the faculty patrolling the halls, these 44 will remind you politely to “keep it down to a dull roar.” Each of the reminders will not have a certain time to be in the halls, but between them here should be at least two or three in the halls at all times, particularly the upper hall. After the end of each week of this program, it will be decided by its success whether it will run another week or not. As long as there are successful week, the plan will continue.

Band to Furnish Dance

The State High Student Council has decided to sponsor a Concert and Dance for which the Band will furnish the music. The concert will be held in the Little Theatre, the dance in the Women’s Gym.

Spring Play Selected

“January Thaw,” by William Roos, has been selected for our annual spring play to be given in March on Friday the twenty-eighth and Saturday the twenty-ninth. The week of tryouts ran from the twenty-first through the twenty-fifth and anyone with a healthy interest in dramatics was welcome to try for one of the 13 parts available.

“January Thaw” will be produced by the Masquers Club and directed by Miss Cleveland. The play itself is a present day comedy set in New England and based on the novel by Bellamy Partridge.

The play will be presented in the Little Theatre and the charge for admission will be seventy-five cents per person.

Exam Schedule

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Constitution Revision

This year a committee has been set up by the Student Council to discuss the revision of the Student Council Constitution. Ted Emerson is the chairman.

The discussion of the revision has centered upon the possibility of relieving the Council Secretary of some of his or her duties, namely the chairmanship of the Social committee. This would leave the Secretary the chairmanship of the Friendship committee and the normal duties of the secretarial office.

The committee has also discussed the placing of the Social committee chairmanship among the duties of the Vice-President, thus making the job more desirable. His job as chairman of Citizenship committee would be given to the President.

Homerommes have been asked to look into this problem and to advise their Student Council representatives to bring back any additional suggestions to the committee.

No decision has been made definitely by the Student Council, but the suggestions by the committee will probably be put into effect if the Constitution is revised.

Tickets on Sale

Today is your last chance to buy tickets for the Passion Play now being presented at Central Auditorium. Tickets cost 60 cents for students and are still on sale at the High School office.

The Passion Play originated in Germany many years ago, and was brought to this country by the descendants of the German peasants who were among the first to present it. It was transplanted to the Black Hills of South Dakota, where it is shown every ten years. The play depicts the story of the life of Christ.

Coming Up

January 15—Three Rivers—There
January 19—Buchanan—Here
January 22—Allegan—Here
January 22—Assembly—9:00
January 23—Admin. Assembly—12:30
January 24—Finettes Open House—
6:30—9:00 Women’s Gym
January 25—Niles—Here
January 25—Pep Assembly—12:30
January 28—Exmas start
January 29—South Haven—Here
February 1—First Semester Ends

Debaters Analyze Problem

State High’s Debate Team participated in four debates, Monday and Tuesday, January 14 and 15, with East Grand Rapids High School at Grand Rapids, and with Buchanan High School at Buchanan.

Out of the four debates, the debaters Lyn Cassady and Bob Herman, both ministers, won 3 out of 4, the affirmative side winning both. Accompanying the debaters on these two trips were Hip Atherton, another debater, and Delores Osztowicz, the debate coach.

Resolved: that all American citizens subject to conscription for essential services in time of war.

Cub Assembly Scheduled

Tryouts for the Cub assembly will be held in room 211A at 3:00 o’clock on February 4th and 5th. Janet Snow, assembly chairman, says that “any musical talent, skits, readings, dancing, or other talent will be appreciated.” The theme of the assembly will be around a television program, using the idea originally planned for the homecoming pep assembly. There is a possibility that this assembly will be held in an exchange at Dowagiac and Portage.
Personals
Photography department — A census has recently been taken to find out which clubs are planning to have their pictures in the Highlander. Each photograph costs $1.00, and all money for this purpose must be in by February 25.

Students are requested to start collecting snapshots which they would like included in the yearbook. Please remember the only sharp, clear pictures may be reproduced successfully.

Art department — Suzie Gilbert and Lilla Ellet have completed the cover design which will be used this year.

Feature department — ATTENTION ALL SENIORS! Please return the class polls, Last Wills and Testaments, Lists of activities, etc. as soon as possible to Addie-Ann Tolhurst or Dot Cartland. The deadline is February 25. Lists of activities, etc. as early in the yearbook, if you will supply the photographs. What about some of the things that were taken after the dance?

Attention Problem Seniors: Do you have any papers of yourself or of your classmates? They should be no larger than 2 and one half inches by two and one half inches. What about some daring little playmate of yours — the one with the cute blond curls?

Dear S. S. ; I am wondering if you have any pictures of the 1951 graduating? I know that the yearbook staff would like to put them in the yearbook. Do you think that you could persuade some of the staff members to part with some of their?

Yearbook Hunts Photos
Do you know the whereabouts of any pictures that were taken at the Jr.-Sr. Prom, 1951? The Highlander staff would like to print some in the yearbook. Do you think that you have any pictures of the 1951 gradation? I know that the Highlander staff would like to put them in the yearbook. Do you think that you could persuade some of the staff members to part with some of their?

Coming Events For Seniors
The Senior Class Committees have been chosen by Carole Smith, president, and the committee heads have already begun organizing and planning the coming events for the graduating class of '52.

The problem of deciding between a class trip or a Senior skip day will be the responsibility of the Skip Day Committee, led by Dale Wison, chairman.

Mary Thompson, and her committee members are planning a Senior Assembly with the help of Mr. James Stauffer.

A non-date event for the Seniors, the banquet, is being organized by Janet LaPlant and her committee. The gift committee lead by Kaye Loughead has several suggestions to make to the rest of the class.

The Seniors who decide on the speakers and whether graduation will be formal or informal, are the members of the Graduation committee. Dorothy Cartland is chairwoman. Miss Emma Kraft is helping them.

John Littig is leading the committee that will decide on the printer and type of announcements for graduation.

IIIA Rules
As the new semester approaches, it seems an appropriate time to reissue the study hall rules.

1. There is to be no talking without permission.
2. There is to be no passing of notes.
3. A student may have two talking permits of two minutes each per week.
4. Students must stand while speaking to other students.
5. Not more than two students may go back to monitor for any kind of permission.
6. No magazines may be brought from library into the study hall.
7. Students must pick up all papers from floor before hour ends.
8. Students must be in their seats when the bell rings — otherwise, they are considered tardy.
9. Students may not sleep in study halls.
10. A list of absences will be read aloud after roll has been taken.
11. There will be no permits given out until ten minutes after the hour and there will be no permits given after twenty minutes before the hour.
12. Students may not have more than one hall permit in one hour.
13. Monitors may have no speaking permits while on duty.
14. Monitors on duty are not to leave the study hall unless called out by the office.
15. No student who is not a member of the study hall may have speaking permits.
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Colorful Play
Presented By WMC

Elaborate and colorful costumes marked the production of "The World We Live In" last weekend by the Western Michigan College Players. The play, written by Josef and Karel Capek, was in three acts, with prologue and epilogue.

The main purpose of this play was to portray the human race and its habits, jealousies, and peculiarities. The players were cast almost entirely as insects, with only three humans appearing. WMC Players were transformed into butterflies, ants, snails, flies, crickets, and beetles.

The setting was simple and very much in keeping with the insect life depicted. The costumes, settings, and other expenses of producing this play amounted to approximately one thousand dollars.

The first act dealt with a butterfly love affair. All the jealousies and flirtations were exhibited. Second act showed a capitalistic beetle hoarding more and more dirt balls. The third act was a battle between the red ants and the yellow ants fighting for the ground between two blades of grass.

Problem of Exit is Still unsolved

State High students and faculty are confronted by a serious problem: It has been required by City fire laws that schools be provided with adequate exits accessible to students in time of disaster. The problem remains to be solved, and a committee, headed by Carole Smith is seeking feasible answers to it. It was suggested that we have both doors open, but this involves a number of problems. As of now, the Civil Defense Committee is making a list of possible ideas to satisfy both the fire law and our school's goals. Many ideas are being computed and discussed and are to be turned in to receive faculty approval. These plans are to be presented to the student-body at a later date. Also plans are in the making for an assembly, where the behavior and exits are to be diagrammed in the chance of an atomic attack or fire. Our school is faced with this problem: and it is up to each individual to cooperate to the fullest extent with the plans that the committee and the faculty decide upon.

Pep Assembly
Features Monkey Shines

An original skit presented by Dot Carland and Lilla Eliet, advertising the "Monkey Shines" dance was an outstanding feature of the pep assembly held on Friday, January 11, before the basketball game with St. Joe. The program consisted of a mock basketball game, a number of pep yells, and selections by the pep band.

Niles in Review

January 25, Niles will invade State High's homeground, thus setting the stage for the second conference contest this year.

Niles does not have the type of powerhouse team that they had in the Junior year, although they do have two men that will bear watching. As Captain Don Gill states, "This year the Niles team is coasting along on a momentum that they have built up in the last few years."

During the past year Niles has lost two conference games, the first to St. Joe, 80-55, the second to Three Rivers 72-69.

In the last game between these two schools, Niles led at the half 26-25 and won the game 57-37. The reason for the 20 point margin at the end of the game, compared with 1 point difference at half is due to the fact that Niles switched their defense.

There isn't another team in the Big 7 that the Cubs would rather beat.

St. Joe is Tough Foe

State High's cagers met perhaps their most impressive foe of this basketball season in the person of St. Joe basketball aggregation. St. Joe is highly rated in State Class B competition and should repeat in taking the Class B title again this year, which they won last year.

The Cubs went down to defeat 70-45 when they met the above St. Joe cagers in the Men's Gym. In the first half of the game, State was left behind, as the St. Joe Bears led 42-12.

However in the second half the Cubs held their own, but the point advantage gained by St. Joe in the first half told the tale of the State High basketball team's sixth straight loss of the season.

Ed Sutton was the standout of the Cubs, who was high scorer for both teams with 18 points.

Girl's Bowling Team Organized

Under the direction of Miss Margaret Large, a girl's bowling club has been organized. Six teams have been formed and have the opportunity to exhibit their skill each Tuesday. The bowling alleys have established a special price, members pay only twenty-five cents in contrast to the regular thirty three cents paid by other bowlers.

Captain of the freshman team is Shirley Van Valkenburg. Co-captains of the Junior teams are Patt Sprouse, Carole Smith and Jackie Worden. Senior Captain is Lois Harvey. The eighth grader's have chosen Patt Lynch to act as their leader.

High scorers displayed so far this year: Patt Lynch, 92; Carole Smith, 99; Barbara Rock, 99; and Patt Sprouse 122.

$50 for a Worthy Cause

As you watch your favorite player dribble down the floor or make that scoring shot, there's a little more behind than just practical skill, there's approximately $50. That's what it cost to outfit a basketball player. Separately, the shoes cost about $9.00, the socks $1.50, the uniform $12.00, the warm-ups $20.00, and the ball $10.00.

Comic Folk In Basketball Team

Comic book characters often remind us of our fellow human beings. Here are some using the basketball team as the examples.

Dick Tracy — Al Howard
Buck Rogers — Ken Fricke
Rex Morgan — Ted Emerson
Dick Tracy — Al Howard
Dagwood — Ed Sutton
Jiggs — Ken Cobb
Steve Canyon — Bob Britigan
Major Hoople — John Keyser
Goofy — Bill McConachie
Bugs Bunny — Maynard Neibor
Little King — Tom Johnson

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Dick Forward
Musically Minded

Dick Forward, the little banty rooster, deserves credit not only for effort but for achievement. His musical ability is unlimited and when he undertakes a task it's sure to be done on time and done well. His wit is quick, dry, and has put many a person in their place.

As president of State High's Band, the members of the group feel that he is one of the best and have displayed this fact by their show of respect and cooperation to him.

His favorite food isn't too unusual, the after effects are. He likes to eat cheeseburgers; everything included, with plenty of mustard, and vanilla malteds. The after effect? He has such beautiful dreams at night.

In the field of music he is an outstanding performer on drums and has knowledge of quite a few other instruments. He has also composed a bouncy rhythm song, which the Westrair's tag, "Forward's Foolin's." His activities outside of school include playing with a dance band.

After Dick graduates from high school he intends to enter into music or aviation. If he chooses the latter he will enlist in the Army Air Force upon his graduation.

Despite the fact that he's a little guy he packs a big wallop and it matters little what occupation he enters, for the present students of State High will remember Dick Forward for a long time.

Comicon
Odds and Ends

We hear that Larry Miller has been visiting a certain Miss Charlene Shultz at her home. We also heard that Jack Copeland has been seen writing notes to Julie Davis, while brother Gordan has been heard talking on the telephone to Betty Karnes.

It’s nice to see Bill Patmos and Joan Kohrman together.

Hear tell that Fritz Lacorne is learning to sew (Esp. with that big cheerleading letter.) Annie with her hair note cut, as been taking poodle walks for a walk.

Pete Shook has been making some surprises at the “Oak.” Last victims are Louie Johnson and Clare Gainor. Dot Cartland also survived.

Kate Randall has decided that chocolate ice cream goes well with phosphates and Mary Thompson likes cherry cokes.

The little brown pup and his chicken likes cherry cokes.

Joan Kohrman together.

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Do you Have It?

A good many State High students have the zeitgeist! There were many different reactions to this startling word, a few of them are quoted below. (P.S. Zeitgeist — spirit of the time or present train of thought. — Webster.)

Jon Littig — I’ll just have to take out an ad in the paper.

George Hager — I know, I cured it yesterday.

Nancie Strone — I had it but I gave it to Frank.

Frank Goodrich — I didn’t want it anyway.

Kate Randall — If I don’t, George must.

Judy Scott — Well, I guess my figure’s out of shape.

Mr. Cooper — How flattering!

Patsy Elliot — I’m insulted.

Addie Tolhurst — I left it home this morning.

Kay and Dave — We think we’ve been gyped.

Mr. Walters — No, but my wife does.

Ted Emerson — If I knew what it was I might be worried.

Donna Ensley — I know, I don’t have anybody right now.

Bey Swap — Well why not?

Dr. Bryan — I don’t have tic WHAT?

The night was warm: the room was dark:

Not any light, not any spark

Shown on the two, as they sat there alone—

The little brown pup and his chicken bone.

Student vs. Teacher at Exam Time

Exam time is almost upon us, and State High students are frantically beginning to prepare for them. One of the most pressing problems is the discovery of a new and foolproof place to hide a pony. For some reason, gals and guys with long hair and wigs with white curls are always suspected on those days.

If the student is an old hand at taking tests, he can usually contrive to waste the better half of the time twirling the pencil sharpener. This eliminates getting saddle-sores from sitting still for two hours. A real expert at the game usually practices for weeks on extreme rolling of his eyeballs, the better to see his neighbor’s paper with, my dear.

There are even some pros who can look at the next kid’s test with one eye while still looking at the teacher with the other, to put her off guard. But those talented folks are few and far between.

Among the girls, going to take an aspirin is another old ruse that usually works. Sometimes they have their notes concealed in the pill, or else written on the wall over the drinking fountain. It is a wonder to many examiners why aspirins prove to be such brain food. Little do they know!

Finally, after wasting an hour and forty-five minutes on various aforeplanned devices, our hero scribbles something illegible and utterly senseless on his spotless paper. His excuse for the penmanship is air-tight; he plans to be a doctor. So far, no one has thought up an answer to that discovery of his eyeballs, the better to see his neighbor’s paper with, my dear.

Of course, there are always the poor unfortunate who really are in misery. They weep and wail for long hours at a time, before and during the exam. After it is all over, they invariably go out and throw snowballs at Dr. Bryan, an equivalent of suicide, as we all know. This serves to relieve them of their sorrows. (It might be well to note that this type always receives a posthumous A.)

So it goes year after year. Your reporter’s theory on the subject of exams is an oft quoted one... “The more you study, the more you know. The more you know, the more you forget. The less you know, the less you forget. The less you forget, the more you know. So why on Earth do we study?”

(overheard in classroom:)

Mr. Dick Leonardi: “Order Please!”

Voice from rear of class: “Ham on rye.”

Sometimes, we of the working class, while in throes of agony over an exam, sit in envy of those Simon Legrees known as teachers. After several years spent in taking (and flunking) tests, this reporter has finally compiled a list of rules which all teachers follow when giving an exam.

First, and most important, is explaining the questions so that everybody is more confused. Teachers know that the most irritating thing they can do is to change the meaning of a question after someone has started on the answer. Yet, if you will but notice, they always do it. They have to, it’s in the code.

Any teacher worth his salt has an eagle eye out for cheating. Sometimes they put this eye on their desk, but more often it is camouflaged somewhere in the back of the room. There was once a teacher who had a sixth sense where ponies were concerned. She was fired, finally, because nobody could pass her tests and the school was getting crowded.

Of course, no teacher could ever answer her own questions. It’s unheard of. The type that get on your nerves, though, are the brazen kind who sit at their desks with a pile of reference books and try to do it while the test goes on. It gives you a sort of depressed feeling, if you known what I mean.

I have found that a teacher’s pet people is waiting hour by hour for those “do-or-die” creatures who won’t give up their papers. Some are forced to careful strategy, such as offhand-eyeing in back of the student and MAKING A SUDDEN GRAB. (The way to frustrate such a joker is to sit on half of the test. My, but that makes them mad!) Of course, mechanically minded supervisors install magnetic staples, or something similar, into the test. When “Time” is called, they merely switch on a powerful magnet. They also collect quite a few fountain pens and wristwatches that way.

As soon as the last weeping pupil crawls from the room, our dear teachers give a shout and gather up the blood-covered tests, and cascade them into the wastebasket. When it comes time to record marks they “things” blindfold their eyes and punch with a pin. Didn’t you ever wonder why the moron in the second row graduated with honors? He was just lucky. Good luck to you, too, next week. I predict that you’ll need it!

Erosion: A nine-year-old boy washing his hands.