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State Highlights

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TAKE YOUR CHOICE - IKE OR ADLAI

Defreese and Endsley Chosen to Head Slate for Juniors and Seniors

Several weeks ago the junior and senior classes elected their officers for the 1952-53 school year.

The seniors elected; Dick Defreese president, Dick Fork vice-president Joan Stiles Secretary. and Marianne Shau treasurer.

Dona Endsley was elected president of the junior class. Pat Ryan assumes the duties of vice-president with Miriam Liemer secretary, and Shirla Jennings treasurer.

Both presidents have been quite active during high school. Dick was president of his freshman class, and last year he was both president of Monitors and his homeroom. Right now he is president of homeroom 217.

Donna has served actively on the Social Committee and was president of her homeroom last year.

The freshmen and sophomores plan on choosing their officers within the next two weeks.

Aeronautics Class Given Chance to Fly

Last week members of the aeronautics class were given a practical flight experience through the cooperation of Mr. Herbert Allen, of Western Michigan Flying Service. The members of the class were given a 15 minute ride over Kalamazoo and the surrounding area. Six of the class had never been in a plane before. They are Fred Watterson, Jim Hawkins, Henry George, John Gibson, Bob Mindeman, and Gordon Berkhausen. John Keyser, Joe Gillis and Dick Street make up the remainder of the group.

At present the class is studying aircraft construction, and as a class project each member is building a model airplane. Miller-Boerman has donated two merchandise certificates to be given for the best looking model and for the plane that flies the longest.

Mr. Deur's Advanced Biology class has been carrying on several different projects. The class divided into small interest groups for further study and experiment.

A nursing group will be dissecting live animals and visiting a slaughter house. The psychology group has been observing training school classes.

Whistle - stop Tours Included in Mock Election Plans

For the first time in the history of State High, a mock election is going to be held. It is something new

First, it will further student knowledge pertaining to voting and second it will be fun for the students, as for State High, and it has two purposes.

P.T.S.O Welcomes Parents

The Parent Teachers Students Organization is planning many and varied meetings for this year. Leadership of the P.T.S.O. is under the direction of Dr. Richard Schreiber. Mrs. Charles Reeves. Mrs. Robert Britigan and Anne Frey.

The group has a joint purpose in that in both discusses and acts on all types of school problems. One of the P.T.S.O.'s latest accomplishments is the aid given to students in error that they may go to the away games for the small price of fifty cents. This has helped to increase the school attendance of the games.

Last Thursday the group held its' first meeting of the school year. Parents were invited to visit the teachers in the classrooms preceeding the meeting.

Service, Friendship To Sponsor Food And Clothing Drive

The Service and Friendship Committees are sponsoring a new type of trick or treat. They and the entire student body are invited to be out ringing doorbells on "Errands of Mercy" from 7:00 to 9:00 on Thursday night, October 30.

The students are to meet at the Education building at 6:45 to receive their assignments of the section of the city which they are to canvas. Food will be collected for local service agencies and clothing will be collected to send abroad through the non-denominational World Church drive. The food and clothing will be brought back to school where cider and doughnuts will be served.

This is the first time State High has attempted a service project of this kind. Carol Smith, Ann Frey, and Janet Snow are in charge of the planning and Char Pellow has taken over publicity for the drive.

well as educational. The election will be held like a regular election so that the students can understand just what is required of a regular voter.

Every new voter has to register, and so this part will be handled by the 12:30 U.S. History class. All students who will be voting in the election must register, for in a regular election a new voter is not eligible until he has registered. Our registration will be held on Monday, October 27.

Next on the agenda will be the whistle stop speeches. This part will be handled by the senior speech and government classes.

Just as in a regular election the candidates come to the people and tell their viewpoints, the students will present the viewpoints and the policies of the two sides. The speeches are scheduled for Friday, October 31, and Monday, Nov. 3, in homerooms.

On Tuesday, November 4, there will be an assembly, which will be handled by the combined U.S. History class. The assembly will include a non-partisan viewpoint on the election. There will also be a skit showing the students how to vote while in the booth. Following that will be 4 Students, two on each side who will tell the differences between the policies of the two parties. After that, yells and songs are scheduled that pertain to the election.

In charge of the plans is Miss Steketee, and Mrs. Rodgers. There is a steering committee which decides important problems which come up. The committee consists of two students from every history class, and includes all four classes. This can be a grand opportunity for the student to become better acquainted with the problems of voting which will come up later in life.

Two Weeks to Go!

In the 2nd week of November report cards will come out. This means that there are only about two more weeks to do any mark-raising in any subjects which might need it. Along with the report cards those who received four A's, three A's or two A's will get an Alpha. Beta, or Gamma Honor Award respectfully.

Mock Election Rare Privilege

The mock election we are having here at State High is more than just an experiment. It is an experience for which we should be grateful and from which we should all profit immeasurably.

Voting is a sacred trust given to us through our American constitution, and this is our opportunity to learn how to be informed voters and thus carry out our obligations as citizens.

One of the main difficulties in choosing a president has always been the ignorance of the voters in regard to issues and platforms. We must remember that a presidential election is not a popularity contest for who ever has the best smile, and in voting here at school we must make up our own mind as to who would best serve our country and not feel obliged to vote as our parents or friends suggest. Most important we must be courteous to those who do not share our own views.

The plans for this campaign and subsequent election are a perfect example of individuals and groups working together in the true democratic way History, Government, and Speech classes have all combined their efforts to make this a memorable event.

Let us all remember the importance of our election here at State High. Let us glean an understanding of what goes into a campaign and determines the course our government will pursue following the election. All of us will soon exercise our right to vote and this is the best chance we will have to learn how to best use our vote for the betterment of our nation.

The fact that our actual ballots will not determine who gets what is unimportant. What is important, is that we are being privileged to partake in a serious educational experience, possible only in the country in which we live, whereby we may learn so that when we vote we can help keep our nation one of which to be justly proud.

Remember to listen carefully to the speeches, to think about the issues, and then cast an honest ballot for whomever you feel to be the most competent man.

Nanette Slavin

Michigan State College Offers Student Many Opportunities

Michigan State College is located in East Lansing, Michigan on one of the most beautiful campuses in the mid-west.

Michigan State was originally set up as an agricultural college, but it has since grown into a University, and from its original size of 400 co-educational students has increased its enrollment to over 14,000.

Entrance requirements for students from accredited schools like State High include; fifteen credits, recommendation from the school principal, and a good over-all high school record.

The fees at Michigan State for residents of Michigan and students enrolling in schools other than highly specialized courses is \$55.00 a semester on a three semester basis. \$615.00 is the approximate cost of living in a dormitory for a year. Students who wish to live in a cooperative house may reduce the cost to \$400.00 and there are many scholarships offered.

Michigan State has many developed schools in its curriculum. Among which are the school of agriculture and the home economics department. There are also schools of Business Science and Arts, Engineering, Veterinary Medicine. Graduate school is also offered as is a Basic College for those with no special field in mind,

and here the student may take basic courses while moving up at his own rate of speed determined through frequent comprehensive exams.

"State" is outstanding in sports. Its football team is ranked as the best in the country at this time and there are facilities for all other sports including a swimming pool, several gyms and fields, and an ice rink for hockey.

The social life at State is varied. There are many national fraternities and sororities on campus operating their own houses. Michigan State also as a strong student government as well as many clubs and discussion groups.

For students who desire further information write to:

Dean of Registration
Michigan State College
East Lansing, Michigan

Debate Team Organized

A debate squad has been formed under the direction of Miss Betty DeYoung. The teams will meet groups from many Michigan high schools on a competitive basis. Mr. William Sack is the faculty advisor of the group.

This years debate question is—Resolved: The North Atlantic Pact nations should form a Federal Union. The squad consists of Gloria Weiss, Lyn Cassady, Nanette Slavin, Tom Elias, Tim Light, and Charles Maloney.

Debating the affirmative for State High is Gloria Weiss and Tim Light while the negative team is composed of Nanette Slavin and Lyn Cassady.

The entire group attended a debate and discussion clinic in Homer Michigan in October and held their first inter-squad debate last Thursday.

Many New Books Added To Library

This year we are privileged to have many fine new books in our high school library.

The new books include Pearl Buck's "Pavilion of Women," Forester's "A Passage to India," Glasgow's "Vein of Iron," and Lewis' "Main Street." "All the Kings Men" which was recently made into a movie has also been added to the library.

There are several outstanding new books in the philosophical vein. Lewis' "Case for Christianity," "My Country and My People" and "Importance of Living" by Lin Yutang and the famous "Wind, Sand and Stars" by St. Exupery.

To round out the list we have added some excellent new biographies to the book shelves. "The Presidents Lady" and "Immortal Wife" by Irving Stone, and an old favorite (in a new edition) Landon's "Anna and the King of Siam."

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Students Take to Field With Guns

This year, quite a few State High students are hunting. With anything that shoots, from rifles and shotguns to bows and arrows, they are stalking the countryside in search of game. Ducks, rabbits, squirrels, pheasants, deer and anything else that happens to be in season — BEWARE.

Pat Squires, in the early part of the season, took three partridge and a rabbit, up North at Reed City. Just to start the season off right, Dave Corning brought in a couple of ducks. Bob Hirsch also bagged some ducks earlier in the season. Dick Kremer and Vern Ver Hage, past-masters at the art of hunting, spend a good portion of their time thus occupied.

A group of Junior boys, composed of Larry Weisman, Red Gemrich, Joe Scott, Matt Petlen, Jon Sebaly and Ron Kilgore, seem to have taken an active interest in bow and arrow hunting. Larry said that he saw a big doe but it, somehow, got away.

Scribe Offers Sage Instruction On Football Formations

Editors Note: This article is designed especially for those of you who are not familiar with the different football formations. We hope to clear up any questions you might have.

The main formations which State High uses in its games are the split "T," the single wing, the double wing and punt formations.

The split "T" formation is used primarily by our team. In this formation the quarterback plays directly behind the center, the fullback, three and one half yards in back of the quarterback and the halfbacks are three yards behind the tackles.

The single wing formation is basically a power formation. This formation may be run either to the right or left. When called to the right, the right halfback plays behind the right end with the quarterback two yards behind the right tackle. The fullback three yards behind the right guard and the left halfback four yards behind the center. When called to the left the players take the reverse same positions with the exception that the left halfback plays behind the left end and the right halfback plays behind center.

A double wing is the most complicated formation that State High uses. In this formation the halfbacks line up one yard behind the ends, the quarterback behind the right guard

Cubs to Battle Otsego Friday

Larry's Locker

Congratulations to Gerry Hawkins and Al Gemrich for their fine defensive work at Portage and South Haven . . . Our football team was so injury stricken that Coach Walters decided to cut out nearly all scrimmage and contact work last week. Too big of a risk! . . . Ex State Higher, Don Marshall, is on the first string soccer team at Williston School in Williston, Massachusetts . . . What's this we've heard about changing the school colors and nickname? . . . It's really been swell to see so many kils at our football games recently. It helps the boys spirit and really means a lot to them. Lets keep the support up! . . . Credit is due to the boys running cross-country. The guys run a two mile course each night over hills through woods and any other obstacles imaginable . . .

After tangling with the South Haven Rams last week, the Cubs travel to Otsego this Friday night. Otsego has been defeated only once so far in the Wolverine League, but Coach Walters and the team promise to do something about that.

Dick Fork is sidelined for the season with injuries received at the Portage game, but Gill and Watterson are scheduled to be back in action against the Bulldogs Friday. This is our first conference game with Otsego, and we are determined to put it in the "win" column.

The McCoy's received the free bus trip to South Haven, turning out with their rifles to support the team. A swell turnout has been noticed at our past games, probably due to the P.T.S.O. offer of a bus to every game. A bus is again scheduled for Otsego, so let's all do our part and get out behind the Cubs.

Reserve Football Squad has Record Of 2 Wins, 1 Loss

So far this year the reserve football team has done very well. The records show:

Plainwell 6 State High 32
Allegan 6 State High 19
Portage 7 State High 6

The reserve teams of the past few years have all been good teams, but Coach Stevens said that last years was about the best. Most of last year's reserves are on this year's varsity squad. The coaching staff always hopes high scoring reserve teams will grow into high scoring varsity teams. Despite some bad breaks at the outset, Mr. Stevens believes that our varsity this year has the makings of a great team as do our reserve players. Let's hope he's right.

and the fullback four yards in back of the center.

The punt formation is the formation from which punts are made. In it, the back who is going to kick stands eight or ten yards behind the center. The other backs block at the line of scrimmage with two men on the right side of the line and one on the left for a right footed kicker and two on the right and one on the left if the kicker is left footed.

Cross Country Revived at SH

State High has a new sport on its already numerous sport parade. Last Thursday, Cross-Country was revived after many years absence from the Cub's sport schedule. Coach of the newly formed group is Roy Walters, the football mentor.

Mr. Walters picked a rather tough opponent for the opening meet at Otsego. The "Bulldog" harriers have not lost a duel meet in two years, and consequently our hill-and-dalers took it on the chin, 22-33.

The boys who ran with the blue and gold banner and their finishing places were: Dick Teugh, 1st, Jud Baldwin 5th, Larry Miller 8th, Joe Scott 9th, Jim VanTassel 10, and Charles

Onions: to the group of high school students (including hill-toppers) who so rudely heckled Senator Nixon and his party when they recently made a whistle-stop appearance in Kalama-zoo.

Box Score

Portage 13 State High 8
South Haven 0 State High 20

Next game against Otsego this Friday.

Straub 11th.

The Cub harriers are to run against Otsego again and Central's "B" team before the end of the season.



Sue and Ken Homecoming Royalty For 1952 Season



Sue Anderson, this year's Homecoming Queen, is by no means a stranger on the hilltop. Her blonde hair and sunny personality have been gracing the halls of the old Ad. building since she entered the training school in the fifth grade.

A senior, Sue does not plan on going to college, but if she does her choice will probably be Monticello College for girls.

Her main outside activity is going steady with John, a pastime that originated too long ago for the memories of freshmen. Her pet peeve is having John run off without waiting between classes.

An enthusiastic sports fan, Sue is a star herself in girls' basketball, golf and swimming. In college football she is partial to the Irish of Notre Dame.

Sue's school spirit is really tops! It would be a rare game for State High if Susie wasn't on the sidelines cheering. Here's a girl who is really deserving of the title of "Homecoming Queen."

Y-Teen Club Plans Projects

This year plans are being made for a larger and better Y-Teen club for State High girls.

The club meets every Monday night in the Bamboo Room of the Y.W.C.A. at seven o'clock. The advisor is Hester Pitts and membership is open to any State High girl who is interested. The dues which cover the cost of a sponsor and other organization expenses are seventy-five cents a year.

The club, however, is not merely a social organization. The girls have several worthwhile projects in mind. They hope to give a Christmas party for the orphans and their major project is the planning and working with small children in a nursery school similar to the one at the hospital in Ann Arbor. This would be excellent experience for those interested in teaching or doing some kind of child work in later years.

Reigning over this year's Homecoming fun with Queen Sue was the King for '52, Ken Fricke. Both were crowned at the "Cub Coronation" after the game with Portage.

A senior, Ken was automatically in line for the throne when elected captain of the football team for this year. His favorite sport is football, which certainly shows in his outstanding play on the gridiron as a Cub halfback. Ken made the All-City team in '51, and it looks like he might be destined for a spot on this year's team.

Aside from sports his hobby is hunting and his favorite pastime is "gals". (Could be he hunts for his favorite pastime). As for food he picks a good hamburger over anything else. His plans after high school include something in the line of mechanical engineering.

Names Can Make News

Names are both fascinating and a source of constant mystery to teachers trying to learn many new names. Maybe it would be a little easier to remember some of these is associations were made. What if:

Gary Birch was Gary Willow?
Jeanne Forward was Jeanne Backwards?
Dick Fork was Dick Spoon?
Penny Farr was Penny Near?
Dave VandeWalker was Dave VandeRunners
Barbara McBride was Barbara McGroom?
Dick Street was Dick Avenue?
John Keyser was John Fraizer?
Tim Light was Tim Dark?
Judy Lyon was Judy Tiger?
Ann Frey was Ann Boil?
Don Slaughter was Don Murder
Lucien Sours was Lucien Sweets?
Bob Miles was Bob Feet?
Ray Harbour was Ray Bay?
Don Flower was Don Blossom?
Chuck Warfield was Chuck Peacemeadow?
Lois Fuller was Lois Empty-er?
Al Wise was Al Simple?
Bob Graff was Bob Corruption?
Edward Enz was Edward Beginnings?
Barbara Oakland was Barbara West-nedg?

"Gory the Gremlin" Reveals Hilltoppers Hallowe'en Pranks

"Gory" is the Gremlin who recruits bad little kids to work for him on October 31st. The other day I saw him leaving the Co-Op on the shoulder of **Jiggs Harbour** so I picked him up by his little pointed head and had a chat with him. Immediately "Gory" began his gruesome tale of woe: "Poison Pumpkins—what bunch 'a goody goodies you State High kids are. I sent out my "hecklers and hell-raisers" applications last week and just got the results; **Dave Eaton** and **Dennis Percy** agreed to 'load' the footballers' drinking water at the Otsego game just to see what happens. **Pete Platt** and **Ann Frey** are going to mix up the subscriptions so it will be impossible to tell the difference between the Hatfields and the McCoys. **Mr. Belooof** agreed to fill **Phil Bruns'** horn with water at the next game, but the rest of the kids sent back word that they were going to keep themselves out of mischief this Halloween and here's how . . . **Arlette Brod** and **Ingrid Geisler** are going to start instruction in the French and German methods of crocheting bath tubs. **Al Wise**, **Bob Miles** and **Don Kilgore** are planning on finishing their book "How to Win Women by Aggressiveness". **Keyser**, **Gill** and **Watterson** are spending the evening in the gym winding tape, and **Dick Tough** and the Boys are rehearsing their radio program "Hateful Hecklers". **Jim Burger** plans to help the city Police replace all road signs and such equipment. Nature girl **Yntema** is going out in the woods to practice bird calls while **Janet Hughes** is going to practice the art of the Minuet so she can do it with **Red Gemrich** at out next dance. **Joe Gillis** said he would like to clean the lunch room and make some surprises. He will have the assistance of the 8:00 and 12:30 chemistry classes. An continued Goy the rest of the student body will (they say) be occupied by helping teachers grade papers and figure out the year's assignments.

October 29—Administrative Assembly, Theatre, 12:30-12:50

October 31—Pep Assembly. Women's Gym, 12:30-12:50, Football Game at Otsego, 7:30

November 1—Junior Hayride

November 4—Assembly in Little Theatre, 9:00

November 5—Administrative Assembly, Little Theatre, 12:30-12:50

November 7—Pep Assembly, Women's Gym 12:30-12:50. Game at Fremont, 7:30