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Student Council Sponsors Town Meeting

Mid-Year Honor Roll Announced

With the issuing of the semester marks, the mid-year honor roll for scholarship has recently been announced. Students receiving four A's with no mark lower than a B are awarded an ALPHA, those with three A's and no mark lower than a B receive a BETA, and students receiving two A's with no mark lower than a B receive a GAMMA award.

Recipients of the honor roll awards are:

ALPHA—Polly Allen, Margaret Borton, Darlene Chapin, Julie Davis, Tom Elias, Penny Farr, Lois Fuller, Roberta Gleason, Brooks Godfrey, Clarke Godfrey, Dean Griffith, Phyllis Kievit, Fritz LaCrone, Alice Osterberg, Mike Palmer, James Scott, Mary Smith, Alfred Snow, David Swoap, Ronald Tanis, Robert Van Peenan, Victoria Wenner, Nancy Woodworth, and Gail Wruble.

BETA—Mary Louise Allen, Bruce Berg, Martha Braden, David Britigan, Jim Elsmann, Al Gemrich, Zoe Gideon, Millicent Hafer, Jean Hoag, Thomas Howson, Mary Louise Kaercher, Stephanie Malone, Cathy Myers, Richard Schreiber, John Simcox, Sharon Spann, Mary Lou Spitters, Kenneth Squires, Joan Stimson, Linnea Taylor, Catherine VanRiper, and Karen Wilkins.

GAMMA—Susan Ashley, Robert Beisel, Donald Bisceglia, Marilyn Brink, Nancy Brown, Carolyn Buder, Marilyn Buder, Ann Carleton, Carole Edgerton, Donna Endsley, Beverly Fender, Nancy Glidden, Tom Harding, Ricard Howson, Sherla Jennings, Carolyn Kaercher, Don Kilgore, Joan Kohrman, Christopher Light, Jean Morris, Don Neal, Merton Norman, James Otis, David Platt, Peter Platt, Diane Pullan, Mary Roberts, Joseph Scott, Jon Sebaly, Carol Sutton, Shirley VanValkenburg, Dan Ward, Mike Weaver, and Richard Wilsey.

Polio Drive Successful

The polio drive has come to a close, and with the coming year, all hope that the cure will be found through science and that the afflicted will continue to receive aid toward good health.

State High students contributed \$61.25 toward this drive,

State High's second annual Town Meeting was held Tuesday, February 16, in the Little Theater.

Each year a problem of current interest or need is selected and discussed by a panel composed of students, faculty, and outside research people. In the remaining time the question is thrown out to the entire audience to get their opinions and suggestions.

This year the problem was "How we can improve our club program." To make discussion easier, this broad general topic was broken down into three questions: "What is the purpose of clubs? What clubs should we have? and, What can we expect out of clubs?"

The panel this year was composed of Al Gemrich, Donna Endsley, Ann Frey, Mr. Jerse, Dr. Chiara, Julie Davis, recorder, and Charles Maloney, moderator.

Coming Events

Friday, Feb. 19—B.B. game Plainwell, here.

Tuesday, Feb. 23—B.B. game: Holland Christian, here.

Friday, Feb. 26—B.B. game: Allegan, there; Tri-City Band Concert at Allegan; Junior High party.

Saturday, Feb. 27—"S" Club meeting.

Math Club has Varied Activities

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Place: Any one of the homes of the members of the Math Club.

Event: Heated discussion on the 4th dimension, Non-Euclidean geometry, or math prodigies; puzzles; chess.

Headed by President Dick Wilsey, the Math Club meets regularly once a month on Wednesday evenings to further interest in math and explore the widespread activities to be found in the field. Noted speakers in the world of math address the Math Club at each meeting; at the last gathering Dr. John Everett, former head of the math department at Western; spoke to the members.

Sponsored by Mr. Hackney and Mr. Weber, the officers (Vice pres. Linnea Taylor; sec'y., Stevie Malone, and treas., Bobbie Gleason, in addition to Dick) and Tom Elias participated in a panel discussion at the University of Michigan recently at a convention of math teachers in the state.

Committees to Decorate Hospital

Three different organizations are collaborating to decorate the recreation hall at Percy Jones General Hospital on Saturday, February 27. Miss Smutz's art class will make the decorations while members of the Friendship and Service Committees will put them up.

Every month a different high school in the area is selected by the Red Cross to decorate at Percy Jones. This month it's State High's turn.

Second Semester Officers Elected

The first week after semester changes every homeroom elected new officers, who then became members of the Student Council. In 211E Al Glendenning was chosen president and Diane Pullan, veep. 219E voted Barb McBride, president and Joan Harback next. Jim Elsmann and Ron Kilgore represent 217E.

Band chose Don Neal and Charlie Straub as their leaders. 206 elected Tom Howson and Penny Farr as their semester leaders, while typing is represented by Jim VanTassel and Jerry Hawkins.

Dick Tyler and Jim Brown are the president and vice president from 303S. Dave Eaton and Dick Howson are 15E's officers as are George Peelen and Chuck Sweet in 213E. 2E chose Dave Swoap and Nancy Woodworth as their leaders, while 301S has Jim Causey and Connie Kuizenga.

Prom Plans Underway

Plans for the Junior-Senior Prom are now underway. The Junior Class elected Lois Fuller as general chairman, and she, together with class officers, met and appointed the following committee chairmen: Invitations, Nancy Woodworth; chaperones, Joan Peelen; entertainment and music, Barbara Born; refreshments, Diane Sabo; publicity, Annette Douglas; programs and tickets, Mary Lou Spitters; and decorations, Ann Malotte.

The prom will be held in the spring and is open only to Juniors, Seniors, and their guests.

Tidbits

by Fritz

Get out the shovels, kids, it is deep today!

MR. JERSE about new government class: "This one seems rather quiet." Little do you know, Mr. Jerse!

If you should see GLORIA WEISS going down the hall muttering to herself, it's not old age, just practicing for the American Legion All-City Oratorical Contest at Harding School, February 24.

CONGRATS ARE IN ORDER for the typing students who received automatic A's for the marking period by pecking through a five minute timed writing without an error . . . to MIKE PALMER for winning first place with an oboe solo in a contest at Western recently . . . to JEAN MORRIS for her da-a-andy solo on the flute at the Tri-City band concert.

PRETTY CATTY! We're talking about those white sweatshirts with the flashy blue and gold emblem now on sale by the aeronautics class to raise "MOOLAH" for their trip. How about getting yours by tournament time?

SEMESTER POST MORTEM . . . Mr. Leonardelli even came across the board with a few alphas!

From INDIA to State High in one easy lesson! The Seniors in Mrs. Rogers' English Class learned about the economics, politics, education, and recreation of India from Mrs. Shanti-Lata Mohanty Kanungo, who is now doing advanced work at the U. of Michigan.

The RESERVE BASKETBALL TEAM has done a dandy job in raising the spirit at the games and in inducing other students to cheer. As a result, the cheering has been "hot stuff" lately. We all enjoyed your little vaudeville act at the Portage game, boys!

MR. DEUR in advanced biology—"Put a slide under this microscope and draw what you see." Was he ever surprised! Jim VanTassel drew a perfect cover glass, Jim Boylan saw a shapely dust particle, and Dorothy Nieboer caught a glimpse of Doug. Where WERE those PROTOZOANS hiding?

ODD SIGHTS AROUND SCHOOL: Charles Maloney asleep in journalism class . . . Ann without Bob . . . 2:00 study at 2:49 . . . Alice Mabie sitting in her locker . . . GIRLS holding hands in the hall.

BEAT PLAINWELL Friday. Remember to bring your folks; let 'em listen to a good cheering section.

New Look for Kalamazoo

"What," the teacher demanded strongly, "is the population of Kalamazoo?"

"Fifteen hundred, ma'm," answered a tall country lad.

"What are the boundaries?"

He rose once again and spoke surely. "On the north, North Street, on the east, the Kalamazoo River, on the west, Elm Street, and on the south, Lovell Street."

Don't look so shocked! You mean you didn't know that Western was outside the city limits?

Before you take the bus down town tonight, here's a warning. The only place of business on Burdick Street is a blacksmith shop. The business district is now located on E. Michigan, between Portage and Edwards. There is also a scattering of shops on these two streets and on Michigan, towards Rose.

If you've been reading the Gazette lately, you'll know just how these stores are stocked. Cloth, nails, (including superior horse nails!), boots, dishes, oils, paints, salted fish, and other groceries, strong beer by the keg, and most useful of all, live geese feathers by the pound! Of course, if you disagree with the Gazette, you may read its Whig rival.

If you can't sew too well, you may be interested to know that there are

two male tailors who do a divine job.

Don't head for the drugstore after school for your usual coke, for both drugstores sell only drinks like Dr. Evans Soothing Syrup for Children, and instead of candy, Vegetable Life Pills. And don't catch cold! The mortality rate for children and young people is running terrifically high.

Got a letter to mail? The "Old Brig" is located on Michigan Ave., east of Portage. If you're in a buying mood, just step up on that raised platform behind the post office because that is the store.

About the prettiest thing in town are the churches. And you can go to any one of the four that you choose, either the Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist, or Congregational-Presbyterian. There are no Reformed churches yet, for there are no Dutch in Kalamazoo yet.

After a stroll along the river banks, why not stop in at one of Kalamazoo's finest hotels, the River House. There are two others, the Exchange Hotel at the corner of Michigan and Rose, and the nicest of all, the Kalamazoo House. The builder of this hotel is the great General Justice Burdick.

If you are confused by now, it is no wonder, for this isn't Kalamazoo 1954. No, this is Kalamazoo, 1843.

Rhythm at Random

The second of the three Tri-City Band concerts will be held Friday, February 26, at Allegan. The State High band will leave Friday noon so as to arrive in Allegan for a pre-concert rehearsal that afternoon. Guest conductor for the concert will be Dr. Henry Bruinsma from the University of Michigan. The two visiting bands will stay in Allegan overnight on Friday.

The final cast has been chosen for the "Mikado," the outstanding operetta that the choir will give Saturday, March 20, in the Civic Theater.

Authentic costumes will be used, being rented from Boston, Mass., at a cost of over \$200.

There will be an orchestra this year instead of a piano accompaniment which has formerly been used.

On Tuesday, February 9, a talent assembly was held for the purpose of trying out students for the Blue and Gold Revue. Those participating were: L. Fuller, R. Makins, R. Werley, D. Taylor, J. Davis, P. Allen, P. Lynch, G. Weiss, B. Stewart, J. Hoag, N. Watterworth, J. Babcock, D. Moss, J. Warfield, B. Andrus, G. Berkhausen, B. Patmos, R. Drummond, G. Longjohn, H. Jennings, and M. Braden.

Only 5 Minutes More

At 2:45 p.m. every Monday through Friday there's new hope. Only five grueling minutes more. Books snap shut, pencils drop and get picked up, paper is crumpled, and feet are shuffled. An all over confusion becomes apparent, but the "voice" up front drones on.

That first of the last five minutes goes so slowly. After anatomies change positions three or four times, the minute hand at last rests on fourteen minutes of three.

Trying to recall the day's assignments helps another minute to pass. Only two more.

The whole class is restless. Tapping appendages is the main activity while a few teeth are mashed. There is still the monotonous hum in the front of the room.

The zero hour is approaching at last. The corner man with the second hand calls signals: 40, 30, 20, 10, 5, —0!

As everyone jumps up and dashes for the door, the "voice" gives out with an astonished cry of "How fast time flies!" and proceeds to give a long detailed assignment. Pencils must be fished out, and growls are heard about the classroom.

As the "voice" becomes buried in the text while looking up the assignment, the class stealthily creep out with, "Remember this; don't forget that; do it in ink, on wide-lined paper," faintly sounding in every ear.

The Way the Ball Bounces

Little has been heard about the newly organized freshmen basketball team. So far, they've a record of 3 wins and 3 losses to some stiff competition. Clarke Godfrey, Dick Howson, Don DeVries (small), Joe Passifume, Jon Scott and Tony Scott are carrying most of the load. This ninth grade team will someday be stepping into varsity slots, so how about giving them some encouragement?

A newcomer on the reserve team, Jack DeKreek, who has been ineligible because of a transfer, was high point in the Portage game. Jack practiced football all fall and basketball all season without being able to enter a game and without complaining has encouraged those who were able to play. The spirit he has displayed is one to be proud of.

Bob Britigan's three years on the varsity are beginning to show. His shooting ability, rebounding, and ball handling are an invaluable part of the team.

Coronation and Parents' Night To Be Featured at Trojan Game

This Friday the State High Cubs battle the Plainwell Trojans in a very important Wolverine League contest. In an earlier encounter this season, the Cubs were nipped by the Trojans, 53-50 on their home court, but the quintet has improved considerably since then and the forthcoming game appears to be a toss-up.

"S" Club to Meet

On Saturday, February 27, the "S" Club, under the sponsorship of Coaches Chance, Walters and Stevens, will hold its first meeting of the year.

In former years the varsity letter club has met during club periods and has tended to be more a recreation group. Since a more constructive organization was desired, the entire setup has been changed. One of the main functions of this group will be to meet prospective athletes and show them the school.

At the Plainwell Game, the Annual Parents Night celebration will be held. The basketball King and Queen will also be crowned at half-time.

The Pep Committee has announced that letters have been sent to all State High parents urging them to attend this game for an enjoyable evening. The gym will be decorated and have a special student cheering section to show the parents how much pep State High has.

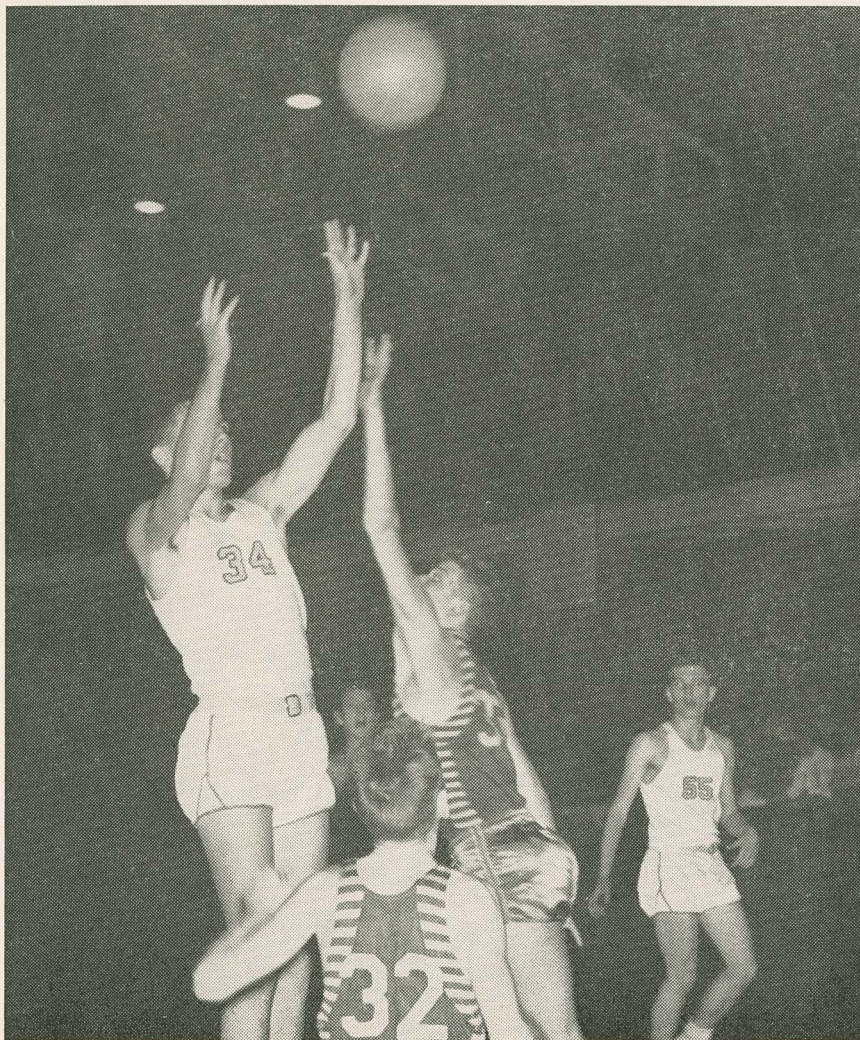
The basketball team has chosen four candidates for queen, who will soon be selected by the student body. The basketball captain, John Warfield this year, is automatically King.

The State High Cubs, after sporting just a so-so record thus far this season, roar a warning to their opponents in the coming Class B regional basketball tournaments which begin March 3, at Vicksburg. Coach Chance's aggregation occupy fifth place in the Wolverine Conference and it doesn't seem too likely that they can finish any higher than third. All depends on the results of their remaining pair of conference clashes with Plainwell and Allegan, both of which have downed the Cubs previously. On a good night the Cubs are capable of battling any team in the league on even terms, but poor shooting percentages have hampered State High in their last few outings.

Bulldogs Batter Cub Title Hopes

Those who witnessed last Friday's basketball contest between Otsego and State High knew they had watched a stellar and colorful struggle between the two good teams. Although the Bulldogs finally conquered, 72-62, the final outcome was very much in doubt up to the final two minutes. A quintet composed of Miles, Britigan, Neal, Wise, and Godfrey were very impressive for the Cubs as they hacked away steadily at Otsego's lead. Bob Britigan, who improves with each past game, threw in 16 points and Al Wise added 10. Brooks Godfrey, a substitute who contributes a few points to every Cub game, threw in three important last period buckets and Don Neal flipped in a couple himself.

A lucky 13 it was for the State High reserves, who humbled Otsego's reserves 67-45, and thus added another to their string of 12 past victories. Pete Parker singed the nets with 30 points.



(Photo by Chris Light)

Shepherd loops in shot for unbeaten reserve team

Who Said That?

Have you ever noticed that expressions may be identified with people? You see a person and immediately an expression he always uses comes to mind.

For example, the other morning when I was walking to school and Mr. Weber drove by, I couldn't help but think of "Chalk and Talk." A couple of blocks down I ran into Julie Davis, Polly Allen, Cathy Myers, and Martha Braden and I thought of the words "Really?," "How marvelous!" "What's this?" and "No kidding?" simultaneously. Bob Mindeman cruised by and I could just hear him saying "Sam!" That's what he always says - just "Sam." Walking up the hill, I nearly bumped into Mr. Engels and immediately heard his little gem, "All right, Kiddies."

I remembered I had to stop in the office a minute and as I headed for the desk, I heard Mrs. Jarman vehemently exclaim, "Oh, no." Fritz LaCrone was there, too, and was looking at the calendar mumbling, "How 'bout that!"

Advancing on toward my locker, I overheard Jon Sebaly say, "Times are tough all over," and Charlie Straub answered him with "Yep, that's the way the ball bounces." When I finally reached the locker, Ann Carleton was standing there sighing, "Bob!" Just then Bill Patmos walked by and I was reminded of his pet peeve, "Women."

As I lightly tripped to class, I passed Diane Pullan's locker which was surrounded with men, as usual, and I expected to hear her pop up with "Oh, you guys" any minute, but my train of thought was interrupted by Dinny Lintvedt sarcastically observing, "Big Deal!"

A couple of my classes will probably bring forth familiar expressions too, like Mrs. Monroe always says, "Aqui se habla Espanol!" and Mr. Leonardelli is usually heard observing, "Good suspended thinking."

Now to settle down in English class and listen to Charles Maloney's views as he begins on the major questions of the universe with, "Well, I think . . ."

Worse than Jerse

One day in 11:00 Government, the refuge for such characters as Mindeman and Hawkins, Mr. Jerse was teaching in his usual fascinating manner when there came a booming so loud that the whole class was awakened.

Two men in red suits, with horns, three-pronged forks, and spiked tails paraded into the room looking like the devil or rather, like devils.

Here it is interesting to note Jerse was first to defend himself, but it seems they weren't after him—this time.

They ushered us into one of those little cars for a ride thru Hell to see the "Division of Cheaters." It was not unlike the Hatlo Inferno type cartoons found in the Sunday paper.

First we passed a large room where tests were being given. It was uncanny the way the limits of each student's eyes were known for they kept the answers in plain sight, but just far enough away so they weren't readable.

Next we passed various devices like the eye-ball stretcher and stacks of fountain pens loaded with disappearing ink for writing crib notes. Close to these were the cages to hold those who went crazy wondering where their notes went.

We rode by one fellow who was forced to read 10,000 pages of crib notes and another who was washing piles of shirts with cuff-notes on the sleeves.

The highlight of the trip was a visit to the Confession Room. The walls there are papered with ponies of the past and then the student

teachers of days gone by file in (who knows how they got down there) and after the confession, the pupil watches his marks lowered by each teacher in turn.

It sure was a relief to have that trip over and yours truly is plenty glad he won't be going there again.

Answer Me, My Love!

DEAR JOHN,

I BELIEVE I ALWAYS knew YOU, YOU, YOU would RICOCHET. MY PAPA knows ALL THE THINGS YOU ARE BECAUSE he saw YOU ALONE DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE with LAURA. CAN ANYONE EXPLAIN? IT HAPPENED ONCE BEFORE; there were WHISPERS IN THE DARK. NEVERTHELESS WHEN LOVE WALKED IN I thought we could walk SIDE BY SIDE down the aisle of the MISSION OF ST. AUGUSTINE to the tune of the WEDDING MARCH. SINCE YOU'VE GONE I've been singing THE BLUES IN THE NIGHT.

I'LL WALK ALONE UNTIL YOU RETURN TO PARADISE.

ALL MY LOVE
LOUISE

P. S. I LOVE YOU

Girls are like newspapers. They have form, they always have the last word, back numbers are not in demand, they have influence, you can't believe anything they say, they're thinner than they used to be, they get along by advertising, and every man should have his own and try not to borrow his neighbor's.

Akron Buchtelite

EDGEin' Around

The criminal always returns to the scene of the crime . . . Well here I am back again for more loot!

Central's Turnabout gathered quite a few couples from State High. Jim Elsmann got snagged by Barb Stuart and no doubt had a good time. Ellie Clark squired Joe Gillis, and Barb Born escorted Senior guy, Bob Britigan. Dinny Lindvedt and Ellen Davis hitched on to Al Wise and Bob Miles, respectively. Graff wanted his name mentioned, too . . . he went with Nancy Noble.

Seems that Jon Sebaly once stated he was thru with soph gals . . . How come he seems so well attached to Mary Jane LaPlante ? ? ?

Joanne Survilla and her Central man got stuck in a ditch awhile back. Wonder how they made out ? ? ?

What was the deal about four certain girls dedicating a record to the boys that were in Chicago?

Dave Britigan is quite the popular boy. He got chauffeured by a few girls the nite of the **Highlights** dance.

Mary Joy Sawyer keeps sending air mail letters to Connecticut. Some day she'll run out of money . . . Tragic thought!

It must be Pat Borgman is really gone over Bruce. Now she's writing limericks in English Class about him!

Adrian Vanderlinde is quite the romancer (?) when he's rehearsing the love scenes for the operetta.

Youth Fellowships have their social angles, too, it seems. Witness Garry Birch and his "Miss X." Those soph boys really step out away from school. Pete Pullon seems to get around, too. Is Jim Rock in this gang also ? ? ?

I guess Connie Kuizenga and Dallas Weybright are hitting it off real well these days. More power to ya!

During noontime dances, Carol Hartman and Jim Causey really jump and jive around. When did they get together to practice ? ? ?

Joan Harback got pushed out of a car a little while ago. Better have an explanation about that one, Joan!

Quotation of the week: Definition of a flirt—"A woman who thinks it's every man for herself." Anybody you know ? ? ?

English Faculty Honors Senior Girls

On Friday, February 12, the English faculty gave a tea for the senior girls and their mothers. The get-together took place in the library at 3:30 with Gloria Weiss acting as general chairman.

Book reviews on the literature the senior class has been studying were given by the following students: Bobby Gleason, *Beyond Sing the Woods* by Gulbrandsin; Penny Farr, *Cyrano de Bergerac*, by Rostand; and Stevie Malone, *Queen Victoria*, by Strachey.