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State Highlights

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'54-'55 Magazine Sale Is Now In Full Swing

Homeroom Officers Take Over Duties

This year at State High the various homerooms wasted no time in electing their officers for the first semester. As almost everyone knows, the president and vice-president of each homeroom are its representatives on the Student Council. Here are the officers for this semester:

In the band, Pres. is M. Palmer, Vice-pres., H. Jennings, Sec'y, Dianne Sabo Treas., P. Kievit. Representing 11E are A. Mallotte, Pres., J. Harback, Vice-pres., D. Taylor, Sec'y, B. Fender, Treas. 206E chose T. Light, Pres., J. Owen, Vice-pres., B. McBride, Sec'y, and C. Godfrey, Treas. In 219E Richard Howson is Pres., V. Wade, Vice-pres., Carol Schultz, Sec'y, and T. Cook, Treas. Chosen by 301S are Pres., D. Griffith, Vice-pres., C. Warfield, Sec'y, J. Sish, and Treas., J. Simcox. Representing the homeroom of 15E are C. Lemon, Pres., B. Yates, Vice-pres., J. Quiring, Sec'y, R. Valentine, Treas. In 211E N. Woodworth is Pres. A. Nieboer, Vice-pres., L. Fuller, Sec'y, and S. Locke, Treas., Representing 217E are A. Glendening, Pres. A. Wise, Vice-pres., C. Hartman, Sec'y, T. Howson, Treas. In 2E B. Miles is Pres., D. Tyler, Vice-pres. Libby Davis, Sec'y, and D. McCrumb, Treas. 303E chose C. Kiino, Pres., R. Bryan, Vice-pres., J. Dykema, Sec'y, J. Kersten, Treas. In 213E Jim Brown is Pres., A. Lenderink, Vice-pres., R. Limpus, Sec'y, Dawn Weybright, Treas.

Suggestions by Librarian

In response to many questions asked by parents and children concerning the AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA, which sells in food markets in several states for 99 cents a volume, there is this information.

The "Subscription Books Bulletin," which is an accredited publication of the American Library Association, has this to say about this set of encyclopedias, "Many of the articles examined are completely or partially out of date; others omit important recent developments, and many have words and phrases that may be found in abridged dictionaries." Also this committee found that revision has been insufficient for the set to become an adequate reference tool.

In place of this set of encyclopedias, Miss Lowrie suggests the COLUMBIA ENCYCLOPEDIA, which is only one volume and sells for \$28.50.

Students Vie for Team, Individual Honors

Yesterday the Fifth Annual Magazine Sale swung into high gear. This year's sale, under the direction of Bob Beisel, Student Council Treasurer, promises to be a more profitable one than ever before. Assisting Bob during the sale, which lasts ten school days, will be Mary Lou Spitters, Lois Fuller, and Nancy Watterworth. The treasurer from each homeroom will be in charge of collecting the money in his own room every day.

Coming Events

October 15—Friday—Football with Portage, here.

October 18-19—M. E. A. meeting. No school.

October 20—Wednesday—Administrative Assembly, 12:30-1:00, Little Theater.

October 22—Friday—Homecoming football game with South Haven here. Pep Assembly. Magazine Sale ends.

October 23—Saturday—Homecoming Dance, Women's Gym, 8:30-11:30.

Homecoming Features Queen, Game and Dance

The big event of this year's homecoming will be the election of a queen who will reign over the homecoming dance, Saturday, October 23, along with the football captain, Al Glendening. The football team will nominate several girls and then the student body will elect a queen from them. The Social Committee is in charge of the dance to be given that night.

The Pep Committee is in charge of plans for the homecoming game and Dress-up Day, Friday October 22. The game will be played against South Haven at CAA Stadium at 7:30.

Announce Tryouts For 'Seven Sisters'

Attention! Those who are interested in trying out for the fall play, *Seven Sisters*, by Edith Ellis, are urged to come to Room 219E on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, October 26, 27, 28, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Sack and Miss Cleveland will be the casting directors for all the potential actors and actresses. These tryouts are open to anyone in the high school.

Bob thinks that with the students divided into teams competition will really flare. Adding to this incentive will be these fine prizes. For the highest salesman, first prize will be a portable radio; second, a traveling clock; third, fourth, fifth prizes will be copies of the **Highlander** with the student's name engraved on the cover. For the next three highest salesmen, there are free tickets to the school play. All the members of the highest homeroom at the end of the sale, having sold their \$10 quota, will be admitted free to a dance, probably the Homecoming Dance. Also, to the highest individual homeroom of that particular day candy bars will be given. Again, only members who have sold their \$10 quota will receive candy bars.

This year marks the fifth year State High has had the Magazine Sale. Before deciding on it, the Student Council had tried many different ways of earning money, but finally decided that the Magazine Sale was the best way of earning the most money in the shortest length of time. The money that the school earns in just ten days out of the entire school year furnishes the Student Council with the means to run all its own activities, including those of the various committees. If every student at State High could sell his \$10 quota during the coming week, the Student Council would have more than enough.

Classes Hold Election

All classes elected their officers last week except for the Seniors, who will elect theirs in the future.

The Juniors elected Bob Miles, Pres., Chuck Warfield, Vice-pres., Vicki Wenner, Sec'y, Libby Davis, Treas.

Sophomores; Jim Brown, Pres., Richard Howson, Vice-pres., Carol Schutz, Sec'y, Clarke Godfrey, Treas.

Freshmen; Mike Decker, Pres., Carl Kiino, Vice-pres., Judy Dekema, Sec'y. The treasurer will be elected at the next class meeting.

Sugar 'n Spice

by Larry 'n Bryce

After the Buchanan game a few of the boys hustled home in only about an hour. Their motto: "Life begins at 80." How about it, boys, wanta 'fess up?

When the Journalism class was assigned to write on the topic, "The Lure of the Sea," Carol Hartman's version: "The Lure of the Se-baly." That's individual thinking.

Walks to class,
Takes no books,
At his homework
Never looks.
Just wears levis
To make him leaner.
Who could it be?
None but a senior!

Man's answer a la Emily Post: John Simcox gives this advice to Garry Birch: "Even though one girl asks you to take her home, don't tell another to walk." Variety can be too spicy!

Anything can happen in Senior English Classes especially when Pat Squires is writing themes. On his first one for Miss Ebert, on the topic of a vivid impression, Pat wrote, "I Went Dear Hunting." Oh, deer!

Mrs. Monroe is exasperated. Rules of 206E state that "Anyone speaking a language other than is being taught in this room will be fined 1c for every word." Amend the constitution, Mrs. Monroe, for if you keep speaking Spanish in French class, and French in Spanish, both classes will have enough money in fines to hold a dance at the end of the year.

News comes from the choir room that ten eighth graders passed try-outs and have joined the choir. Congrats. Also heard that a shy junior boy has been disturbing girls from his chair behind them. Careful, "Os-good," they slap.

The JUNIORS proved Friday noon that it pays to have big mouths. They won the coveted bear and dislike (to put mildly) of the seniors. That's all right, seniors, you're SECOND best. Sniffle-Sniffle.

Henceforth, all girls seeking beauty treatment are advised to see the local beauty consultant, Eric Brown. Quote from English class: "I know all girls want to be beaut . . ." Yes?

On October 2 and 3 Tom Reid, George Shaw, Larry Johnson, Bill Daugherty, and Dave Schroeder accompanied Mr. Deur on the Audubon campout at Yankee Springs. A bit of rain came along in the night. Ain't easy to bail a bed, is it, eh, George?

The Inside Story

Once there was a freshman, a lowly fellow in the eyes of the upperclassmen, but one who, by their mature analysis, had some possibilities, in fact, many of them.

During the first few months of high school this boy had a variety of experiences such as getting lost and finding himself seemingly miles away from his scheduled room and battling for days with a stubborn locker.

Then having lived through those times, he faced freshman Dress-Up Day like a man. However, his courage faltered when he had to go around wearing a crazy little hat, short pants to show off his dimpled knees and unfamiliar make-up and earrings!

Yet all those temporary inconveniences were offset by the helpful, friendly things his big brother had done for him. He was amazed that an utter stranger would take such an interest in him. His big brother had introduced him to many fine people, had taken him to the "Get Acquainted Dance" and had advised him on many occasions.

As time went on, he learned various things including developing a desirable attitude scholastically, creating a class and, even better yet, a school spirit within himself because he had started to participate in athletics, music groups, clubs, and dramatics. He began to realize how many things contributed to a school's traditions. His future goals could include membership in Student Council, Monitors, committees, planning school dances including that social highlight, the Prom, and in the not-too-distant future, graduation.

Accomplish this? Yes, in time, but meanwhile he went on enjoying each day and doing his bit to keep alive the worthwhile traditions of State High.

—Tamsin Malone

Downbeat

by "Mr. Howie"

The band has worked up a good show for Friday's game with Portage. The formations will include "P" for you know who, "S" for State, and a bucket which will be formed during "The Old Oaken Bucket."

On October 16 they will participate in Western's Homecoming parade and between-half show at the Western Bronco-Toledo Rockets game. The parade will include State High, Western and Paw Paw bands and probably more.

The choir is rehearsing for the Spring Festival and the operetta, which will be a two or three day show this year. They are practicing on "The Happy Wanderer," "Bohemian Girl" and "Holiday."

Choir officers for this year are G. Peelen, president and C. Warfield, secretary-treasurer.

There has been much discussion about organizing a men's glee club. Anyone interested in this should see Larry Littig.

Dr. Richard S. Schreiber, 1953-54 President of the P.T.S.A., has been named president to the Michigan Commission on Educational Policies. This group will take action on many of the problems immediately facing Michigan's educational system.

No Wise Quacks, Please

Characters—(And we mean characters)—George Peelen, Chuck Warfield, Garry Birch, Dick Tyler.

Occasion—Duck hunting expedition.

Time—5:30 A.M.-8:00 A.M.

Place—A beautiful lake discovered by George and surrounded by a swamp, filled to abundance with many types of insects, animals, birds (blackbirds exclusively) and indeed a nature boy's haven, lacking only one thing . . . ducks.

Act I: Chuck sits in a small pool of water thinking it is a dry spot.

Act II: Many hunters are grateful for waders. Garry goes up to his knees in muck. He doesn't have waders on but he would be grateful if he had.

Act III: Dick ("Animal") throws the decoys in upside down and almost falls in trying to right them.

Act IV: George, on going over a barbed wire fence, tears his waders without knowing it. The first thing he says upon entering thigh high in water is "OH GAWRSH ! ! !"

(George never swears . . . ask him)

Act V: To be continued next season.

Christopher Light, '54, student at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, has been exempted from the elementary physics course and is enrolled in the advanced physics class. This honor resulted from his excellent scores on the College Entrance Examination Board tests.

The Extra Point

by Ted Garneau

With 4 games under the Cubs' football belt, people might start to think we have a great team and every fan as well as player might start to get over-confident. This reporter prefers to be pessimistic by saying that we have only played 4 games and will have to improve a great deal before we can consider winning all or most of our games. One thing to consider is injuries. If the football team has some bad luck and a couple first stringers get hurt, watch out! Our next game is with Portage, always a threat and State High's greatest rival. The game could go either way with State High holding a slim edge in experience. A reporter is sticking his neck out when he makes a prediction—but—State High 13, Portage 7.

Congratulations to the cross-country squad which beat Vicksburg. Ray Lazotte was first, John Curren 2nd, John Schensul 4th, Chuck Sweet 5th, and Dan Ward 6th. Winner of the Portage-Cub meet should take Wolverine honors. Cross-country now counts towards the all-sports trophy.

The State High reserve football team has played 3 games up to this issue, one with Battle Creek, which the "Little Cubs" lost after a long hard battle 6-0. They beat Plainwell 26-0, and then in the game with Allegan, after a scoreless 3 quarters, the little Cubs got hot and scored twice. Jim Brown made one touchdown and Gary Vermeulen scored another one; Larry Johnson kicked one extra point. Score: State 13, Allegan 0. So far the backfield has been led by Ken Hartman with Jerry Ludwig anchoring a strong line. Jim Brown has looked like a pro with his ball handling and the way he has run the team.

State to Battle Mustangs

Cubs Beat Chiefs, Trojans

In a thrilling game at Dowagiac, State High trounced the Chiefs 19-6. This was a hard fought ball game all the way, and it just seems that the breaks were with the Cubs.

Bobbie Miles started the Cubs rolling by making the first TD. The second highlight of the game came when Anthony Nieboer sliced off tackle and ran 38 yards for the second six points. Miles kicked the extra point.

A persistent Dowagiac then intercepted a pass on the State 37 and raced all the way for a touchdown. It was an even game till the fourth quarter when Bobbie Miles, the speedy halfback for State, broke loose on a reverse and went 29 yards for the last touchdown.

In a game at C.A.A. Field, State High won its third straight by defeating the Plainwell Trojans 22-0.

The Cubs scored their first touchdown on an end run by Tony Nieboer, who covered some 27 yards for the tally. The extra point was made by Jerry Olvitt.

The Trojans never really threatened throughout the game.

Bobbie Miles scored the last 2 touchdowns on runs of 16 and 22 yards. The extra points were made by pass plays from Bob Beisel to Chuck Warfield. State also got a safety when the Cubs were forced to punt on 4th down, and then caught a Plainwell man sleeping in the end zone.

Jerry Olvitt and Chuck Ocverick are to be commended on their great defensive ball game along with Dick Tyler, Tom Harding, and Don DeVreis.

Hope for 4th Win Friday

This week Friday the Cubs will take on the Portage Mustangs at C.A.A. field at 7:30 p.m. Portage has a record of 3-1, the same as State High's. It is believed that this will be a real game.

In the recent game played at Allegan, the State High Cubs were upset by a very fine Tiger team, 14-12. State High threatened twice in the first quarter when Pete Parker ran around right end, but the Allegan line held the Cubs from getting the touchdowns.

In the second quarter Parker intercepted a Tiger pass, but the Tigers held again. The tide changed for State when Allegan moved the ball to the 4 yard line. Hoffman went over for the touchdown and Stougle kicked the extra point. The half time score was 7-0.

In the third quarter Parker returned the kick-off on a run of 75 yards. Bob Beisel went over for the touchdown from the two yard line. The pass from Beisel to Jerry Olvitt for the extra point was no good. The breaks were still with Allegan as Parker fumbled the Tiger punt on our 15 yard line. Wilcox went over for the Tigers' second touchdown, with Stougle making the extra point again for a score of 14-6.

State High fought back as Beisel passed to Joel Shepherd for a gain of 30 yards and another pass to Bob Miles for the touchdown. Miles's conversion was wide to the right. Some of the statistics:

First downs-Allegan-13; State High-11. Penalties-Allegan-30 yards; State High-15.

Starting Team at Practice



Backfield: C. Warfield, A. Nieboer, B. Beisel, B. Miles. Line: P. Parker, C. Ocverick, T. Harding, D. DeVries, D. Tyler, A. Glendenning, J. Burke.

Under The Harvest Moon

It was beautiful that evening as Mac and I walked along side by side down the lane. Finally we stopped for a while by a big towering oak tree.

The crickets were singing softly and you could hear the murmur of the leaves as they touched each other tenderly.

It was a warm night, the twinkling lights from above laughed down at us and here was a beautiful moon. It made a gleaming pathway from heaven as it shone its silver light down upon us. This was the most beautiful moon I had ever seen. It spread a romantic shadow around us, bringing us closer together. I could tell what Mac was thinking by the expression on his face. As I looked into his soft brown eyes, I could see the tenderness in them. I felt myself quiver as he stepped closer to me. His shoulders were so big; he was a masculine fellow! I loved his big build and coal black hair—in fact, I loved Mac with all my heart. I had loved him since childhood.

I leaned against Mac as we both gazed at the moon. We stood there for golden moments as the glimmering light hypnotized us. Finally I told Mac to come on, it was time for me to get home. As we reached the gate, Mac and I stood side by side, getting one last look at the moon. Then I turned slowly towards Mac, he took a step towards me, and I opened the gate for him to go on through to the pasture as I went on into the house to retire for the night.

Fall Into Fashion

Hi, gals, let's chit-chat for a while about the latest fads and fashions. We see that Bermuda shorts are losing the limelight right now, but probably will be as popular this coming spring as they were this year.

The most popular sweater on sale is the v-neck, styled exactly like that of the guys. They're rather nice for the couples that are going steady... Don't you think?

Still popular as ever are the pencil-slim and straight skirts that can be worn with the many novelty sweaters, and the gala striped and printed blouses.

Looking to the feet we see that side zipper saddles are fast coming into style. It is said by a shoe store manager that charcoal gray is being sold in oxford and loafer style.

The latest colors drawing much attention from the public are avocado green, the popular pink and black combination, and pale blues.

Vicara and Wondermere sweaters are going to be the budget-minded gal's friend this year and probably for years to come because they are fluff-soft, look much like cashmere, and are reasonably priced.

That's Life

University of Michigan, chocolate cake with chocolate frosting, diets, this weekend, the game, University of Michigan. You're drifting again. This class is so dull. Heavens, it's only two minutes after, and you're bored stiff. What was that? Oh yes, open the book to page 18. Page 18—here's a rare one, "The Summary of Chapter One." The next paragraph is a complete summary of the summary that was summarized in the paragraph before. University of Michigan, chocolate cake with chocolate frosting, that divine, pink sweater in Gilmore's, University of Michigan. "Yes, the federal and state governments are the two main bodies. That wasn't the question?" Drifting, you're drifting again. You see a blur before you. The voices grow dimmer and dimmer in the distance. You're really gone now.

Sticks, Kicks, Cricks

"Ground, sticks, ground, sticks, ground, sticks." With these familiar words the girls' gym classes have started playing field hockey, which is very similar to ice hockey but is played with a little white ball as the whole object of the game. You may think it easy to hit this little white object, but it isn't. Try it sometime without hitting your opponent in the shins.

"Straighten your arms out!" "Flut-ter kick." "Scull hard or you'll sink," shouts Miss Lewis from the side of the pool. The two o'clock swimming class is concentrating on learning the different strokes and simple stunts, such as tuck somersault, kip, sculling and surface dive.

Right along with swimming class, are the Fin-ettes. The school's synchronized swimming club is beginning to work on its annual water show, which will be given in early spring. Officers for this year are: J. den-Bleyker, President, C. Schutz, Vice-President, P. Borgman, Secretary, and A. Doyle, Treasurer.

For any girls interested in learning synchronized swimming the Y.W. C.A. is offering an 11 week swimming class specializing in just that and meeting Thursday nights, 4:30-5:30.

Featured in State's High's second assembly of the year on October 5 was Dr. Richard Light, who showed his movie on India. Dr. Light holds a degree as a neurological surgeon and is chairman of the Board of Trustees at Kalamazoo College. He is also President of American Geographical Society.

The films, which were photographed in beautiful color, were taken last year when Dr. Light toured parts of India.

Carol's Cubbyhole

Hello Kidlets! Well, here it is, that time of year again when summer dreams are fading and fall ones take their place. I have come out of my summer hibernation to slip through the lighthearted halls of this fair institution.

Why, it was only a couple of days ago that I saw Ruthie Bryan putting the make on Dick Born. Say, Dick, you had better watch that interference from Cullen Henshaw; he may jam your channel. Man, those freshmen don't need any coaching.

As I slipped and stumbled over notebooks in the hall, I overheard Carol Schutz and Marilyn Wilsey hashing over that Sunday drive in the country. Haven't you heard that "Two is company and three is a crowd?"

Oh, and Wendy Locke has been seen flirting with Sebaly. Fellows, I didn't know this was leap year. Someone caught a glimpse of S. Gildea begging the seniors to teach her the "Dirty Boogie." Oh Sharon, if your mother only knew.

For heavens sakes, what is the big attraction at Central? Janet Jarman and Jeanne Forward could probably answer that question best although did you know that J. DeKreek, P. Parker, G. Peelen, and company have also been seen at Central's dances? Is it glue, honey, or pure masculine charm? Anyway, David Eaton was discovered on a street corner the other night, with 15 or 20 Central girls around him. Boys, you better have a talk with this fellow.

St. Augustine seems to be attracting the men, too. Our own Jack Schensul and Phyllis Foster have been a steady twosome for two months now. Why didn't you tell us sooner, Jack? And the latest little gem is Fred Klinger's passionate urge to go out with Sandy Jakeway. Gee, "Strange things are happening." Girls, what happened to your appeal?

The big question so far is whether Bob Miles and Joan Parkes are going steady. Well, not yet, but, my little fat friends, don't give up hope. Nancy Woodworth and Dick Tyler are still the "most" to each other, and have been all summer, except for a few misunderstandings at Lake Michigan.

Dig those sporty creatures in the senior class. Sandra Spann and Phil Leach decided to go bike riding. Not much fun with two flat tires, is it, kids? Speaking of kids, A. Glenden-ing and B. Born were seen galloping through the swamps in Born's woods. Hmhmhmhm. I happened to sneak into eleven o'clock government to find Tom Elias and Darlene Chapin charging each other with winks.

The question of the month seems to be "Men, where ARE you getting those lanterns? Is there a sale on somewhere?"