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State Highlights

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Play Rehearsals Begin

Now in rehearsal for its performance on December 10 and 11 is the annual play, "Seven Sisters." This comedy, adapted from "Hungarian of Hercezeg" by E. Ellis, will be presented by the following cast:

Mrs. Gyurkovics Nancy Hotneier
Katinka Pat Anderson
Sari Mary Smith
Ella Sandra Taylor
Mitzi Mary Lou Spitters
Terka Janet Weaver
Liza Nancy Gay
Klara Sandra Rex
Colonel Radviany James Malone
Gida Radviany Frank Simonds
Ferenz Harkoy Larry Littig
Michael Sandorffy James Causey
Toni Teleki George Peelen
Janko James Neal

The student assistant director will be Martha Roth, with student teachers Jan Rivard and Dona Young also assisting.

Both Miss Cleveland and Mr. Sack were very pleased by the good spirit and effort shown by the many students who tried out for parts. As Martha Roth expressed it:

"Have you ever noticed the different types of people at a play try-out? For convenience sake, they can be classed into two groups. Type A loses all control of voice and limb; they try to speak but nothing happens. There seems to be something choking them. The other type, B, shouts to hide the fact that they're scared stiff. Both types are, but won't admit it.

"As they leave after the ordeal, you can also spot two distinct types. B leaves loudly, joking at some little thing or at themselves. A leaves—head a little lower, confidence slightly sub-zero.

"But they all come back, back to take another swing at it."

The Aeronautics Class wishes to announce a Paper Drive which will take place in the very near future. All old newspapers and magazines will be collected to help raise money for their annual flight. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

COMING EVENTS

November 12—Friday. End of first marking period.

November 16—Tuesday. BookWeek Assembly. 1:00 p.m. Dr. York to speak.

November 20—Saturday. Dance in the Women's Gym. (turnabout)

November 23—Tuesday. Assembly, 10:00 in Little Theatre. Thanksgiving program.

Many Student Participate Widely On Council Committees

Take a Student Council with genial David Swoap as president and a cabinet of officers and chairmen. Add a large group of students meeting regularly every two weeks. Think of seven capable committees functioning consistently in carrying out the countless activities of the school. Mix well the results of all these efforts and what do you have? A happy, industrious student body which is constantly striving to cooperate, improve and benefit itself and the school.

Because so many worthy school projects are the direct result of innumerable, behind-the-scene committee meetings, the staff of the **Highlights** would like to present their varied goals and members.

For example, there is the Social Committee which plans all the monthly dances except when a class, home-room or club secures an open date for a dance in advance. The Junior Class has charge of the open date in November so the Christmas Formal will be the next affair planned by the Social Committee whose members are...

SOCIAL: A. Malotte, chairman; Group I, H. Alman, A. Burgderfer, M. Borton, J. Brown, R. Bryan, K. Brower, G. Buchanan, E. Davis, D. DeVries, B. Fender, E. Gemrich, C. Hartman, J. Jennings, C. Kuizenga, K. Johnson, L. Littig, B. McBride, T. Neiboer, J. Parkes, P. Platt, J. Poutinen, J. Rock, J. Shepherd, S. Van Valkenburg, M. Weaver, M. Wilsey, N. Woodworth, and G. Wruble. Group II, M. Balch, D. Bryan, J. Causey, J. Dekema, A. Douglas, D. Griffith, M. Hafer, J. Haney, H. Howe, M. J. LaPlante, A. Lenderink, S. Lennartson, D. Lintvedt, S. Locke, T. Malbone, F. Miller, J. Owen, G. Peelen, T. Reid, D. Sabo, M. Sawyer, J. Shakespeare, M. Spitters, J. Stimson, D. Taylor, V. Wenner, D. Weybright, D. Weybright.

Responsible for the conduct of all State High students is the Citizenship Committee. This group also tends to the neatness and general appearance of our school, enforces rules, stages cleanup drives and works on other pressing problems such as the task of recruiting students to sell refreshments at our last two home football games. A cleanup drive is planned for the near future while the annual carnival will take place in the spring. The members of the committee are...

CITIZENSHIP: B. Born, chairman; M. Allen, D. Anderson, R. Bryan, D. Born, J. Boudeman, D. Chapin, B. Cooper, J. Dekema, J. denBleyker, T. Elias, A. Glendening, S. Gildea, D. Griffith, K. Gunnette, C. Hartman, J.

Hayward, N. Hotneier, P. Leach, B. McBride, A. Osterberg, J. Peelen, K. Sebaly, T. Scott, Sandra Spann, Sharon Spann, E. Taggett, J. Thomasma, R. Wagonmaker, V. Wenner, and A. Wise.

In charge of planning the time, place, and events of all school programs is the Assembly Committee. Some of the assemblies scheduled after the one announced for Book Week are November 23, Thanksgiving program; December 7, talent assembly; December 16, Christmas program in Kanley Chapel. Making up the committee are...

ASSEMBLY: Nancy Watterworth, chairman; D. Davidson, G. Forsleff, D. Fuller, R. Light, T. Light, J. Moon, P. Paull, J. Sisk, M. Smith, M. Spitters, D. Ward, and J. Weaver.

The goal of the Friendship committee is to promote a friendly atmosphere among all the students here at State High. It also participates actively in the Interschool Council and tries to better student-teacher relations. This group will join with the Service Committee in providing Thanksgiving baskets for the needy families of Kalamazoo and will also go Christmas caroling at hospitals, homes for the aged, and sanitariums. Representing the school on this committee are...

FRIENDSHIP: Pete Platt, chairman; D. Alguire, J. Blanchette, D. Bryan, J. Causey, D. Chapin, S. Clarke, J. denBleyker, D. Daggett, E. Davis, T. Elias, L. Fuller, N. Gay, J. Haney, J. Harback, D. Jennings, J. Hightower, T. Light, M. LaPlante, D. Lintvedt, F. Miller, J. Owen, J. Parkes, J. Poutinen, D. Platt, M. Squires, A. Taylor, D. Tyler, M. Weaver, and K. Wilkins.

With helpfulness as its main aim, the Service Committee was first organized to replace the Red Cross Committee and continue the former's useful projects. Its services include Thanksgiving baskets, the collection of money for the Red Cross, decorating Percy Hospital for dances, providing Christmas stockings for area hospitals, and an annual Errands of

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Sugar 'n Spice

by Larry 'n Bryce

Attention, World History students: Mr. Walters wants your spelling to be 100 percent correct. Such statements as the one in a report about Egypt which said, "mummies are **embombed**," and "rapped in **Lenin**," will not be tolerated.

Dick Tyler, Craig Babcock, Marv Balch, Jim Rock and Don Alguire have been serenading the teachers as they come in mornings. That's a cool key, fellas. Why don'tcha all use the same one?

Advice to Joan Poutenin. If and when you have to give a report in English class, don't skip just half the hour; forget the whole thing!

A certain "A. Nony Moose" had better learn the difference between the French "you and I." During class he referred the statement "vous est stupide" to Mrs. Monroe. That was your "D-day," boy.

Mr. Jerse has the interest of the 11:00 government class at heart. He never gives advance notice of a test lest it interfere with their beauty sleep. Isn't that sweet and sincere?

Mr. Engels came up to Gary Birch in chem. lab and asked, "Are you working alone?"

"No," says Gary, "but I'm as close to it as you can get . . . my partner is George Peelen." (And he is the only person we know who can get excited over water-boiling.)

Murder in 11 E! Beware the Ides of March (and in November already). Mr. Walters' World History class reenacted the assassination of Caesar with Frank Ell as Caesar, who very obligingly "bled" for the class. R.I.P.

Would J. Malbone, G. Hess, and J. Olvitt kindly quit messing around with that tender little reptile in Advanced Biology? You may frighten the poor thing to death . . . and we don't mean the snake.

One minute before every class hour, Miss Lowrie wistfully looks down the hall to face the thundering herd dashing to the library: ". . . and they're off at Belmont."

We hear that Mr. Leonardelli claims love to be an urge. Looks like a bit of urging has been going on in the senior class.

While we're on the subject of birds and bees, we hear that Mrs. Monroe has been hoarding a few. Bees, we mean, not urges. So many, in fact, that when it comes time to evict a few, she just doesn't know where to "bee-gin."

Feast or Famine?

A displaced person who can't utter a word of English . . . a fatherless home where the children live in filth and disease . . . people so poor that they can afford only a meal a day. Do we, as citizens of Kalamazoo, want this sort of conditions to prevail in our city? Do we want people to suffer and die because they lack the proper food?

Each year at Thanksgiving, students from State High have given turkey dinners to several needy families in the city. Lately, however, this drive has lacked the pep and enthusiasm needed to make it truly successful. It should be one of the best that we have. After all, we are helping people in our own community. If we could only show the spirit and ambition which prevails at our football and basketball games, we would be a shining light in the community. There isn't a school in Kalamazoo with more spirit than State High. Why then, don't we get out and show that when we do a job, we do it right?

Thanksgiving is a time to pause and remember that we owe an unpayable debt to our Creator for bestowing His blessings upon us. We can't imagine how deeply these gifts are appreciated until we have experienced poverty ourselves. Most of us never will. A few may. We can be thankful that almost all of us have enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings for the last Thursday of every November we can remember. Imagine what it would be like to sit down to a common meal knowing that people all over the country are stuffing themselves with delicious food. The thought doesn't strike one as extremely pleasant. They don't like it any better.

Why not make this year's drive the best ever? Those who have never brought anything, try to contribute something. Those who have donated a little, bring a little more, and those who are in the habit of giving, set an example for the rest. If we would set a goal of at least two cans of food for each person we would have over seven hundred cans. This would certainly bring happiness to many a deserving family. Let's all support the drive. When we sit down to our own dinner, we will have the satisfaction of knowing that somewhere in our city people are enjoying a Thanksgiving dinner for the first time, thanks to us.

—Larry Littig

Downbeat

by "Mr. Howie"

"Show Boat" will be the theme for the Blue and Gold Review this year. There will be a talent assembly on December 7 so you may get a glimpse of the talent for the show.

As you know the students have lost, for an unlimited period of time, the band room as a place for social gathering. The Student Council is considering such suggestions as these given to them by the home rooms: More dancers and fewer watchers, more slow music so kids can dance, and opening the band room only on bad days, such as rainy or snowy ones, so that the students will have a place to go. Really needed is another room for the students to stand around in and talk. This would help the condition in the band room. If the latter should open, there will be rules to follow and only these rules will be honored.

Train of Thought

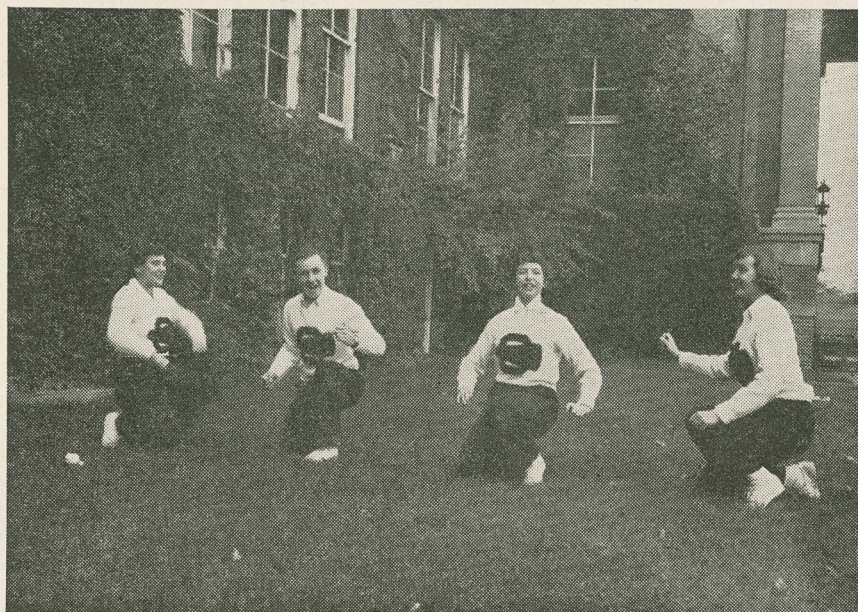
She sits within a subway car,
Her fancy lighted by a star
That briefly shone for her delight
One forgotten summer night;
She sits among the heedless crowd
Silent, and tremulous and proud,
And dreams of riding on a cloud
With love no longer in disguise
To guide her gently through the
skies.

Musing, she sits and does not hear
The voice of reason at her ear,
But wrapped in wonder and elation,
Journeys a mile beyond her station.

Last week Mr. Engel's Physical Science class blew up balloons and put messages inside of them. These contained the date and place from which they were sent and asked the person who recovered them to write and tell where they were found and when.

The first one landed near Lansing, having traveled approximately 50 miles in three and one-half hours.

Cubs On Prowl Tonight For League Title



CHEERLEADERS IN ACTION

Carol Hartman, Gary Forsleff, Mary Frances Miller, Julie denBleyker

Tonight State High faces its most important game. It has been more than ten years since the Cubs have had a champion football team. They will close their season tonight at Vicksburg, hoping for a happy ending.

In a game played at Otsego, the State High Cubs trounced the Bulldogs 26-0 behind the running of Bob Miles and Vern Wade. On the first play from scrimmage Bob Miles went 37 yards on an end sweep for the first touchdown. It was Bob Miles' running again which scored the second Cub touchdown. This was a game played under very bad weather conditions, but it didn't make much difference to the Cubs because at this point Vern Wade broke through the line for 8 yards and the third Cub marker.

State High's defense was very good with Jerry Olivitt, Marv Balch, and John Fleckenstein showing their ability when the chips were down. In the last minute of the fourth quarter, Bob Miles, again on an end sweep, went 16 yards for the fourth State touchdown. Both Bob Beisel and Jerry Olivitt scored extra points.

Initial Information

A salute to the boys who have made this football season a good one. Among the many there's PETE PARKER . . . Peppy Player . . . Persistent Pest . . . Plenty Popular . . . BOB MILES . . . Blushing Midget . . . Battling Male . . . Boyish Manner . . . AL GLENDENING . . . Another "Great" . . . Athletic Giant . . . Aggressive Guard . . . DAVE GOUDZWARD . . . "Digs" (the) Gridiron . . . Definitely "gone" . . . GEORGE PEELEN . . . Grand Person . . . Girls' "Pill" . . . DICK TYLER . . . Double Trick . . . Dangerous Tackler . . . Darling Teenager.

ANTHONY NIEBOER . . . Awful Nice . . . Always Noble . . . Attracts Naively . . . CHUCK OCOVERICK . . . Cheery One . . . Charges Opponents . . . BOB BEISEL . . . Brave Back . . . Bouncing Bass . . . GARY BERKHOUSEN . . . Genial Buddy . . . Gifted Boy . . . JERRY OLIVITT . . . Jars Opposition . . . Just "Ollie" . . . Jolly One . . . JACK BURKE . . . Jolting Bulwark . . . Juggling Ball-carrier . . . Jumping Bear . . .

CHUCK WARFIELD . . . Cool "Wolf" . . . Cheery Warrior . . . Capable Wit . . . JOHN FLECKENSTEIN . . . Jolly Fellow . . . Junior Flash . . . TOM HARDING . . . Terrifically Handsome . . . Tackles Hard . . . Tough Hero . . . JOEL SHEPHERD . . . Jumping Skeleton . . . Jestling Student . . . LARRY LITTIG . . . Loose Lips . . . Laughing Lover . . . Little Lineman . . . MARV BALCH . . . Mighty Big . . . Masterful Brawn.

The Extra Point

by Ted Garneau

With basketball getting closer everyday, here is some information about this year's team. The first practice will be held at the Men's Gym Saturday morning at 9:30. All boys interested are invited to turn out. According to the coaches, this year's team has good possibilities, but it will have to prove itself. The school's first chance to see their team at home will be December 17, with Portage furnishing the opposition. By next issue we hope to have information about the Mustangs.

This year's team will be short but fast. You will probably see a pressing defense and a fast break offense.

The proper spirit will be a big factor on this team. The reason the team will have to play a fast offense and pressing defense is the lack of height. Good prospects for the team are lettermen Miles, Wise, Weybright, and Nieboer. Up from last year's reserves we have Parker, Warfield, Beisel, Garneau, Taylor, Fleckenstein, Shepherd, Rock, Dekreek, Tyler, and Wade. Dave Fuller will also get a careful watch.

Tonight the varsity football team plays Vicksburg there. The cubs will try to match last year's fine record of 7 wins and 1 boo boo. The cubs will be heavy favorites, but . . . don't forget the Allegan game. Knowing the Wolverine conference, we know that anything can happen. My prediction is State to win 35-6.

Sixth Win for Reserves

The Reserve team ended its victorious season last Wednesday by defeating Dowagiac 20-14. The first touchdown of the evening was made by linebacker and center Jim Kemering. He blocked a kick deep in Chief territory and recovered it in the end zone for a State High T.D. Then Bill Lowden intercepted a pass and went all the way for the second tally of the night. John Boyd, fine halfback, made the final T.D. of the game with a seven yard run off tackle. Larry Johnson converted twice for the two extra points.

The Little Cubs badly beat the Otsego Bulldogs on the rain-filled evening of October 26. The final score was 34-0. Fine playing by everyone resulted in touchdowns by Ken Hartman, John Boyd, Gary Vermeulen, Larry Johnson, and pass play of Jim Brown to John Kersten. Four extra points were kicked by Johnson.

Last issue of the **Highlights** failed to name the star runner of the cross-country team. Apologies to John Curren, who has led the Cub runners in most of the matches this year.

The International Relations club was privileged to be visited by Miss Monique Jako, student from France, now here at Western. Miss Jako came to the U.S. with her parents six years ago. She talked about France and then answered questions from the club members.

Ad-Libs

Tops Them All—Rich Howson
 Add Spice to Your Life—Read Larry and Bryce's column
 From any angle, it's right—Marilyn Monroe
 For a Treat Instead of a Treatment—Medicine that tastes like chocolate malteds
 When It Rains, It Pours—Homework Flavor, Nutrition, Economy—Bubble gum that lasts forever
 For Upset Stomach—An "F" on an exam
 Best By Test—The "A" students
 Anti-Rust, Anti-freeze—Your electric blanket
 Call For Phillip Morris—"Hey, Phil, you're wanted in Mr. Jerse's office."
 Keeps Lips Fit—Practice makes perfect
 It Beats . . . As It Sweeps . . . As It Cleans—Football team over its opponents
 Are you in the know?—Did you study for today's exam?
 Ummm, Ummm, Good!—The new girl in the Junior class
 The pause that refreshes—Swimming That Ivory Look—Joan Parkes
 It's a Man's World—That's what you think
 Does Something Wonderful For Cold Cuts—Iodine

In the Pink

The latest in boys' styles at State High can be described in one word—pink. Everything from socks to ties are a light rosy color such as the color of Larry Littig's face was the first time he kissed Mary Lou.

Such notables as Clarke Godfrey, Chuck Oeverick, Don Moss, Bruce Marshall, George Schau, John Simcox, Reggie Makins, Tim Light, Ted Garneau, and Randy Crockett have been seen sporting real sharp sport shirts.

Jim Causey, John Schensul, John Curren, and Dennis Percy are wearing those "catty" pink flannels while Don DeVries, Jim Rock, Dave Britigan, and John Fleckenstein are appearing in similar colored sweaters.

Just about everyone has ventured as far as pink socks and ties. We've even heard that Tom Manning, Chuck Sweet, Chuck Warfield, and Bob Miles are wearing pink shorts! Furthermore, a good source in the freshman class whispers that Cullen Henshaw, Eric Brown, Bert Cooper, Carl Kiino, Rickie Light and Kim Sebaly have been wearing pink pajamas!

What will you be seeing next in pink? Sport coats are now on the market, fellows. Want to buy one, too, and be "in the pink?"

Carol's Cubbyhole

Greetings to all those still in it and to those who are completely out of it. Guess who? That's right, your happy, nosey, news getter. I'm back with some startling items that ought to snap your garters.

Our innocent TED GARNEAU has stated he has no female interests, but we happen to know a certain frosh that has her eye on him. How about that, LINDA CHOJNOWSKI?

Recently, there was a vote taken in the freshmen class for the most beautiful pair of legs. Our cute TOM LAWSON won the honors. Isn't that sweet? Speaking of legs, aren't the senior girls simply dolls in bermudas?

The other week, my big floppy ears heard that BOB PETERSON is being chased by a "WISE" old owl. Is it a "MARY" adventure, Bob?

Good heavens! A single guy or gal doesn't have a chance with all of the steady trodders around. GARY BIRCH and DAWN WEYBRIGHT, DENNY BRYAN and ANN MALOTTE are a couple of the new pairs. That is really NEAT!

Latest scoop! HOWARD JENNINGS has his directional signals turned toward a certain object. MARY LOU ALLEN happens to be in that general vicinity.

JEAN YERDEN still has her man in Flint. At latest reports they weren't going steady, but she still has his ring. What more do you want? DIANE DAGGETT has been seen quite regularly with DICK STOOPS. Keep it up Diane.

Some of the fellows at Central have been rusing DINNY LINTVEDT. Tell us your secret charm, Din. Must be tough to have to choose between B. VENEMA and F. LEASKE.

Hey, females with guys at college, we have another member in our little circle. JANE HANEY has interests at Northern U. The interest's name is VIC FOCESATO.

Our library has been full of interesting things. One of them belongs to DANNY TAYLOR. His initials are L. M. Could be he got lost.

Attention, all girls: There is a turnabout coming up in the near future. Let's get on the stick and not disappoint our masculine companions. PAT BORGMAN didn't waste any time. DAVE FULLER accepted happily.

Guess we'll wind up this session with a glance at the Senior brawl thrown the other night. There were some really fascinating couples that attended. CAROL VANDERBERG and DON DEVRIES laughed so hard they could count the doughnuts in their stomachs. JOYCE OWEN and DAVE SACKETT, ANN BERGDERFER and TOM HOWSON were some of the new get-togethers.

Many Students (Continued from page 1)

Mercy Drive. Serving on this committee are . . .

SERVICE: A. Bergderfer, chairman; H. Alman, P. Baker, P. Belooof, D. Born, J. Brown, S. Dargitz, A. Doyle, W. Hoare, T. Howson, S. Hybels, T. Lawson, S. Lennartson, T. Neiboer, J. Newton, A. Osterberg, J. Perry, N. Perry, J. Rock, C. Schultz, D. Schroeder, T. Scott, C. Sweet, V. Wade, and K. Wilkins.

The Pep Committee is composed of students who are interested in furthering school spirit. Its duties include helping to plan pep assemblies, transportation to away football and basketball games, and the election of cheerleaders. Approaching very soon will be the election of the cheerleaders for basketball. Any student may try out before the Pep Committee, with the best then trying out before the school. The students on this committee are . . .

PEP: J. denBleyker, chairman; H. Alman, P. Borgman, J. DeKreek, A. Doyle, A. Douglas, J. Fleckenstein, G. Forsleff, T. Garneau, C. Godfrey, C. Hartman, N. Hotneier, A. Jakobson, D. Jennings, F. Klinger, L. Littig, S. Locke, J. Neal, P. Parker, J. Roberts, D. Sabo, C. Schutz, J. Shepherd, T. Skinner, D. Tyler, C. Warfield, D. Weybright, M. Wilsey, and N. Woodworth.

In charge of all money-making projects is the Finance Committee, a group composed of the treasurers from each homeroom with the treasurer of the Student Council as chairman. Frequent meetings are called

during the beginning of the year to plan the annual magazine sale. This year's sale was a decided success, with the students going over the goal for a total of \$3,231.05. With the Spitters Cats winning by \$137.00, its members who sold their quota will receive a free ticket to see Seven Sisters, the school play. The high homeroom was 206E and high salesman, John Schensul, who brought in \$114.00. Representing their homerooms are . . .

FINANCE: Bob Beisel, chairman; T. Cook, B. Fender, T. Howson, C. Godfrey, J. Kersten, P. Kievit, S. Locke, D. McCrumb, and R. Valentine.

Oil up your slide rules, all you amateur Einsteins. The Math Club is underway with Mike Palmer as president, Bob Beisel, veep, Libby Davis, sec'y, and Tom Elias, in charge of green stuff.

At a recent meeting of the club, Tom Elias and Bryce Forester reported on "Topology." This was followed by games of chess and 3-D "Tic-tac-toe," supplemented by refreshments.

Tuesday, November 16, 1954 Dr. Zack York, head of the Speech Department at Western Michigan College, will give a dramatic reading for our Book Week Assembly.

Dr. York received his doctorate at the University of Wisconsin and here at Western, he works with dramatics and stage design.