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State Highlights

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Victory Friday Means A Perfect Season

Psychiatrists Quiz State High Students

"I am Dr. Von Splitson and thees is my colleague, Dr. Von Oppenhiemer. Ve vill fearst eggs-plane our duties here. Dr. Bryan has employed us to analyze the eggs-treemly downcast bee-haveair of zee students. Ve have not any idea of vot et could be but ve vil try to vined out.

Ahhh, here is a group of students combing down ze hall.

"Vot are your names pleease?"

"Marilynn Beattie."

"Margaret Borton"

"Bert Hybels"

"David Sheldon"

"I am Dr. Von Splitson and thees is my colleague, Dr. Von Oppenhiemer. Ve would like to ask you a few questions. Ve will start vith Mees Beattie. Vot are you so miss-air-a-ble about?"

"Oh, woe is me, I lost my A.

"Ohh, mee, ohh, my, I don't under-stand thees younger gen-air-a-tion!"

"Meester Sheldon, vot is ze matter?"

"Alpha has gone down the drain for me!"

"Meester Hybels, vot is wrong?"

(no answer)

"Meester Hybels!"

"I ain't speakin'."

"Mees Borton, could you pleease tell me vot is wrong vith everybody!"

"Dr. Von Splitson and Dr. Von Oppenhiemer, I dislike saying this outloud, but our marks just came out."

"Defruiten dem scruts!"

(Translation: Vell, I'll be a monkey's uncle!) —by Susan Schroeder

Football Banquet Open To All

The Football Banquet will be held Friday, November 18. It will be the first time in the school's history that the affair will not be completely stag. Mothers and girl friends are invited. It will be held in the First Presbyterian Church. The price is \$1.75 per student and \$3.00 for parents and sponsors. Movies of the past games will be shown by Dr. Birch. Mrs. Birch is general chairman.

The football team looks like it is going to have one of the best seasons it has ever had and Dr. Birch's pictures should prove very interesting. So if you want to pay tribute to a great team and see some good movies, get your tickets for the banquet from one of the coaches.

Winners Announced For Magazine Sale

The school's three high salesmen: Suna Tiefenthal first with \$124.80; second Dick McCrumb with \$113.21; and Betsy Hosick \$98.53.

The total amount of money collected was \$3,606.86. We were \$393.14 short of our goal. State High's profit is \$1,279.29.

The following people received Certificates of Achievement: Dick McCrumb, Deanna White, Bobbie McBride, Betsy Hosick, Tim Light, Ruth Ann Bryan, Bill Yates, Bob Beisel, Joan Parkes, Carol Richardson, Bob Miles, Bob Kohrman, Eugene Wu, Rod Wagonmaker, Jack DeKreek, Peggy Baker, Linda Chojnowski, Jim Siwik, Linda Barak, Jon Carlson, Larry Winchell, Phil Nantz, Julie Peelen, Suna Tiefenthal, Rosemary Burnett, Dick Howson, and Katie Johnson.

Coming Events

Nov. 14-19 Book Week

Nov. 16, Wed. Administrative Assembly

Nov. 18, Fri. Football Banquet

Nov. 22, Tues. Assembly, 1:15, Little Theatre

Nov. 23, Wed. School closes — Thanksgiving Vacation

Nov. 24, Thurs. Thanksgiving

Nov. 25, Fri. Basketball game with Holland, here

Nov. 28, Mon. School opens

Nov. 29, Tues. Senior parent visitation

Student Council Recommends Pen Pals

"Do you know how enjoyable correspondence is? Everyone is very pleased to receive beautiful picture post cards, novel pictures, and letters as well as cordial friendship.

If you have any members who would like to start correspondences or to have more penpals, we hope they will write to us."

This is a Quotation from a letter to State High School for the Japan Correspondence Club. This is an opportunity for you to write to other boys and girls, aged from 13 to 23.

We are hoping you will be interested and will take part in this. If you would enjoy writing to a pal in Japan, contact Anne Doyle or any of the four officers of the student council: Tim Light, Barbara McBride, Mary Lou Allen, or Dick Tyler.

Vicksburg Only Remaining Foe

If State High can defeat Vicksburg this Friday, it will be the first undefeated football season since 1936. State High won the football crown last year although we suffered a loss at the hands of the Allegan Tigers. This year we edged Allegan 3-0. First place in the conference would give us a good hold on the All-Sports Trophy for the fourth straight year.

The trouble with this is that State could be beaten Friday. Vicksburg will be keyed up for this game with hopes of dethroning us. State High undoubtedly has the power to win and has had the preceding week to rest up. But power isn't everything; overconfidence could be the determining factor in this game. No one is immune to this plague of winning teams. State High has suffered only slightly from it this season, and we hope it won't set in seriously now. It can ruin the best of teams by causing a lack of team spirit.

The spectators will play an important part in Friday's game. If no cheering comes from the stands Friday, the team will lack its winning incentive, so we'll be looking for you at C. A. A. Stadium.

Book Week

Features Class Skits

From November 14th to November 18th Book Week will be observed in State High. Our goal will be to purchase at least one American bookshelf to send to another country. This bookshelf will be an example of favorite American literature. It will contain 99 paper backed books and will cost about \$30.00.

The plan for raising money is that each class will present a scene from their favorite book to the entire student body in an assembly.

Voting on which class was best will follow in the library. The unit system for voting will be money. Each penny will count as one vote. Here's a chance for you ballot-box stuffers. The sky's the limit! All of the money from voting will go toward the purchasing of the bookshelf.

We hope we will be able to buy more than one bookshelf, so get on your thinkin' caps for a cool presentation and may the best class win!

Cub Senseless

Another issue already and twirp season is beginning. O.K. girls, let's get on the stick and start cornering the menfolk. Some underclassmen have gotten the idea. Ask **Dave Potts** who the girl is in 9:15 study who asks for all the speaking permits.

Will someone please clue in **Bo VanPeenan** about smoking in history class. Mr. Vuicich doesn't approve.

Congratulations are in order to those kids who pitched in and helped make the Errands of Mercy Drive a success. Special recognition should go to **Mary Jane LaPlant** and **Fran Miller** for their work in getting the drive organized.

The 10:00 History class found that in Sparta the women spent the first thirty years of their life learning how to be a good wife. Boy! Aren't our boys lucky; the girls of today are a little speedier.

Back on the subject of the drive. It seems **Alice Mabie** had a small ball after it. They really faked you out about those apples, huh **Dawn and Vern?**

A bright boy trooped in late for English one day and the conversation went like this: "Where have you been?" "To _____ and Back" "Well I wondered if you'd make it." There's nothing like frankness and informality.

Some kids aren't too handy with square dancing. Reports tell us that **Pete Parker** made an excellent dash across the room to catch a falling vase. Is that so, **Tim?**

Some fortunate student of State High has his picture pinned up on the 15 E black board. Drop in and see if it's yours.

According to the ancient Greeks, a nepenthe is a drug supposedly having the power of causing forgetfulness or sorrow. It seems that some of the boys in the English classes use it regularly.

In going around I see that one of the French classes is now reading a book called "The Bets are Down" Hummm, sounds like a real classic.

It seems that the philosophy of **John Boyd** is; When you hear no evil, see no evil, and do no evil, you're dead.

Just to get even with **Dave Bair** and **Tom Malbone**, we won't even mention their names.

Sheldon in a fit insane,
Thrust his head beneath a train.
All were quite surprised to find
How it broadened Sheldon's mind.
Penn State—Froth

Spare Time--A Problem?

We, as teenagers, have many opportunities to use our time. We can use it in regular school activities and in extra school functions. We can use it in church work or things sponsored by our community. We have the right and opportunity to serve others, to work and play with them while we are establishing and building our own lives. Most of us are glad, and proud that we are able to work and do things for other people, but some students feel they really do not have anything to offer and if they did they wouldn't want to offer it anyway. These are the ones who just let their high school days slip by, without realizing how they could make them more important.

High school years are among the happiest and most important years of our lives. They are the years when we are carefree, when we are building our life long friendships and when we establish the pattern for our lives in the years to come. We should fill these years to the very brim with wonderful and meaningful experiences. We should fill each hour, each day, and year with the things which we will be proud of. Every person has the same amount of time and every person must choose how he will use that time. Will he spend it loafing, having a "good time," avoiding responsibility and trying to scramble to the top or will he face life with faith in himself, accepting responsibility, and gaining the respect and friendship of his classmates, teachers, and parents?

As this hour and this day passes, every opportunity to use it vanishes. We can either regard it as a bit of life wasted and console ourselves with the thought that we have a whole lifetime ahead or we can think of it as a part of our life, a part which will help us grow toward a happy and useful life.

Mary Lou Allen

Some of the kids in Mr. Sack's speech class are having trouble telling a humorous reading from a serious one.

Miss Kraft; What is the meaning of *mare nostrum*?
Wally; Looks like "our horse" to me.

A nut at the wheel,
A peach at his right,
A curve in the road,
Fruit salad tonight.
(from Maroon & Steel-Lewbton, Pa.)

Sing a song of sulphur
A beaker full of lime,
Four & twenty test tubes
Breaking all the time,
When the top is lighted,
The fumes begin to reek,
Isn't that an awful mess
To have five times a week?
Willie came into the lab,
Thought he knew a lot:
He took a bottle, ignored the tag;
Funeral, Two o'clock.
(from X-ray, SA)

Up Beat

On October 8th, the band performed with 1,700 bandmen in the formation M-I-C-H during halftime at Western's band day. Leonard V. Meretta directed this massed band in four numbers. The following Saturday was a thrilling day at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. From as far away as 650 miles, 11,500 bandmen performed during halftime under the direction of the University's two fine musical directors. It certainly was a spectacular and colorful sight. The band marched in Western's Homecoming parade which was on October 22nd. Each year we really look forward to this parade.

Our latest performance was a halftime show at our Otsego football game. Long hours of work were put into the preparation for the show, but we hope to make our halftime performance at the Vicksburg game better. See you then!

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Cross Country Has Good Year

Fifteen years of age and crazy enough to run two miles were the two requirements given to nine boys as they started practice to represent State High as a cross country team. These boys: Captain John Curen, Randy Crockett, Clarke Godfrey, Denny Sabo, Dick Howson, Andy Lenderink, Gil Seeley, Dave Schroeder, and Denny Percy, were soon to learn how true the requirements really were. The practices consisted of warm-up exercises and running, sprinting, and walking different distances, and for the first few days there were many sore and aching feet and muscles. As the season progressed the team began to take shape. Eventually the boys were able to overcome the psychological factor which tempted them to stop and walk, and they were able to run the distances non-stop.

On a cold and windy October 22, at Otsego, these boys, along with about 40 others, stepped to the starting line determined to take a good place in the conference cross-country meet. The final standings showed State High, fourth, behind Portage, Otsego, and Plainwell. This meet concluded the season and the statistics showed State High to have a 3-3 record for the year. The three wins were from Plainwell, Allegan, and Vicksburg. Defeats were to Portage, Plainwell and Otsego in a triangular meet, and St. Augustine.

Football Explained In One Sentence

Judy Grote: A game in which State High always wins. (Dreamer)

Mr. Chance: A minor sport.

John Simcox: A place to take freshmen girls.

John Boyd: A game in which the benchwarmers yell encouragement so they can get to play.

Dick Howson: Nothin' like basketball.

Mary Smith: Something that I go to Comstock to see.

Notice!

Buy your Highlander now for only \$3.50. You can buy yours from Dave Britigan, Julie denBlyker, Connie Monroe, Judy Grote, Joan Harback or Margaret Borton. Don't miss out on this year's yearbook!

Call Me Splinters by Ted Garneau

Hi students. How are all my little athletic directors? Did you remember my prediction for the Otsego game? Not bad, was it? Just listen to your old Uncle Splinters and you'll know the score of the game before it starts. My mind tells me that the Cubs had better beware this Friday night. Vicksburg isn't impressed with State High's state ranking. Those Bulldogs would like nothing better than to see the Cub's undefeated record broken at eleven games. They feel that State High will become too cocky and disaster will strike. In the past two years Vicksburg has scored twice against us. So far this year no Wolverine League team has been able to do that. Remember, overconfidence has ruined better teams than State High.

As the footballers have been getting dressed for practice we've heard the strangest sounds coming from overhead. It sounds like someone is bouncing a much larger ball than the one we are familiar with. It must be that game that is called basketball. In case you fans have forgotten it, let me tell you that basketball is less than a month away. Already some boys are practicing for the coming season. Nate Taylor, Gil Seeley, Rich Howson, Clark Godfrey, Randy Crockett, Woody Boudeman, and Andy Lenderink are among the boys working out on the gym floor after school.

The cross-country boys turned in a good 3-2 season record and are vastly improved over last year's team.

Time once more to use my genius to figure out the score for the Vicksburg game Friday night. State High 33, Vicksburg 6. Notice the six.

State High is sure of at least a tie for the conference championship, but a loss now would be most disheartening. This may be the first undefeated team since 1936.

Reserves Win Sixth

State High's reserves won their sixth straight game of the season by defeating a good reserve team from Otsego, 14-13. The Cubs had a 14-6 advantage at half time and they held on the second half to nose out Otsego. Scoring for the Cubs were Joe Sugg on an 11 yard run in the first quarter and Larry Johnson, who raced 70 yards after intercepting a pass in the second quarter.

Let's concentrate on making our present social events better events. Let's get more students to attend them. Let's try to add to the program the kinds of activities that will appeal to those who are not attracted by dancing.

Cubs Trounce Bulldogs

The Otsego victory increased the State High Cub's winning streak to seven games and six straight games unscored upon.

The first quarter was typical of the games this year with neither team being able to score. State High drove deep into Otsego's territory twice during the quarter only to lose the ball both times on fumbles.

The second quarter went a little differently with State High scoring twice. The first touch down came when Bob Beisel took the ball, faded back and hit Pete Parker who went nine yards for the touchdown. Beisel's try for extra point was no good and State High led 6 to 0. The game continued as in the first quarter until Bob Beisel hit Chuck Warfield who went 25 yards for the second touchdown. Gary Birch scored the extra point, and at the half State High led 13 to 0.

The third quarter proved to be a defensive battle between the two clubs until midway in the quarter. With State High on Otsego's five yard line Bob Beisel handed off to Vern Wade who went over for 6 points. Bob Beisel's extra point attempt was good and the score was State High 20 Otsego 0. The third quarter ended without further scoring.

In the fourth quarter, with State High out ahead, Coach Walters gave the players on the bench a chance to gain experience. The game proceeded on without a touchdown until late in the quarter when Bob Beisel hit Dave Fuller who was wide open in the end zone. The play covered 25 yards and was good for six more points. Beisel's kick was good again and the score was State High 27 Otsego 0. The game ended with no further scoring and again State High's great defense proved itself. Dick Tyler was great on defense along with Vern Wade and Chuck Warfield. One of the standout plays of the game was when Jack DeKreek intercepted a pass on State High's 45 yard line and carried the ball to Otsego's 2 yard line.

The next game will be with Vicksburg this Friday. Hope to see you there.

Players Wanted

Now that football season is almost over we can start looking forward to basketball season. Practice started last week for the boys who are not out for football. With the football season ending this week, Coach Chance can expect to see a lot more boys out for practice. The first game is November 25, with Holland Christian, here. Everyone is looking forward to a great year this year. We wish the team the best of luck in the coming season.

Highlights Staff Goofs (We Had To Swipe This One)

Continuing our study of peculiar postural positions popular at State High we have witnessed the following wiggling walkers.

Very prevalent and perhaps the most ghastly are those who drag along as if pushing a weight with their stomachs, heads, and knees. Their knees are bent like drawn bows with backs swayed and chins forward and dragging on their collarbones. These are the **slouchers**.

The direct opposite of the first group are the haughty **swivel-hippers**. These young ladies (there are very few gentlemen in this category) are proud of their figures and would like others to notice them, too.

Many people past forty fall into the **plodders** group. These are the worriers of the world, who seem literally weighted down by their cares and as a result, can scarcely lift their feet.

The **bouncers** make up a very amusing group. These jovial souls move in a vertical plane as well as the usual horizontal one. With each springy step they roll up on the ball of their foot and come down again with a quick, swooping motion. They walk with shoulders squared away and often have their hands in their pockets. This is the whistling group. (The slouchers and plodders seldom whistle and the swivel-hippers are usually on the receiving end of the whistle.)

Ads And Doodads

Wanted: A one way ticket to France. If you have one please see **Sharon Lynch**.

Wanted: A date with **Joe Sugg**. Isn't that right, **Girls**?

Wanted: Miss Cleveland's stapler.

Wanted: Faster mail service between Kalamazoo and San Deigo for **Mary Joy**.

Found: An address

S.S.

124 N. 22nd St.

Battle Creek

Interested **Jim Brown**?

Wanted: Girls for the third math classes. See Mr. Hackney.

Wanted: One 7' 5" basketball player. If you meet these qualifications see Mr. Chance.

Wanted: A chance to make a touchdown. **Ken Hartmann**.

Wanted: A big crowd at the "Turkey Trot" Turn-a-bout Nov. 12, 1955 8:30-11:30 Women's Gym School clothes \$.35 stag—\$.60 drag

The nuisances of the pedestrian world are the **mind-changers**. These are the people who stroll along the aisles—aimlessly. They pause and look; but that's not what they are looking for, so they turn and crowd their way in the other direction—against traffic, of course. Pushing, pummelling, and foot-crushing are all listed in their code of ethics. They can't ever decide what to do in a hurry. They're undecided now, so what are they gonna' do if they start across a street against the light?

The **gop-sloppers** are pathetic creatures. They give the impression of having suction cups attached to their feet. They make a mighty effort, hoist one foot up about two feet and plunk it down again; then the procedure is repeated until the gop-slopper reaches his destination.

The next creature might well be heralded by the Finale to the William Tell Overture. **Gallopig Gertie** will never call retreat and never slow up. She generally hasn't any place to go, but she still wants to get there fast. Last, but not least, we have the **measured steppers**. These are the exacting, well-balanced people who maintain the spirit of humility and are always polite. These are the folks who aren't always noticed because they are unobtrusive, but their absence would be quickly observed.

These are the walkers, classified into eight groups. Which are you in?

Taken from December 2, 1953 issue of Highlights.

Cheerleaders Chosen At Pep Assembly

As you went by the band room after school last week you might have heard quite a lot of yelling as many State Highers were trying out for cheerleaders in front of the Pep Committee. Friday afternoon many of them tried out in front of the school. Afterwards the critics went back to their homerooms and voted for five varsity and three reserves. These cheerleaders, who will take over as soon as basketball begins are: Pat Borgman, Jan Correll, Robin Limpus, Penny Lyon, and Terese Skinner, varsity. The three reserve cheerleaders are Sue Conner, Katie Johnson, and Lee Mimes.

To Gary Forsleff, Julie denBleyker, and Mary Francis Miller, who are retiring, many thanks and much credit for promoting school spirit.

a little this A LOTTA THAT

Attention all boys: be sure and save the date Nov. 12 for the Junior class turnabout.

We see that **TED GARNEAU** has his ring back again... Thought you were going steady, Ted.

SHARON SPANN, what is so interesting at the canteen or should I say who??

Wake up boys there are some real sophomore cuties this year!!!! **PAT ANDERSON**, **KARLENE GUNNETTE**, **MARY GIBSON**, **WENDY LOCKE**, and plenty others.

A new two-some seen more regularly is **JUDY GROTE** and **BOB JOHNSON**... way to be kids.

A lot of sophomore girls would like to know if **GLEN HESS** is going steady. How about it Glen?

Two girls think **LARRY JOHNSON** and **DAVE CONE** are so-o-o-o-o nice... right B. G. and L. S.

JERRY CROSS—who's the interest in the library... **MARY STAIN-TON** maybe??

What's this we read in a lost letter about **PETE** sending the ring back to **BARB**? You really should be careful leaving written letters lying around in study hall...

It seems that **BOB MILES** can't make up his mind. Which is it going to be (**SUE** or **JOAN**)??

LOU ALLEN finds a certain Central guy mighty interesting: Could it be D. C.?

little—LOTTA Special

Frosh News—As compiled by a group of informed freshmen.

Interesting—**Allen Dowd** and **Mary Wise** are seeing a lot of each other lately.

Strictly Factual—**Ginger Schau** and **Jim Neal** are now going steady. Congrats, kids.

Festive News—As usual the coming of Halloween brought around a flurry of parties and dances. At these gala affairs many romances budded; **Cecil Conners** and **Katie Johnson**, **Suna Tiefenthal** and a mystery lad from Central, **Kathy Kerjys** and **Paul Weber**, and **Marty VanPeenan** and our Georgia Peach, **Joe**. The latter two couples were going strong even before the outbreak of All Hollows Eve.

Just for Laughs—A group of impatient girls wish that **Tom Brown** would at least give them a little encouragement.

Sophomore Chasers — **Dick Caine** better start wising up to the situation. Right, B. G. and S. S.?

Go Team, Let's Beat Vicksburg!