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State Highlights

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Department of Drama Headed by Hinkley

Mr. Al Hinkley, not satisfied with four years of high school and practice teaching in State High, has returned to take Mr. Sack's place as speech teacher while Mr. Sack is recovering from tuberculosis.

Mr. Hinkley, class of '38, was very active in extracurricular activities while he was here. Not only did he play major parts in the operettas, but he was a back on the football team which went undefeated for three years, and he was on the Cub basketball and tennis squads.

After high school, he went to Western State Teachers College and then into the Army where for three years, he saw action in the European zone. He has a very ample background in speech and dramatic work. Mr. Hinkley worked with the Civic, he has been president of the Players, worked in dramatic programs with various colleges, and has had teaching experience at Hastings.

Mr. Hinkley says that things have changed around State High since he was here, and that the spirit of the school has improved a lot, so he is sure he will enjoy teaching classes here along with coaching the debate team and directing the spring play.

Hollo'een Hoedown Ahead

After a successful "Get Acquainted" party, plans are being made for the future by the social committee headed by Jill Gannaway. She says there will be at least two dances a month.

A barn dance is being planned for the Halloween party which promises to be a big success. There are also plans in the air for the Homecoming Dance. This dance is to resemble the "Fall Frolic" which we had last year. The homecoming dance will be the week-end of the Lakeview game. A football king and queen will be elected. Also there will be a couple of home dances after the home games.

A new, more representative social committee will be selected from those who have registered an interest. If you are not chosen immediately your help will be needed and appreciated in the future. The success of the dances depends on the attendance. So let's all go to these dances, have a big turnout, and a big time.

Plans Percolating

The first Student Council meeting was on Wednesday, October 5. One of the first problems brought up was that of how to choose this year's committees. It was decided that representatives for the finance, Red Cross, assembly and health committees, etc., were to be chosen by the homeroom presidents. Jill Gannaway and Mary Lou Woodworth were to pick the committee members from a list of volunteers for their social and pep committees, respectively.

On October 15, a dance is scheduled. The last dance gave State High \$34.00.

The luncheon situation was discussed. If it does not improve, strong rules will be enforced.

A temporary assembly committee chairman, Gaylord Kitchen, has been chosen to plan the October 12 assembly.

The council approved of having the vice president, Frank Spitters, as the chairman of the citizenship committee. All homeroom vice presidents are members.

The minutes from the last meeting, May 25, were passed out. Among the recommendations listed for this year were these: A coke machine to operate between classes and the inter-school council to be continued with an inter-school formal dance as the main event.

One of the final things to be suggested was a magazine sale to earn money for the council. If it is okayed by the Juniors it may be carried through.

Homerooms Have Election

As the "49-50" school year gets under way, the homerooms are getting organized with the elections of their officers. To preside over the homerooms for the "49" season are the following:

- 217—Anne Wise and Kay Loughead
- 219—Bill Malia and Melvin Pettit
- 211—Jerry Knowlton and Robert D. Smith
- 206—Shirley Loughead and Jackie Slaughter
- 13A—Sue Anderson and Don Gill
- 15A—Sandy Beebe and Jim Dolahan
- 303—Corby Lewis and Pat Sprows
- 301—Joe Zitney and Alene Watterworth

Cleveland Teaches English to Seniors

One of the six new teachers to join the faculty at State High School this Fall is Miss Bernyce Cleveland. As another nine months of school begins, Miss Cleveland, a member of the English department at State, is teaching four classes of twelfth grade English. She had previously been an instructor at Parchment Junior High School, teaching seventh, eighth, and ninth grade English and has also been a member of the faculty at Roosevelt Junior High School, following her English experience at Wyandotte High School in Detroit, Michigan.

This year, she is accepting the position that Mrs. Ella McKinney held temporarily until Mrs. Kathryn Rogers' return, which is expected next fall.

Miss Cleveland has received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the Bread Loaf School of English located at Middlebury, Vermont.

Although Miss Cleveland's vocation is instructing English, she has had experience working in print shops this summer.

Horseback riding is the main hobby of Miss Cleveland, and she enjoys reading and playing golf.

Also this year, Miss Cleveland is acting as advisor in sponsoring the Highlander which previously had been sponsored by Miss Golda Crisman.

Note New Faculty Faces

This year there are more new faces than usual among the faculty of State High. Getting to know all the students is as much of a task for them as it is for the Freshmen. Miss Bernyce Cleveland, Miss Margaret Large, Miss Ruth Sanders, Mrs. Gladys Saur, Miss M. Elizabeth Smutz, Mr. Alan Bush, and Mr. Alfred Hinkley are all faced with the "getting acquainted" problem.

To help the students know them better, there will be two interviews per issue in the Highlights, beginning with this issue.

CALENDAR

- October 14—3:30 game with Dowagiac (here)
- October 15—8:30-11:30 dance at State
- October 21—game with South Haven (there)
- October 27-28—M. E. A.
- October 28—game with Niles (there)

Junior Symphony Begins New Year

On Saturday, September 17, approximately sixty amateur musicians appeared for the first rehearsal of the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony. Mr. Julius Stulberg, who is on a leave of absence at the present time, introduced the new conductor, Mr. Michael Listiak, who previously directed the South Haven Band and Orchestra. He was recommended by Mr. Stulberg as a very fine conductor.

This year the Symphony has been working on the Romanian Fantasy (which our own orchestra played a few years ago), Didon Overture and the Faithful Shepherd Suite. In addition are the Military Symphony, Dittersdorf Symphony and the Mendelssohn Concerto in G minor for piano. Mr. Listiak stated that he needs a few more clarinetists and several viola players. If there are any students with musical abilities who desire to enter the Symphony, they should go to the Music Building on the new Western campus at ten o'clock on a Saturday morning.

Season tickets for the concerts this year will be \$1.92 for the adults and \$.90 for the students. Tickets for only one concert are \$.72 for adults and \$.42 for students. These tickets may be obtained from any member of the Symphony. The first concert will be on November 20 at the Civic.

'Showboat Revue' Included Many Highschool Faces

A "Showboat Revue" of songs and dances, sponsored by the Quota Club and directed by Miss Marian Newberry, was presented in the Central High Auditorium last Friday night, October 7. The proceeds from the show will be contributed to the Needy Children's Dental Relief Fund of this city.

The show consisted of a variety of acts and singing by the fifty voice chorus. Among the State High students (and alumni) that distinguished themselves were Brad Smith with his rendition of "Old Man River," Carolyn Fox in "Southern Roses" ballet, and Steve Davis, a 1949 graduate, singing "The Surrey With the Fringe on Top." Other solos included "Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair," "Sweet Georgia Brown," "Baby It's Cold Outside," and many instrumental pieces.

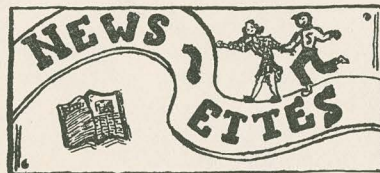
Among the members of the chorus were State High students Dave Roth, Joe Spicketts, Clinton Drummond, Claire Miche, Ingerid Van Stratton, Ruthmary Persons, Ena Marie Rush, Dorothy Tucker, Cleora Fletcher, Winifred Craig, Jackie Slaughter, Pat Bloom, Carole Lage, Bill Persons, and Jim Broseau. Chorus numbers included "If you Knew Susie," "Here Comes the Showboat," "Alexander's Ragtime Band," and "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans." The entire cast entered in the grand finale, "Hallelujah."

Music

Alene Watterworth has been chosen president of the choir with Mary Ann Tinkham, vice president, Herta Payson, secretary, and Billie Fay Forbes as treasurer. The choir's two librarians are Cleora Fletcher and Pat Bloom. Mrs. Britton reports a well balanced choir of forty-two voices. Plans are being made for a program before Christmas and rehearsals for the spring operetta will start on November 19.

The band and orchestra under the direction of Mr. Belooof, are looking forward to a good year with the Blue and Gold Revue as their main goal. The officers of the band are Ted Klinger, president, Pat Bloom, vice president, Pete Lindquist, secretary, and Pete Longjohn, treasurer.

The string quintet is under way, and a swing club will be formed soon. The band hopes to play at all the home games and desires the school's support in all their undertakings.



There are now two 8th grades in the "Ad" building. One is in the former 8th grade room, and the other is in the band room.

Thanks to the social committee for a very nice "Get Acquainted party."

Miss Gish, who ordinarily teaches elementary school math, has now taken on a ninth grade algebra class which meets in the music room and the 12:30 study hour.

A brand new Highlights office is located around the track directly across from its former office. It is bigger, better, and more cheerful than the older office.

Freshman Initiation Day and Homecoming will be the week of the Lakeview game, November 11.

The State High Hi-Y plays host this fall to the regional Hi-Y meeting. Over forty Hi-Y boys will gather at the YMCA, October 13, for a dinner meeting with entertainment, speeches, and discussion groups.

Students Capture Prizes at Fair

Among those students who entered the Kalamazoo County Fair were four from State High; John Smith, Dick Seelye, Ingerid Van Stratton, and Rosemary Buckham.

On six pigs and seven cattle, John Smith rolled up the following array of prizes; two grand champions on pigs, a reserve champion on a cow, and eight firsts, six seconds, and three thirds.

His top showmanship won Dick Seelye the Jersey showmanship contest and eight A's and one B. Besides these accomplishments, he received a first place on a calf, a second on a heifer, two seconds and one third on pigs, and two seconds on fat pigs.

Rosemary Buckham entered two Hereford steers.

In the homemaking line, Ingerid Van Stratton won a blue ribbon on her canning of tomatoes, peaches, pears, and prunes, and a red ribbon on her yeast rolls.

Marriage Appointments Make Changes in Office

Fall, 1949, brings the annual influx of new teachers, students, plus a brand new Highlights office.

But these are not the only things that have been changed. The High School office, not to be outdone, has married off one of its helpers by the name of Barbara Fahey. Miss Fahey, now Mrs. William O'Donoghue III, was wed in St. Joseph's Church on September 10, and has made her home in Chicago.

So with only Mrs. Virginia Jarman and her assistant, Mrs. Wayne Hietenen left, it was decided that they had to employ another member to help answer all the students' questions, and that is Mrs. Clara Baker from Kalamazoo. Probably many of you know her already, as she has answered numerous questions.

But there is still one more change to be mentioned and that is the position of girls' advisor, formerly held by Miss Evelyn Stekete and now being taken over by Miss Golda Crisman.

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Dowagiac Club Meet our Cubs

A green State High eleven will tangle with a veteran studded Dowagiac team on October 14, at Waldo Stadium. The game is set for 3:30 and should be a thriller. After winning the opening fracas with a 20-0 win over Portage, the cubs have dropped two games to Buchanan and St. Joe, and will be out to get back on the other side of the ledger.

Dowagiac dropped a 14-6 decision to Three Rivers, but both of Three Rivers touchdowns came in the final minutes of the game.

Coach Carson Neifert will probably start Rigterink and Northrape at the ends, Harttung and Clark at tackles, Tinkey and Osborn at guards, and Turner holding down the pivot. In the backfield, Taggart, Dew, Emmons, and Tatzler will probably get the starting nod.

Coach Fred Steven's starting lineup will probably be composed of Knowlton and Hubbell, ends; Hager and Gelder, tackles; Lindquist and Captain Crawford at guards, and Pat Coffield at center. In the backfield, Coach Stevens will probably start Ryan, Hill, Zitney and Spitters. Other capable replacements for the cubs will be John E. Smith, Mindeman, Rhodes, Larry Smith, Brown, Sterner, Hoyt, Meek, Page, Seelye and Neiboer.

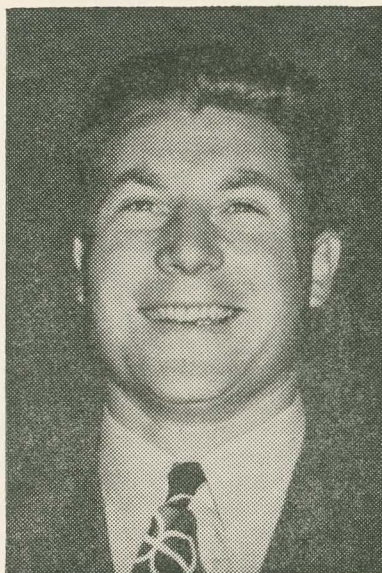
From Under the Bench

My how the sports picture has changed this year! We have a new addition to our coaching staff and practically a whole new football team. It'll be a good team too, with a little more experience, so keep on coming to those games. It was nice to see so many students over at St. Joe a week ago Friday.

While the varsity is getting the headlines, the reserves are out there working hard and steadily improving so they will be ready to step up to the varsity next year. They were defeated by the Paw Paw "B's" by a score of 13-0 in their first game. By winning this game, the Redskins avenged a defeat of last year.

However, it should be remembered that this year's reserve team is made up of mostly freshmen and sophomores, while last year's team consisted of many juniors and even seniors. With this array of Freshman talent, the Cubs should have a good team in a couple of years. My prediction for the future is that State High will win the conference crown in 1951.

Predictions for the future—State High 20, Dowagiac 6; State High 27, South Haven 7.



Alan Bush Returns

State High has a new varsity basketball, track, and assistant football coach this year. He is Alan Bush, a former president of the State High Student Council, who is replacing Bob Richman on the coaching staff. Mr. Richman moved to Colorado for his health. Mr. Bush passed up the head basketball coaching job at Battle Creek Central High School in order to come back to the school from which he graduated in 1941.

While he was in State High, he participated in football, baseball and basketball and accumulated seven varsity letters. During his stay in school the State High football team compiled an unbeaten season in 1939 to cop the conference title.

The baseball team on which he played an outfielder took the conference flag in 1940 and 1941. Also, in 1941, the school took the conference all-sports trophy.

After graduating from State, Mr. Bush entered Western for one year, transferred to Princeton for two years and returned to Western to finish his college, and during one of his years at Princeton he was captain of the baseball squad.

Speaking of State High, Mr. Bush says it is "not too much different." According to him, some new teachers and new kids are the only changes.

Along the way, Mr. Bush spent four and a half years in the Marines where he worked his way to a lieutenant. He also found time to get married and has a boy who is just over a year old.

The Highlights Staff hopes Mr. Bush has a successful stay at State High.

Football Summary

By Dale Crawford

The opening of the '49 football season found the State High Cubs winning an impressive 20-0 victory from a not too potent Portage club.

There were a few bright spots in the game. Little Al Ryan was the big wheel as he rolled through the golden gates three times. Hill added the two extra points.

The following Friday found a strong Buchanan eleven playing host to Coach Stevens' lads. The Cubs, the underdogs, out-played the Bucks, but Buchanan took advantage of the breaks. The Cubs just couldn't hang on to the ball and fumbled seven times, four of which were within the Buchanan twenty yard line. The Bucks recovered all seven of the fumbles.

Buchanan scored on four long runs of 75, 45, 60, and 54 yards. It was just a case of letting up on one play. The Cub forward wall did a very good job throughout the game. State made 10 first downs to three for Buchanan, but the Bucks came out on top in the win column, 26-0.

Two weeks ago, the Cubs, journeyed to the twin-cities to meet the twice beaten St. Joe Bears, and Bears they were as the Cubs all but rolled over and played dead. St. Joe scored in the opening minutes of play, and twice in the second quarter.

Spitters brought the second-half kick off back 45 yards, and through a series of plays, the Cubs worked the ball to the St. Joe 25 where they lost it. The Cubs, just not having what it takes to beat St. Joe, lost 33-0.

Who's Who And Where

For those of you who don't know Dale Crawford, the captain of our team, he's that big fellow you see wandering around the halls moaning about the Red Sox. Dale came to State High from Alamo School. This is his third year of varsity football, being the only member of the class of "50" to win a football letter as a sophomore. He also holds down the first base position on the baseball team.

Where are they now? The stars of last year's team have scattered all over the country. Barney Fowler is in the Air Corps; John Smith is at Michigan State; Bob Dunbar is out for freshman football at Michigan; Roger Burns and Bob Wood are doing well at K. College; Tommy Woodworth is at Northwestern; and Bob Smith and Larry Moran are still around town.

H. L. ADVISOR MAKES PIN UP PAPA

Locker Slams



Everybody is back at the grind again, but Winifred Craig, Charles Moran, and Bill Hoyt decided to condemn themselves at the last moment. They were the last to register on Thursday. Committing himself on Friday was Dale Crawford.

Ask John Gill why he has a locker in the basement and Jack Hill has one in upstairs.

The upperclassmen as well as the Freshmen have been guessing at the height of the new Soph. George Howe. All I can say is that he makes a good dancing partner for us "tall girls."

The Mendon high school band director was seen chasing Steve Fast, Jerry Knowlton, and Jim Pore, three boys who don't seem to appreciate music.

Can you picture Jill Gannaway as a Neanderthal woman?

The last school dances have flung a lot of new couples out in the open as well as exposing the "old faithfuls." Enjoying the music were Kay Loughead and Stanley Parson, "Skip" Kindelberger and Paul DeRyke, Kate Randall and "Junior," Linda Spaulding and Don Cain, Anne Wise and Frank Maher, Claire Miche and Clinton Drummond, Kay Brower and Fred Hoyt, Cleora Fletcher and Brad Smith, Nancy Strome and Jack Hill, Pat Pahalek and John Gelder, Jim Hoekje, Skip Sterner, Trevor Jones and Pat Perigo, Ann Mahoney, Sue Anderson and Barb Oakland—some very promising freshies. Also enjoying the crowds were Gene Logan and Suzie Gilbert who were trying to sell their Great Dane dogs.

2:00 Latin class has only three boys—Duncan Carter, George Reeves, and John Littig. I hope that Mrs. Vincent keeps the lads busy with their school work!

Dorothy Cartland, Lilla Eliet, Bev Swoap, Beverly Griggs, and Clare Gemrich have been trying to sell trolley tickets to the new members of the school. However, no luck has been reported as yet.

Look Sharp, Girls

The halls of State High are teeming with wondering new freshmen and dazed sophomores, but with the exception of two, the upperclassmen are pretty well settled. Both of these new upperclassmen are boys, both juniors.

First of these is a tall lanky fellow, six feet three inches tall, dark hair, brown eyes, and seventeen. His name is Frank Nugent, and he is from Cleveland, Ohio. Fred Stevens should be interested in this lad, for while in Cleveland he won The International Junior Olympics in the four hundred and forty yard dash. He also participated in basketball, football, and track. Frank thinks State High is "O. K. as far as I've seen."

James Robert Broseau, better known as Jim, is next on our list. Jim is about five feet ten, dark hair, and blue eyes. But too bad girls, he's a woman hater (he says). Sports don't interest Jim; his main interest is music. At present he sings baritone in the choir, and plays the trumpet in State High's band. As for his first impression of State High, he says, "Just fine."

Last, but not least, is Jim Pore, a lofty Senior. Perhaps you wonder why I said there were two new upperclassmen and then named three. We don't consider Jim a stranger, for his freshman and sophomore days were spent here. Jim has been attending St. George's in Rhode Island. Tennis, basketball, and Lola, are his main interests.

The George Cooper household is under new management as of July 30, 1949. The name plate on Faculty Apartment E-6 now reads George Kile Cooper, Jr. and parents. George Jr. is not a bundle from heaven nor was he brought by the stork. Rather he is a normal ten-weeks-old baby boy whose major interests are sleeping and eating, (surprisingly similar to the average high school boy's chief concerns). According to Papa Cooper, Kile completely fulfills the requirements of any baby that is to be an object of love and attention. Wishing the Cooper family the best of happiness, I cannot resist ending with this bit of wisdom—"Safety pins and basins await the man who fascinets."

School

September 26th, 1949. The large square numbers on the kitchen calendar announced boldly the date of the year. I gazed at it sleepily over my bowl of cereal and tried to convince myself that school was actually starting. Could it have really been just last week that I had been sitting on the end of our dock, toasting in the sun, and thinking of all the time I would have before school began?

"Well, things have certainly changed!," I announced companionably to my new school books as I trudged wearily to the bus stop. "If only it wasn't so early!" (This was followed by another yawn).

By the time I reached school, however, I had forgotten about the "wee small hours," and was musing reminiscently over the familiar halls and classrooms of our good old alma mater.

"It's good to be back!" I decided confidently as I sniffed the pleasant smells of new books and freshly shapened pencils. The herd of students in the crowded hall set up a humming commotion of industrious activity—some racing madly for position in the Co-op line, "Freshies" frantically searching for 211A, members of the football team enthusiastically discussing the practice scrimmage; and, throughout all, the patient distracted faculty members on the relentless trail of "displaced persons."

As I watched the busy throng hurry to their destinations with quickened steps and excited smiles, my thoughts were not new or unusual ones. Others, I know, have arrived at the same conclusion for many, many Septembers:

"We're proud of you, State High, and we're glad to be back!"

If you want to test your memory, try to remember the things that worried you yesterday.

Happy Birthday

- October 14—Jackie Slaughter
Pat Pahalek
Mary Joyce Maltby
- October 16—Louise Scharer
Fred Meek
- October 17—Beverly Griggs
- October 18—Margaret Homoki
- October 19—Alene Watterworth
- October 20—Norman Moody
Arthur Miller
- October 24—Claire Miche
- October 25—Winston Wessels
- October 27—Goldie Fooy

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A compliment is like a whiff of perfume; it should be inhaled, not swallowed.

James, Arthur Howell—