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Class Elections Held October 13

Students were dismissed on Wednesday, October 13, at 12:30 for that all-important business of electing officers. Following a close presidential race, Chuck Maltby was named president of the Senior Class, and Bob Smith vice-president, with Sue Ralston and Jackie Leach serving as secretary and treasurer, respectively. The chief problems ahead for these officers (aside from graduating, of course) are planning the senior assembly, the skip-day picnic, and leaving the customary gift to the school.

Elected to head the Junior Class are: president, Jerry Knowlton; vice president, Fred Meek; secretary, Mary Lou Woodworth; and treasurer, Steve Fast. The Junior Class will also have a job on their hands planning their assembly, picking their class rings and pins, and raising money for and planning the annual Junior-Senior Prom.

The Sophomores elected Jim Russel, president; Don Cain, vice-president; and Graydon Meintz for the post of secretary-treasurer.

Vivian Smith will serve as president of the Freshman Class. Aiding her are Conrad Fischer, vice-president, and Eleanor Alman, secretary-treasurer. The job these officers will probably undertake will be to start raising money for the prom they will put on as juniors, in addition to getting the class members better acquainted with each other.

"Little U. N." Meets; Theme: Cooperation

The fall session of the Co-operative Association of Southwestern Michigan Student Councils (C.A.S.M.S.C.) met at Dowagiac, Wednesday, October 13th. State High is a member of this association—the purposes of which are to promote co-operation between member-schools by providing means and methods for student functions, and to act co-operatively in the best interests of the member-schools. Our Student Council officers, Skip Bills, Jackie Kingscott, and Pat Mitchell with their advisor, Mr. Deur, represented State High at the association meeting.

In an exclusive interview, the Student Council officers voiced the opinion that the association meetings were valuable. Despite the association's inability to act on important issues in the past, its value has rested in its role as a co-operative clearing house for ideas and problems.

Youth To Run City Government

High School Seniors all over the city are preparing to participate November 9 in Youth Day, when the city's officials will be replaced by students as a climax to a program of extensive study of Kalamazoo City government by government classes.

Plans Underway For Future Dances

The social committee, in an effort to fulfill the desires of their fellow students, have planned several promising events.

First of all, on Saturday October 30, the Homecoming Dance will be held in the Women's Gym. It was originally planned for the night of our game with Niles, the 29th., but was postponed because it was feared attendance would be poor due to the Canteen, the appearance of Carmen Cavellero, and other activities on that night.

Plans are formulating in regard to the annual Christmas Formal which will be held in Walwood Hall, December 20.

Between the larger dances, smaller juke box dances will be staged on Saturday night, if backed by enough students.

Entertainment Planned

The assembly committee under the direction of Mr. Sack met October 20, to determine an assembly schedule. We decided to give them some help by asking the students what kind of assemblies they would like. Student assemblies took the lead by far. The Junior and Senior plays we can give as good examples of this group. Of course, all assemblies cannot be of this sort.

The assembly on liquid air was found very interesting by most. We suggest more professional entertainers. The memory expert who is to be here soon was considered a good idea, and good movies with a plot or story were asked for.

Most of the students feel the need for good assemblies. We would like to strive for assemblies which are interesting, good entertainment, and at the same time of definite value.

Calendar

October 29—Homecoming game with Niles. (here).

Homecoming dance in Women's Gym.

November 5—Report Cards

November 8—Cafeteria open for High-school students

November 9—City Youth day
Hamlet presented at Central

From State High's government classes the offices of Mayor, Circuit Judge, Assistant Prosecutor, Supt. of Records, Asst. City Clerk, City Commissioner, City Auditor, City Assessor, City Light Dept. Observer, Asst. City Planning Draftsman, Asst. Director Recreation Commissioner, Health Dept. Inspector, and Sewer Dept. Director will be filled. Two fire captains, two firemen, a police captain, a police lieutenant, and a "plain hooper" will also be selected from State High.

Youth Day is sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce to promote interest in city government. This is the first attempt of its kind in Kalamazoo and Chamber officials indicate the program's success or failure this year will determine its future. So far, the program has met with excellent cooperation. Government classes all over the city are cooperating by conducting investigations, study, and planning of city problems.

Library Opens Nov.

The end of this month marks the grand opening of State High's new library. The new library, which will be under the direction of Miss Helen Greene, is located where the high school office used to be, and is a combination of the Training School Library, the High School Library, and the Elsworth Memorial Library. It will retain this name, in tribute to Mr. Elsworth, former principal of the training school.

Miss Greene reports that the library is run on a budget of \$700 per year. This year, the money was spent for new library furniture, but a large number of new books have been purchased with money granted by Kellogg. Old books which are in good condition and which students would like to contribute to the library, will be greatly appreciated. Also, any suggestions as to any books the students think should be purchased for the library, should be given to Miss Greene.

New features of the library include a council room which will be used for co-operative study and in which all college catalogs are to be kept; a large reading room; the librarian's office; and a door which will lead directly into the library from the 211A study, thus eliminating "hall wandering" on library permits. If student co-operation is on a high enough level, library permits may be eliminated completely and students will be able to use the library more freely.

Choir Chooses Cast

The choir has elected the cast for their presentation of the operetta "Chonita," by Maria Wakeman and Ira Wilson, which is based on the music of Franz Lizst. The operetta is to be given November 23 in the Little Theater:

Chonita, a Gypsy girl
 Skippy Kindleberger
 Murdo, her father Roger Mills
 Daya, Chonita's nurse Dawn Birch
 Stefan, Chonita's Gypsy lover
 Steve Davis
 Konrad, another lover Bradley Smith
 Emil, a butler Fred Meek
 The Baron, Konrad's father Don Cain
 The Baroness, Konrad's mother
 Barbara Hughes

Because she has fallen in love with Stefan, Chonita, sweetest singer of all the Gypsies and princess of the tribe, is dismayed when her father tells her she is to go to Budapest to learn the way of civilized people. While there, a dashing young man, Konrad asks her to marry him. However, she goes back to the Gypsies, decides she loves Stefan, and gives up her life in Budapest.

Mrs. Britton states that any new entrant will be welcomed.



Having arrived in Kalamazoo from Long Island October 25th for a three-day stay, Miss Phyllis Fenner, famous author and compiler of children's books, will spend a good deal of time in the new high school library as a featured attraction of its grand opening.

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At a meeting held October 21st the following debate club officers were elected:

Marilyn Morris, president; Hadley Osborn, vice president; Herta Payson, secretary; Bradley Smith, treasurer; Sue Pullon, social chairman, and Betsy Brenner, publicity.

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A profit of approximately \$27.00 was made on the dance Saturday night, October 16th.

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The football team should have their choice of King and Queen for Homecoming made by Thursday, October 28th.

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On November 2nd a mock election will be held. All members of State High will vote for the president of the United States in an unofficial poll.



Young men 18 through 25 must register, and if not deferred for some reason, are eligible for the draft, according to the new law passed by Congress.

Fellows may finish high school, and if they become 20 early in their final year, they will not be deferred. After graduation, however, rather than take the chance of being drafted and serve for 21 months, the eligible youth may do one of several things. If he is 18, he may enlist for one year of active duty, which is to be followed by six years in a civilian reserve organization. He may join the National Guard; he may enlist for 3 years service; or he may join the ROTC.

For those fellows who wish to finish school, the ROTC—Reserve Officers Training Corps—is about the best bet. While you attend college, the government will pay the cost of tuition, textbooks, laboratory, and other instructional and administrative fees; necessary uniforms will be provided by the government; and students will receive a retainer pay for other expenses during college at the rate of \$600.00 per year. After college, the trainee must agree to accept a commission and 2 years of active service. According to Herb Smith: "A lot of fellows don't realize it, but the NROTC is the best deal (Continued in Column 3)

"Tailored for Teens"

The beginning of the school year found Kalamazoo high school taking a new place in the community. Now, each Sunday, a page of the Gazette will be devoted to the outstanding news of Kalamazoo Christian, St. Augustine, Central, and State High schools. A student reporter from each of the four schools compiles the week's information and sends it to Mr. Ryan at the Gazette, who rewrites and edits the material for publication. The purpose of this page is to let the people of Kalamazoo become better acquainted with our high schools and their activities.

WISH

I wish I were a kangaroo,
 Despite his funny stances.
 For I'd have a place to put the junk
 My girl brings to the dances.

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they'll ever get." For those fellows who wish to join the NROTC, a competitive exam will be given December 11. Those interested should contact Mr. Sebaly before November 15. Otherwise, if the young man eligible for the draft prefers to enter college and take his chances of getting drafted, and is called up, he may be permitted to finish that year of school and no more.

After looking over the possibilities of being drafted or joining up, we decided to see what some of the senior fellows around State High were planning to do.

Skip Bills: "I plan to go on to college and join the NROTC if I can pass the exam."

Glen Bishop: "I don't think they'll call me for a couple of years so I'm going on to college."

Ben First: "I'll probably join the marines and perhaps go to college when I get out."

Len Vandenberg: "I think I'll go to college and probably enlist before I get drafted."

John R. Smith: "I'm going to college and take my chances of getting drafted."

Bob Struble: "I'm a member of the National Guard now so I think I'll go on to college."

Roger Burns: "I'll go to college and take my chances of being drafted."

Tom Murray: "I plan to join the ROTC and continue my education at college."

Steve Davis: "I think I'll go on to college and decide later about the army."

John Tuberty: "I'm goin on to college."

Bob Russel: "I think I might enlist for 21 months."

Tom Woodworth: "I'll probably go on to college and take my chances."

Ken Louis: "I don't have to think about it for a few years yet, so I'm going on to college, probably Western."

What a lot of these fellows don't realize is that their chances of being drafted are a lot more probable than they seem to think. Another argument for the ROTC or NROTC is that the two years service after such a course would be as a commissioned officer, where as, if one is drafted, he is but a "buck private." It's something to think about, fellows.

Prospects Bright For Cage Season

The 1948-49 basketball season is just around the corner and the prospects are very bright for the State High Cubs. Last year, the Cubs won 4 and lost eleven, but are looking forward to bettering that record this season.

The Cubs lost only one man through graduation, but this one man will certainly be missed. He is Dick Cain, last year's captain, who is now at Kalamazoo College. Coach Fred Stevens has good material in Jim Orwin who is most likely to take Cain's place. At the guard spots we

last year and big things are expected of him. State High will also have good help from Roger Burns and Phil Fast.

Coming up from the reserve squad of last year are Bob Russel, a good ball handler and sharp-shooter, Chuck Maltby, Bob Smith, and Joe Zitney.

State High should have a good season in basketball this year.

State High Expected To Have Slight Edge In Niles Game Friday

This week the Niles football team will trek to Waldo Stadium for a Big Seven Conference meeting with the Cubs. Although on the basis of the season's records, State should rate first in this game by a slight edge, the Niles game has always been a tough one for both clubs. In 1945 and 1946 the teams battled to a 6-6 tie. Last year the Cubs won 18-6 at Niles to finish second in the conference standings.

The Niles squad is built around Jerry Crouch, an accurate passer and three time letterman. Among the linemen are Frank Carothers and Canady who is an outstanding pass receiver and Carothers is a big help on the defensive line.

State will be strengthened by the return of Bob Wood, an excellent blocking back. Linebacker Wood has been suffering from a torn thigh ligament. This will allow Larry Moran to return to his usual tail-back position.

The Cubs, who have had more than their share of injuries, should be all set for the game Friday afternoon at 3:30.

A \$3.00 Highlander?

Due to the increasing cost of printing, the Highlander staff has found it a necessity to raise the price of the year book to \$2.50 in contrast to the customary \$2.00. This small addition will help to maintain the standard set in previous annuals, as well as provide for several new features.

The group planning the Highlander for this year wonders if State High Students would be interested in paying an additional fifty-cents and in return, have a book superior in content to the \$2.00 book. We have asked the following for opinions:

JOYCE PERRY: If the Highlander price is raised, I think my class

BOB RUSSEL: If \$3.00 is the smallest amount that you can break even on, I wouldn't mind paying that much, I don't think a profit should be made, however.

LOIS GREEN: I think it is one of the best ideas State High has ever thought of. It's the pictures we like rather than the write-ups, and pictures are what cost.

SKIP BILLS: Maybe the seniors would pay more for it, but the underclassmen may feel it's too much. In any case, I believe a better book with a good cover would really be desirable. \$2.50 is about right!

Girls Organize Basketball Team

The Girls Athletic Association of State High officially opened the 1948-49 season Monday, October 11, with badminton instruction from Mrs. Helen Brown, club sponsor. Membership is open to any girl wishing to participate in group activities, including regular meetings held every Monday afternoon at 3:00 in the Women's gym.

The club plans to organize a basketball team to compete against other G. A. A. groups throughout the city and county. Awards and medals are to be given in recognition of outstanding achievement and sportsmanship. Mary Lou Woodworth, president, urges interested girls to contact her.

This program is still new in our school, and with good co-operation can become something we will all be proud of. So gals, lets lace up our gym shoes and give it our full support.

Four Years of Big Seven

In forty-five, St. Joe, coached by Harry Lee, were the conference champions. They were followed by Buchanan in the number two spot and by Niles in third place. St. Joe was also undefeated in league play that year. The forty-five edition of the Cubs was led by Doug Johnson, Lloyd

Ode To Our Team

For thee, oh gallant football team
The whole dern school doth cheer.
To us you're knights in armor,
An the bestest guys that's here!
So when that Niles clan comes around,
Get out there—show 'em how!
Then oil your armor, fix a smile,
And come and take a bow!

Fowler and Gordie White. Bob Quiring again coached the Cubs that season.

In forty-six St. Joe repeated as conference champs followed by South Haven and Three Rivers. That was the year Howard Hanson took over as football coach for State High. Two of the Cubs, Jack Sipperly and Bob Stelle made the forty-six All-City eleven.

Last season, Buchanan, under coach Les Miller, come to the front and took the conference championship. That was the season that Fred Stevens took over as football coach at State High. You probably remember that the Cubs started slowly, losing two close ones to Buchanan and St. Joe, and then caught fire and ended up the season tied for second place in the conference. All-City men from the State eleven were John Smith, Jack Sipperly, and Bill Glennon. State also received some fine quarterbacking from Dick Cain. Sipperly also received the honor of being on the third string All-State team.

The question now is who will win the championship this year. It looks like either St. Joe, Three Rivers, or Buchanan, but let's hope it's State in forty-nine!

New Debate Club Makes Plans

RESOLVED: THAT THE UNITED NATIONS NOW BE REVISED INTO A WORLD FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

The purpose of this organization is to give students who could not otherwise have the chance, an opportunity to learn about techniques of debating and the chance to participate in actual debates.

This is the National High School Resolution that the members of the debate club will debate this year. The club consists of three freshmen, six juniors, and six seniors. Suzanne Gilbert, Clare Gemrich, Sandy Hackman, Shirley Gary, Bradley Smith, Herta Payson, Elizabeth Brenner, Hadley Osborn, Ted Klinger, Barbara Hughes, Betsy Davis, Julie Cartland, Tom Murray, and Marilyn Morris, with the last four people only ones who have had debate experience in State High.

A trip to the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, was taken on October 23. It was an all day meeting with audience participation, lectures, panels, and debates. Other plans are being formed. meeting at Hastings, Michigan; tournament at Lansing Eastern; practice debates; and league debates. The club also expects to bring the debators of the University of Michigan to State High for an exhibition debate. Students of State High and surrounding schools will be invited to attend.

It was a dark dismal night in mid-October, when I espied the three witches bending over their swimming pot. And there beside them was a brand new "49" airmaster broomstick. As quick as a flash, I leaped upon it, and sped away into the future, October 31st, 1948.

Zooming back and forth over the city, I first noticed a bunch of the boys whooping it up on Oakland Drive. Each one was carrying an enormous paper bag. Upon closer inspection, I found they were none other than Roger Burns, Phil Bell, Bob Dunbar, Len Vandenberg, Barney Fowler, Tom Woodworth, Larry Moran, and Don Hendricks. The fellows couldn't stop to speak, for they were hurrying on to beg at a house on Howard St. where the owners were giving out maroon and white all-day suckers.

I meandered on to the old hallowed halls. There, huddled in a corner of the "Ad" building, were Phyllis Heidanus, Marilyn Newton, Margaret Storey, Gloria Redmond, Jackie Taylor, Cleora Fletcher, and Carolyn Fox devising a dastardly attack on the faculty residences. I zoomed into overdrive, glad to leave that abode of crime.

On the corner of N. Westnedge and Kalamazoo Ave. I flew by Bestervelt's Market. There I began to watch another horrible undertaking getting underway. Joe McCarthy, Bill Hoyt, Ted Emerson, Fred Dilno, Gene Logan, and Bill VanLaar were forcing Bob Smith, Bob Van Beck, and John R. Smith to steal pumpkins, which were then taken to Trev Jones, Jerry Knowlton, and Steve Fast, who were doing a lucrative business carving jack-o-lanterns.

Suddenly a police wagon sped up to the market. The sheriff stepped out and began conversing with a clerk. Seems they had picked up a bad bunch of "delinks" vandalizing the town, and the police were out casing the joints for more of the gang. Jammed into the wagon already were Dorothy Cartland, Sue Gilbert, Mary Alice Kuizenga, and

Happy Birthday

October 27—Goldie Foooy
October 30—Dale Wilson
October 30—Gail Wilson
October 31—Betsy Davis
November 3—Phyllis Heidanus
November 4—Don Dooley
November 4—Dick Shumar
November 6—Anna Mae Vanderhoff
November 7—Gene Logan
Nov. 8—Kathryn Randall

Linda Spaulding. Still at large were Sue Sawyer and Ann Wise.

I hightailed it out of there and clipped along in third for a while. Four ghosts tried to overtake me, and in the race we got quite friendly. They materialized into Herta Payson, Hadley Osburn, Lynn Tuberty, and Pat Coffield. We floated along for a while swapping human yarns.

Somehow I got waylaid at Central. A few more State Highites, Lois Green, Mary Lou Woodworth, and Margaret Burns were congregated there painting "Yea, Yea, Central" all over the sidewalks. Billie West was helping by holding the paint.

Cheered by this example of cooperative school spirit on Halloween, I careened on. Suddenly an obstacle loomed up in front of me. I pushed the brakes down to the groundboard (long legs, you know). There was a long rope stretched across Main and Burdick. Bob Pine and Bob Lewis were at either end of it, while Bob Lorentz and Ken Louis were jumping rope in the middle. Across the street Don Cain, Charlotte McGinnis, Winifred Craig, Pete Lindquist and Tom Holdship were merrily bobbing for apples, and casually taking pot-shots at lampposts were Sandra Beebe, Pat Maybie, and Mary Joyce Maltby. I guess they were practicing up for hunting season.

Hear say Sandy Hackman's hayride in celebration of Mary Joyce Maltby's and Patty Pahalek's birthdays was quite a success.

At one party this week-end we found two interesting items 1) Brother Woodworth is no party-pooper, and 2) some boys like to have their backs scratched.

Heard Kitchen had a good time on the bus to Dowagiac and a Parchment hayride!! Coincidence—Skip Kinderberger was there too.

What's this about two of our football players preferring flying to football??

Coach Dean, how's your fighting one??

Don't Bob Smith, Tuberty, and VanBeck know that English class comes first??

Betty Jo, beware of Seniors with strong arms.

Garrett K. and Bob Pyne would make a good "This Could Happen to You—Check Your Brakes" poster. We have this direct from faculty.

We wonder how Cleora and Jane S. like those regular visits from Marshall??

Is it true that Mr. Snow's "singing chemistry class" is running competition with Mrs. Britton's choir??