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After-Game Dances On Jan. Calendar Swing And Sway With 11-A At Basketball Bounce Friday

Students can really "hop" in the Women's Gym this Friday night at an after-game dance given by Home-room 11A. Under the unique title, "Basketball Bounce," it will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 after the Buchanan game.

Kids will swing to the mellow strains of Deacon Warner's orchestra and will no doubt welcome refreshments—cokes and doughnuts—which will be sold under the supervision of Jerry Hollowell and Jack DeBoer.

The intermission entertainment furnished by Lola Cheyne should also prove to be a most welcome attraction.

Of course, to enjoy all this, one must buy a ticket, which will set him back the small sum of 25c. Buchanan and State High basketball players, however, will be admitted free.

Sponsored by Mr. Lester Lindquist, committees of the "brute" brawl are as follows: Decorations, Joan Mulder, Virginia Glenn, and Yvonne Hill; advertising, Shirley Lloyd, Yvonne Hill, and Marilyn Allen; tickets, Molly Clancy and Melba Manning; entertainment, Bobbie Aach, Dick Roberts, and Billie Sanders; and band, Dick Roberts.

Jump And Jive Jan. 25 At Capricorn Caper

State High students and their guests are also invited to attend the very original and enticing "Capricorn Caper," to be given at the same place and with the same orchestra as the above-mentioned jive session. The date is January 25; the time, 9:30 to 11:30.

The following people take bows for the arrangement of these festivities: Joan Winkleman, general chairman; Carl Cooper, of the nourishment department; Nyla Worden, chaperons; Charlotte Kandler, tickets; and Jane Solomon, band.

Committee Launches Four-Point Campaign

State High's Citizenship Committee, headed by Herb Smith, is going President Truman one better by launching a four-point better-citizenship campaign which will cover the all-important subjects of card playing between classes, paper on hall floors, conduct in assembly, and tardiness.



Win Three of Four In Lansing Series

Mr. George E. Mills' debaters "did all right" for themselves at Lansing yesterday by taking three decisions out of their four debates. The affirmative team, composed of Burt Upjohn and Alison Clark, defeated debaters from both Jackson and Lansing Eastern high schools while Marge Davis and Carolyn Mitchell, State's negative team, out-debated Battle Creek Central but lost a decision to Lansing Sexton.

By winning five out of a total of eight debates, State High has qualified for the Elimination Tournament which will take place in about a month. Teams have not yet been decided.

CALENDAR

January 17 — Inter-school Council meeting.
January 18 — Basketball game with Buchanan, here.
January 25 — Basketball game with Niles, here.

Inter-School Council Organized by Kazoo's Four High Schools

State High, on Thursday, January 17, will be host to the newly organized High School Inter-School Council which was formed, as the preamble of its constitution states, "in order to provide closer inter-high school cooperation, encourage the sharing of ideas and experiences, and provide an agency through which the youth of Kalamazoo may participate more actively in the life of the community."

The constitution provides for election of the council's members in the following manner: each student council president automatically becomes a member; however, if one of the schools does not have a student council, the senior class president assumes that position. Each fall the student body will elect two representatives whose terms will run until the following June. In February, elections are again held and one new member, holding office for one year, is chosen from each school. This procedure will be followed in order to provide the organization with experienced members at all times. State High's representatives are Burton Upjohn, Henry Berry, Carol Morris, and Carolyn Mitchell, with Miss Evelyn Steketee, faculty advisor.

All schools have agreed to support arranged to meet twice a month at this project to full capacity and have alternate schools.

Winner of Contest To Get \$1,000 Prize

This year, as in years past, all students of State High are urged to enter the National Essay Contest sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Any student is eligible to enter an essay on the subject "What Can I Do For My Country", but entries must not exceed 1,000 words in length, must be written solely by the competing student, and must be submitted before April 1, 1946.

National prizes of \$2,000 will be awarded, with top prize being \$1,000 while local prizes of ten and five dollars are also to be offered. The winning essays in the local contest are judged in a state-wide contest, after which prize winning essays are submitted to the nation-wide contest to be judged.

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Students Decorate 206 Bulletin Board

The "used-to-be-bare" bulletin board in 206A is not so bare anymore, since Miss Pearl Ford's Math classes have applied the artistic touch. The idea of planning various interesting arrangements, portraying different phases of Math was begun in early December and will be continued with a change of scenery each month.

The December board, sprinkled with snowflakes, and having as its theme, "Everyday Mathematics," was planned by a committee from the 11:00 Algebra class. Heading this committee was Jim Osborn who was assisted by Ruth Zwart, Bob Bills, and Claire Poloms.

Creating the present January masterpiece, the title of which is "Everyday Trigonometry," was accomplished through the combined efforts of a group chosen from the 1:00 Trigonometry class. Larry Mayer, Grace Farr, Grant Eldred, Marilyn Schutz, and Tom Smith make up this committee, which is headed by Pat Balch.

In February the decorations will be changed again with the 10:00 Plane Geometry class trying their hand at "brightening up the old wall."

Queers Lead Cheers

At the last meeting of the Queers (which, Dick Vander Klok informs us, was the first club of its kind to be organized at State this year) the members discussed plans for a pep assembly to be held on Friday, Jan. 25, the day of the Niles game. Since the Queers Club has always seemed to have an abundance of energy, this assembly should turn out to be one big success.

Announce Operetta Date

The dates for the production of "The Gondoliers", the operetta to be presented in the Little Theatre by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, have been announced as Friday, March 1, and Saturday, March 2.

Miss Acree Returns

Miss Rachel Acree of the Home Economics department of State High returned to her classes recently after a three month's absence. She has been in Florence, Kentucky in order to be with her sick mother, but has now resumed her teaching responsibilities here at State. Welcome back!

The Nose Blows

Lil Willie seems to have snagged the best Xmas present of the lot as can be seen on her third finger left hand. Congrats Lil!!!

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The well known "Harries" were home for New Year's and quite a party was thrown. Not only did they "throw" a party but also one of their members, in a word, Bil Gilbert. The "Harries" missed one of the charter members, Chuck Peterson, who was unable to attend, being busy occupying Germany.

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Three members of the other well known club of State High, the "Queers" took a little jaunt over to Battle Creek to be entertained at "Ye Olde Pool Club." The "Queers" were shocked to see that students of Battle Creek are seen in public in overalls. We all know that the "Queers" always set a good example at State High. When the "Queers" couldn't control their homesickness any longer they made a fast exit and were home in 18 minutes. (so they say.)

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It seems that two Sophomores seem to have caught the mumps. Some of their friends are wondering, How come?

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Another flash on that mumps deal. The Burdick gang wants Pete to get well so they can all get together down in the Pool hall.

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Genie West's new love life is that stunning blonde, Ruth Ann Bryan, who, as she says is "five and a half years old." Gene expects to graduate in February!

Who is "Queenie" of the Police Gazette with the longest police record in existence who is hiding out in State High's junior class?

Last Wednesday in 1:00 government class the following could have been overheard by any one whose misfortune it would have been to unsuspectingly wander in:

Miss Steketee: The airplane is no longer the factor most responsible for making the nations of the world closer together.

Dale Pattison: What is then?

Miss Steketee: Why, the atomic bomb.

Dale Pattison: Oh, I thought that blew them farther apart.

Band Will Present Assembly Program

The State High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Leonard V. Meretta, will give a concert for the assembly program on Tuesday morning, January 29, at 8 o'clock.

Soloists will be Frances Garrison, alto saxophonist, and Edward Torrance, baritonist, both of whom study with Mr. Meretta, while Miss Suzanne Michen, a college senior, will conduct a selection.

The program is as follows:

1. March - Legionnaires On Parade - Kleffman
2. Overture Courageous - St. Clair
3. Baritone Solo - Holiday - Meretta
4. Waltz - On Miami Shore - Jacobi
5. The Bells of St. Mary's - Adams
6. The Student Prince Overture - Romberg
7. Saxophone Solo - Caprice Viennois - Kreisler
8. Snowflakes - Fulton
9. March - Men of Might - Meretta

This year's band is composed of the following twenty-five students: Nelma Jean Connor, Carl Cooper Jr., Eve Devries, Ruth Ann Emerson, Ronald Frye, Franklin Fulton, Warren Graybiel, Frances Garrison, Donald Grubius, Shirley Hill, Ted Holman, Robert Houts, Bruce Kitchen, Mary Layne, Marilyn Morris, Marilyn Newton, Jim Osborn, Marshall Paffhausen, Don Parsons, Don Sherman, Marilyn Sikkenga, John Smith, Dick Stevens, Edward Torrance, Stanley Veldt.

The Flu Bug Will Get You If You Don't Watch Out

Atchoo!! There you are lying in bed suffering and torturing yourself with the thought, "No one cares. I might even die and no one cares."

Your nose is red from the endless hours of blowing. Your head feels like a ton of lead and is hot one minute and cold the next. You feel dizzy and giddy, as a freshman. (Maybe you are one.) You have chills and fever and generally feel terrible. All this adds up to the affliction so popular at this time of year, commonly known by all as the flu. In some parts of the world it goes under the name of La Grippe and gripeing indeed it is.

For awhile science thought that the flu was caused by a bacterium, but alas, we find the guilty one is not a bacterium but a filter passing virus. (Shame on it!)

Everything from aspirin to the kitchen sink has been used to cure it, but best results have been obtained by the recent use of Sulfa drugs. Now the problem is to find something to cure the effect the Sulfa leaves. (Vicious circle, what?)

The virus must have a grudge against human beings, debaters in particular, or, so says Allison Clark, who claims that someone on the debate team invariably has the flu.

Bears Defeat State Quintet

Coach Bob Quiring's State High cagers suffered their first defeat of the season last Friday night, when a powerful St. Joe quintet downed them 32-25, before a capacity crowd in St. Joe's Gym.

This victory enabled St. Joe to be in sole possession of the No. 1 spot in the Big 7 conference race. It was conference win number six for St. Joe, while it was the Cubs first Big 7 loss, as compared to five victories, one being over the Holland Christian aggregation in the opening game of the present season.

In the first half the Kalamazoo squad could not find the basket, and the Bears led at the intermission 14-6. When the second half started, State played better ball, and each team scored 7 points, making the score 21-13. During the final period the Blue and Gold outscored St. Joe, 12-11, but that wasn't enough, and the game ended—St. Joe 32, State High 25.

Forward Bob Burns led the Cubs with 11 points, while Jacky Ward's four field goals and three charity tosses led the victors for a total of 11 points.

Gridsters Honored In Tues. Assembly

After much consideration, Coach Bob Quiring has announced the '45 football awards which were presented last Tuesday in assembly. The All-City gridsters also received recognition.

Those who earned their major "S" are captain Gordy White, Lloyd Fowler, Bill Ryan, Jim Ralston, Paul Rafferty, Doug Johnson, Jim Powell, Duane Smith, Hank Berry, Jack Sipperly, Bob Burns, Dick Hill, Norris Sutton, Ken Reeves, Bob Stelle, and Dick Vander Klok and Gene West.

Six fellows have enough quarters to receive a six inch minor letter. This list includes Dick Schlick, Dick Cain, Bob Dunbar, Bob Bills, Herb Smith, and Ralph Miller.

Boys who received the All-City football awards were Gordy White, Doug Johnson, and Lloyd Fowler.

Handball Tournament Planned By Quiring

The annual State High hand ball tournament will be held in the Men's Gym the first week of March. Coach Bob Quiring who is in charge of the tourney, states that boys interested should begin to work out on the courts in order to be in condition by March. Quiring also announces that prizes will be awarded to the singles and to the doubles champions.

You don't have to be an old pro to enter this tournament, so all boys who want to take part should see Mr. Quiring at the Men's Gym.

Sports Review



Wow! Some boy! Gordy! Yep, its none other than Gordy White, captain of State's '45 grid team, who steps into the spotlight this week to disclose a few facts about his athletic career and private life.

Entering from Oshtemo grade school in his freshman year, Gordy, who is now a junior, has spent all three of his high school years on the football squad, playing center the first two years and holding down the fullback position this season.

White is not only outstanding on the gridiron but has also spent two years as catcher for the State nine. He is looking forward to his third season on the diamond this spring, when he will be captain of State's baseball squad for the second consecutive year.

That about winds up his athletic career till now, so let's pitch into his private life. He claims football as his hobby but also includes fussing around his homemade tractor and—(this will surprise everyone)—"talking to girls." When asked if he preferred blondes, brunettes, or red heads, he replied—"Gosh, I like all types as long as they're good looking. Right now tho' I'm interested in a special little number down at Central."

Bob Hope rates highest with him as far as radio programs are concerned, but he has no favorite movie star, admitting "they all make me drool."



Cub Five Faces Bucks Here Fri.

Next Friday the State High Cubs will play host to a fighting Buchanan team. This game will be a preliminary to the Western-Marquette game so State High students will not only get a chance to see their Alma Mater play but may also stay and view another good game from the bleachers. The Bucktown team has not had too impressive a season due to the fact that J. B. Anderson, one of the conferences' top scorer graduated last year. This year the Big Guns on the Buchanan team are the Gray Brothers, Louie and Don who have done most to boost the Buck Quintets scores.

The probable starting lineup is:

Buchanan	State Hi
L. F. Rifenberg	Burns
R. F. Gray D.	Ryan
C. Laurier	West
L. G. Gray L.	Ralston
R. G. Wesners	Rafferty

Unbeaten Reserves Topple from Ranks

State High's "B" team, sporting five wins under their belts, met defeat for the first time at the hands of a strong St. Joseph quintet who copped their 30th straight victory by a 23-17 score. The Bear team grabbed the lead in the first quarter and held it for the rest of the game with Gerb Ross, brother of Gay Ross, captain of St. Joe's Varsity, leading the scoring with four buckets and three foul goals, while Bob Dunbar led the Cubs with 6 markers. This game was the first one of the season in which the reserves were bothered by their lack of height.

However, since they do have a very impressive record, we'll take a gander at the team's "rooster."

At the forward post we find the two sharp shooters of the team, Mouth Orrwin and Tom Woodworth. Tom is the defensive spark plug of the team while Mouth scores a good share of the points. At the center spot is "Ace" Hagen the tip-in star. Bob Dunbar and John Smith work as the guards on the team. Dunbar's stellar play stands out with Smith's dog shots being his best art. Heading the list of reserves are Herb Smith, Roger Burns, Bob Stelle, Phil Fast and a newcomer to State High, Frank Cooper.

BIG SEVEN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct.
St. Joseph	6	0	1.000
State High	4	1	.800
Three Rivers	2	3	.400
Niles	2	3	.400
Buchanan	2	3	.400
South Haven	2	3	.400
Dowagiac	0	4	.000

State High Hails Iowa Freshman

Guess what, everybody! A new man! Those rumors everybody has been spreading are true! At last to the old familiar halls and the familiar old people something new has been added! In a word, a frosh!

Now you'll all exclaim, "Where's he from? What's his name? Does he go steady? Tell us all!" Well, here it is—ALL:

The name is Frank Cooper and he hails from Burlington, Iowa, where he participated in basketball, football, baseball, and track. Here at State he's going out for basketball and intends to go out for baseball in the spring. Upon inquiry he said, "I guess my hobby is just sports." (obviously).

Frank's favorite orchestra and radio program is Sammy Kaye's. Incidentally, Frank is an old hand at this music stuff—old, meaning he used to fiddle around at the piano. His favorite male movie star is our groaner, Bing: (Why, Frankie!). He apparently has no favorite female movie star (Odd!).

When asked which food he liked best, he quickly replied, "Ice cream," and "Anything with marshmallow on it." Sounds like a goeey character. (We don't really mean it, Frank, we know we should be frank).

His most embarrassing moment, quote, was "One time in Latin class when I didn't have my assignment done." Gad, on that basis, what millions of embarrassing moments the population of State would have had!

We now reach the subject of women. (Bawang!). Naturally, he has decided opinion but it was absolutely necessary to know which type he preferred. He says, "Brunette—I've got a girl in Burlington (wouldn't you know) and I'm going back every summer to see her. The only reason I came here was because my family

raised one eyebrow. (A-ha! And

When asked his opinion of State High girls in general, he merely what does that mean?).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 10 — Jackie Leach
 January 11—Bob Russell, Frances Spitters
 January 12—Dale Griffith, Stanley Veldt
 January 13 —Ruth Summerlott
 January 15—Marshall Paffhousen, Jack DeBoer
 January 16—Bune Schuhardt, Millicent Milburn, Marilyn Patterson
 January 18 — Joy Roelof
 January 20 — Marjorie Williams
 January 21 — Ken Green
 January 22 — Beth Moore
 January 24 — Bernadine Brocksus
 January 26 — Otto Schuhardt
 January 27 — Roger Schultz
 January 31 — John Bigelow

The Evil Men Do Lives After Them

"If I had died an hour before this chance, I had lived a blessed time—" All you struggling seniors in Miss Elizabeth Hathaway's 2:00 English Lit. class should recognize that bit of "quetry" as originating in Bill Shakespeare's "Macbeth", with which you have become very familiar in the last few weeks. For the information of the rest of the school, these students have recently spent many frantic hours searching magazines and newspapers for cartoons and funnies illustrating quotations from that well-known play.

The results of their hard labor may be found adorning the bulletin board in 210, where, before your eyes you will find, not a dagger, but a collection of clever cartoons with Shakespearean captions.

One of the contributions is as follows: A cartoon picturing an army separation center with a sergeant being discharged and all the privates waiting outside with their sleeves rolled up. The caption reads: "This deed I'll do before this purpose cools."

Another has a picture of three ministers walking from church to the parsonage in the dead of winter, two of them together and one trailing along behind, looking decidedly bumpy. All are wearing immense frock coats. The cartoonist says, "Keep an eye on him. I think he's got a coat full of snowballs." The famous poet says, "False face must hide what the false heart doth know."

Just imagine your great fortune—you can see these and many others which are just as humorous by walking into room 210 A and looking at the bulletin board entitled, "As Shakespeare Would Have Said It."

Till we see you there, "Parting is such sweet sorrow—"

"S" Club Sponsors Drive for \$100 Bond

With a goal of \$100 in Victory Bonds, the State High "S" Club, sponsored by Coach Bob Quiring, is now under way in a drive to raise money for the Western Michigan Chapel Fund which will be used in building a memorial chapel dedicated to honor our World War II dead.

At the beginning of the school year, the "S" Club members decided that they wanted to accomplish something really worthwhile, so under the leadership of president Gordy White, secretary Bob Burns, and treasurer Ralph Miller, they began this project which should serve as an example to the whole school. So far, selling programs at all home games has been their main source of income, and since the fellows have had pretty good results, they plan to continue these sales for the rest of the year.

St. Mary's Has Nothing On Us

The Bells Are Ringing — darn it! That timely snatch of song is State High's newest theme, for, indeed, the fog-filled atmosphere of dear old S. H. S. has been enhanced of late by subtle tinklings. These charming intonations come with unnerving frequency between classes, but seem to choose not to ring until the last possible second while classes are in session.

At this point, Judy Ogden, that noted wit, has interjected the remark that since S. H. S. has bells it cannot hope to be awarded the Nobel (1) prize for 1946. Pun, no?

To get back to sanity, to a certain degree, let us examine some of the problems which arise with bells all over the place. When a bell rings, the average mind is thrown into a dilemma or some such interesting state. Madly clutching his feverish forehead, he tears his hair (neat trick, no?) while his seething brain (if any) buzzes with the questions, which bell is that? What does it mean? Where should I go? What should I do? What Where? Why? etc. Under such pressure a real psychopathic could easily go mad (an interesting process—you should try it sometime. We Have!).

Now comes the point. We should like to suggest a startling solution to all this confusion. No longer need one wonder which bell is what and when or why. LOOK AT THE CLOCK.

Yes, State High not only is graced with musical (like a brass band) bells but also with rare time pieces such as have never been seen by Swiss experts. (Three guesses why not!)

Returning home after a well-regulated day at school one collapses onto the nearest chair to rest his jangled nerves. After several glasses of milk and a box of cookies, all ill-effects which may have been inflicted during the day by the impulsive bells are soothed and one can continue none the worse for wear. We have noticed no tangible and clearly defined afflictions in our case except a strange ringing in the ears from time to time. Odd, no?

Well, as we were saying—oops! There goes the bell—time to go! Bye now!

Don't Forget To Bring Your Red Cross Boxes For European Children By Next Tuesday. The Student Council Urges 100% Participation.