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State Highlights

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Choir To Assist In May Festival

State High's choir, under the direction of Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, having successfully completed its first semester's project, the operetta, is now beginning preparation for its part in the Spring Music Festival, which will be given May 10. Many high schools and colleges from Southern Michigan will participate in this Festival which will be directed by guest conductor George Howerton, choral director of Northwestern University, with Dr. Carter of Western's faculty as baritone soloist.

Mrs. Britton and the choir are looking even further ahead than the Spring Festival to planning for next year's operetta. One possibility is "The Mikado" which, however, requires a lot of men. Those interested in joining the choir next year should see Mrs. Britton, since the choice of the operetta may be affected by the personnel of the choir.

About twenty-five former choir members, most of whom had leads in past operettas, were enthusiastic spectators at "The Gondoliers." Also in the audience was a lady who said she had played the part of the Duchess in a production of "The Gondoliers" in England. After the Saturday night show, about 100 choir and orchestra members and guests enjoyed refreshments and dancing in the Women's Gym.

Hi-Y States Rules For Queen Election

The new feature of the Hi-Y carnival, which will be held in the Administration Building, Friday, March 29, is the election of a carnival queen. Each homeroom will choose one girl to run in the election which begins Monday morning, March 25, and will close at 11 P.M., March 29. A voting booth will be set up in the hall, and anyone who desires may vote, provided he pays on-cent per ballot. The candidate receiving the most votes will be awarded an appropriate gift, and will be crowned "Queen of the 1946 Hi-Y Carnival", the night of the event.

Correction, Please!

The following names were omitted from the honor roll, published in the last issue of the Highlights:

Joan Rood, who won a place on the first honor roll, and Jane Solomon, Nancy Upjohn, and Nancy Kurtz, all of whom qualified for honor roll No. 3.

Forensic Contest Open To Students

Mr. George E. Mills has announced that at 4:00 Wednesday, March 13, in 219A, he would like to meet with all students interested in participating in the forensic contest. Any student is eligible to enter any one of these contests, with the exception of Oratorical Declamation, which is open only to freshmen and sophomores. The divisions are as follows:

Oratory, in which a student writes, memorizes, and delivers a 10 minute speech about some important problem.

Dramatic Declamation, in which the contestants memorize and deliver a cutting from a play, impersonating all the characters.

Extempore Speaking, in which the participants draw their topics from lists of current events and problems, a short time before the contest.

Oratorical Declamation, in which the students memorize and deliver a speech written by someone else.

There will be school elimination contests preparatory to the District Tournament which will probably be held sometime in April. State High will be represented by two people in each field.

Red Cross Itemizes Convalescent Needs

The last meeting of the Senior Red Cross representatives from counties in this section was held in the Hart Hotel in Battle Creek, where it was reported that the nurses at Percy Jones Hospital make lists denoting the soldiers needs for articles which the army doesn't supply.

The current list includes three water pitchers (half gallon size), four market or picnic baskets, six salt or sugar sacks (5 or 10 lb. sacks), four knife sharpeners, four electric corn poppers, and an infinite number of sugar bowls and creamers. If any student has one or more of these items that he would like to contribute, he should see

Entertainment is also greatly desired for the ambulant convalescents. Senior girls are urged to attend the chaperoned dances given by the hospital.

Collection of Comic Books Sponsored By Room 206

Homeroom 206 under the leadership of Skippy Bills and Pat Mitchell has undertaken a most unusual project, that of collecting comic books for Percy Jones.

Sometime before April 1st students should put their contributions in the box which has been placed in the hall.

Council Planning Honor Luncheon

State High's Student Council, under the faculty supervision of Miss Pearl Ford, will present the annual Monitor-Highlights Luncheon Tuesday, March 19, at 12 noon, in Walwood Hall. This luncheon, originated to honor the monitors, will have a new feature this year, in that it will also give recognition to the newspaper staff.

Dr. Roy C. Bryan, Dr. Paul V. Sangren, Burton Upjohn, Herb Smith, and Carolyn Mitchell will deliver short dissertations relative to the luncheon's theme, which this year will be "The United Nations Organization As Compared to Student Government in State High."

Herb Smith is in charge of the program, while Carolyn Mitchell will supervise invitations.

Sexton Team Wins In Quarter-finals

State High's debate squad was eliminated from competition for the state championship when the affirmative team, Alison Clark and Burt Upjohn, lost to Lansing Sexton in the Quarter Finals held in Lansing Friday, March 8. In the opinion of Mr. George E. Mills, debate coach, the contest was close, and the State High debaters did a good job even though they did not win. Now that the contest debating is over, the Advanced Speech Class will concentrate on its spring projects, forensics and the spring play.

"S" Club, Girl Reserves Travel Club Elect Heads

As elected to date, the club officers for the second semester are as follows:

"S" Club—President, Gordy White; Vice president, Lloyd Fowler; Sectreas., Dick Cain.

Girl Reserves—Pres., Arlene Townsend; Vice pres., Shirley Dale; Sect., Martha Schunardt; Treas., Jacquelyn King.

Travel Club—Pres., Bill Tuberty; Sect., Liesel Kestler.

CALENDAR

March 29—Hi-Y Carnival

March 19—Monitor-Highlights Luncheon.

March 12—Inter-School Council Meeting at Central.

March 15—Council Sandwich Sale.

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After madly chasing and finally cornering several individuals around this institution, the inquiring reporter succeeded in getting the following answers to his question of the week, "What is your secret ambition?"

Student Body Should Show Social Support

By JUDY OGDEN

Carolyn Mitchell is becoming a different girl. Just how many students have noticed that new wrinkle on her face? Yes, as our honored secretary scoots busily around the halls on Council biz we have noticed that something is bothering this prominent senior.

Therefore we ankled over to "Mitch" one noon and asked her, why the worry-wortin' around?"

To the question, "Mitch" replied, "Social Committee" in such a depressing tone.

Anyone who is near Carolyn at any time before a dance or any other social function at State High, knows that Carolyn and her little tribe of Social Committee members work their proverbial heads off promoting whatever the event might be.

Such was the situation at the time of our recent "Turnabout." Those in attendance had a great deal of appreciation for the committee's labors, and agreed that the theme for "Spring Fever" certainly was cleverly worked out. However, this dance and other school activities have not had the whole-hearted support of the student body!

It's been hard to find any real reason for this drop in attendance. We don't want to cut out Social activities altogether; therefore, the Social Committee has made the announcement that if we do not have better attendance at the future events, the Spring Formal at Walwood will be called off!!!

This little missile is directed at every student in State High. It's up to you to get behind the social committee and show a little more SUPPORT!

Ten Join Highlights Club

Ten State High students have been invited to join the Highlights Club, an organization formed to train students in headlining, writing, and all-around high school journalism. They are assisting the Highlights staff this year, and will become full-fledged members of the '46-'47 staff. These "Beat Pounders" are Julie Cartland, Betsy Davis, Phil Fast, Marilee Fonner, Dale Griffith, Ann Hoebeke, Donna Kowalski, Carolyn McLaughlin, Marilyn Morris, Hildur Sangren, and Don Sherman.

Student Teachers Know All; Tell All

There are a few individuals treading the halls of dear old WMC whose fate it is to have fallen into the clutches of both S. H. S. instructors and S. H. S. fellows and gals. These individuals are none other than the well-loved but all too often not appreciated student teachers. Of course, since they usually can get the lowdown on S. H. S. lassies and lads from the full-fledged instructors, it's about time the tables were turned to give students a peek at the inner souls of their pupil pedagogues.

The first WMC lass to tell all is red-headed Janet Royal, now teaching in Dr. Bierge's 10 o'clock English class and Miss Paden's 11 o'clock art. When asked to voice an opinion of student teaching, she admitted, "It's all right! I've got some pretty swell students in my classes."

Miss Royal claims reading and music as her hobbies, while in her opinion the most important ingredient in a good movie is a double dose of excitement. Gregory Peck's growing group of followers finds a new member in this student teacher who "really enjoyed" his performance in "Valley of Decision," and also claims "Spellbound" as a movie favorite. Comedians rate highest with her as far as radio programs are concerned, and she could think of no one to top Jack Carson. Proof that student teachers are human is presented by her confession that a banana split is utter ambrosia in the realm of nourishment.

Leaving Miss Royal to her future Rembrandts and Michael Angelos in 202 Ba., the ever-wandering interviewer knocked upon the door of 108A where he found Maxwell Hamilton confronted by the studious seniors in Miss Steketee's 1 o'clock government class.

Sailing into navy man Hamilton with a barrage of questions, yours truly came up with some of the statistics about this student teacher who originally hails from Pickford, Michigan, a small establishment near Sault Ste. Marie. Clad in navy blues for the past 38 months, Mr. Maxwell has been at Michigan State, Northern State, and Western Michigan College, and is now receiving his discharge.

He plans to be a coach, and will be getting some of his athletic experience by helping Mr. Arnold coach State's baseball team this spring.

Renee Francoise: To play opposite Charles Boyer in a movie.

Grant Eldred: To make a trip to the moon.

Helen Holly: Oh boy!

Mary Lou Kline: To be a motorcycle cop.

Bob Fisher: If I told you it wouldn't be a secret.

Marilee Fonner: To go steady with Don.

Gerry Klein: To skip school.

Jack Erwin: To write murder mysteries.

Walt Storey: To manage an establishment like the H-Y carnival.

Bob Smith: To keep out of trouble.

Bob Pattison: To be a janitor.

Jeanne Vogt: To be a doctor.

John Smith: To play college basketball.

Billie West: That would be telling.

Cameron Clark: To get out of this school.

Charles Maltby: To do something about the lighting in this school.

John Bigelow: To get my homework done in one night.

Molly Kabbe: All I want to do is get married, and that's no secret.

Ann Diller: To be a Power's model.

Nancy McQuigg: To own a couple of six shooters.

Marilyn Morris: To marry a millionaire.

Bill Tuberty: To inherit a million dollars.

Ralph Miller: To drive a jeep.

Don Brown: The same as any man's — to find a woman.

Among other comments about the inquiring reporter last issue, the following letter was received:

"Dear Highlights,

You must have lost your 'Mr. Webster.' The word for yellow or fair complexioned is 'xanthochroid', not 'zanthrochoid.' I can't figure out the next one. Perhaps you meant 'xanthoid,' a member of a fair, or red haired race—

Best wishes,

Lillian Meyer

Department of Chemistry

The Highlights staff appreciates Dr. Meyer's interest and encourages more contributions (complimentary or otherwise) from the readers. However, any letter to the editor must bear the signature of the sender, before it will be published.

"Coach" Hamilton lists music as one of his hobbies, but prefers mystery and murder in the movie line, while comedy shows head his favorites in radio programs.

Rafferty Named Most Valuable

At the request of Len Colby, popular WKZO sports announcer, the varsity basketball squad held a meeting last Wednesday afternoon to choose the player on the Cub Squad that has done most for the team this season. This does not necessarily mean the high point man or the flashiest man on the team, but the one player who has been of most value to the squad.

The vote was very close because of the equal balance in ability of the first six men on the State High team. After counting the eleven ballots Coach Quiring announced that the most valuable player for the Cubs this year was none other than Paul "Slug" Rafferty of Schoolcraft, who is probably the outstanding defensive man in the Big Seven Conference. This is Rafferty's second year on the Cub quintet and he came through in magnificent style after seeing only limited action last year. There isn't much doubt in anyone's mind that Rafferty is the most improved player on the State High team and he should help a lot in bringing state basketball honors to the hilltop school.

The method in which Rafferty was chosen was perhaps the best possible way of finding out who the real unnoticed star of a ball team is. The men who play the game are in a good position to see plenty of action that escapes many a fan's eager eye.

Other high school teams in Kalamazoo have also named their most valuable players. These men are Bill Schuring and Ken Youngs of Central, John Walker of St. Augustine, and Vern Herder of Christian.

Two S. H. S. Cagers On All-City Team

The State High basketball stars, Jim Ralston and Paul "Slug" Rafferty, both guards for Coach Bob Quiring's district cage champs, received a high honor recently by being named on the Gazette All-City basketball team. Ralston and Rafferty are veterans of last year's Big Seven Titleholders and have led the Cubs through the 19-5-46 season.

Rafferty who was also named State's most valuable man, received his high ranking because of his great defensive work throughout the season, while Ralston's point making and all-round play brought him his well earned spot on the mythical all-star team.

State High was the only team in the city to have more than one player named on the all-city squad. In addition to this, the Cubs boast the all-city captain with the honor going to Rafferty.

Other city high school stars to make the all-city team are Vern Herder of Christian and Babe Lascala of St. Augustine at forwards and Bill Schuring of Central in the pivot position.

Basketball Squad Closes 1946 Season

The State High Cubs ended a very successful season Feb. 26 as they lost to the powerful Holland Christian Quintet 44-36. Despite their defeat at Holland, the Cub's season record was outstanding with 12 wins and 3 losses.

As basketball play began this year, things looked fairly good for the Cubs because they had four starters from the '44-'45 squad.

In the season opener, State looked good as it edged out a tall Holland Christian team 31-30. The following week, the Cubs whipped the Niles Vikings 37-24, and repeated their victory the next weekend by dumping South Haven 26-21 in a game that was close for three quarters. State notched victories number four and five by winning from Dowagiac, 34-20, and from Three Rivers, 27-22. Then the Cubs met the Big Bears from St. Joseph bowing to their highly touted team 31-25. However, State's hoopsters bounced back after the St. Joe defeat to take the Buchanan Bucks 46-21, for the beginning of another five game winning streak. State High mowed down Niles, 50-44; South Haven, 37-25; Dowagiac, 35-25; and Three Rivers, 35-27.

At this point, the Cubs met St. Joe for the conference title, losing to the Bears by a 47-34 score. In their next game, the Cubs met a non-conference opponent, Sturgis, and managed to eke out a victory 33-32. In the final conference game, State outclassed a scrappy Buchanan team, 43-22, to have a 10 won-2 lost for conference play. Our last opponent in the season's schedule was Holland Christian who proved themselves to be too tall for our quintet, and won from the Cubs 44-36.

State was led throughout the season by Jim Ralston who was the team's high scorer and a good rebound man. The play of State's two forwards Bill Ryan and "wee" Bobby Burns stood out, while the work of Gene West, junior center, and the defensive work of Paul Rafferty were features of the State High attack. Credit also should be given to "Stub" Louis whose work as the first sub sparked the team.

This season's squad included eight seniors who will be missed in the Cub's battle for the conference title next year. They are Jim Ralston, Paul Rafferty, Bill Ryan, Bob Burns, Warren Louis, Jim Mateer, Jack Thompson, and Lloyd Fowler.

Five Lettermen Returning

This spring the baseball team is looking forward to a good season. Returning are captain Gordie White, Bob Burns and Jim Powell in the infield, and Jim Ralston and Slug Rafferty, outfield men. Other prospects are Dick Maher and Tommy Woodworth as catcher and Jerry Hagan and Gene West at first.

State Quintet Faces St. Joe

Saturday night, State High's hoopsters will travel to St. Joe to meet the Big 7 champions in the regional finals. Coach Harry Lee's boys have won 17 straight games, while Bob Quiring's Cubs have taken 14 against 3 defeats this season. If the Cubs win this game, they will reach the quarter finals which begin March 21 in Western's Gym.

During the regular season, St. Joe beat State High twice, but that is no sign that they cannot be defeated, for State's five is a hard-fighting team. The Bears qualified for the regionals by defeating Niles and Dowagiac last week. The St. Joe team is led by Gay Ross and towering Dave Ankli, who did most of the scoring in Kalamazoo.

Cub Five Defeats Sturgis Hoopsters

Coach Bob Quiring's cagers defeated Sturgis last Saturday night 37-28 to take the district class B crown. Thursday night, the Cubs trounced a favored Coldwater five 36-22. By winning this game State High has the right to meet Sturgis in the finals, Saturday. Sturgis won its way to the finals by handing Three Rivers a 41-27 shellacking.

In Thursday's semi-finals, Bob Burns paced the Cub attack with 13 points, while Paul (Slug) Rafferty's floor play was outstanding. Rafferty held Coldwater's high scoring Max Corless to one foul shot. In the finals Saturday night, at Sturgis, the Trojans took a 9-6 first quarter lead but the Kalamazooans came back hard in the second period and outscored the 1945 State champs 13-9, at intermission, Coach Quiring's crew had a 19-18 lead.

In the second half the Cubs put the game on ice by dumping in 18 points to 10 for Coach Bob Miller's five.

Bob Burns, again led the State High scoring as he dropped in 6 field goals for 12 points while Jim Ralston hit the hoop for 5 baskets or 10 points.

SUMMARY:

	B.	F.	P.
State High (37)			
Burns, f.	6	0	4
Ryan, f.	1	0	1
West, c.	1	4	3
Ralston, g.	5	0	3
Rafferty, g.	0	0	3
Substitutions:			
Louis, f.	2	3	3
	15	7	17
Sturgis (28)			
Berger, f.	5	0	5
Bell, f.	1	3	4
Hopkins, c.	2	2	1
Wright, g.	0	1	2
Pennell, g.	1	1	1
Substitutions:			
McKean, f.	1	1	0
	10	8	13

Impertinent Prattle

By Al. Cl.

'Tis Spring, 'tis Spring! And so far it's been raining cats and dogs—there were poodles all over the street. However, with undampened spirits and dripping manes, we cheerily review the actions of the past fortnight or so.

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The first item on the list is, of course, a loud "Congrats!" to Lil Willie from all of us. She finally hooked Lee for good on March first and all the gals agree he's a good catch!!!

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Natch, the public eye of State High was fixed on the masterful presentation of the "Gondoliers" by the choir. It really had everything! Winsome women, manly males, charming costumery, sweet singing. Ah, what a production.

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Just as all that is blonde is frequently peroxidized, not all the comedy appeared on stage; in fact, riotous rehearsals and back-stage catastrophes were quite the order of the day. For instance, the time Jackie Herr nearly took a nose-dive into the orchestra pit when the blind fold scene was in rehearsal. Fortunately for the piano in the pit, he was stopped in time. Well, love is blind, but surely Jack couldn't have been trying to escape from the encircling enchantresses!

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You've no doubt heard the one: they laughed when they saw me in slacks but when I sat down I thought they'd split! That wasn't so far from the truth in the cases of Joy Roeloff and Betty Ann Warren. When these gals bent over, they had 'em in stitches—or rather OUT of stitches. Unseamly, no? Oh, well, those cute velvet pants were small anyway, and, as the old saying goes "MEN are wide in the SHOULDERS."

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At this point a feeble hand of congratulation should be extended to those art students who so laboriously created the gee-orgeous sets. No kidding, kids, that gondola was a chef-d'oeuvre (masterpiece to you German students); although at one point it looked as though a derrick might be needed to hoist Pat Herr into place. No offense, Pat, we know your costume was heavy.

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Speaking of costumes, Frances Spitters was in dire peril of being thracked on the nose by her hoop whenever gracefully seating herself upon the throne. Is that what's known as "hooping it up?" Anyway, Frances, now you know how Scarlett O'Hara must have felt when she wanted to sit one out.

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Enough of the operetta!

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With spring the Bigelow's so-called car has come out of hibernation. Whatta contraption—wait till you see it!!!



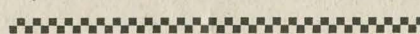
Mr. Rothfuss has set the style for artistic timepieces. We understand that he owns a most unusual clock in the shape of an owl, one of whose eyes tells the hours, and the other the minutes. Natch, this means that at certain times the bird wears a wall-eyed expression which doesn't exactly evidence the wisdom an owl is supposed to possess. Never-the-less, all who have seen it find it delightful, cross-eyed or not!

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And this talk of birds leads us to the subject of Avery, Anderson, Dunham, and Stelle. Maybe you don't get the connection (well, they're cuckoos, aren't they?), but the boys, who were staying at Stelle's just didn't bother to go to bed until the chickens (pardon us-roosters) next door started to crow! We've heard of getting up with the birds but these lads seem to be reversing the process.

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This about winds things up for this time so guess we'd better tie up the bloodhounds until the next time. 'Bye now.



Happy Birthday

March 14—Yvonne Hill, Ted Holman.
March 15—Larry Mayer, Edward Torrance.
March 17—Barbara Carl, Jim Ma-teer, Clare Rancic.
March 18—Betty Bond, Bob Van-der Weele.
March 19—Warren Graybiel.
March 21—Leon First.
March 22—Liesel Kestler.
March 24—Becky Fuller, Robert Red-mond.
March 26—Joan Rood.
March 29—David Anderson, Bill Resseguie.
March 30—James Pellowe.
March 31—Richard Stephens.

Sprightly Spring Sprints on Scene

At last, dear old K-Zoo has relegated her winter winds to the attic, has packed her snow storms away in moth balls, and has finally consented to allow her shivering citizens a bit of spring. Ushered in by an awing blast of trumpets (known to us mere mortals as thunder) on a carpet of rain rolled down for her, scintillating spring-time is now smiling benignly upon one and all. Once again the familiar spring scenes will return. to S. H. S.

The manly figures of State's baseball stars will reappear on the diamond, and the tennis fiends will begin raising a racket (they're really on the ball!)

The femme fatales of our institution will be gracing the fields and courts back of Vandercook with their charming capers, but without, unfortunately, the appreciative stares of the V-12's, after all there's a peace on!

Then the great epidemic—feared by teachers and student teachers alike—the plague, as it were, descends on the denizens of State. Yes, Spring Fever. Those afflicted with this dire disease show various interesting symptoms. There are of course, the inevitable window-hanger-outers. Before class, they hang by their toes from Ad and Science Building windows and when class has finally begun, their minds take up the sport; only, usually, the mind doesn't even have a toe-hold on what is going on.

Then there are the lovers. It has been stated by some irrelevant jerk that in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to what the girls have been thinking about all winter.

However, that may be, the benches of our hallowed halls hold an increased population of mutually-adoring twosomes who crowd us ordinary mortals back on to the stair railing. Ah, love (short pause for deep sigh—or is it an asthmatic wheeze?)

Another group of average cases here are the holiday hounds—the eager beavers who, if there isn't any vacation, make their own. To these yeilders to spring's temptations we say: quote—"Fie!"—unquote.

And then, friends, when all these brands of mania have set in—come the cotton dresses. The first shivers brave the breezes to open the season and then—ah, then, the cotton dress invades the school and we know, to our deepest delight, that spring is REALLY here!

Spring Formal Christened

Social Committee geniuses got together Wednesday and decided on a name for S. H. S.'s Spring formal. Although Mr. George Mills advanced such original suggestions as the "Bullfrog Bubble", the more conventional title of "Over the Rainbow" was chosen. The affair is slated for April 24 in Walwood—more about that later.