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# State Highlights

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## Seniors Sponsor Informal Dance

Yep! The seniors are at it again. This time the senior homeroom, 211A, is sponsoring the dance "School Daze" Friday, February 28, in the Women's gym from 9-12. Under the general direction of Jinx McCane, Larry Okun and Jack Herr, the dance is expected to bring Net result\$. (some pun). Other committees and heads are Chaperones, Ann Weber; Publicity, Lester Shelley; Decorations, Maryellen Ward; and Tickets, "Andy" Anderson, "Steve" Stevens, Bruce Kitchen, and those on the general committee.

Monday the committee met with Central's student council, and members of the latter are to sell tickets in their respective homerooms. There will be guest slips signed by State High Students stapled to the tickets, and as the Centralites come in, teachers at the door will sign their slips.

The committee plans to wax the floor Friday after school and will return to scrub Saturday morning.

For refreshments there will be the usual cokes and doughnuts. Cokes will be ten cents with no refund. And, oh yes, for music there will be Rex Smith and his ten piece orchestra. Featured are Bob Glenn singing "Open The Door Richard," Laffy singing "At The Fat Man's," Bob Simonds singing "Let's Have A Party," Don Dillon playing "Man and His Drums," and many others by request.

So kids, we'll see you a week from Friday nite when Central gets together with State High at "School Daze."

## Final Debates Here

On Thursday, February 13, the district final debates were held at State High, with debate opponents and sides determined by lot.

In the first round State High won from Galesburg, Battle Creek Central, from Albion, and Hudsonville, from Muskegon Heights. Battle Creek drew a bye for the second round while State High lost to Hudsonville. In the last round Hudsonville lost to Battle Creek, leaving Battle Creek the district champions and now eligible for the quarter final debates.

The panel of judges was Mr. Bernard Knittel, M. S. C.; Mr. Thurman Harris, Lansing Eastern; Dr. Floyd Moore, W. M. C. of E; and Dr. Gifford Blyton, W. M. C. of E.

In both rounds State High drew affirmative, thus having Marguerite Klein and Herb Smith as representatives.

This marks the end of State High's debating season.

## New on Campus



## New College Librarian To Organize S. H. Library

Rumors which have been flying madly through ye olde, hallowed halls have at last been realized. Yes, we of State High are actually going to have a library of our own, and Mrs. Gertrude O'Connor is on the campus now, getting acquainted with everyone and preparing to take over as soon as the library is completed.

Mrs. O'Connor comes to Michigan from Illinois where she received her B. S. and L. S. degree from the University of Illinois and was librarian at the Champagne Jr. High School. She holds a B.A. degree from Northwestern University.

Accustomed to the broad, flat plains of the mid-west, Mrs. O'Connor claims that Michigan's hilly country sides seem wonderful—proof enough that she likes the campus.

Mrs. O'Connor is eager to make State High library a good one and says, "I will be very glad to receive any suggestions from the students and faculty alike concerning the establishment and managing of the State High library."

Attend the Overall Dance  
After the Buchanan Game

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## Scholastic Laurels Seized by Seniors

The grand total of superior scholastics who made the Honor Roll this time came to three score and five in case you've never read the Gettysburg Address, that's sixty-five.)

The females seem to have the higher mentality rates as they have a thirty-nine to twenty-six supremacy over the males. Another item of fancy is that the high and mighty Seniors led the race of minds with twenty-one; second in place were the Freshmen with fifteen; the Juniors and Sophomores came in next with fifteen and fourteen respectively.

The monitor and Highlights homerooms, (210 and 206) ran neck and neck with 48 per cent among the intellects.

The students who made the first honor roll are as follows:

Barbara Frederick, Marilyn Kuempel, Jim Osborne, Beth Moore, Marion Cook, Elizabeth Brenner, Francis Frey, Lorraine Hope, Betsy Davis, Phyllis Heidanus, Ann Hoebeke, Thomas Murray, John Gary, Jacqueline Slaughter, Alice Teugh.

The second honor roll includes twenty-eight with at least two A's and the remainder B's.

Mary Fopeano, Billie Fay Forbes, Gloria Redmond, Margaret Storey, Dick Curry, Jack Hill, Hadley Osborne, Ardith Kalleward, Donna Parsons, Marilyn Henning, Nancy Upjohn, Robert Smith, Bill Alman, Jim Bigelow, Martin Friedman, Walt Storey, Louis Vander Linde, Pauline Karling, Gerrie Klein, Virginia Mitchell, Carol Morris, Jane Salomon, Maryellen Ward, Nyla Worden.

Those having all B's or one A, and came upon the third honor roll number nineteen.

Ann Eldridge, Minnie Myland, Mary Lou Woodworth, Shirley Beebe, Leisel Kestler, Judy Miller, Dale Griffith, Ronald Selner, Sally Wykkel, Phillip Fast, Jack Gibbs, Kenneth Louis, Charles Maltby, Jack Rowe, Dwight Stocker, Phil Avery, Bill Smith, Bonnie Hardy, and Judy Ogden.

## Election Results Told

The election results of the Inter School Council are as follows:

President—Dick Dam, Central  
Vice President—Louis Vander Linde, State High  
Secretary—Martha Schuardt, State High

Hildur Sangren is head of the committee for publicity of the council in State High and Mel Reed for Central. Louis Vander Linde and Dick Gerstner are in charge of recreation for State High and Central respectively.

## STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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## Are Marks Important?

After each marking period there comes the usual discussions over the importance of marks, and many arguments are aired pro and con. Many of those who minimize the importance of marks are those who believe that what one actually learns in the class is more important than the grade he receives. However, one's grade at the end of a course is pretty good evidence of what he has learned.

However for this reason, every student from his freshman days to his senior year should be aware of the importance of the marks he receives at the end of each quarter. Marks in themselves are relatively unimportant, but what they stand for is easily understood. Marks seem to be the only way in which educators make the student realize just what quality of work the student is doing.

It may not be generally known but everytime a student applies for a position, the prospective employer calls the high school office for the prospective employee's record. He wants to know how many times the person has been absent and late, and just what his general capacity for work is.

The marks on your record speak for themselves; they can help you or hinder you, and it's up to you to see that your record is such that you and the school can be proud.

Yes, marks are important.

## Campus Faculty Celebrate Valentine's Day with Party

You kids aren't the only ones that have brute brawls. Seems our scheming and fun loving (?) teachers enjoyed themselves at the faculty party Valentine's Eve held in the Social Room of the First Methodist Church.

Under the general direction of Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, Miss Evelyn Stekette, Mrs. Muriel Vincent, Mr. Lawrence Haaby and Mr. Sheldon Myers, the party proved to be a grand success. (Undoubtedly because there were no students present to discover the true nature of the teachers.)

In the course of the evening a game of hunting small objects was played. To the winner, Miss Cora Ebert, went a deck of cards. But to Miss Elizabeth Jones, poor "Jonesy," who couldn't see to find anything, went a beautiful bunch of garden fresh (?) carrots. They should help to improve her eyes.

## Bermuda Welcomes Sarah McRoberts

Miss Sarah McRoberts, the girls physical education instructor, recently took a two week trip to that little island of Bermuda. Leaving Kalamazoo on Jan. 24, their flying time from New York to Bermuda was only three hours and two minutes.

Miss McRoberts remarked that Bermuda was a remarkable hilly island. Everyone rides bicycles, and that is how Miss McRoberts usually traveled. Since last May, however, the small English type automobile has been introduced to the island.

The first week of her stay the weather was lovely, but it rained the second week while one day they had a 72 m.p.h. gale.

The most interesting place she visited was the old town of St. Georges settled in 1604 and the church of St. Peter. Bermuda also has the smallest drawbridge in the world and Miss McRoberts enjoyed seeing this.

Swimming, watching tennis matches, visiting coral caves and in general having a all-round good time composed the rest of her stay.

## Happy Birthday

February 12—Lorraine Smith  
 February 13—Millie Schauten  
 February 13.—Skip Sterner  
 February 13—Jack Sipperly  
 February 14—Nella Sweet  
 February 15—Jack Rowe  
 February 16—Dick Seely  
 February 18—Lorraine Frye  
 February 19—Louella La Roy  
 February 20—Tom Rosebaum  
 February 21—Margaret Storey  
 February 25—Joan Winkelman  
 March 1—Don Sherman  
 March 1—Joan Mulder  
 March 2—Dave Oakland  
 March 3—Mary Ann Tinkham  
 March 3—Jack Herr

## Date Set for Formal

April 8 has been set as the big date for the annual spring formal which is to be held at Walwood hall from 9:00 to 12:00 with Bobbie Davidson's orchestra.

Get busy all you fellas and start thinking about asking that certain gal. Let's really have a big turnout for what looks like a really swell dance!

## Something New Has Been Added

With the beginning of the new semester, we find a newcomer among our midst. He is seventeen year old Mark Glenn and comes all the way from Athens, Greece, an important spot in the world today. Having been in this country only four weeks, he finds it difficult to understand our language, let alone the jive talk, but his two years of English in Greece has helped him.

Residing in Athens during the war with his mother, Mark says an exciting experience was hiding his American father, a veteran of World War I, in the mountains when the German posted an order for all Americans to report to be shipped to Germany.

In his travels, Mark crossed onto the island of Crete for a visit when he was very young. In this country he has seen such large cities as New York and Philadelphia. Landing in New Jersey on the "Katoomba" after stopovers in Italy and Iran, Mark and his parents reached Kalamazoo by bus.

Inquiring as to the general make-up of Athens, Mark tells us that his city is much like our big cities, except that almost all transportation is done by cabs and carriages since there are few privately owned cars.

Mark likes our country very much and hopes to stay here, but would like to return to Greece for a visit.

## Biology Class Camps-Out

On February 4 and 5, sixteen people from Mr. Ray Deur's Biology classes went out to Clear Lake for one day. At 4:00 Tuesday, February 4, in three cars driven by Mr. Deur, Mr. Sheldon Meyers, and Harry Strong, Mary Ann Tinkam, Al Ryan, Carole Femming, Hadly Osborn, Tony Ver Hey, Phyllis Balch, Jack Tozer, Audrey Bond, Tom Holship, Harriet Logan, John Avery, Lois Green, Fred Hoyt, Marilyn Morris, and Bob Lorenz went the thirty miles to ski, skate, and to do other winter sports. They arrived in time for dinner and then went skiing. When they went back to the lodge, they saw slides about camp, played games, danced, and then sang around the fireplace before going to bed. In the morning they went for a hike, then skied and then went back to the lodge for lunch, after which they packed and prepared to leave for

## Mills Reviews Plans

Shh! Have you heard? It's been rumored that Mr. George E. Mills is planning a spring play to be produced May 1 and 2 called, Opps, almost forgot. It can't be told, but there are nine men and four women in this sinister play, and what's more it's been given in Kalamazoo before. Do you give up? Here's another clue—it's an old story but a good one and to make up for the shortage of women, Mr. Mills promises a double cast of girls. Well that's all for now, but don't forget it's a mystery so keep your eyes open for the coming announcement of the SPRING PLAY!

# BEARS HOLD JINX ON CUBS IN BIG SEVEN

## Bears Win Thriller

The Big Seven Conference was a jumbled up affair this year, but with last week's games the league is pretty well decided. As in years gone by, the St. Joe Bears repeated as champions, but this year had to settle for a tie for the league leadership. Three teams held the lead in the Big Seven at various times during the season.

First the Dawagiac Chiefs were in the lead as they defeated the Bears from St. Joe and ran up three conference victories. At the same time our Cubs were coming along and found themselves right along with Dowagiac with two wins and no losses. The Cubs defeated their rivals on the home floor in the next game and jumped to the top in the league race. After winning over Three Rivers, the Cubs came home to defend their leadership with St. Joe. But the Bears were hot and were victorious. At this point the boys from St. Joe took the lead, but it was far from over, the Niles Vikings were coming up fast and defeated our Cubs to jump within a half game of the Bears. Then Niles acquired the help of ohn Wegner, an ex-G.I. who was at Great Lakes and had a chance to play with that same outfit, but declined in favor of returning to school. He was the big threat from then on.

Wegner, and the Vikings defeated the Bears and threw the race into a two-way tie between our Cubs and Coach Hary Lee's St. Joseph five. Both teams had losses and everything hinged on this recent encounter on the formers home floor. The Bears continued their jinx on the State High boys as they came from behind to win 33-29.

But with only one league game remaining, the Bears should win and take the lead but not the title. At the same time Niles a half game behind, has an extra game to play and should win both to throw the race in a tie and move our cubs up to second place.

That is the way the league stacks up and we look for the race to end this way.

### Big Seven Standings:

	W	L	Pct.
St. Joseph	9	2	.818
Niles	8	2	.800
State High	8	3	.727
Dowagiac	6	4	.600
Three Rivers	2	8	.200
South Haven	1	8	.111
Buchanan	1	8	.111

## Cubs Edge Three Rivers

Big Gene West's two free throws gave Western State High a 34-33 decision over Three Rivers High school Tuesday night at Western's Gymnasium. It was the Cubs eighth win in ten starts. This win kept State in the thick of the Big-Seven Conference race as the Cubs remained dead-locked with St. Joseph for the league leadership.

Tommy Woodworth and John Smith paced the Kalamazooan's to victory by gathering ten points apiece. Carl Timm, was high for Three Rivers with ten points also.

The Blue and Gold jumped into a quick 4-0 lead as Hagan and Woodworth each hit the hoop, but Hagenbush, Wildcat Speedster, scored, and Weidman then put in a free tally and the quarter ended 4-3.

Midway in the second quarter State High went out in front 12-5, after a pair of field goals by Woodworth, a basket by Smith, and two free by Jimmie Orwin. However, the lead dwindled to a 16-15 margin at half-time.

As the third quarter opened Dave McKee, lanky forward, scored a dog-shot and Three Rivers took the lead. But John Smith, staging a one man attack, scored five straight points to put the Cubs in front 27-21. The Wildcats put in five points, and the third quarter ended 28-26.

The last quarter was a bitter struggle for both teams but it looked as if the Three Rivers' team was the victor for with 25 seconds to play the score was 33-32. It made no difference to Coach Steven's fighting Cubs, for with 15 seconds left Schaanaman fouled West and State's captain calmly walked up to the free throw line, dropped in the two tries and gave State High the narrow margin of victory.

### SUMMARIES:

State High (29)	B	F	P
West	3	0	3
Smith	0	4	0
Hagan	2	1	0
Cain	2	1	4
Woodworth	3	2	1

### Substitutions:

Dunbar	0	1	1
Orwin	0	0	0

St. Joseph (33)	B	F	P
Gast	0	0	1
Starke	4	2	1
Cerecke	1	1	3
Ward	2	1	3
Zitta	4	1	3

### Substitutions:

Ross	1	0	1
Kasischki	2	0	1

Looking ahead, we noticed that State High has several dances scheduled in the near future.

First on the calendar is an "overall" dance to be held February 21st from 9:00 to 11:30 in the women's gym after State's basketball game with Buchanan for the price of 20 cents. It's a home-game let's every one turn out for the game and the dance.

## St. Joseph, Niles Big Seven Champs

Coach Harry Lee's St. Joseph Bears again took over first place in the Big Seven conference Friday by defeating State High in a closely fought contest 33-29. This was the third loss for the visitors out of eleven starts, losing previously to Niles and St. Joseph.

As the game opened, Tommy Woodworth was fouled while shooting but made good both the basket and the free throw to put the score at 3-0 in favor of the Kalamazoo quintet. Cerecke then came back on a push shot and brought the score to a close margin of 3-2. Big Ed Starke staged a one-man rally dropping a long tom and two charity tosses followed by a foul shot by Ward to set the score at 7-3 with the state champion St. Joe Bears out in front. Cain found the range from out-court and swished a long shot followed by Smith and Woodworth who each put in a foul shot to bring the game into a 7-7 tie. Shortly before the first quarter ended, Bill Zitta made a two handed set shot to bring the first period scoring to a close with the scoreboard reading St. Joseph 9, State High 7.

As the second quarter got under way, Ward broke through and scored on a dog shot. Cerecke sank a charity toss and threw the Bears into a 12-7 lead early in the second quarter. Dunbar was fouled and made his shot with Dick Cain following up with a one handed push shot to get back into the ball game 12-10. At this point Bill Zitta stole the ball and dribbled in to put in a shot, and Starke sank two from out court to put the score at 18-10 at the end of the half.

As the second half started the Cubs played championship ball with Woodworth scoring on a tip in and Cain and Smith each putting in a foul shot followed up by another bucket by Woodworth to put the score at 18-16 with St. Joe ahead. Starke then scored for the Bears, but Hagan scored on two pivot shots, and Smith followed up with another foul shot to put the Cubs into a slim lead 21-20. Kasischki put in a shot, but West followed up with a pivot shot to keep the Cubs in the lead as the third period ended 23-22.

As the final quarter got under way, West dropped in a shot to widen the margin, but Ross came back to bring the score back to a one point difference at 25-21. Smith put in a foul shot, but baskets by Zitta, Kasischki, Ward, and a foul shot by Zitta enabled the Bears to go into a seven point lead with only two minutes to go. A last minute effort by the Cubs gave the St. Joe aggregation a last minute score but time ran out and left the visiting club four points short of a Big Seven Championship with the final score standing at 33-29.



## Meet the Staff

Someone once made the statement "To be a newspaper writer, you don't have to be nuts but it helps a lot." Or if he didn't say it, he should have. On this assumption, I'd like to have you meet the following candidates for the Kalamazoo State Hospital.

First and foremost, Mrs. Deur, formal custodian and keeper of our asylum, can be found walking serenely into the main Psychopathic ward and sending the unfortunate inmates scurrying to the four corners (never mind which corner) in vain search of lost gloves, forgotten clodhoppers, and piles of papers.

Head goon among our insane slaves of utter desolation (concerning low mentalities) is that gibbering, wild eyed editor, Donna Kowalski, running madly through the halls, trying to beat a deadline.

### Natural Environment

Pick up that wastebasket out there and undoubtedly Bruce (chief cleaning and moving woman) Kitchen and his sidekick, Ann Hoebeke, will emerge from the rubble, complete with dust-cloth bibs and mop wigs. (He dusts while she throws the furniture around.)

All is peace. The young Napoleons are resting as the soft sweet strains of "Holiday For Strings" sweep gently through the air from the delicate knuckles and hollow block head of Dale (I'd mow your lawn if you had a lawn to mow) Griffith. The mad scientists have been trying to explain the phenomena in vain. It just comes naturally!

### Missing Link Found

Carl Cooper will be glad to demonstrate to any non-believer, his possibilities as the monkey-perched on a table with his head between his knees. Julie Cartland was convinced beyond a shadow of a doubt! Pauline Karling suggested Carl look into a mirror and then just turn the mirror around (naturally the reflection will turn too.) Don Sherman spent hours convincing Julie of this too. She is now one of our worst cases. We have ordered special straight jackets for all of them.

Come, if you dare, and see a few of our vast collection of homicidal maniac's (always getting stories killed.) If you notice three of our members missing you must realize that the most dangerous cases must be confined to strict quarters. Maniac (they hate to be called crazy) Mary Jane McCarthy imagines she is an inventor and spends her time inventing new words (she'd make a good inquiring reporter!)

Visiting hours are over now so I'll close the creaking gate, replace the bars, and invite you to visit these intelligently insane ones again in the next issue when I shall open more deep dark wards and introduce more inhabitants.



Regardless of the long list of higher intellect seen on the honor roll, the vocabulary of the inhabitants of State High seems to be lacking. What better proof of this could I find than to ask my question, "What are your views on the subject of permissuous osculation?" Such blunt misunderstanding of a perfectly usable and natural word. (Could it be my rapid pronunciation, making it sound rather like miscus osation?" Whatever the reason, here are the answers.)

Herb Smith—It's a fine business if you like that sort of thing.

Jim Osborne—Wonderful, if it shovels snow.

Jack Herr—Keep it out of the classroom.

Sally Bradfield—It should be done once a day and twice on Sunday.

Jack Sipperly—If you have it before supper, you'll get indigestion.

John Post—Don't inhale.

Bill McGinnis—I'll take a quarter's worth.

Larry Okun—It should be abolished.

Harriet Logan—Positively stupid.

Walt Storey—If it includes Mary Jane, it's okay.

Mary Jane—I'm not in favor of it. Curious? Racking your brains? Tearing your wool? Now is the time to relieve the pressure on the dictionary and divulge the truth. Walt Storey will soon turn a brilliant red. Our simple phrase means freely unrationed, varied, kissing etc.

Bring the smelling salts. Mary Jane just passed out.

## Committee Selected

The new committee appointments made at the February 7, Student Council meeting are as follows:

**Pep:** Phil Avery, Chairman; Bill Glennon, Roger Schultz, John Post, John Bigelow, and Trever Jones.

**Social:** Carol Morris, Chairman; Betty Carver, Herb Smith, Nancy Upjohn, Bob Fisher, Walt Storey, and Ron Selner.

**Citizenship:** Walt Storey, Chairman; Betsy Davis.

**Finance:** Tom Murry, Chairman; Marian Cook, Louis VanderLinde, Jim Pore, Bill Smith, Roger Mills, and Tom Holdship.

**Assembly:** Ray Doornbos, Chairman; John Smith.

**Bulletin Board:** Mollie Clancy.

**Scroll of Honor:** Bob Russell.

**Inter-School Council:** Hildur Sangren.

**Noon Recreation:** Walt Storey, Chairman; Don Hendricks, Barney Fowler, Roger Bennett, Bob Pyne, Harriet Logan, and Pauline Karling.

**Friendship:** Mollie Clancy.

## Pertinalities

"Round the world or bust," could be the motto of one of our illustrious seniors, for Beth Moore appears to have caught that wanderlust bug. Beth has meandered into at least thirty-five of the states, and from this group California beckons most brightly. It seems Beth would actually desert this Michigan weather to reside in sunny California, (might be a good idea!!) This girl has even wandered south of the border, old Mexico, and up to Canada. Quite an itinerary, isn't it?

Well, let's come back to Beth's opinions concerning State High. She particularly praises our monitor system. It might be that Beth is a wee bit prejudiced for the truth was finally revealed. Beth is secretary of the monitor homeroom.

Upon closer questioning, we learned that Beth came to State High from Millwood, and her hobbies are all types of sports and traveling. From that first account it could be gathered that traveling is more of a fulltime occupation than a mere hobby.

After graduating from State High, Beth plans to attend Kalamazoo College for two years and then finish college away. Following college graduation Beth could be found visiting anywhere on this wide, wide globe.

### He Travels in Style

Did you know that hitchhiking is the best way to get anywhere? At least that is the opinion of Martin Friedman, the male half of the column this week. Martin actually claims hitchhiking is his hobby and performs this feat every week-end to Chicago where he has violin lessons.

In case some of you are still a little ignorant, Martin's main interest naturally lies within his violin. After graduating from State High, he plans to attend Sherwood Music School, and on this coming March 9 is going to solo with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra. Exercise your cerebrum a minute, students, and ponder back to some music of the masters from which Martin is planning to play Mendelssohn's Concerto for this occasion. He also has some definite views on music, and says that he has no favorite pieces for all music is relative, and it is therefore impossible to choose.

Martin also is quite an itinerant for he has traveled to Italy, Hungary, Yugoslavia, and (oh, oh, here comes that word again) has hitched south in the old U. S. A.

Besides his music Martin dabbles artistically for he enjoys drawing and his latest composition is entitled "Earth and Space."

Ah-ha have you even eaten palachinkas? They are something like pancakes only 100 per cent different. This is one of Martin's favorite dishes including apple strudula with which he whets his appetite at a Hungarian restaurant.

Let's see. That's about all, Oh, yes, Martin's last remark was that he wished spring would come.

No doubt in any weather Martin can be found with his violin on each week-end thumbing it out on U.S. 12.