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State Highlights

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S. H. to Present '49 Band Follies

There are many temporary plans being laid for this year's Band Follies, and a few definite steps have been taken toward this year's production. The two people who are in charge of the venture are: Ruth Emerson, chairman, and Nelma Conner, who is in charge of finding talent from within the halls of the school.

In an interview these girls stated that the Follies will be composed of three parts; the band, the orchestra, and discovered talent. The theme will be "Music of the Ages," starting from the primitive stage up to this modern day and age.

So much for the definite facts, and into the tentative schedule. It is thought by the committee that the date of production will be the evenings of February 18th and 19th at eight o'clock. The price of the tickets will be around sixty cents (\$.60) and will be sold by band members.

If hard work promises success, the Band Follies should be a smashing hit, so let's all get behind the band.

Chonita Draws Full House

"Chonita," an operetta based on the music of Franz Lizst, was presented by State High choir last night, November 23, at 8.00. The house was completely sold out a week in advance.

The cast of leads is as follows:

Chonita	Skippy Kindelberger
Murdo	Roger Mills
Stefan	Steve Davis
Konrad	Bradley Smith
Baron	Don Cain
Baroness	Barbara Hughes
Emil	Fred Meek
Daya	Dawn Birch

Shirley Smith, Ena Marie Rush, Georgieann McCrumb, Carolyn Fox, Betsy Davis, and Carol Sheldon performed a Gypsy dance for Chonita on her eighteenth birthday. Solo dancer for the Gypsies was Nelma Jean Conner.

Mrs. Leoti C. Britton directed the production of the operetta and was assisted by student teachers Ralph Wells, Beverly McCabe, and Edna Smith. The choir is greatly indebted to Mr. William Sack, who directed dialogue and make-up with the assistance of Miss Patricia Duffin, student teacher.

Accompanists were Virginia Forbes, college student, and Jackie Leach, State High student. Miss Hazel Paden, supervisor of the art department turned the scenery over to the 9:00 art students who are in choir and to the Masquers Club.

Announcement

The Pep Committee has selected the following eleven cheerleaders to try out December third before the entire student body: Mary Woodworth, Sandy Hackman, Shirley Loughhead, Jill Gannaway, Lois Green, Sandra Beebe, Mary Thompson, Gene Logan, Julia Strome, Nancy Strome, and Judy Bills.

Highlander Staff Promises Bigger and Better Annual

The Highlander staff, in recent meetings, has made several decisions concerning the 1949 yearbook. After viewing sample books from various companies, they have decided to have the contents of the Highlander litho-printed, that is, the articles will be typed in print face type and then the pages will be photographed and the printing will be done from these. No decision has been reached as to choice of cover but the group has decided against the practice of printing of names on it.

Meanwhile, staff members have begun work on the various phases of the Highlander. Subscriptions will soon be taken for the book, the cost of which has been set at \$2.50, payable to Emily or Nelma by March 2, 1949.

Cagers Adopt Rules

At a meeting of the rules committee of the Michigan Athletic Association on November 16, the following new basketball rules were adopted.

(1) When a foul is called on a player, the player raises his hand and turns his back toward the scorer's table. (not mandatory); (2) All time-outs are now two minutes long rather than one minute; (3) In time-outs a player may now talk to his coach if he does not leave the floor; and (4) Proposed but not passed: That the eligibility age be lowered from twenty to nineteen.

Basketball Schedule

December 3—Dowagiac, there
December 10—South Haven, there
December 11—East Grand Rapids, here
December 13—Niles, here
January 7—Buchanan, there
January 11—Three Rivers, here
January 14—St. Joe, there
January 21—Holland Christian, there
January 25—Buchanan, there
January 28—Dowagiac, here
February 1—Niles, there
February 8—Holland Christian, here
February 11—Buchanan, here
February 15—Three Rivers, there
February 18—St. Joe, here
February 25—South Haven, here

Holiday Prom Theme Candy Cane Caper

If the Social Committee's plans work out, State High will have a "sweet" Christmas this year. Plans are underway for the **Candy Cane Caper**, the Christmas formal which is scheduled for December 20 and will last from 9:00 until 12:00. Walwood Hall will be dressed in all its Christmas finery for the occasion, and either Rex or Eddie Smith's orchestra will create the mood. Students wishing to celebrate Christmas to music will be able to obtain tickets for the **Candy Cane Caper** soon.

Responsibility for the Christmas formal's success rests on eight people. Pat Mitchell is doing the organizing and supervising, Bob Wood's advertising the dance, Ann Eldridge is in charge of decorations, Fred Meek is getting the orchestra, tickets are Betsy Davis' department, Jill Gannaway is looking after programs, Sally Wykel is providing refreshments, and Mary Lou Woodworth is taking care of chaperones.

Remember boys, only thirty-three more working days until the Christmas formal. Save your money and invite someone to have a "sweet" time at the **Candy Cane Caper**, Monday, December 20.

Your Duty to Attend Dances

by Jack Hill

When posters in the halls announce a coming school dance, students who really care for school activities should plan on attending if at all possible. Dances are successful only if enough students co-operate, and attending school dances is really a responsibility. If you don't like the music or any other features of the dance, why not make your ideas known in constructive criticism—let the Social Committee know what you would like to have at dances.

Of course, there is always the excuse "I don't know how to dance." Well, you're just hurting yourself by not learning how. It's really no fun being a wallflower. Learning to dance is really simple, and once you learn how, we'd be willing to wager that from then on, dancing would become one of your favorites. Stag lines are a constant menace to kids who want to dance, so let's whittle it down by giving your feet a chance to keep time to that rhythm. Who knows, you may be another Fred Astaire! Remember, you're only in high school once. Why not make the best of opportunities.

Do You Want More Pictures in Your Highlights?



The Debate team held its first league debate with Hudsonville Friday. The 22th and 29th will see them facing practice debates with Hastings and Kalamazoo Central respectively. They will debate Holt and Hastings in league debates during the first two weeks in December.

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Congratulations to Roger Burns, Tom Woodworth, and John Smith for making the All-City and All-Conference football teams. And thanks to the whole team for a nice job this season.

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The Thanksgiving baskets were completed today. Each student brought one can of food and each home room added one dollar to the contributions.

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An informal dance, under Billie Forbes' direction, will be held soon after Christmas.

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The Masquers club will be host to Mr. Breneiser, technical director of the Civic Theatre, who will speak on staging. They are also expecting in the near future Mr. Charles Lynell, chief announcer of Station WGFG.

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On Monday, the 5th, the Hi-Y club went to the regional meeting at Niles, Michigan. Those attending were Jim Hoekje, Jim Dallaham, Bob Pyne, and Dick Curry. Mr. Ernest Weber, their supervisor, also attended. The meeting consisted mostly of fundamental laws of organization for the club. They did, however, come back with a good suggestion for all. That is to establish a Tri-Hi-Y, the girls Hi-Y organization.

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Saturday last found State High students at the "Jean-Jive." It was an informal dance held at the Women's gym. The student-council sponsored it, the music playing 8:30 to 11:30. The Swing Band provided the music.

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The Junior class began plans last Wednesday. Under the direction of Jerry Knowlton, their president, they voted to have a magazine sale. This will be a competitive contest between the boys and girls. Mary Fopeano and Gaylor Kitchen were chosen to organize the sale. Dues will be collected this semester and they will be one dollar.

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The Red Cross started plans for filling Christmas stockings.

We imagine that there are very few people who read this who would not like to see more pictures in the Highlights. However, we are sure that the number of those who have any real ideas as to how much these pictures are to cost is just as small.

Highlights is not financed by advertisements and subscriptions as are most papers, but is run on a four-hundred dollar budget allotted us by the school. Of course, we greatly appreciate this system because it saves us a lot of time, work, and worry which would otherwise have to be spent soliciting advertisements, but it also has its drawbacks. **Each issue of your Highlights comes to you every other week absolutely free!** Most High schools require that their paper be distributed by subscription only, and believe me, those subscriptions are paid for out of the individual student's pocket!

Every issue of the Highlights costs us twenty-two dollars just for the printing alone! Consider the fact that we will have published around sixteen issues by the end of this year, divide them into our allotted budget, and you'll see that our four-hundred dollars will just a little more than cover Printing Expenses—and this is a paper **WITHOUT ANY PICTURES!** Printing, pictures in a paper is very expensive. It not only involves having pictures taken, but every print must be taken to the Artcraft Engraving Company where a "cut" is made. Those little cartoons and drawings you see heading the columns cost approximately four dollars each . . . and photographs in the paper can run anywhere from five dollars to twenty dollars, depending upon the size.

We feel that a good paper should have pictures in it. We think that the majority of students like to see pictures in the paper . . . and yet, you can see that with our present funds, any great number of cuts is impossible. After Thanksgiving Vacation, Highlights would like to present a series of sales and try to earn some more money so that we may give you a better paper.

We're not asking for an increase in budget! However, we do feel justified in expecting all of you kids to support our projects; and that we should be allowed to carry on our funds-raising campaign. How about it, Gang? Do you want more pictures in your Highlights?

Girls Plan Tourney

This year the girls' gym classes are again featuring a volleyball play-day in the Women's Gym on Saturday, December 11, around 9:00 in which the Richmond, Paw Paw, and Portage schools will participate. All girls interested in playing should contact Mrs. Helen Brown.

Happy Birthday

Nov. 25—Don Hendricks
Nov. 28—Alberta Renbarger
Nov. 20—Ted Emerson
Dec. 3—Ruthmary Persons
Eddie Lou Bennett
Dec. 5—Charles Maltby
Dec. 9—Lilla Ann Eliet
Howard Morrison
Alice Teugh
Dec. 11—Dale Crawford
Dick McCallum
Dec. 12—David Neale
Ruth Randall
Dec. 13—Beverly Howard
Dec. 14—Phyllisan Kottman
Dec. 16—Schuyler Barnum

Disc Data

by Graydon Meints

We're back with another Disc Data Column for you. Things certainly have changed in regard to your favorites of two weeks ago. The Juniors, however, provided us with the only complete turn-over, while the Frosh have picked the same songs as the seniors had last issue. Here is the final tabulation:

SENIORS: Twelfth Street Rag by Pewie Hunt; and You Were Only Fooling by "just anybody."

JUNIORS: Buttons and Bows by Dinah Shore; and You Were Only Fooling.

SOPHOMIRES: Buttons and Bows by Dinah Shore; Twelfth Street Rag by Pewie Hunt; and Slow Boat to China.

FRESHMEN: Twelfth Street Rag by Pewie Hunt; and Buttons and Bows by Dinah Shore.

The favorite platter for the entire school appears to be Buttons and Bows by Dinah Shore, and Twelfth Street Rag runs a close second.

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Season Opens

reserve team coming up. From the 1947-48 season varsity squad are Bob Dunbar, Tom Woodworth, Bob Wood, John Smith, Jerry Knowlton, Jim Orwin, Phil Fast, and Roger Burns. Top prospects arriving from the reserves are Bob Russel, Bob Smith, Chuck Maltby, Frank Spitters, Joe Zitney, and Steve Fast.

Last year the Cubs won twice against Dowagiac. This season the Chiefs will be going all out to reverse that record and the Cubs will try and keep it that way. Let's see a big turnout at Dowagiac, December third, for our first game of the season. It's bound to be a good one!

some fine prospects from last years

An Inside Account of Outstanding Plays and Players

by Sandy Dunbar

Before the 1948 Football season got underway, rumors ran to the effect that State High would never be able to replace last year's backfield nor would they be able to fill the guard positions left vacant by John Gary and Jack Sipperly. Nobody thought the Cubs would have much, and we nearly lost confidence after losing three games in a row. We came back fighting, however, and copped the next four ball games without being scored upon.

I remember that after the Buchanan game, the papers had predicted a two or three touchdown defeat in St. Joe's favor. The week before the game no one said anything in practice—we just worked and worked. We noticed the extra effort Tom Woodworth was putting into practicing his quick-kick and how much vigor Dale Crawford was putting into his line blocks. The boys were really fired up for that one and we almost did the impossible. We led St. Joe for three quarters until we gave up two touchdowns—enough to give them the game. One play which I especially remember was a beautiful pass from Don Hendricks to John Smith which set up the touchdown and gave us the lead. In the same game Burns got up slowly after getting his knee banged. He limped a lot and it was plain to see that he was hurt pretty badly. We took a time-out and I talked to Rog—but nothing would make him leave that game. I noticed the St. Joe quarterback watching Burns limping. It was second down and about 8 to go on the St. Joe thirty-five. Twice in a row they ran right at Burns and made a first down. They tried their damndest to get him out but couldn't and had to kick. It was spirit like this that spelled the difference in later games.

In the Dowagiac game we kicked off to them and on the very first play they sent a sleeper out near the side line. No one knew what was coming off until Knowlton spotted him. That might have meant the ball game, and, had we lost, our morale would have been low enough for a defeat by South Haven.

I recall particularly the kick-off in the Niles game when Bob Smith made one of the best tackles of the year—Russel turned him in and Smith, without being touched, really hit him. Bob was terrific in that game and deserves a lot of credit. Out of four kickoffs in that game Smitty made three of the best tackles I've ever seen.

The field for the Lakeview game was in bad shape but the muddier it was the better we liked it. I remember one play when they ran wide and the ball carrier had two or three blockers in front of him. Bob Russel crashed into both blockers, knocked them down, and also got the ball carrier. That was one of the finest defensive plays I've seen.

Up to now very little has been said about Barney Fowler in this or any other article I've read. In the Lakeview game he got kicked in the head during the third quarter. He was what they call "out on his feet"—couldn't remember anything and was just going through the motions through instinct. He came up and asked me what was coming off and at first I thought he was kidding but later I realized something was wrong with him. I took him over to the bench and didn't see him again until after the game. It was then that I first learned of Barney's concussion.

Yes, football is rough, but I believe that a competitive sport such as football is of the greatest importance to the school as a whole.

Tom Woodworth, John Smith, and Roger Burns were placed on the All-Conference and All-City teams and we are mighty proud of them. The team as a whole having worked hard, should be given due credit for doing a great job during the 1948 season!

South Haven Rams Predicted Winners

This years Big Seven Basketball race promises to be one of the closest in many years. All of the school have numerous lettermen returning and all hope to better their last years finish.

In the case of St. Joe, there is little to improve. The Bears were 1948 conference champs and went on to gain the State Class "B" crown. Several players are lost thru graduation but the Bears can always be depended upon for a big, well-coached team. Oscar Ziemba and Frank Marutz will carry a good share of their hopes this year.

Niles, too, is rated high this year. Jerry Crouch, Clayt Cannady and Ed Foster form a backbone for Curly Anderson's Vikings.

At Dowagiac, the Chiefs expect to improve their 1948 last-place finish. Every man is back and this team might be Conference dark horse.

At Buchanan, Les Miller will come up with a good ball club. The Bucks hope to add the basketball crown to the football trophy they already hold.

Francis Pellegroom's Three Rivers outfit also want to equal their fine football record. The Wildcats tied for sixth last year with a young team, nine of whom are back. Crego, Babcock, Wiedman, and Ruggles are the leaders from this school.

The South Haven Rams are favored by many to carry off the crown. Led by Tom Baer, an all conference selection in football and basketball, the Rams sport a fine team. Art Pratt, Bill Tagerlund, and Bob Ditch all return to last years runner up.

Attention !!

Here is our new school song and a couple new yells. Better learn them!

Oh! Here's to you State High
School to which we're true.
And here's to our dear old colors
Bright Gold and Blue—rah! rah! rah!
Oh we'll cheer you on team,
Cheer you to the sky,
While singing the battle song of old
State High.

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Get a bee fo
Get a bie fo
Get a bee for bie fo bum!
Bum get a rat trap—put it in a cat-trap.
Bum get another one—bigger than the other one.
Rah Rah Choo Choo Sis boom bah!
Western State High RAH! RAH!
RAH!

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Abraham a broomstick a broomstick
A annanacka chew tobacco
Sing a song of romeo.
A rip-a-zip
A hip-a-zip
A zis boom bah!
Kalamazoo State High . . rah! rah!
rah!

Alley Angles



What's this we hear about Sally's new flame? Hear tell she had a swell time on the bus to Battle Creek. What's the matter; isn't Larry alluring enough?

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Couples seen at the Lakeview game: Eleanor Alman and Ted Klingner, Helena Miles and Duane Gilger, Sally Schrier and Fred Hoyt, Sandra Beebe and Russell Rush, Indian blanket and Mr. Deur.

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And how about the ones in the hall: Bette French and any number of people, Senior girls and their knitting, Senior boys and their yo-yos, Bonnie Harlan and Hank DeHaan.

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Has Phil Fast seen Claude and his wife Doris recently? Tell us all about it, Phil.

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OBITUARIES: Jill Gannaway and Bob Wood, Bud Klop and Bob Dunbar, Knee Length Socks.

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STILL THE RAGE. Herta Payson and Hadley Osborn, Yo-yos.

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We'd like to ask Jack Hill if he's rich enough now to quit school and retire. He must have made millions on his sale of yo-yos the past few weeks. The next time you get such a brilliant idea, pass it on to the rest of us—we'd like to make a fortune too.

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Notice has been received from reliable sources that Monsieur Fliess' eight o'clock French class is reading a flaming French novel filled with passionate love, grisly murder, and roaring humor.

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Looks like there's been some switching in the sophomore ranks. What's this about Lynn Tuberty and Alan Ryan; Patty Pahalek and Pat Coffield.

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JOKE: The State Hospital Football Team boasts an unbalanced line and a back with a dual personality playing both halves.

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Yo Yos Whiz as Casualties Increase

And I continued after I had described our Monitor system, Student Council, and good teachers. We have an exceptionally fine sport curriculum—the students take an avid interest in school activities which surpasses a truant officer's wildest dreams . . . Oh him? You mean that boy standing on the table? That's our Student Council President. No he isn't directing traffic—the string on his yoyo is just too long.

You want to see the basketball team working out? Well, maybe next season. This year Dr. Bryan has taken over the gym for his prospective big seven yo-yo champs. He seems pretty excited about his starting line-up: Bob Smith is leading the "straight up and downers" with Tom Holdship and Bob Lewis have the "round the world" titles while Bette French and Billie West are the chief prospect for the "out and backers."

The only drawback of this new yo-yo craze is that the chaos in the halls has caused a decided increase in number of casualties. However, through an amendment of the State High Constitution, the Student Council treasury will now provide funds for the hospitalized Highites as well as for special equipment and facilities for the esteemed yoyo yankers.

Your Character Is Showing

Those little characters you read about every day on the comic page are funnier than you think, for they can easily remind us of someone we all know—right here in State High. How about these?

Superman—Roger Burns

Mighty Mouse—Jim Tournman

Orphan Annie—Alene Waterworth

Tarzan—Trevor Jones

Dick Tracy—Mr. Sebalý

The Little King—Mr. Fliess

Donald Duck—Bob Van Beck

Blondie and Dagwood—Bette French and Garrett Kruizenga

Nancy—Sandy Hackman

Slugo—Fred Dilno

John West—Tom Murray

Alley Oop—Jim Hoekje

Brenda Starr—Dorothy Cartland

Mickey Mouse—Ronald Chipps

Minnie Mouse—Mary Fopeano

'Lil Abner—John Gilder

Outside the day is cold and gray. The wind thrusts this year's first biting snow flakes into my face and makes me only too glad that the yawning, hungry doors of the "brain factory" have clanged shut for four days, and that waiting just beyond the other side of my own front door is a room tingling with the holiday spirit and the laughter of friends and relatives happy with the assurance of good things to come. Deep within myself is the growing feeling of a love too deep for words which leaves me weak with wonder at the marvels of such things as roast turkey and cranberries.

As the door is thrown open and I step into the room, my nostrils quiver, as they encounter a heavenly aroma that wends its subtle way from beneath the kitchen door, leaving me in a frenzy of expectation.

All is over. The picked skeleton of what had once been a strutting proud gobbler lies upon a platter in the ice box; the pyramid of dishes is washed, wiped, and put away; the last grain of bicarbonate of soda is gone; and the dish of salted nuts sits untouched on the coffee table in front of the fire.

We sit in the most comfortable position possible as we meditate in silence. Perhaps a thought for our staunch forefathers and their survival on that well-known rock passes through someone's sluggish mind as he shifts his position in an effort to ease some of his discomfort.

"Pertinalities"

Name: Martha Jo Kindleberger

Nickname: "Skip"

Birthday: December 18, 1933

Favorite Color: Sky blue pink

Favorite Song: It Only Happens When I Dance With You

Favorite Orch: Guy Lombardo

Favorite Sport: Tennis, swimming

Favorite Dish: Ice cream

Favorite p. t.: A certain curly-headed fellow

Future Plans: Lab. Technician

Pet Peeve: People cracking gum

Occupation: Lead in "Chonita"