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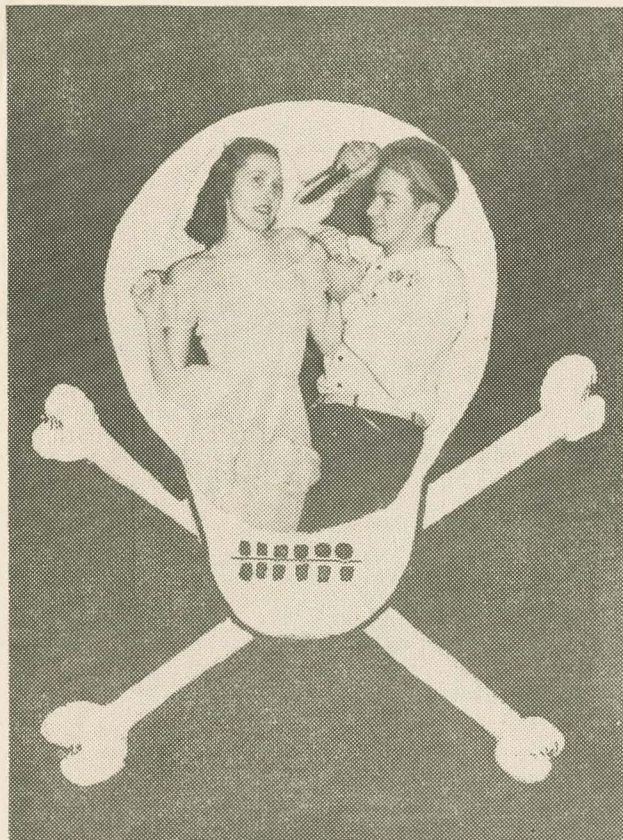
# State Highlights

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## 'Pirates' Capture Stage



Gilbert and Sullivan's comedy opera, "Pirates of Penzance," will be given by the State High choir as their annual operetta on March 4 and 5 at 8:15 in the Little Theatre under the direction of Mrs. Leoti C. Britton.

In the operetta the indentures of Frederic, a pirate, portrayed by Steve Davis, are over just as the curtain rises. Betsy Davis or Jackie Leach, as Ruth, his nurse, is the only woman he has ever seen, and he thinks her beautiful until he sees the daughters of Major-General Stanley. Mabel, Mary Ann Tinkham or Dawn Birch, falls in love with him and they decide to be married. However, the pirates seize the other girls and only by telling the pirates that he is an orphan can Fred Hoyt, as Major-General Stanley, free them.

Loathing piracy, Frederic has been preparing to lead a band of policemen against the pirates, but at this time Ruth and the Pirate King, Bradley Smith, inform him that, since he was bound to them until his twenty-first birthday, his indentures are not yet up, for though he is twenty-one years old, his birthday was on the 29 of February. Frederic dutifully returns to the pirates, and the policemen, under their sergeant, Roger Mills, fight the pirates. The pirates yield when charged to in "Queen Victoria's name." As the final curtain goes down, the Major-General gives his daughters in marriage to the pirates upon learning they are really "noblemen who have gone wrong."

Other leads are Mabel's sisters, Edith, Skippy Kindleberger and Herta Payson; Kate, Alene Watterworth, and Lola Bennett; and Isabel, Lynn Tuberty and Carolyn Fox; and Samuel, a pirate, Dave Roth.

Two names are given for the female leads because each plays one night.

A performance will also be given Saturday morning, March 5, at 10:00. The proceeds will be used to send students to Interlochen this summer.

Tickets may be bought from any member of the choir for 76 cents. For the Saturday morning show the price will be 50 cents for children under 12.

Miss Gussie Birch, Miss Sue Hagy, and Mr. Allen Murray, student teachers, will assist Mrs. Britton. Mr. William Sack will be in charge of dramatic coaching, make-up and scenery. Mrs. Helen Brown has given help with the dances.

The annual party will be held after the Saturday night performance. All alumnae are invited.

## Highlights Considers Potential Members

The Highlights Staff is looking ahead to next year. Approximately fifteen members will be lost due to graduation, and the staff can be increased by fifteen or twenty after the seniors have departed. Twenty-eight students have been recommended by their English Teachers for Highlights duty next year. These students will be trained by Miss Shirley Osterman, editor of the Western Herald, who will direct the Highlights Club.

They will learn the arts of headlining, article writing, page make-up, and interviewing. Members of this club, chosen for their creative writing and scholastic standards are: Carol Cessna, Ruth De Haan, Kathryn Randall, Clare Gemrich, Dot Cartland, Kay Loughhead, Mary Kuizenga, Linda Spaulding, Beverly Swoop, Anne Wise, Joyce Dean, Irene Emerson, Mary Hilliard, Beverly Howard, Pete Lindquist, Nancy Strome, Joyce Perry, Joy Copp, Fred Hubbell, Bonnie Harlan, Sandra Beebe, Sue Sawyer, John Gelder, Dick Curry, Paul Deal,

## Assembly Committee Plans Exchange Program To Send South, March 9

The Assembly Committee met on Thursday, February 24th to discuss the plans for our return assembly to Niles.

The committee, headed by Phyllis Mannes, decided to take to Niles on March 9th the acts contained in State High's recent band review. Skip Bills will reside as master of ceremonies.

The swing band will provide quite a few numbers and also accompany John Smith as he plays and sings "Ragtime Cowboy Joe." The modern dance group will do Jenny Crack Corn. Carolyn Fox's Ballerina number is among those selected and so is Dawn Birch's solo. The girls trio will also present several numbers. Bill persons, John Smith, and Jack Hill will make up the trumpet trio. Jackie Leach will play "Summer Serenade" and "Dina."

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Alice Teugh, Cleora Fletcher, Pat Mabie, Fred Dilno, and David Gleason.

## Cast Begins Practice

This year in choosing to present "Life With Father" for the spring play on March 31, April 1, and 2, Mr. William Sack has selected for State High a comedy hit that has set the High a comedy hit that has set an amazing record of performances on Broadway. Adapted by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse from the original book by Clarence Day, this story has also been made into a movie, and only recently released for amateur production. State High will probably be the first group in this area to produce the show.

Although the entire cast of eight women and eight men has not been definitely set, the following people, members of the Day family, are already in daily rehearsals:

Father .....	Howard Morrison
Mother .....	Betsy Davis
Clarence Jr. ....	Bob Wood
John .....	Fred Meek
Whitney .....	"Red" Gemrich
Harlan .....	Ted Garneau

For further information about the cast and play, read the next issues of the HIGHLIGHTS!



## No Support, No Team!

by Mary Woodworth

Where are all the girls who want to play basketball? I have heard that a group of girls want to start a girls basketball team and play other schools. For their information, there is an organization that has been trying to do that for three years. The Girls Athletic Association has tried to get enough girls interested so they can play other schools. But for some reason the girls just haven't the interest to make a go of the organization. I don't know if they just don't have the time, or if they just can't miss seeing their boy friends or going down to the Oak one night a week. Look girls, can't we have girls' sports like other schools do? Wouldn't you like to play tennis, softball, or basketball on a school team against other schools? If we had enough interest in girls' sports we could do just that! Mrs. Helen Brown, instructor for G. A. A., is very willing to help us in sports. She meets with us every Monday night at three o'clock in the Women's Gym.

The chief gripe of the high school last year was that Western wouldn't give us the gym to practice in. Well, this year we have it. Are we making good use of it? NO! About twelve girls come out for G. A. A. That's all. Why don't more girls come out? I wish I knew. I have not yet found an answer. The girls I have talked to seem interested but they don't show up at the meetings. We have a swell time in G. A. A. and learn a lot of skills that will be useful to us in playing a good game of basketball, tennis, or softball. Come on Girls. Let's make the G. A. A. an organization the school can be proud to have.

## Frightened Female Survives Test

I jerked open the locker door, pulled several books off the shelf, tucked them under my arm and started toward the study hall, gleefully planning how I would be able to finish all my home-work in the next fifty minutes.

Suddenly a hand clutched my arm. I stopped in my tracks and turned to find the face of a friend staring into my own. She made no sound at first, though her mouth opened and closed, and I could see at a glance that she was searching for the best way to break some horrible news to me. Finally the words, "It's Tuesday," fell from her lips. My books fell to the floor and with them all my hopes and plans for a study hour and a free evening.

Minutes later, I found myself in a mammoth room, standing in a long line with many other girls—all dressed in suits, a shade of blue of which I hesitate to attempt description. A woman, pencil and paper in hand, was moving up the line towards me. I had steeled myself for an ordeal when I became aware of the fact that she had arrested her progress and was speaking to the poor unfortunate creature next to me. I hasten to explain that I am not habitually an eavesdropper, but in this instance I could not help overhearing the conversation. The debate, a bit one-sided, consisted for the most part of the issuance of a new ruling limiting the number of girls in a blue suit to one.

I have only vague impressions of running around and around this room and then being pushed down on some sort of mat with several others, while dark forms turned summersaults over us. Huge balls flew at me from every

## South Haven Tops Conference Race

The Big Seven Conference race failed to provide many upsets or many thrills this year. South Haven has an almost sure grip on the top spot, with Niles and St. Joe appearing to have the next strongest teams. Buchanan slipped in the later part of the season, while State High, next in the rankings, did not play consistent enough ball to live up to preseason predictions. Dowagiac and Three Rivers both had their hot nights, Dowagiac upset State on its own floor and Three Rivers took Niles out of a possible undisputed championship with an upset win.

There is a possibility that Niles and South Haven may tie for the crown however. If State defeats the Rams Friday night, and Niles beats Buchanan, both the Niles team and the lakeside school will finish with 9-3 records. Otherwise there will be little change in position with all the schools looking forward to the district tournaments next week.

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direction and once I was entangled in some sort of net. I remember having a bow and arrow in my hands while gaudy colored circles swam in front of my eyes. The next thing I recall, I was being carried along in a running herd of stumbling bodies which swept me down some steps into what appeared to be some sort of dungeon. The sound of rushing water roared in my ears. A cold shower shocked my numbed nerves to their senses. I was back in the locker room.

## SH Cubs Defeat Wildcats, 54-33

Wednesday, March 2 saw the Cubs win their first tournament game—defeating a Three Rivers team 54-33. Saturday night, Coldwater-Sturgis game for the district title.

There was no doubt at any time but what the game would be ours. Three Rivers came the closest when we had only a three point lead, but this was in the first quarter, and since then the Cubs stayed well ahead, working their set-plays beautifully. At the half, State High was ahead eight points and the Cubs finished the game in flying colors with a 21 point margin. Jim Orwin was high point with eighteen and Tom Woodworth ran a close second with fourteen points.

If the Cubs win the game Saturday night, they will go on to the Regionals, held here in Kalamazoo. The Twin Valley Champs have a very fine team this year and should be tough. They are led by all-state guard, Rex Corless. Last year, they went on to the regionals where they lost to the State Champions, St. Joe, by only one point.

## Sport Notations

by Bob Wood

Little Roger Bennet, former State High student is doing all right for himself. He is enrolled in an Indiana School which has over 600 students. He played second string guard on the football team and is one of the four starting pitchers of the baseball team.

Larry Moran and Bob Wood were tied in one department last year in baseball. They both had the most errors—eight apiece.

The golf team should go places this year with four lettermen returning. They are Phil Fast, Jack Hill, Jack Rowe, and Joe Zitney. Phil and Jack Hill are Captains of the team.

State's powerhouse tennis team should waltz through the Big 7 again this year with Jim Orwin, Bob Russel, Steve Fast, Bob Van Beck, John Tuberty and Bob Dunbar all returning from last year's squad. Conrad Fischer is joining the squad this spring and promises to be a future star.

State's track team was hard hit by graduation and needs some new material. Come on, fellows, we need a lot of good runners. If you can run at all, let's see you out there on that cinder track.



## Fools' Names, Fools' Faces

Maybe you like your name—and maybe you think it looks quite charming scrawled and carved all over every poor piece of wood you happen to get your destructive hands on—BUT IT DOESN'T!

Well, Well! So you think you're an artist. You may think that your little etchings look terribly clever all over the place—BUT ARMS OF CHAIRS ARE NOT ART GALERIES—So why not record your masterpieces on paper.

Of course you're in love and you want to let the whole world know it— or maybe you aren't—but in any case, it looks rather childish to see JOHN LULU, or DICK JANIE on just about every chair arm in the school.

You're beginning to wonder what all this is about — BUT YOU SHOULDN'T! You know as well as anyone about the scribbings in the lavatories, the condition of the new studyhall desks which are only in the middle of their second year, and the fact that it's like hunting for a needle in a haystack trying to find an unblemished chair arm. The point is, it makes a lot of us pretty sick to see the way even that beautiful furniture in the library is falling to the same fate. No one can deny the fact that the new library is pretty swell. The faculty and library staff have worked hard to make such a nice library for us. And when it comes right down to it—scribbling all over and destroying what someone else has tried pretty hard to achieve for us is rather small, isn't it? Let's keep that library furniture nice!

### Disc Data

by Graydon Meints

Today's music world is really going to the dogs; that is if you are hunting for good discs. There are oodles of songs out but most of them have either been here for twenty or more years or are so positively corny that they're followers for them. Draw your own conclusions.

I started taking my little poll by asking people for their opinions. Most of them just said "Du-u-u-uh" and turned dejectedly away. On the poll slips most everybody that didn't care for any one in particular just put down their name as "Hermin Fink" or "Throckmorton P. Snotnose." Anyhow the ones that put down a "Fav" have been tabulated and here are the results:

**SENIORS:** Far Away Places—Bing Crosby; I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm—Les Brown.

**JUNIORS:** A Little Bird Told Me—Evelyn Knight; Far Away Places—Bing Crosby.

**SOPHOMORES:** Far Away Places—"Mad cap Maggie" Whiting; A Little Bird Told Me—Lola Bennett ('Sno record but it got a lot of requests, so it's there).

**FRESHMEN:** Brush Those Tears From Your Eyes—Evelyn Knight; Powder Your Face With Sunshine—still Evelyn Knight again.



Attention all Juniors! Remember that class dues of one dollar will be required by the end of next week.

Orchids to Mr. Welles and all those who helped make the Band Follies a success.

Further preparations were made in the last sophomore class meeting concerning the dance which they plan to give March 19.

Although the weather seemed to be in a bad humor the Parent Teacher succeeded in having an interesting meeting.

Congratulations Tommy and Pat!! We're proud to have you for our basketball King and Queen.

## State Highlights

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## Hi-Y in "Throws" of Plans for Carnival

Due to conflict with the Spring Play "Life With Father," the Hi-Y Carnival was moved up 2 weeks—to Saturday, March 26. But this only means that we don't have to wait so long for our Annual Fun Night. We have a real good selection of booths that are bound to please.

They are:

- Football Throw
- Movies
- Record Ball
- Dancing to Swing Band
- Marriage and Divorce
- Ping Pong
- Food Booth
- Aerial Bowling
- Fish Pond
- Schmoo Balloons
- Basketball Throw
- Dart Throw at Balloons
- Baseball Throw
- Throw at Head

The Hi-Y Carnival Committee wants any ideas on suggestions that you may have so that the 1949 Carnival will be even better.

## Council Looks Ahead To Annual Luncheon

Plans for the annual Monitor-Highlights luncheon are being started by the Student Council. Nothing definite as to a date or place has been assigned, but a program committee was appointed. It is composed of Ruth Emerson, Jackie Kingscott, and Julie Cartland. It has been suggested that perhaps one of the church circles of the city would be willing to prepare and serve the luncheon. This suggestion is being looked into by the committee. More definite announcements will be made later.

## Calendar

Operetta—March 4 and 5  
 March 2—Tournament game with Three Rivers  
 March 5—Winner of Three Rivers-State High game plays winner of Sturgis-Coldwater game.



## Happy Birthday

Feb. 24—Bob Lewis  
Joyce Perry  
Feb. 26—Joe McCarthy  
Feb. 27—Pat Bloom  
Feb. 28—Ruth DeHaan  
Pat Coffield  
Mar. 1—Janet Shiley  
Mar. 2—Mary Jane Boven  
Mar. 3—Mary Ann Tinkham  
Mar. 6—Trevor Jones  
Mar. 7—Bill Persons  
Jim McCrumb  
Marvin Chavoya  
Mar. 8—Ben First  
Doris Burnett  
Mar. 9—Bob DeHaan  
Tom Woodworth  
Lorraine Smith  
Lawrence Smith  
Mar. 11—Junie Worden  
Mary Fopeano  
Pat Mitchell  
Mar. 13—Charles Maltby  
Mar. 15—Georgiann McCrumb  
Mar. 17—Barbara Forbes  
Mar. 18—Enamarie Rush

## Chuckles

It seems Howard Morrison has made a very good friend of his speech student teacher.

Skip Bills: "So help me, I'll kiss you!" Skip Kindleberger. "So kiss me, I'll help you."

"For goodness sake, use both arms!" shriled her escort. "I can't," said her escort. "I have to steer with one!"

"Just one more kiss, darling," she pleaded. "On an empty stomach?" he asked. "Of course not!" she replied, "right where the last one was will be fine."

Kisses on the front porch  
Kisses in the night  
Curses on the parents  
Who won't turn off the light!

## People Ponder Pet Peeves

Pat Bloom—Fresh people, especially Bill Hoyt

Margaret Burns—Peroxide

Jim Orwin—Undershirts worn under T-shirts

Barbara Hughes—People eating

Carol Jubb—Automobile with worn out brakes

Don Cain—Being called "beer belly"

Len Vandenberg—Sitting beside Mollie

Mary Lou Woodworth—State High

Charles Maltby—I ain't got no pet peeve

Doug Wendzel—I'm happy with the world

Frank Maher—Girls dancing together  
Fred Meek—Women who cut their hair

John De Groot—Enemies of the Dutch  
Bob Van Beck—Enemies of the Dutch  
Dave Roth—Operetta

Mary Helen Dorgan—There are to me, two kinds of guys  
The only two whom I despise  
The first one I would like to slam  
The one who copies my exam  
The second is the dirty skunk  
Who covers his and lets me flunk.



Was Miss Steketee surprised when she walked into her 11:00 Economics class and found John R. himself sprawled on the floor???

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Where were all the girls on the afternoon of "dollar day"???

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FLASH! Has anyone found Arsene Lupin??? Rumors have it he is in a well—anyway, please report any evidence.

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We would like to know more about the mysterious Williams of High-lights-box fame???. Pipe dreams???

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How's Uncle Junior, Mollie? There's nothing like peaceful Oakwood Lake with a few firecrackers thrown in, is there???

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Eleven o'clock art class is the scene of many an interesting discussion. Stories range from preferences as to type of death to favorite parking places. Only a little paint is thrown.

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Women in politics appeal to Frank Spitters. The president of Central's class of "51" in particular.

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Why does Ruth Pionke like little green scooters, HMMMMM???

We wonder if Mr. Hatfield has recovered his bouquet of roses???

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Don't cry, Jackie. We're sure you're not a bold and forward girl. (And don't cry, Bob Wood. We're sure Jill wouldn't mind having seven girls on your lap within a very short five minutes)!

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Burdick Street has a new Sunday attraction—exhibition roller-skating by Ilyne Wiesman and Mary Joyce Maltby.

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Is Mr. Sebaly afraid of Burglars?? He shouldn't be frightened into locking the door of his 12.30 history class with three hearty student teachers for protection.

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May we inquire of Laura Beach: Is the city of Kalamazoo too small or is Climax even more fascinating???

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Although most of us live for the weekends, Shirley Gary lives for every other.

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### COUPLETS:

Bob Struble and Jackie Leach  
Lola and Phil  
Bob Soeters and little sister Mary  
Jim and Bubba  
Carole and her triangle

## Big Lion Roars

What a month is March! This winter, so far has been so screwy that March will probably come in like a lamb and go out like a lion, but then that's life! Our only hope is you are not counting on the usual March weather, because the weather men are out to fool you again. And speaking of weather men, I think they snow the public on purpose just to be nasty. Isn't that awful! Well, back to March.

As a tentative opinion, we can safely advise you the gullible public to have a pair of ice skates ready along with your roller skates, so no matter what may happen, you'll be prepared for the days of March. Heed this bit of consul as we are sure you will get equal use out of both your winter and summer sporting equipment.

Besides, other drastic things could occur. What will ever happen to the proverbial "Spring Fever" if it's going to be winter half the time? We're just going to keep polishing up our lines, getting them ready to spring on our unsuspecting lovers, and bang! it starts to snow.

Something definitely has been happening to the usual sequence of seasons. March weather always used to be so marvelous. Can we be returning to the ice age? Can't you just see us all migrating to Brazil or someplace! Oh well, that's weather for you.