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State Highlights

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Musicians Migrate

State, Paw Paw, and Zeeland high schools are planning a series of three exchange concerts, one to be held at each school.

The first of the three will be held at Zeeland on the 3rd of February. Our band will leave on Friday morning and will present the concert along with the Zeeland and Paw Paw bands that evening. There will be a party held and several other events, including a sightseeing trip. Our band members will stay overnight in the homes of Zeeland band-members.

The second concert will be held in Paw Paw in March.

The third and last concert will be held outdoors in March or April, in Kalamazoo with State High as host. Each band will play several numbers and then combine and play as one massed band.

This concert exchange is something new and valuable in the way of inter-school relations and we hope it will be a success.

Seniors Get to Work

Lynn Tuberty, Lola Bennett, Mary Hilliard, John Gelder, Pat Pahalek, and Barbara Forbes were chosen chairmen of the six senior committees last week. These committees are: Senior Gift, Assembly, Commencement, Skip Day, Banquet, and Announcements. Every student in the senior class is a member of one of these committees, and if anyone doesn't know which one he is on, the list is on the bulletin board. Consult it.

These committees are chosen to take care of all the duties and pleasures that are attendant upon any senior class graduation. Dr. Sebaly and Miss Crisman were the faculty members who arranged the committees on the basis of abilities, character, scholarship, and interest.

EXAM SCHEDULE

CLASSES	DAY	TIME
8:00	Wednesday 31	8:00
9:00	Tuesday 30	8:00
10:00	Monday 24	10:30
11:00	Wednesday 31	10:30
12:30	Tuesday 30	12:30
2:00	Monday 29	8:00

State Assembly Committee Plans Future Attractions

The Assembly committee, made up of various representatives from each homeroom, has planned the remaining eleven assemblies under the direction of the faculty sponsor, Miss Cleveland.

"A Little Bit of Heaven" was the movie shown January tenth. Sandy Hackman was in charge of the plans. To roll up the first semester the music department and the Modern Dance Club will present their program. Marlene Williams and Dot Jabcon are student chairmen.

The first assembly scheduled for the next semester is the "Cub assembly" dated for February seventh. Students from State will take part, and this program will be used as our exchange assembly. Lyn Cassady and Charlene Pellow are in charge of arrangements.

Niles' exchange assembly is booked for February twenty-first with Sandy Hackman in charge.

On March seventh the Science Department is scheduled. The Hi-Y has planned to present a program on March twenty-fifth.

Plans for May ninth have not been definitely set. On May twenty-third and June sixth, the traditional Sports Awards and Honors Assemblies will take place.

Highlights Office Gets Face Lifting

With the incoming new year, 1951, Highlights has decided to do a face lifting job on its office.

Plans have been underway for over a month now. The cracks in the walls have been scraped and filled with patching plaster, and they are now ready for the paint job. After much argument, discussion, and debate, the staff decided to paint three walls a medium green and the remaining wall a deeper shade of the same color.

The staff hopes to have their decorating finished by the end of January so that the senior staff members may receive the benefit of a pleasanter office for at least one semester.

The staff is also figuring on getting new draperies and reviving its furniture.

We think a newly decorated, fresh office will lift the spirit of the staff and help us to put out a better paper for all you "Hilltoppers."

So come and visit us next semester and see our new office.

State Students Star on 'WGFG'

Organizations and Talent Featured

State High was on the air. Yes, Saturday, January 6, some of our students and representatives of the organizations of State High were on radio station WGFG. This broadcast was at 11:00 A.M. and was sponsored by the Coca-Cola company. Those early risers who got up in time to listen to this program heard the student Council in session, the monitors' work described by Sandy Woodworth, music by the Uke Club, and members of the Highlander and Highlights staffs. The program opened with our school song. This was followed by narrators Shirley Gary and Frank Maher, who gave a few of the vital statistics about State High. After the organizations mentioned above were described, some of our talented students performed. These included Mary Alice Hilliard, who played Mazurka by Mlynarski on the violin and was accompanied by Irene Emerson, Martha Braden played Goliwogs Cake-walk by Debussy on the piano, and Janet Snow, who narrated the well remembered "Three Blind Mice" accompanied by Nancy Ford who played her original composition.

To your reporter, who had a chance to witness the whole proceedings of the "taping" of this program, it was a very interesting experience. The clubs and organization meetings, student reports, and musical numbers were recorded separately on a tape recorder, and then later they were cut where necessary and spliced together to make the complete program. All this was packed into thirty minutes. Those who took part did well, adding honor to our school.

These high school programs are a weekly feature of WGFG, whose aim is to make other people better acquainted with the several schools in Kalamazoo and vicinity. We should like to thank the Coca-Cola company for giving us this opportunity to inform others of State High.

CALENDAR

January 19 Buchanan game - There
January 26 Niles game - There
January 26 & 27 Band is at Zeeland
January 30 Allegan game - There

Why Not?

Did I hear you muttering angrily as you tripped on that broken step on the south stairs? Was that you, kicking your locker and frantically spinning the combination at one minute of the hour? Maybe you were the one who wished the trolleys were working again as you trudge up the hill. Well, what if the floors do creak and the buildings aren't as new as the ones on the other campus? What if there are fire laws for the dances and the roof leaks and the plaster is falling down? What if the whole roof caves in? Is that what makes our school good or bad?

Of course you'll say that the school would be going to ruin if the roof fell, but have you ever thought about the kids that make up the school? They're the ones that count.

Remember when you first came to State and you felt lost until someone showed you around and maybe introduced you to a lot of kids? Have you done that for newcomers this year? They can be loads of fun.

The next time you see some gal or fella standing alone when you're with the gang, go over and include him. When you see everyone in the morning, have a smile on your face, say "Hi" and act like you're glad to see them again. If you can't remember that English assignment, ask the new student who loaned you his fountain pen yesterday. He might even give you some good ideas for your theme.

There are many more ways to make our school spirit a little better. You can do it through classes, sports, clubs, dances, and everything on campus or off campus. What're we waiting for? Let's go!

by Joyce Perry

Names 'N Nonsense

Cutest	Bob Mindeman, Donna Endsley
Most Popular	Bob Britigan, Polly Allen
Most Likely to Succeed	Eugene Williams, Polly Allen
Friendliest	John Warfield, Carolyn Buder
Best All Around	Red Gemrich, Gail Hubbell
Most Dependable	Red Gemrich, Polly Allen
Best Sense of Humor	Bob Britigan, Diane Pullon
Most Musical	Bill Govier, Martha Braden
Most School Spirit	Jon Sebaly, Judy Scott
Best Dressed	Bob Graff, Julie Davis
Most Serious	Eugene Williams, Penny Farr
Sweetest	Matt Peelen, Donna Endsley
Most Talkative	Dick Wilsey, Judy Scott
Nicest Smile	Larry Weisman, Donna Endsley
Most Expressive Eyes	Larry Weisman, Donna Endsley
Smoothest Line	Tom Krelick, Sandie Shreve
Most Bashful	Larry Weisman, Penny Farr
Hardest Worker	Eugene Williams & Bill Govier, Polly Allen
Most Active	Bob Britigan, Gail Hubbell
Best Athlete	Bob Britigan, Sandy Hicks
Best Scholar	Eugene Williams, Polly Allen
Most Likeable	Bob Britigan, Polly Allen
Most Original	Red Gemrich, Donna Endsley & Janet Hughes

Modern Dance Club Plans Future Programs

Mrs. Helen Brown's proteges in the modern dance club have plans underway for several interesting projects this year.

The prospective Martha Grahams of the State High are now working on an eerie Halloween dance to represent the month October as a part of the "Finnette" swimming show scheduled for this spring.



Orchids to the Social Committee for a very successful and beautiful "Santa's Sleighride." The decorations were very cleverly, devised by Elanor Alman in spite of the odds presented by the fire laws. The refreshments were very good. (I didn't hear one complaint.) The formal drew a large crowd and everyone looked as if he was having a good time.

All the many people who worked to make the formal a success deserve our recognition and appreciation.

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State High is proud to have one of their fellow Hilltoppers in the cast of the current civic play "The Philadelphia Story," Directed by Madge Skelly. Congratulations, Suzie Gilbert.

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Joanne Herlihy plans to leave our "institution for the public diffusion of knowledge" to return to the University of Chicago. Au revoir, Joanne, and our sincerest wishes for your certain success.

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For the first time Dr. Belooof is planning to give the Blue and Gold Revue for three evenings. In the past years two performances have been given. His theme will be style and music. Plans are underway and anyone who has talent and an original idea is welcome to try. Performances will be on March 13, 14, 15.

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Plans are percolating for a Hoe-down dance on February 2. This is the biggest benefit dance of the year. It is being planned by the Student Council and the Red Cross. Suzanne Sawyer has been chosen as general chairman. Working with Sue on the affair are Dunc Carter and Jim Dollahan on the tin can committee, Pete Shook and Bev Griggs on decorations, Mary Kuizenga on publicity, Frank Nugent on games and Kay Mallote on chaperones. Mr. Deur is the faculty advisor. Lets have a big turnout at this dance, kids.

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Coming Headlines

Everybody else has been predicting, so we might as well add some more blurb to the reams that have already been written even though we are a little late. (Only seventeen days) Here are the headlines you should be seeing in your Highlights during the rest of the year.

January: Cub Cagers Throw Three Rivers, State High Defeats Niles (in billiards meet.)

February: Stan Vine Wins State Golden Gloves Title. Cub Pool Sharks Win Match With St. Joe. Cub Five Clinches Conference Crown.

March: Debate Team Wins Match With U. S. Senate. Basketball Team Loses to Kentucky in State Tournament (How did they get in there?) Our Billiards Team Wins Another Match - Remains Undefeated.

April: Diamond Squad Gets into Action. Wins First Game as Fred Hubbell Hits Four Home Runs and Kirkpatrick Pitches Perfect Game.

May: Dunc Carter Breaks World's Track Record for Hop, Skip and Jump. Debate Team Takes on Russian Delegation to U. N. Hubbell has .698 Batting Average. Kirkpatrick Pitches Another Perfect Game. Our Undefeated Billiards Team Wins State Class B Title.

June: Hubbell's Batting Average Now .742. He and "Kirk" Sign With St. Louis Browns After School Closes. Jim Nichols Defeats Willie Hoppe In Exhibition Tour In Billiards.

July: All State High Girls Join Wacs.

September: Hubbell and Kirkpatrick Bat and Pitch the Browns into World Series Against the Strong Kalamazoo Lassies. (National League Folded Earlier.)

October: All State High Boys Join Air Force.

November: Billiards Table Sold.

December: All Faculty Members Join French Foreign Legion.

Cubs Travel to Buchanan

Jack Brenner

A Look at Sports

Last week, the students of the school had an excellent opportunity to see if some of the teachers are as good in athletics as they say they are. This opportunity was the basketball game between the faculty and varsity basketball teams. Maybe it didn't prove too much, but I think all who saw it will agree that all concerned had loads of fun.

Talking to some of the players afterwards, I heard some of the following statements, "Boy, isn't that Dr. Sebaly a rough cookie?" or a statement such as "Gee, did you see Mr. Hackney get up and down that floor?" I am wondering how rough Dr. Sebaly felt after the game was over; or how many floors Mr. Hackney felt like running up and down the next day.

The statistics say that the varsity won by the score of 39-21. Glenn Shugars was high scorer for the varsity while Coach Stevens topped the scoring for the faculty. In case you didn't see the game, the faculty was composed of Dr. Sebaly, Coach Finney, Hale, Coach Stevens, Mr. Hackney, Mr. Deur, Mr. Juris, Mr. Detert, Dr. Belooof and Mr. Friemuth.

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The Training School has come up with some pretty good basketball teams this year. Both the seventh and the eighth grades have good teams this winter. Quite a few kids to whom I have spoken noticed this in the half-time of the Dowagiac game. A couple of deadeyes have also been spotted in their ranks. The records of both teams are good. They have some good ball-handlers, and their coach, should receive credit for instructing them well in the fundamentals.

Buchanan Five Eyes 1st Conference Win

The Cub basketball team is scheduled to invade Buchanan this Friday night for a Big Seven Conference tilt. The Stevensmen are the favorites although the "Bucks" have a very effective zone defense in their small "pillbox" gym. The Cubs looked sharp when they trampled the Bucks on the home court 30-22 in the season opener and have steadily been improving.

The Hilltoppers lost a three point heartbreaker to Portage the following game and Niles outran them to a 45-26 victory the next contest. Settling down, the Cubs dropped Allegan 38-35, and then nosed out Dowagiac 41-40 in a thrilling see-saw contest. Neither team could hold a lead, but in the final 30 seconds the Cubs held on to their one point margin with a nice display of ball handling.

The Bucks have tried without success to hit the win column, and they will be out for blood.

Ed Sutton, Milwood sharpshooter, is leading the Cub scoring with 56.

Cub Pitchers Begin Spring Training Plan

With the approach of baseball season the pitching prospects for State High's team have started to work out. They are Chair Kirkpatrick, Ron Weaver, Vern Hoffman, and Dick Hawkins. They may be joined later by others interested in pitching. Of those mentioned above Kirk, Ron, and Dick are returning members from last years pitching staff which also included Larry Smith.

The outstanding game pitched during the season last year was the final game in which Kirk pitched a 2-1 triumph on a one hitter. We hope he can repeat this again this year.

The whole team was hit hard by graduation. The only returning regular is Fred Hubbell. This means that Coach Stevens will have an almost complete rebuilding job confronting him.

Basketball Roster

Fred Hubbell capt.	Senior	F	170	6'2"
Jack Mindeman	Senior	C	170	6'4½"
Ed Sutton	Soph.	F	160	6'1"
Don Kendrick	Senior	G	170	5'11"
Don Gill	Soph.	G	150	5'9"
Frank Nugent	Senior	C-F	172	6'3½"
John Keyser	Soph.	G	185	6'
Ted Emerson	Junior	G	149	5'8"
Ken Cobb	Junior	G	155	5'9"
Al Hackman	Soph.	G	150	5'9"
Bob Anson	Junior	F	170	6'
Maynard Nieboer	Junior	G	155	5'9"
Phil Steen	Senior	MGR	165	6'

Big Seven Conference			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Niles	4	0	1.000
Three Rivers	4	0	1.000
State High	2	2	.500
South Haven	2	2	.500
St. Joe	1	2	.333
Dowagiac	1	3	.250
Buchanan	0	5	.000



We wonder how some of the Senior boys like Battle Creek dances—and girls? ?

Want an old discarded boy friend? If so, see **Clare Gemrich** for one in quite good condition.

Taking a peek at some new twosomes around State, we see **Lyn Cassidy**, and **Don Cain** together a lot, while **Jim Dollahan**, wearing his class ring again, has been dating **Sue Snyder**.

Some new steadies are: **Pete Lindquist** and **Judy Lyon**, **Mary Kuizenga** and **Jim Brosseau**, **Ann Mahoney** and **Ken Sherman**, **Mary Ann Shaw** and **Ken Darling**, and **Patt Sprouse** and **Stan Vine**.

The reason for **Judy** moping around the halls is that **Fitz** is in the Air Force. **Maxine's Jack** is over in Tokyo helping **MacArthur**.

What soph boy recently had five girls teaching him how to jitterbug at the same time? We must say he came up with a new version, eh, **Phil**?

It seems good to see **Pat Pahalek** and **Pat Coffield** together again. It's been a long time.

I hear **Stan Vine** was playing "crinkle fender" recently with an alumnus — how about it **Stan**?

Who has been having names flashed on the State Theatre screen during mush scenes — hmm, **Frank**?

We see our wandering boy **Corby Lewis** is getting around with the Central crowd lately.

What sophomore girls yelled for the opposing team at a recent Central game? We were very surprised as the same girls seem interested in certain C. H. S. students (male of course.)

Joan Biljum's comment on the boy situation in England -- "They're rally rawther nice. Verry!"

Wanted: the name of the girl who has been sending **Kirk** notes. (Very interesting notes at that.)

What's this we hear about a certain Junior boy named **John**??? Better watch it, kid.

We'd like to know **Don's** secret on how to get girls to knit him argyles. Do you know, **Kay**

Believe It . . . Or Not

By Suzie Gilbert
and Mary Thompson

Believe it or not but . . .

Kate Randall is now down to 639 lbs S. H. S. once had a top league football team.

There was once a time when **Addie** and **Ted** didn't go with each other. **Sue** and **Dunc** aren't going steady.

On the average one can take 200 revolutions per minute with an egg beater (survey conducted by your reporter).

There's a desk in 211 without "Pete done it" on it.

The boys of State High spend more time at school than at the pool hall (actual statistical report made by your reporter).

The button joke went around school in less than two hours.

Peg Yntema's parents worried about her unusual reticence when she was a child.

Little **Copeland** was rated "Man Most Resembling **Charles Atlas** in 1951" in a secret contest run by your reporter.

In a poll recently conducted by **Miss Crisman** it has been revealed that State High girls are 99.4% truthful (the average is slightly higher for boys, reports **A. Sebaly**, boys advisor).

Every third person in State High is engaged in the illicit pursuit of importing Communist bred **Tarantulas** for the purpose of overthrowing student run study halls.

Believe it or not but . . .

Donny Cain tips the scales at the dainty figure of 98 while on the other hand **Donny Smith** is losing weight and now down to 299.

Jim Nichols is 17 and hasn't yet tried "Hadaacol." P. S. watch out for low flying B-29's.

There are more than five "spauldings" in our midst.

State High is governed by students.

Ed Sutton has broken his leg and is unable to finish basketball season.

Suggestion - see **Jim Nichols** for some "Hadaacol."

Some kids aren't worried about Exams. Fools!

We are too free around the halls at noon. Can't something be done.

The girl's gym classes have been very educational - we think everyone should see and try it.

LOST !!

DR. SEBALY'S HORSEWHIP

(loaned to social committee
for Xmas formal)

**DRASTICALLY NEEDED FOR
THE SENIOR BOYS. KINDLY
RETURN — LENIENCY
PROMISED**

Parlez Vous Francais ??

Ever felt the urge to baffle your friends by tossing off a few well-turned French phrases? Well, now your wish is granted; just study the following list, and if you have any trouble in pronouncing them, see any French student. They'll be glad to oblige.

How are you? . . . Ca va

I'm fine . . . Ca va bien

Hello . . . Bonjour

Goodbye . . . Au revoir

How's the Weather? . . . Que temps fait-il?

It's nice out . . . Il fait beau

It's bad out. . . Il fait mauvis

What time is it? . . . Quelle heure a-t-id?

How old are you? . . . Quelle age avez-vous?

Fourteen . . . Quatorze

Fifteen . . . Quinze

Sixteen . . . Seize

Seventeen . . . Dix Sept

Eighteen . . . Dix-huit

I love you . . . Je T'adore

Kiss me . . . Baise-moi

No smoking . . . Defense de fumer

You're crazy . . . Vous N'y pensez pas

Guess Who

This mystery man, is pretty darn swell

He's a wonderful buddy; everyones pal

He's known as being friendly, thats for sure

To play the field with girls he seems to prefer

He likes to joke, and make people laugh

His very best buddy, is called his "other half"

He and a senior girl are next door neighbors

He came pretty close to Presidential labors

The clothes he wears, are all very sporty and neat

And to get an A in History he didn't even cheat

Our "un-named" friend in "Sporting goods" is working

And knowing him, he's not found shirking

He's really quite talented and on the radio we heard his voice

Just ask the seniors, they'll name him first choice

He is known to everybody in this hall

With his butch and blue-eyes, he's not very tall

Now I want you to know that this is no prank

He's just everybody's friend!!