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Highlander on Route to Press

Any night after school, if you stopped in the Highlander office, you would see the true meaning of the word confusion. But don't be worried. It's just the Highlander staff trying to put out your yearbook before our March deadline. The scene is one of frantic pandemonium, but it isn't as bad as it seems. Just imagine.

Ilyne, Sally, and Mary are racking their brains to think up cute things to say about the senior pictures and incidentally, to dash off those funny features that are a distinctive section of each Highlander.

Pete and Marshall are doing an efficient job of lining up advertisements; already they have two thirds of the required amount. Jim Brosseau has done a wonderful job of photography; you will really appreciate it when you get your book.

Speaking of getting your book, Goldie and Bonnie are busy collecting money for them, and if you haven't bought yours, you'd better get busy. By the time this is printed, the deadline will have passed.

John Gelder and Dick Hawkins are preparing a record of State High's activities this year, with Jim's assistance with the camera, Nan and Charlotte are in charge of getting your club's activities and news. And of course, Joyce and Mary Alice are busy overseeing the job, making contact with our publisher, and conferring with Mrs. Collins, our advisor.

If we ever get it done it will be a grand book.

Juniors Plan Prom

To the eighty nine kids who compose the 'Class of '52, the annual Junior-Senior Prom is an immediate headache.

The Junior's have the task of raising approximately three hundred dollars ($300), for this gala affair, the Prom.

To begin with, the Juniors staged a paper sale, which was brought about largely because of the help of Mr. John Planteafer, Sr. The Juniors feel, however, that with a little more vim, vigor, and vitality, the drive could have been much more successful.

On Tuesday, the 20th of February, the Juniors held a candy sale with class members contributing either a pound of candy or 50c. The sale was very successful and added some much needed 'moola' to the class treasury.

As everyone knows, the Prom is the event which is the most anticipated, and it is the biggest accomplishment of any Junior Class. Unless the committee members have a whole hearted and cooperative following, the Prom will suffer, and the 'Class of '52' will feel that their name is 'Mud.'

So the Junior Class asks everyone's cooperation in making this year's Prom the best ever!

Vocation Night Tomorrow

Cast of Characters
Set for Spring Play

"You Can't Take It With You", a hilarious comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman has been chosen by the Masquers Club for the spring play this year. It is the story of the lovable Sycamore family who lives in a closed sphere of their own, untouched by the outside world. The play clips along at a fast rate through three acts, on-packed acts. The cast is composed of seven women and nine men, most of whom are a little "tetchy."

Following is the cast of characters:
- Penny Sycamore - Carol Sheldon
- Essie Carmichael - Lila Ellet
- Paul Sycamore - Phil Bruno
- Ed Carmichael - John Gibson
- Rheba - Robin Rose
- Grandpa Vanderhof - Marshall Brenner
- Mr. DePina - Eric Peterson
- Alice Sycamore - Janet Snow
- Mr. Kolenklov - Don Vrobel
- Donald - Charles Maloney
- Henderson - Dick Kremer
- Tony Kirby - Dave Roth
- Gay Wellington - Kate Randall
- Mr. Kirby - Dick Hawkins
- Mrs. Kirby - Sandra Hackman
- The Man - George Reeves
- Mac - Dick Kremer
- Jim Pete Lindquist
- The Grand Duchess - Ilyne Weism

Here is an opportunity to help yourself. If you want to know more about a vacation in which you are interested, come to Career Night Tomorrow at 7:30.

All of us want to hear from someone who has been successful in the line of work in which we are interested. So the "Who's New" Club in Kalamazoo provided us with a group of outstanding men and women who will represent these different fields of work in which the students are most interested. One from each of these professions is being invited to come to State High for tomorrow's meeting.

The program will begin with a general meeting when we shall be able to meet our guests and hear some general remarks from them about their work.

Afterwards each guest will hold a conference with all of those students who are interested in that same field of work which he represents. Then the detailed description of problems, training, background, personality and other requirements will be discussed. And our guest will be ready to answer any questions. This is going to be a red letter meeting for those who are not certain what they want to do.

Representatives of Homerooms Chosen

A few issues ago, you will remember reading about the Highlight's plan for homeroom representatives. Staff members visited the various home rooms, collected the names of volunteers. The best ones were chosen by the staff and taken to the office for approval. Then no one heard anymore about it. Although the list has never been officially published a few of these representatives have been helping the staff members with articles. Now we present your homeroom representatives, the approved list!

- 206A - Carole Smith
- 207A - Fred Hubbell
- 208A - Red Gemrich
- 209A - John DuMont
- 13A - Mary Thomson
- 206A - Lynn Cassady
- 207A - Dick Kremer
- 208A - John Gibson
- 209A - Pat Pahalek
- 13A - Pat Ryan

These people are the unofficial Highlander's staff. Any news, ideas for articles, or gossip that you know of, please give them to these people who will write it up for the Highlight's staff.

CALENDER

March 1 - Vocational Guidance Night
March 2 - Junior-High Dance
March 7 - Niles Exchange, Here
March 9 - Spring Play
March 10 - Spring Play
March 17 - Hi-Y Carnival
March 23 - Spring Vacation

So let the fun begin!
Gossip Column Contest Opens

The Highlights staff is planning to rename the gossip column. We've decided that the population of State High has grown rather tired of seeing "Locker Slams" or "Alley Angles" printed across the fourth page of every issue.

We think the best way to find a good name is to hold a contest. So anyone who thinks he has a terrific, colossal, sensational idea please jot it down on a scrap of paper and either give it to a member of the staff or put it in the Highlights box beside the trophy case in the upstairs hall.

The only thing you need to enter the contest is a clever name to submit, a pen, and a piece of paper. Be sure to sign your name when you submit your idea. All entries must be in by noon Wednesday, March 6.

If you should win this contest the Highlights staff offers you the privilege of ordering any kind of Sundae you particularly like at the Oak. Second prize will be a large coke also printed across the fourth page of every issue.

The last contest we had to name the gossip column was won with the name "Alley Angles." You probably observed this headline many times on our fourth page. The prize was captured by Nancy Mateer who graduated in 1949. This contest was held in 1948. So if you can think of a name for the gossip column, it will continue to headed with your suggestion long after you leave our institution for the diffusion of knowledge.

'Bertinalities'

A dazzling blonde, Beverly Swoap, is the subject of this issue's pertinality. Beverly is president of the Junior class, a two year member of the Social Committee, and a monitor, so you can see she's a busy little miss. And I do mean little, only five feet two inches and a hundred and five pounds; she's the envy of us hefty females.

Her first two years here found her spending a lot of time down at the "Oak", but this year she says she hasn't gone down there much. Her pet peeve is girls who wear dress shoes with anklets, and her favorite pastime is talking to Nancie. Beverly says she has never been involved in any of the gossip columns, and other than being mentioned in the Oak, she doesn't go down there much. Her battle is with brown eyes.

Her favorite subject is Home Ec, and her most hated one is Gym. She intends to go to Michigan State College and become an airline hostess. We sincerely hope that Beverly attains her goal because we think-and we aren't alone in this—that she is one of the nicest people we know.

The 'Thing' Has Been Discovered

What is the thing? Does anybody know? Here are what some State High students seem to think the thing is:

Ron Chipps—A government book.
Jack Mindeman—A beautiful brunette with brown eyes.
Dave Wank—The wreck I drive to school.
Jim Kioosterman—It.
George Hager—Sugar Ray.
Carolyn Fox—It's in Mrs. Malone's dancing class.
Stan Vine—Don't know.
Don Vrobel—Something made in Russia.
Bob Horstman—Dr. Sebal.
Fred Hubbell—Coffield.
Jim Russell—A beautiful Hula dancer.
Andy Dilino—I'll never tell.
Sandy Beebee—It's a great big handsome adorable man.
Mr. Hackney—X.
Al Hackman—My sister.
Pat Coffield—F. H. and his wet starw.

Tall Tale Sought

A tall tale contest opening February 28th, is being sponsored by the Highlights. A prize of a free malt or milkshake with Jim Russel, editor of the paper, will be offered for the tallest of tall tales.

It is very important to get your manuscript in by the deadline, March seventh. Your tale should be type-written, double-spaced if possible, or handwritten in ink on one side of the page. When completed, it should be placed in the Highlights box or in the hands of a staff member together with your name and homeroom number.

The points of judgement will be originality, English usage, neatness, suitability for publication, and keeping within the specified number of words which is one hundred to one hundred and fifty.

Since this is the first contest in several years which has been sponsored by the Highlights, we are hoping to have a large number of entries. Let's get busy. Think up a tall story, write it down, and send it in. It will be lots of fun and think of the malt with Jim.
Cubs Battle Otsego in Tourney Opener

State High in Excellent Form, Wins Over Rams

The Cubs showed loads of fire for three quarters and then held on for the last eight minutes to defeat South Haven in the Men's Gym last week. The game ended a losing streak for the Hilltoppers and brightened hopes for winning the State District Tournament. We now have a four and ten record for the season up to the Three Rivers game.

The two teams traded baskets for the early minutes and then the Blue and Gold got red hot and pulled away. Ball handling was sharp, and our defense was never better. Gill, Shugars, and Emerson stole the ball often, and Anson and Mindeman were doing great jobs on the defensive boards.

Shugars was hitting the longs and kept State far out in front until he went out on five fouls in the last quarter. He drilled in 16 points for high point honors. The score at the end of the third quarter. He drilled in 16 points for high point honors. The score at the end of the third quarter.

In the last period the Cubs fell nearly came up from behind. The Blue and Gold got red hot and the score was 44-33 in favor of the Hilltoppers.

State High (44)

| Shugars, f | 7 3 5 |
| Sutton, f | 2 2 2 |
| Mindeman, c | 2 1 5 |
| Gill, g | 2 2 3 |
| Emerson, g | 0 0 1 |
| Anson, f | 2 2 5 |
| Nieboer, f | 2 1 2 |
| Hubbell, f | 0 0 0 |
| Cobb, g | 0 0 1 |

Total: 17 10 23

South Haven (43)

| Thomas, f | 4 3 5 |
| Alfing, f | 5 6 1 |
| Fritz, c | 3 3 4 |
| Mohr, g | 0 1 2 |
| Ditch, g | 0 3 3 |
| Shugars, f | 1 1 3 |

Total: 13 17 20

Liverpool Lou Drives Low Flying P-38

Last year a lad with black curly hair and an English accent named Louis Marsh made his appearance on the Hilltop. Since then many of us have grown accustomed to his friendly smile and his little red car, but probably very few know that this boy from Liverpool drives a twenty-five horsepower racing boat at a speed around fifty-six miles per hour in the summertime for leisure enjoyment. When asked what it felt like, he said that it seems like a much faster speed than what the speedometer registers and you think the boat is going to turn over any minute.

The boat Louie drives is white with a mahogany top and has "Liverpool Lou" written on the side in red. Most of his races were at Paw Paw and a few at Gull Lake. About thirty-five other boats raced with him, and each lasted for five one mile laps. Louis has won five trophies for first place and a ribbon for second.

In a race at Paw Paw he came in ahead of Bill Berry, Sr. from Grand Rapids who won the "Top O' Michigan race which racers consider quite a competition.

In England there is a sport similar to outboard racing, which is called hydroplane racing. Louie did a lot of that before he came here. He has some clippings about his racing abilities in England. The main difference between speedboats and hydroplanes is that the latter is smaller and will seat only one person.

Louie says that he hasn't broken any records yet, but maybe someday if the wind and water are right, you'll hear a flash over the radio announcing that State High's own Louie Marsh set a new record in speed boat racing.

A Look at Sports

By JACK BRENNER

Among the new clubs is one that I think is a good idea, and should have been thought of sooner. This is a beginning swimmers club. Boys who are interested in learning how to swim and are eligible for the club which is to be handled by Mr. Hackney in this category should see Mr. Hackney for Hackney. All boys who fit into this for particulars. There is one limitation. Boys who can swim are not wanted in this club. It is strictly for those who can't swim but want to learn.

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Did you buy a program at the basketball games this year? Do you know who sold them to you? Yes, it was the girl at the door who taunted you with the cry "Buy a program, buy a program!" as soon as you stepped in the door. This is one way in which our Student Council makes its money. Those girls donated their services, and from this corner comes a big "Thanks." Also the same goes to John Gibson. He is the person who made all the names of the opposing players on those long strips of paper which were put into the roster list on the track.
Dear Dr. Bryan

We back hear in the Hilites office hav ben doing a consederable amount of fudgin' aroun about thees here so called Adminenstrative assembulies. Now the enuns has cogerated a bundently about the valu of thees, an we have arrived at the fallowin conclusions:

1) All politics should be stricken out of thee meetins as sarein Democrats believe sum of the stories are prejudicing our students.
2) When miser wether cums thees assemblins should bee held in the Horseh with nise sof chairs and coolin refreshments should be serv-ed.
3) The subjects shoud bee of morm importance to students, such as; Abullion of pinups in the lokers, Modern art, realistic fiction, etc.
4) Promonin of the Sacks (corpuse shou of the words SACST, Sasti-ety for the Abullion of Cruelty to Student Teachers), and required membership of all faculty. I shoid the following sugestions will be carried out to the fulliest degree.

Very Truly Yours,
Feliz J. Bertywhistle

Television Tie-ups

Been watching T.V. lately? If so maybe you have noticed the resemblance between certain State High kids and Television celebrities. Here are our observations:

Arthur Godfrey—Phil Burns
Janette Davis—Lolo Bennett
Martin Kane—Al Hackman
Kyle McDonnel—Bev. Swop
Reginald Gardner—Louie Marsh
Dagmar—Joyce Dean
Milton Berle—Pat Cofield
Frances Langford—Sally Reeves
Robert Q. Lewis—Tom Johnson
Paye Emerson—Sue Anderson
Abe Burrows—Red Gernrich
Maggie McNellis—Tyne Weisman
Frank Sinatra—Dave Roth
Helen Hayes—Carol Sheldon
Ed Sullivan—John Gelder
Mama—Janet Van Hoeve
Sid Cesar—Don Vrobel
Imogene Coco—Lila Eliot
Dave Garroway—Don Cain
Ilika Chase—Peg Ventana
Ken Murray—Ken Cobb
Dolla Hood—Bernadine Paull
Bert Parks—Pat Ryan
Betty Ann Giv—Judy Bills
Tom Corbett—Dick Bremner
Molly Goldberg—Sandy Woodworth
Hop-a-Long Cassidy—Daughter Lyn
Gary Moore—Jim Doolihan
Arlene Francis—Ann Frey
Ralph Edwards—Bill Hoyt
Perry Como—Marshall Brenner
Betty Crocker—Joan Stiles
Kukla—Jim Nichols
Fran Beebe
Ollie—Frank Maher
Jack Benny—Jack Mindeman

Gazing Into 1960

When anyone delves into the future, the reader has to take the fabulous forecast with a little pessimism. The following is just a little of what Madame Ogle would see in her crystal ball on a rainy night.

"At the University of Miami, I see Miss Eva Aube and Professor Peter Karl Lindquist teaching under the presidency of Doctor Richard Seelye. There are rumors that the little English teacher and Dr. Seelye have serious intentions. I guess that Prof. Lindquist will have to concentrate on helping Bob Britigan, Gordon Copeland, Paul Wheeler, and Bob Graff, (four Home Ec. Majors) through the last two years at the college.

Starring at the Chicago Theatre are Gail and Fred Hubbell, doing an old time comedy act.

Sue Anderson, Ann Frey, Paul Keck, Ann Mahoney, Linnea Taylor and Sue Snyder have formed a neighborhood grocery store. Shirley Gary, pro-prietor.

Some of the students that attended State High in 1951, are now married. Lola Bennett in Mrs. James Bowen. Al Hackman and Dot Jobcon live in a comfortable little house near Lake Oakwood. Phil Stree is now Mr. E. Steketee. Ron Chips and Carolyn Fox are happily making a living together and dancing in Monte Carlo Ballet. Mary Ann Shaw and Don Vrobel are working as a team on the trapeze for Ringling Brothers. Bonnie Harlan-Mrs. Mel Pettit, Marilyn Enz-Mrs. Clair Kirkpatrick, and Marilyn Kupler-Mrs. John Weber, have just re-organized the Country Club.

A jelly bean factory has been started by Dick De Freese, Bob Carver, Penny Farr, Bill Patmons, and Margaret Homoki. Maxine Bondhouse and Bud Hetric are the owners, but very favorable eating facilities have been set up with free product samples for all. Also in the confection business are Dick Bommersbach and Judy Bree who have invented a longer lasting bubbie gum that has a great lifting power.

Inventors of a new pin-proof ballon, are Tom Krickeck and Tom Foreward.

Kay Brower, Donna Burlington, Eleanor Clark, Joyce Dean, Zoe Ann Gideon, Sandy Hackman have joined a monastery.

My crystal ball is getting hazy. I can see any more after noticing Dr. Gill remove the appendix of his friend Dr. Dalm."

Russel Reports Riot

Yesterday at ten minutes of three there was a jail break, and all State High Students escaped. Authorities have tried to round them up before eight o'clock this morning. In most cases the students are back but some are still unaccounted for.

One minute before the bell was to ring, students began to riot in cell 211A. Many of them got up and started to leave. When the bell rang the whole student body stormed out into he hall. All members of he cast of the Spring Play were caught and taken directly to practice. Bob Horsem-an and Graydon Meints were sentenced to spend the rest of the afternoon in manual labor pushing a broom.

Contingents of sophomore and junior girls and senior boys were last seen down at the "Oakh" making life miserable for all who work there. Judy Lyon, and Ann Dilno told of a lion hunt and were given heck for making too much noise. The Senior boys soon left for Pat's out to work, Bobby out to Frankie's house, some home, and some down to the Burdick where they were sure to find Mr. Nichols.

Several cars, John Keyser's and Fred Dilno's took off for basketball practice. Roger Lininger, Dick Hawkins, and the Nash just took off. Where they will land nobody knows. The Brousseamobile with Kuizenga as back seat driver also pulled out. Hot rod Dale Stockwell flashed by leaving a blue cloud and assorted unnecessary parts.

And last but not least there go Lynda, Carol, and Ann happily playing jokes nd telling their ukuleles.

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Matched Polly & John Sandy & Bob Charlene & Ed Carol & Blaine Pat & Glen

Patched Helena & Jack Marilyn & Clinton Nancy & Jack Joyce & Jim

Detached Julie & Fred Sue & Jimmie Katherine & George