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State Highlights

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Highlights Looks for New Staff Members

With Graduation Day being just a flutter of the calendar page away, the Highlights Staff has begun to worry about its Senior staff, people will be lost through graduation.

We will need eight people to replace the Seniors who have served on our staff. There are two very important positions to fill. The photography is being vacated by JIM BROSSEAU, and GRAYDON MEINTS, our exchange editor, is leaving. Other senior members are: JIM RUSSEL, editor-in-chief; and four reporters; JOYCE PERRY, NANCY DOUBLEDAY, MARY TEUGH, and sports writer, ROGER LININGER. Our sports editor, JACK BRENNER, is vacating a post which will be filled by this year's most promising sports reporter, KAY PEELER.

Under the direction of our advisor, MR. GEORGE COOPER, we have organized a class to prepare students recommended by the faculty to work on our newspaper staff. These people must have an average in grades of at least a B. They must have a 'nose for news', and a certain knack for composition. Above all, they must love to write.

The class meets for one hour every Monday night. DOROTHY CARLAND plans to teach the class how to write a good news story, MARY KUIZENGA is to explain how to write a feature story, putting the emphasis on originality. KATE RANDALL and SUE SAWYER will be telling about page editors, headlines, and in general the way in which your paper is assembled.

So you see, we hope to offer you, the students of State High, a better than ever Highlights.

Calendar

- May 17-Golf-Dowagiac-Here
- Tennis-Dowagiac-Here
- May 18-May Festival
- Baseball-Marshall-There
- Pep meeting
- May 19-Regional golf
- Regional tennis
- Regional track-Here
- May 23-Golf-St. Joe-There
- May 24-Tennis-Holland-Here
- Golf-Holland-There
- All Sports Banquet
- May 25-Baseball-St. Joe-There
- May 26-State Track Meet
- Golf finals
- May 29-Tennis-St. Joe-Here

Reeves - Outstanding Cadet

May Mood Success

"May Mood" was held last Saturday from 9:00 to 12:00 in the Women's Gym. The freshmen sponsored this dance which replaced the annual Spring Formal. Janet Hughes and Polly Allen were co-chairman of this successful dance. Admission was \$1.00 per couple.

Jon Sebaly was chairman of chaperones and Gail Hubbell planned decorations. With the co-operation of Leo's and Mahoney's clothing stores, a spring theme was carried out. Semi-formally attired couples danced in a setting of live plants and flowers. Music was provided by the "Swing Four."

Through homerooms and the assembly, this dance was well advertised by the underclassmen. Perhaps they set a good example for the rest of us to follow!

All-Sports Banquet To Be Held May 24

The All-Sports Banquet will be held May 24th in Walwood Hall, says Dick DeFreese, chairman of the planning committee. Others working on the committee are Ted Emerson, and Don Gill. The menu will probably feature baked ham, but it has not been definitely decided as yet.

For the benefit of those who don't know, the S Club sponsors this yearly dinner to which all State High lettermen and their parents are invited. This year the varsity letters will be awarded at the banquet instead of at the All-Sports Assembly as has been done in previous years.

More details will be given in the next issue of the Highlights, when the plans are completed.

Beat Dowagiac Tomorrow

Wins European Trip

C.A.P. NAMES LIEUTENANT GEORGE REEVES OUTSTANDING STATE CADET

This big black headline met Kalamazoo citizens in the Gazette a little over a week ago.

The students of State High were proud to hear the announcement, for Lieutenant Reeves is one of our own schoolmates and everybody can say "I knew him when . . ."

Being chosen outstanding state cadet for the C.A.P. (Civil Air Patrol for those who are not aeronautically minded) is a great honor for anyone and it entailed a lot of work and worry for George. He had to demonstrate his knowledge of the social graces, military drill and command, and the aims and objectives of the C.A.P. before a tough screening board composed of top state C.A.P. officials. George was first chosen Honor Cadet from the Kalamazoo division of the C.A.P. This entitled him to go to Detroit and appear before the board with thirteen other cadets from different parts of the state. Three honor cadets were chosen. George being first, will travel to Europe this August, the other two, in order of choice, will probably go to South America and Canada.

The boys are to serve as good-will ambassadors to the countries they will visit. It is all part of a huge scale exchange-cadet plan, something on the order of the exchange-students program. Captain Bushouse, the commanding officer in charge of the Kalamazoo squadron says that there will be some exchange cadets visiting Kalamazoo this summer.

The Highlights staff joins with the rest of the school in congratulating George and in hoping that he keeps up the good work. Bon Voyage, Cadet Reeves!

Senior Girls Honored

The faculty women of State High gave the annual Senior tea for the Senior girls yesterday at 3:00. It was held in the Davis Room of Walwood Hall.

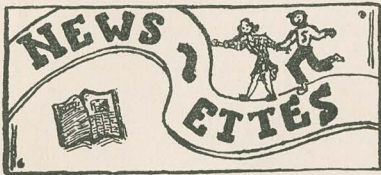
This tea is given every year to honor the graduating girls and is a high point in the year's calendar of social events. It is something that all girls have looked forward to ever since the freshman year.

No Journalism Class Please!

Recently blanks were handed out by the office explaining newly proposed courses for the 1951-52 school curriculum. The following is an answer concerning the proposed "Journalism and Creative Writing class." This does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the HIGHLIGHTS staff but shows a small portion of constructive thinking concerning the matter by a Jr. staff member.

"I feel that the proposed journalism and creative writing if established, would create a great disappointment to the present junior and sophomore members of the HIGHLIGHTS staff. The chance for definite leadership on the staff would be over-ruled in classroom work. I do feel a definite need for a more exact outline of journalism fundamentals, but I am not in favor of publishing a newspaper as a secondary objective in a classroom. There would also be the problem of training a new staff each year and certainly a paper could not be published until several weeks of training had been completed. I also feel that several students would use the class as an excuse for the required fourth year English course. I do feel that the HIGHLANDER would be a more suitable project for a classroom to study. Training is important for successful publication of the yearbook, and at present the staff has no training class organized. The HIGHLIGHTS has already begun a six week training class covering the essentials of journalism for the benefit of the present staff members as well as for the new prospectives."

Sue. Sawyer



Some of the State High girls played in a badminton tournament at Central, May 7.

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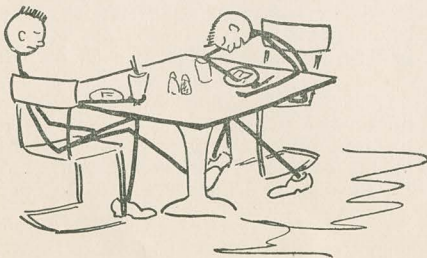
Several faculty members here at State High have taken to sponsoring bus trips this spring. Miss Steketee and Dr. Sebaly took a government class to Lansing, May 8. Mr. Duer is taking a group to Chicago, May 19; and Mr. Weber's bus load starts for Detroit May 26.

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The Modern Dance group gave their final program of the year May 1, in the Little Theatre for the Festival of Arts, and again May 7, in Walwood for the Bronson Hospital nurses.

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The class for future Highlight's members has currently been meeting at 3:00. Next year's new journalists are learning about the news article, headlining, and page-editing.



What You'll Find In State High's Hallowed Halls

While wandering around State High's halls I was wondering what strangers might think of the following things that can be seen at any time in our weekly abode.

In the basement we find "Mc Conachie's Menagerie", where kindhearted Bill takes all of the lost and wandering pets around the campus. This will explain his reaching in all the waste baskets around school. Honestly kids, those scraps aren't for him.

Then we hear a crash farther on down the hall. Picking himself up is Bruce Brown. He was trying to chin himself on one of the pipes in the basement.

Moving up the stairs we find a couple of wicked freshman boys trying to sneak past the hall "guard". They'll learn!

Upstairs I find . . . but wait, what is it? I see a mass of arms and legs sitting on . . . Yes I'm sure they're sitting on a bench. Looking farther on I see other masses of somethings sitting on benches. As I near the things I see about eight students draped over each other like the "last roses of summer." There must be some life up here. Oh Joy! Music! It's coming from the gym. Cautiously I pass the benches and proceed towards the gym. Here are the sophomores with their new rage, square dancing. After watching the "sophs" for awhile I go back into the main hall. The "things" have moved, (they probably died) so I sit down. Listening, I hear a footstep on the stair. Looking over the landing I see a greenish glare. My gosh, it's coming closer. After putting on my blinders I see Don Gill and Corby Lewis with their new saddle shoes. The glare was their lime shoestrings that light up.

And at three o'clock we see a large group of students going towards the office. Each is carrying a white slip. I then decide they must be the "daily bad boys and girls" from eleven o'clock study.

Quel Jour! (or to those who don't speak Ethiopian, what a day!)

Congratulations to All Election Winners

The HIGHLIGHTS wishes to extend a hearty handshake and most profuse congratulations to the winners and the losers of the Student Council elections last Friday. To the victors Ted Emerson, George Hager, Nancie Strome and Clare Gemrich we wish the best of luck. We are confident that they will work their hardest to make State High a bigger and better place to go to school. We know you worked to win this election, but the work is only beginning. May you have the best success

To the losers, we know that you tried, but in every contest somebody has to lose. We want to congratulate you for trying. Better luck next time.

Seniors Decide on Gift

The Senior Gift Committee, headed by Lynn Tuberty, has decided after much deliberation, to buy a 35" x 20" glass-enclosed bulletin board as a farewell gift to the school. Lynn, Pete Lindquist, and Sally Kurtz have ordered the bulletin board from Doubleday's. They hope to have it here in time for an appropriate presentation ceremony before graduation day.

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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Let's Start 'em Early

Several weeks ago the St. Joe golf team came to Kalamazoo and gave our winless State High foursome quite a shellacing. So far this year our track team hasn't won a meet and our tennis squad isn't faring too well either. Earlier this year the football and basketball teams both had poor records. Why have we been so consistently down these past two years? One reason is that most of the other conference schools have double our enrollment. But there is another big reason.

Let's go back to this St. Joe golf match earlier this season. The Bears had five excellent golfers. In fact their number five man carded a 39. Where do they get all their players? Well, if you go into the golfing background of these players you'll find that most of them played on an organized, well coached junior high team. There you have it. In St. Joe and many other conference cities they pick out future golfers in the seventh grade and train them at that early age to play championship golf. The same goes for the other sports tennis, track, baseball, basketball and to a limited extent, football.

Why don't we do this here at State? To a certain extent we do. The seventh and eighth grades both have basketball teams in the junior high leagues. Basketball has even started in the fifth and sixth grades. In a couple of years you'll begin to notice the results. Baseball is also organized but to a lesser extent. The rest of the sports are neglected except in gym classes. Why not get 'em started in golf, tennis, and track. Even more can be done to get the boys started in baseball and basketball. Tackle football is out because of objection from parents but more touch could be played and some of the fundamentals could be taught in junior high school.

Get the boys out on the courts when they are in the Training School. Teach 'em baseball, and football, and basketball. Start them broad jumping and running hurdles and pole vaulting so that they can take a place on the team as soon as they get into State. Some of the varsity members would probably be willing to help coach these boys. We'll keep up with the rest of these conference schools yet.

Jim Russel

Cub Net Team Wins Big Seven

The State High tennis team came from Niles last Friday with a big shiny Big-Seven Conference trophy. They came out 2½ points ahead of their nearest rival, South Haven. The Cubs had 8½ to 5½ for the Rams. St. Joe and Dowagiac tied for third, and Niles brought up the rear. For the Cubs it was sweet revenge over the conference schools that had beaten them earlier in the year in duel matches. Our team had lost three matches in league play but had it in the tournament where it counted.

Fred Dilno and Jim Russel won the doubles title with a three set win over Teske and Neffenegger of South Haven in the finals. They ran into their toughest foes in the semis when they defeated Shields and Roberts also of South Haven 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. The duel lasted nearly an hour and one half.

John Littig was the other big point gainer. He was runner up to Max Allen of Dowagiac in the singles. The final match was long and drawn out with many long base line exchanges. In the semi-finals, John defeated top seeded Ed Knuth of St. Joe in three sets.

State May Change Conferences in '52'

At the P.T.S.O. meeting held Tuesday of last week the discussion was on problems having to do with athletics at State High. Specifically the discussion dealt with the problems of not having enough money in the athletic fund; how it could be raised; transportation to out of town games; a permanent place to practice with out being shoved in or out whenever it pleases the college; and whether to move our sports activities into a new league. We have been invited into a league with Allegan, Otsego, South Haven, Portage, and Plainwell.

The discussion centered mostly on how we can raise the amount of money needed to support the athletics in the school and whether to move into the new league or not. Mr. Nugent made the suggestion that a Dad's Club be formed to raise money and help with the problems facing Coach Stevens and his staff.

On the subject of joining the new league, Dr. Bryan and Coach Stevens seemed in favor of moving while most of the students present wanted to stay in the Big Seven. Dr. Bryan reasons that we are playing out of our class in that every school in the

Regionals to Be Held Saturday

The regional meets are to be held Saturday and State will have a chance to make up for the poor showings of this spring. The track meet will be held here at Waldo Stadium; the tennis tournament will be at Stowe Stadium; and the golf tournament will be over in Battle Creek.

The track team should rate about a fifth or a sixth. Our top men should do well, but we lack depth. Dick Teugh, winner of one heat in the conference 440, Dunc Carter, Ken Sherman, and Ken Fricke rank among the best in this part of the state and should do well.

Our Cub racketeers will be favored in the tennis tournament due to their win in the conference last week. Dilno and Russel and Dalm and Ryan should have the doubles finals all to themselves unless they are put in the same bracket. Another duel between John Littig and Max Allen of Dowagiac should develop in the singles finals.

State High's golf team is an underdog in the regionals but easily could come in near the top if they have a good day. They were way off in the conference Friday and certainly should do better this Saturday. Gelder was low for State in the Conference with an 83. Nieboer shot an 87. Dowagiac will be favored in the meet.

Girls Tennis Tournament Goes into Final Rounds

The girls tennis team has been working hard these past weeks to prepare for matches with Comstock, Portage and Vicksburg. They played Vicksburg last night. Last week they were scheduled to play Comstock but the match was canceled due to rain. They are scheduled to play Portage next week Thursday.

They are in the midst of a tournament to decide who plays the top positions. Eleanor Alman led the way into the semi-finals with a win over Bev Griggs. The girls in the quarter-finals are Sandy Woodworth, Carole Smith, Julie Davis, and Jackie Andrus. A tournament for early round losers is also under way.

The girls practice each night at five o'clock. They have excellent form and are a well coached team. Miss Large is the coach and has done an excellent job.

conference is larger. Mr. Stevens said that he wished to change because of the shorter distances we would travel in the new league.

These problems will probably be brought before the school in an administrative assembly. Possibly a vote will be taken among the students on the new conference setup.

'Quips and Snips'

WANT ADDS:

Protest: Shirley Smith would like a large clue dropped to Duke. She does not like the tennis rackets in her locker.

Notice: Jim Dollahan's Saturday Night Sewing Circle for Happy, Contented, and Still - Hoping Bachelors. For restful Sat. eves. Charter members Jim and "Nick." We're still trying for Frank. Best of references.

Strayed: My man. M.A.K.

Notice: Fred Dilno is not "patched" as was erroneously reported in the last issue. F. D.

Wanted: Place for our houseparty this summer. Senior Boys.

We've been hearing about J.J.'s new name, conferred on him by the boys on the way back from Niles. What is it?

Gail H. reports that there is a certain two-timing frosh in our midst. Freshmen Arise!

This is for a certain lad who wanted his name in the paper.

Ken Sherman

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(with due apologies to St. A.)

There is a new fad around State High and for once the girls didn't instigate it. The boys are now sporting saddle shoes. We think they look real sharp.

We are sort of worried about Mel P. Don't think he's State High's boy anymore. Seems he spends most of his time at Central with a certain "Gus."

MATCHED

S. Marshall - Judy B.

Patsy E. - Dick W. (These - Eliets? seem to have an affinity for "Dick.")

Sandy S. - Bruce B.

Kate R. - George R.

At the request of an anonymous contributor 'Matched' - Sally - Tom Bobby - Jack

Also under 'Matched', we should put Fred and Polly but the situation at present seems a little triangular.

Teacher Wheels

Poll of Teachers by Students:

Done Most for School — Mr. Deur

Most Talented — Mr. Beloff

Best All Around — Miss Crisman, Dr. Sebaly, Mr. Deur.

Most School Spirit — Mr. Deur

Most Versatile — Miss Steketee

Friendliest — Mr. Deur, Miss Crisman

Best Dressed — Miss Steketee

Nicest Smile — Mr. Cooper

Most Liked — Mr. Deur

Gives Best Homework — Mr. Cooper

Best Sense of Humor — Mr. Deur

Nicest Voice — Mrs. Rogers

Inquiring Reporter:

What Does State High Have That No Other School Has?

We thought we'd see what the student body thought was unique about our school.

At least one-third of those I asked promptly retorted, "me" — conclusion: some very conceited hilltoppers.

The freshman girls said, "Boys!" They must have come from Nazareth or been in quarantine before entering our fair portals, I think.

Sue Snyder when asked said "careful drivers" while Frank Maher thinks it's our Social Problems—you mean the class don't you Frank?

Maxine, Joyce and the other senior girls said "the college"—(as expected), and Kirk says he has come to the conclusion that its our good baseball team—prejudiced?

Kay Loughead says it's "girls who own part of cars"—(is yours the front or the back seat?)—while Dick Allers made the profound statement that its our hills and stairs. About now I agree with you, kid.

Pat Coffield insists that State High is unique for having girl golfers like Judy Bills. Pete says it's Dr. Sebaly and Jimmy disagrees, saying it's the birds and fishes. Lets get together!

The Sophomore girls smilingly informed me it was our excellent faculty—guess we know who are trying for A's.

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Anne Wise is the recipient of the title "Face Most Missed Around State High For the Past Few Weeks." Hope you're back soon, Annie.

That was a pretty zooty hay ride, huh Jack?

Several large condolences to Sandy and a suggestion for a theme song "Lonesome Gal." Don just left.

Vacation Varieties

Summer time lurks tantalizingly in the background of everyone's mind, complete with afternoon snoozes in the sun, white sails on diamond like sparkling lakes, coppered skin, and tall, cool, ice cream sodas.

Everybody has some plan for the summer even if it's only loafing as JUDY LYON anticipates.

Some of our fellow hilltoppers plan to enrich their minds during the vacation season. MRS. COLLINS is going to do graduate work at the University of Cincinnati. ENA MARIE RUSH has arranged to receive voice, piano, and dramatics from private tutors. Also pursuing the cultural achievements is BERNADINE PAULL who is journeying to Interlochen Music Camp to study voice and piano.

BEV SWOAP is going to California this year with her younger brother. Incidentally, they've raised most of the money themselves. Also Figuring on a western trip is JOHN PLANTAFABER.

The Cartland family plans to hurry to their favorite retreat on Portage Lake as soon as final exams are over. They'll stay 'till school begins again in the fall.

A great many of us plan to pack up and leave for various and sundry camps. ETHEL ANN PEELEN and DICK DEFREESE are bound for Camp Geneva on Lake Michigan. BOBBIE GLEASON and POLLY ALLEN to Camp Minnewanke, PATT SPROUSE to Camp Newaygo, KEN STOREY to Crystal Lake Camp, and CHAR PELOWE to a camp to accomplish the very desirable art of making the acquaintance of a stable boy.

LILA ELIET tells that she's moving in with the Gemrichs at Gull Lake. DICK HAWKINS says he'll spend most of the summer at the lake visiting CLARE. SANDY HACKMAN is going to visit Don at his army camp.

TED EMERSON and ADDIE ANNE TOLHURST were found discussing miscellaneous items on the hall bench when they were interrupted by your inquiring reporter. Ted's going to work at Henry Upjohn's machine shop and Addie Anne would like to work in an office.

BEV GRIGGS is taking a trip to Oregon to visit her aunt and possibly secure a little affection from you know which direction.

Among the working people are CAROL CESSNA at Lerner's; BONNIE HARLAN at the Bank; GOLDIE FOOY, nurses aide; and BEV HOWARD, the Michigan Inspection Bureau.

So here's hoping all of you working State Hi-ites collect stacks of money. And the rest of you be sure to make this the best summer you've ever had, and the most unforgettable one. Come back with a tan and a beautifully happy summer to discuss with your friends