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# State Highlights

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## S C Campaign Begins

The election committee in charge of the Student Council elections has drawn up a new set of rules this year concerning the spring elections.

Petitions will be out Monday, April 21. As usual, each petition must be signed by ten percent of the school, or thirty-three students. No student can sign more than one petition for any one office.

Petitions must be in by Tuesday afternoon, April 22. Campaigning starts Wednesday, April 23. Candidates may only have four posters on display at one time, and no poster may exceed 2' X 3'. Any other type of campaigning must not be more than \$10.00 and an itemized account will be required.

The campaign will be officially closed at five o'clock on Monday, April 28. The election assembly will be at eight o'clock on Tuesday, April 29. This day will also be election day with students excused from study halls to vote, besides having the polls open at noon.

Early Wednesday morning, April 30, the HIGHLIGHTS will put out an extra election issue to announce the new council officers. With that, the elections will be officially over for another year.

## A Cowboy's Heaven

The probable cost of the 1953 Junior-Senior Prom has inspired the Sophomore class to hold an informal dance on April nineteenth in the Women's Gym from 8:30 to 11:30. The name of this project is "Spring Roundup" and it will cost 35 cents per person.

Red Gemrich is installed as General Chairman and the other committee heads include the following: Publicity - Patsy Eliet; Decorations - Miriam Leimer and Kathy Myers; Refreshments - Sally Reeves; Tickets and Chaperones - Stevie Malone; Program - Julie Davis, and Clean-Up; Bob Herman.

## Potential Journalists Soon To Be Chosen

With the school year coming to its finish, the HIGHLIGHTS has begun its annual search for future staff members. Graduation day will remove six reporters, the Art editor, the Exchange editor, and the Editor-in-chief.

We have received recommendations from the English teachers. After we discover which are interested in joining the staff we plan to hold a class to teach them the fundamentals of newspaper work. The future staff will be chosen from the group which attends this class.

## Top Salesman Announced

In order to boost their sale of tickets for "January Thaw," the Masquers held a contest to discover who could sell the most tickets. Nancie Strome copped the first prize of three dollars. Second prize (two dollars) went to John Weber, and the one dollar third prize was split between Bob Herman and Sue Sawyer, each receiving fifty cents.

## PTSO Finale

The last P.T.S.O. meeting of the year will be held April 22, in Walwood Hall. A program including a speaker was arranged by Dr. Bryan. Mr. Michael P. Church of the University of Michigan will be the speaker. He is the Superintendent of the Saginaw Valley Extension Center. Mr. Church is also a member of the Michigan Youth Committee and he is an artist.

Mr. Church will give a brief speech on the Subject "The World Around Us." After the talk he will show a film on the same topic.

Be sure to attend the meeting.

## CASMSC Visits State Hi

Monday, April 21, State High will be host to the Cooperative Association of Southwestern Michigan Student Councils. Our student council will entertain the student councils of the member schools, plus representatives of the new Wolverine league and representatives from other schools, invited by some member school. There will be representatives from about 20 schools.

The entire meeting will be held in the Little Theater. From 12:30 to 1:00 there will be held registration, following that, a general business meeting. Ted Emerson, president of the C.A.S.M.S.C., will preside over the meeting, and Nancie Strome, secretary of the group, will take the minutes. Following the business meeting there will be a panel discussion of student council problems, with college students who were active on high school student councils. After the panel discussion, the group will break up into small buzz sessions to continue the discussion of student council problems. A general meeting will end things for the afternoon. At this meeting each school will present a 5 minute entertainment of some kind.

After dinner there will be a free dance in the Women's Gym from 6:30 to 9:00 to entertain all State High students and their guests. There will be social dancing, square dancing, and mixers.

## Carousel In the Whirl

The annual spring formal will be Friday, May 16, 9:00 to 12:00 in Walwood ballroom. The name of the dance is "Carousel." Bobby Davidson will provide the music and the tickets are \$2.00.

The decorations, are being planned by Janet Hughes and Gail Hubbell and their committee. Refreshments are the department of Eva Aube and Sue Sawyer. Donna Endsley and John Weber head the publicity committee. Gloria Weiss and Bev Griggs are handling tickets. Lilla Eliet and Clare Gemrich will invite the chaperones, and the music will be taken care of by Janet Snow. Janet LaPlante is securing the programs, Kate Randall and Sally Schrier are making favors, and Joanie Stiles is planning the entertainment.

The social committee says that this is going to be a very good formal and they urge the underclassmen particularly to get their dates because this is the only all-school formal this spring.

## Civic Closes Season

The Kalamazoo Civic Players will present the rollicking comedy, **Father of the Bride**, as their final production of the season. This play is adapted from the popular, best-seller novel of the same name by Edward Streeter. The opening performance will be May 1, and it will continue through May 10.

## Constitution Revised

Before vacation we voted on possible changes in our new constitution and adopted all of the suggested changes.

In the future there will be a cabinet composed of the four officers of the council and the chairman of the major committees. This cabinet will make recommendations to the Student Council and will meet on the alternate Wednesdays that the council doesn't.

Chairmen of the Social, Friendship, Pep, Assembly, and Red Cross committees will be elected following the election of the council officers. Those interested in these positions will sign up for them, and from these lists the new council officers will select three from each group to be voted on by the entire student body without campaigning.

Other changes specify the duties of the Vice-President if the President is absent, and tell in detail the duties of the different committees.



# State Highlights

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## Political Views

The election this year is a very important one in our history as it will tell if the Democrats will retain their power, or if after 20 years the Republicans will capture the presidency. Campaigning this year has and will be until November concerned with the policy of both parties. In order to see what effect this policy campaigning has had on the students of State High, we asked what their opinion on this question would be: "If the Republicans won the next election, what changes if any would take place in the policy of our government."

Peg Yntema—The government will probably continue as it has been.

Barb Oakland—There won't be many changes, pretty much the same.

Miss Steketee—Very little change.

Joan Sisk—I don't know enough about politics or the party to commit myself.

Clare Genrich—It will become worse under the Republicans.

Rosemary Buckham — Spending would be cut down and Korean situation might be cleared up.

The general consensus of opinion seems to be that there will be little or no change in the government no matter, who gets in office.

## Congratulations

To the Assembly Committee for planning and presenting the beautiful Easter program.

To the cafeteria crew for the colorful surprise at Wednesday's lunch. The Easter Eggs were much appreciated.

To the three lucky students who managed to get A's out of Mr. Leonardelli's social problems class.

To 210A for thoughtfully donating their profits from the carnival for a CARE package to Europe.

To the Y Teens for coloring and distributing Easter-eggs to a local Children's Home.

To the more talented students who are participating in Mrs. Malone's Ballet.

To the election committee for the revision of the rules governing the elections.

To Mrs. Collins for the patient and thoughtful supervision of the HIGHLANDER for the second consecutive year.

To the Y-Teens for their successful sale of salt water taffy.

## Masquers Congratulates

Masquer's Club wishes to express appreciation to those people outside the club and the play cast, who contributed to the success of their play. Some of them gave unsparingly of their time and energies; others answered a special call for help; all are deserving of a place on our honor roll: Pete Shook, Carol Ann Smith, Beverly Griggs, Bill Patmos, Bill Andrus, Janet Snow, Joan Kohrman, Bob Herman, Dorothy Neibor, Miss Smutz, Dr. York, and many volunteers from the study halls who assisted with the sale of tickets.

## Roller Skating Party A Success

The all-school roller skating party last Wednesday proved to be a great success, even though there were a few cases of minor bumps and bruises.

The beginners rink seemed to be the most popular place during the first half hour. Then the more daring souls began to emerge onto the large floor. Patt Sprouse surprised us all by showing a real talent at this odd sport. The distinguished teachers, Stauffer, Cooper and Hackney proved that they have as much pep, if not more, than the rest of us.

Diane Doubleday was having a wonderful time, but it was a bother to try to keep her men straight. Matt Peelen put on a good show of turning the corners in a fancy style while Diane Pullen and Judy Bree just went round and round. George Reeves took a graceful spill but failed to pull Kate down with him. Corby Lewis and friends learned to dodge the officials while playing tag.

When Al Wise finally arrived, it was almost time to leave for home. So we all staggered out, feeling very flat-footed and tired, but sorry that it ended so soon.

## Joke - Ha, Ha

Wife: You men are so helpless! What would you do if you didn't have a woman to sew on your buttons for you?

Husband: Did it ever occur to you that if it wasn't for women men would have no need for buttons?

Boy: Hello there

Girl:

Boy: O, well!

## The Cleveland Personality

Our personality this week is one of the most pleasant teachers in school, Miss Cleveland.

The first thing one thinks of when thinking of Miss Cleveland is the three school plays we have during the year. Besides directing these. Miss Cleveland has Masquers Club and teaches Speech. Her first interest in stage work came from the children's play "Many Moons." Miss Cleveland confided that children's plays are her first real love, and there is a great interest throughout the country for them. After staging "Many Moons" she began to meet many of the people connected with these plays and has been asked to speak at the state convention on the subject. She also plans to go to Madison, Wisconsin this summer as a consultant.

The largest pet peeve of Miss Cleveland is having a student who has been absent for a period of time confront her with the question, "Did I miss anything?" Sometimes makes me wonder why I'm teaching, she adds, with a smile that's usually present when she's talking.

Her favorite foods are from the sea: lobster and shrimp, which she often enjoys at Marshall.

When asked of her hobbies, she said "just say horses and courses. Her father bought her a western bronco when she was a child and she has loved riding since then. As for golf, she admits that she hasn't gotten out much lately, but thoroughly enjoys the sport.

As for future plans, I don't think she will be idle with plans for another children's play, keeping up her hobbies, counseling this summer, and, "if I have the time, helping at the Civic again."

## New Plan for High School Building

Next year, the college will hold few of their classes here in the Administration Building. As a result, tentative plans have been drawn up, and if nothing comes up to change them, the following will take effect: The high school will have all of the basement floor, and all of the upper (2nd) floor. Room 1A will be devoted to an activity area. Also, an attempt will be made to group rooms according to departments, such as having all the language rooms in one area, all the English rooms in one place, etc.. The shop classes will be held in the basement of the Science building.

The main floor, however, will be used by the Education Department of the college, for education laboratories, and education library.

Although these plans are now being formed, there is nothing certain about them, as something unforeseen in the future may come up.



## School Ends and Baseball Begins

Every year, after the first baseball games, everyone turns in earnest toward the sport that annually sweeps the country.

After school is out, many kids from State play baseball and softball with organizations formed either by companies for which they work, churches, or recreational centers.

A few people and the teams they will be playing for this summer include:

Stan Vine—Oakwood "A's"  
Al Hackman—Oakwood "A's"  
Sandy Shreve—Oakwood Youth  
Sandy Hicks—Oakwood Youth  
Dorothy Neibor—Oakwood Youth  
Dick Defreese—Trinity Refomed  
Wayne Carr—Kalamazoo Gazette  
Ken Cobb—St. Lukes  
Corby Lewis—St. Lukes  
Dick Bommersbach—St. Lukes

Some of the eighth graders also play for the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

## Tennis Starts

Tennis is a popular sport this spring with the girls as well as the boys. Under the supervision of Miss Margaret Large, potential Gussie Moran's practice diligently every afternoon on the Davis Street courts.

They will play a ladder tournament to determine the most promising candidates for the tennis team. The results will be announced the first of May.

## Red Cross Drive Is a Success

This Year the Red Cross drive for 1952 has had a very significant meaning for us. The disasters, floods, tornadoes, took place close enough to us to make us all realize the great relief work being done by the Red Cross. Another field in which work is being done is the blood banks and the blood typing program.

Eva Aube, State High Red Cross president, said that the enrollment campaign held for six days was successful and that the homeroom representatives did a good job.

## Three Rivers Nine Travels Here on April 25

On April 25 State High once again meets Three Rivers in what should prove to be a hard fought baseball game. The game is going to be played here and with the morale booster we got from beating Allegan, we should have the game in the bag. With Vern Hoffman pitching, Tom Johnson and Ken Cobb in the outfield, Dick Defreese, Al Hackman, Don Gill and Bob Britigan in the infield and Stan Vine behind the plate we should make a good showing. To help them out there are some promising newcomers Joe McCarthy, Jiggs Harbour and Bill McConachie.

## Former Tennis Champion Joins Coaching Staff

Something new has been added to State High's sports staff in the person of vivacious Stephanie Prychitko who is coaching the guys in tennis and really knows what she's talking about.

Stephanie hails from Hamtramck and attended Hamtramck High there. She graduated from Western last June with her B.S. degree, and was previously a student teacher for many of the girls in gym class. Stephanie as you no doubt guessed, majored in phys. ed. and is now the phys. ed. teacher for the training school.

When we asked Miss Prychitko what she thought of our tennis chances this year, she replied; "I think State High has a wonderful chance to win both the regionals and the state." We hope she's right.

Stephanie herself is quite a tennis pro. In 1949 she ranked eighth among the nations girl tennis players and second in the west as well as carrying off the state junior girls championship that year.

## Honor Sports Participants

The Sports Award Banquet will be held on May 5, at 7:30 in Walwood Ballroom. The dinners will honor the letter-winners and all of the faithful participants in the sports field.

## Awards To Be Presented at Assembly

The annual sports award assembly will be held on May 13, at 9:00 in the Little Theater. The letter awards will be given and the announcements about the future team captains will be given.

## New Addition To Trophy Case

The Kalamazoo Amateur Basketball Federation Junior Division Trophy has been presented to State Junior High for their league record of eight wins to zero losses. The trophy has been placed on display by Coach Bill Jerse in the trophy case.

## Coming Up

April 17—School reopens  
April 19—Sophomore Dance  
April 21—Student Council of Southwestern Mich.  
April 22—P.T.S.O.  
April 25—Three Rivers-Baseball-Here  
April 29—Election Assembly 8:00  
Marshall-Baseball-Here  
April 30—Adm. Assembly 12:30

## Spring Sports of '51

Last years spring sports at a glance tells us that the tennis team repeated it's previous years performance by copping the Conference tennis title. They also took the regional crown, beating out the closest competition by 4½ points. Jack Behrens, Louis Johnson, John Littig, Frank Goodrich, Pat Ryan, and Jon Sebaly were the members of last years team that are now playing for the 1952 team.

Our baseball team didn't fare so well in the title department, but they did turn in some good baseball. Clair Kirkpatrick pitched one of the best games of the season with a two hitter against St. Joe. Kirk also boosted the highest batting average of the team with .570 to prove the old adage that pitchers are weak hitters is wrong.

The track team lacked depth last year and therefore had only a few standouts in competition. Dick Tough and Ken Sherman both ran in the State Class B track meet at Ann Arbor. Sherman ran eighth in the half mile and Tough failed to place.

Due partly to the bad weather, the golf team had a very unsuccessful season. Both the tennis and golf teams had a very poor following last year, so lets show a little school spirit and get out and see our teams play.

## Jr. Class Sports Good Team

The Junior class seems to have several prospects for the coming year in basketball. The girls hope to succeed in the round-robin tournaments in the gym classes. Georgia Miles, a newcomer from Milwood, who has already taken several honors in the fast-moving game, will probably play the number one position of importance next year.

## Cubs Gain First Triumph

In the first game of the season, 1952, the Cubs got off to a good start with a 4-1 decision over the Allegan nine. The runs were scored due to walks and a balk committed by the Allegan pitcher. State High got only one hit, a single by Dick Defreese.

Vern Hoffman turned in a good pitching performance, as he pitched a two hitter. Last year Hoffman didn't get too much pitching experience because Clair Kirkpatrick was the leading moundsman and took care of most of the pitching duties.

The 1952 lineup for the first game was as follows; Pitcher: Vern Hoffman, Catcher: Stan Vine, First base: Joe McCarthy, Second base: Don Gill, Shortstop: Al Hackman, Third base: Dick Defreese, Outfielders: Ted Emerson, Tom Johnson, and Ken Cobb.

Next on the Cub schedule was a game with Buchanan, there.



## Political Machinery

Elections for Student Council officers will soon be underway, and politically minded students are already racking their brains to think of a new, infallible method of stuffing the ballot box. We decided to consult a member from each class about possible suggestions as to how this sneaky trick might be accomplished. As you might expect, the senior representative hit upon the best proposition—he has had three years of experience in such matters.

Our freshman consultant was Carol Hartman, who plans to multiply her voting power by impersonating a few absentees and signing their names to the ballots.

An interesting plan was related to us by the Buder twins, who can easily get away with several trips through the line in this manner: On the second time through, Marilyn gravely states, "But I haven't voted yet; it must have been Carolyn!" and vice versa.

Paul Keck says that the best way is to hand out spiked cokes to the tabulators and they'll all be seeing double anyway.

A really tricky idea came from that ingenious inventor of schemes, Mel Pettit, who intends to carry a bottle of ink and a bottle of iradiator when he casts his vote. First, he splatters ink all over the election blank so that it becomes necessary to get another. Then with the iradiator, he cleans off the first and writes the name of his candidate on both ballots.

In case you're thinking of trying these methods, we wouldn't advise it. Just remember that no matter what you do, the best man always wins!

## Wow — !

Please ask Don Gill, (Mr. Official Test - Tube - Cleaner - Outer) if he likes 8:00 chemistry. I'm sure that his "assistants," John Lemon and Dave Schreiber, will be glad to spill the beans.

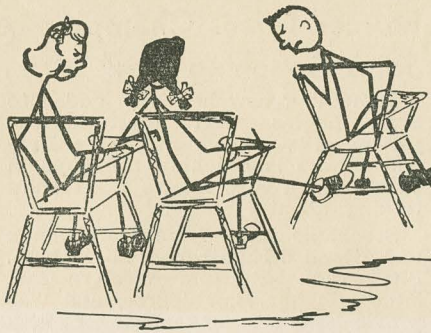
Have you heard about the strange case of Carol Hartman? There is a rumor that she had her appendix out right up in the top of the Elks Country Club.. Better see Chuck Koons for some explanation.

Said Addie-Anne Tolhurst to Suzie Gilbert — "Oh, really," (Suzie was expounding her vociferous vocabulary!)

If you'd like the inside dope on diets, consult the two chemical experts, Sandy Buck and Eleanor Alman.

Robin Rose has finally heaved a big sigh of relief! She was the gal in charge of a political rally in Government. Nan Strome, Gene Logan, Pete Shook, Ted Emerson, and Jim Bowen suffered along with a stubborn tape-recording machine.

Open houses seem to be quite a favorite with Sally Reeves. George and Kate were practically eaten out of house and home on a Sunday when the youngest Reeves wanted to invite some of her friends over for a snack.



## Inventive Inklings

What do you think ought to be invented?

A question like that can be very thought provoking. The item-to-be-invented is generally thought of rather spontaneously after some rather loud language and a stubbed toe or other such mishap but here are the opinions of the natives after some quiet rational meditation on the subject.

Mrs. Jarman—Something to keep **Highlight's** reporters from asking questions. (ed. note. She hates me!)

Don Marshall—(now this lad has a fertile mind. Every time I saw him, he'd tell me a new one. But the best two have been chosen.) Substitute for an office monitor and something for boys to take out besides girls.

Mary Thomson—An inexpensive car that all teen agers could use.

Mr. Stauffer—Hydraulic lift to put a ready cooked breakfast right in front of you the minute you awake.

Miss Crisman—Hydraulic lift to take students to and from classes; thereby eliminating tardy slips; thereby letting the advisors do nothing but advise.

Bill Andrus—A corn holder that would revolve. All you'd have to do is chew.

Patsy Eliet—A gadget to keep the drivers' training car from stalling.

Red Gemrich—A girl that gets places on time.

Joan Biljum—A drinking fountain that would squirt water in your mouth (ed. note — see Bob Carver and Nose for remedy)

Kathryn Wood—A smokeless cigarette.

Ted Emerson—Something to keep Addie Anne from flirting with all the guys.

Gloria Weiss—An escalator for Western's hill.

Mel Petit—Machine that automatically writes blue slips.

Jack Behrens—Something to keep white bucks white.

Sue Anderson—A de-jealouserizer.

Don Smith and Pete Longjohn—Winning basketball and football teams.

Maynard Nieboer—An automatic data recorder. (When asked for an explanation, he said "oh all kinds of data, study hall data; sports data, school data . . .")

## Highlander Sent To Press

If State High had a medal for the "Hero-of-the-Month," the award for March would certainly belong to lover-of-the-links, "Gus" Nieboer. "Gus" is co-sports-editor of the 1952 **HIGHLANDER**. On the evening of March 28 and the morning of March 29 some of the staff members worked until 3:00 a.m. so the book would meet its deadline. At 10:00 that night Editor Bev Swoap, realizing that there was still far too much to do, sent out an S. O. S. to "Gallant Gus," who immediately threw on his coat and ran all the way to Oakwood, hitched a ride and was at school at 10:20! And that's not all! "Gus" stayed in school until 3:00 with the rest of the staff, caught three hours sleep, and was off to Ypsilanti at 6:30 to take the book to the publishers, along with Mrs. Collins, Bev and Dave Swoap, Ruthmary Persons, Kate Randall, and Mr. Swoap, who drove. Three cheers for this hardy bunch!

## 'Sprig is Cub'

If you're not quite sure that spring is here just take a gander at those around you and notice that "special look" in their eyes ! ! !

We wonder what Kay Peelen finds so interesting at Greene's Drug Store. It certainly isn't Eva—must be Ken, eh?

Word has it that Tom Johnson and Diane Pullan are at it again. Hmm!?

Carole Smith and Joe Gillis have accomplished an almost unheard-of thing. They have a "platonic" relationship? We never would have believed it.

Are Don Moss and Ken Fricke trying to start a new type of twosome? And speaking of twosomes, what is the deal between Jim Boylan and Peg Yntema?

Marilyn and Jerry seem to have a sudden interest in nature, along with Millicent and Jiggs. The four delight in long walks, but not together.

Congratulations to Debbie for realizing that boys look ahead!

Couples that are really hooked (going steady!) are:

Barb Oakland and Don Johnson  
Ann Carleton and Fred Watterson  
Gladys Graham and Dick Franks

Certain senior and junior girls are on a man hunt and the only safe place for shy guys to be is out of town. Right, Annie and Joanie?

Must be nice to have wandering parents and lots of food in the house. Ask sophomore Sally if you want to know just how nice.

What's this sudden craving of fudgesicles among the sophomore girls? Know the answer, Judy?

