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# State Highlights

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## Graduation Announcement

A change in plans has been reported to us by the graduation committee. Instead of the formerly scheduled outdoor commencement—which can not be arranged satisfactorily—the program will be held in the Women's Gym, as usual.

## "An Evening In Paris"

This years Junior-Senior Prom, "An Evening in Paris," will be held in Walwood Hall on June 11 from 9 to 12. All alumni are invited to attend. Tickets will be on sale at \$1 per person. Any underclassman attending the prom as a guest of a Junior or Senior will need a ticket, as will the alumni.

## Suspended Fines

Until the library records are cleared, offender's report cards will be withheld. However, all books brought back on June 6th will not have fines required on them, regardless of tardiness.

## Dance Interpretations

On Friday, April 28, in the Little Theater, the high school modern dance group, worked with the college modern dance group, in presenting a dance program for the Festival of Arts sponsored by the college.

The high school group, directed by Mrs. Helen Brown, of the college staff, danced to their interpretation of "Goofus." "Syncopated Clock" and to a newer, more serious number, "The City."

## Highlights Picnic Plans

The Highlights members are planning their annual staff picnic. The date set for the Lake Michigan trip is Saturday, May 24. The cars will leave the Men's gym at 9:30. Lynda Spaulding is the chairman in charge of the planning.

Mr. George Cooper, the staffs adviser, and his wife and Miss E. Steketee will accompany the group strictly for the purpose of supervising the un-educational activities. The problem confronting the staff is—Who will supervise the supervisors?

## Rubbers?? Boots??

As you recall May 8, you will remember that it was a rainy and soggy day with prospects of remaining gloomy for the entire day. Now, the natural and logical thing to do on such a day is to wear rubbers. But, only 2 out of 96 people on our hilltop were so equipped. One of the cautious persons was a teacher, the other was a student.

## School Picnic Planned by Student Council

For the first time, State High is having an all school picnic instead of the class or group picnics. It will be held May 28 at Long Lake. For the occasion the 2:00 classes are being moved to 12:30 and school will be dismissed at 1:30. The Ranch house at the park is going to be rented at a charge of \$35. This money collection from each person attending is being raised by taking a 15 cent the picnic. Plans are being set up for inter-class competition and other activities. Individual lunches are being planned.

## Monitors Announce Plans

Although the names of next's year's new additions to the monitor staff have not yet been revealed, the method of selecting these officers is as follows: first, all those who are interested in becoming monitors submit their names on the list. From this group, the present monitor staff votes for about twenty people that they think would do a good job, and then that list must be checked by the office. Congratulations to those who pass these regulations!

## Japanese Letters

About three weeks ago, a letter was received in the office from a Japanese school. A group of students in Japan wanted to have students from State High correspond with them and tell them about our school, our student council, our school paper, the HIGHLIGHTS, and the way our school is run democratically. Every student is urged to write letters on these subjects in plain, simple English, and turn them in to the office.

## Coming Events

- May 21—Spring Vocal Concert . . . Kanley Chapel
- May 23—Finnettes Water Show. Base-Cruise" Women's Gymnasium . . . 8:00
- May 23—Finnetes Water Show Baseball . . . St. Joe . . . Here
- May 24—Finnettes Water Show
- May 28—Administrative Assembly . . . 12:30 All-School Picnic . . . 1:30
- May 29—All Sports Banquet
- June 3—Honors Day Assembly Walwood Ballroom . . . 2:00
- June 4—Senior Banquet Hotel Harris . . . 6:00

## Honor Assembly

The Honors Day Assembly will be held in Walwood Ballroom on June 3, at 2:00. Dr. Van Riper, on the college staff at Western, will be the speaker.

Service awards will be given to the Highlights and Highlander staffs, to the monitors, and to the student council members. The new council officers will inaugurate. Scholarship awards will be announced at this time.

Miss Bernice Cleveland, Kate Randall, and Dr. Roy C. Bryan are planning the program.

## Inter-school Organization

We're really proud of Lyn Cassady and Judie Lyons for being elected as officers of the newly formed Inter-School Council. Lyn will serve the council as Vice President next year, and Judie will be the Corresponding Secretary. We're glad to see our school so well represented in such a worthwhile organization.

## Senior Banquet Ideas

Plans have been completed for the seniors last informal get-together, the Annual Senior Banquet. According to chairman, Janet La Plante, the event is scheduled for Tuesday June 3rd. All seniors are to meet at the Harris Hotel at 6:30. The Banquet Room will be the feasting site, and the \$2.25 fee will purchase each senior a chicken dinner with all the trimmings. We hope all seniors will take advantage of this last get-together and show up enmasse.

## Forensic Competition

Friday, May 2, six State High students participated in the Forensic Speech Contest at Portage High. Out of those six, four placed first. Those four will each receive dictionaries. On Wednesday, May 14, they competed in the regional speech contests with all the schools in this area. This contest was held in the Little Theatre.

The first-placers were: Jerry Harwood in humorous reading, Gloria Weiss in oratorical declamation, Nancy Strome in original oration, and Bob Herman in extemporaneous speaking. Sally Reeves placed second in oratorical declamation, and Dona Endsley placed second in interpretive reading.

Particular recognition should go to Leo Lonsberry and Dennie Burgess for all the help in coaching these people.



# State Highlights

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## Happy Birthday!

May 23—Dave Corning  
 May 26—Don Marshall  
 May 27—Sandy Peterson, Bonnie Peterson  
 May 29—John Thayer

## Personality Pastimes

In the Civic production "Father of the Bride," Debbie Parker and Bob Carver had stage rolls. They both did a fine job in the comedy. Another note about the Civic: Appreciation goes to Mary Alice Kuizenga, who has been in charge of all of the ushers during the past year, and to all of the girls who helped her. These girls always looked attractive, and served the public in a courteous and cheerful manner.

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Carolyn Fox appeared in the Brown and Gold Fantasies. Show enthusiasts know how much hard work must be done by each performer, and the long hours of rehearsal! Thanks a lot, for being such a good sport.

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Congratulations are due to George Hager, who will study next year at Miami University, under the N.R.O.T.C. scholarship award, and to Janet LaPlant, who will receive a third prize of \$100 annually from the competitive scholarship awarded by Western.

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The Mad Hatters are playing at the Canteen on May 21st

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Ann Mahoney and Ann Frey are active at the Y.W.C.A., the first teaching young children how to swim, and the later organizing the Y-Teen news for radio broadcasting.

## Jokes, Ha, Ha

Read the rest of the paper—It doesn't smell as much as these jokes do.

"What kind of toothpaste do you use?"

"None. My teeth ain't loose."

If it takes a cockroach with six legs three minutes to crawl through a straw, how long will it take a pink elephant to shingle a dog house with pancakes?

## Educational Skip Days

A few weeks ago Mr. Beyer took his two chemistry classes on a tour of the Upjohn Company. Mr. Beyer's class found how pills are made and also got a free lunch. During Mr. Deur's Chicago trip they first went to the Museum of Science and Industry, and then to the Zoo for lunch. (I don't believe they ate animals.) After that they were given their choice as to where they wished to go, but Mr. Beyer, who went along for the ride, took a few kids to the ball game.

## Player Piano

State High has had a welcome addition to its faculty this year—our peppy, high-spirited boy's advisor, Jim Stauffer. To many of the students who were sure they could peel mold off of some of our dear pedagogues, Mr. Stauffer is a happy change. He might even be voted the best-dressed teacher on campus—his array of sport coats would dazzle Saville Row or Bond Street. His techniques at the skating rink shocked some of the more shock-absorbent members of our skating student body. Recently he has been sporting a ring on his left hand, third finger. (He must have caught the fever from the Senior girls). Congratulations!

Mr. Stauffer taught at Comstock, Flint, and Morley before coming to State High. He served as a group headquarters sergeant during the second World War. At the present he is working on his Master's degree at the U. of M. to supplement his Bachelor of Arts from Central Michigan College.

In the short space of time he has been with us at State, Mr. Stauffer has left his indelible mark on the school. The student body is unanimous in their wish to have him stay in and on and on.

## Exam Schedule

Class	Examination Time	Date
2:00	8:00-9:50	Mon. June 9
10:00	10:00-12:20	Mon. June 9
8:00	2:00-3:50	Mon. June 9
9:00	9:45-11:35	Tues. June 10
12:30	12:30-2:20	Tues. June 10
11:00	10:30-12:30	Wed. June 11

## 'The Music Shelf'

### Program for Vocal Concert

Western Michigan  
State High Choir  
Presents

First Annual Spring Concert  
Guest Soloist  
Norman Bradley  
Program

#### I—Choir

Salutation  
O Eyes of My Beloved  
Come Thou Holy Spirit  
Almighty God of our Fathers

#### II—Girls Sextet

Bless This House  
Lords Prayer

#### III—Choir

Era of Peace  
Land of Degradation  
Norman Bradley - Soloist  
Great Day

#### V—Bernadine Paull

Ave Maria  
The House I Live In

#### V—Choir

With a Song in My Heart  
Rain and the Rain  
Battle Hymn of the Republic

## Choir Awards

Students in the choir that will receive pin awards are as follows:

4 Year Pins—  
 Ena Marie Rush  
 3 Year Pins—  
 Georgian McCrumb  
 Joan Biljum  
 Arburl Shook  
 Vern Ver Hage  
 Ken Storey  
 Bill Hoyt  
 Bernadine Paull  
 Alda Marie Seaver  
 Carolyn Fox

## Summer Music Scholarship

The choir is also sending two students to Interlocken Music Camp. Nancy Waterworth, and John Warfield will attend the camp and 50 per cent of the cost will be paid for them by the choir.

It is a possibility that next year the choir will award small cups to the boy and girl who contribute the most to the class. Also added to that plan will be a large cup in the trophy case on which the names of these people will be added each year.



## Annotated Sports Calendar

There are only two games remaining on the baseball schedule for 1952. They are on May 23 and May 27 with St. Joseph, here and South Haven, there, respectively. In another game with South Haven, we beat them 13-9.

The tennis team has four more matches remaining this year. Among these matches are the Regionals, which we won last year. They will be held here on May 23. Matches with Holland on May 22, St. Joe on June 2 and the Finals on June 6 are the others.

The State match is the last of the 1952 competition for the track team. It will be held on May 24.

Three more matches are on tap for the golf team. Holland, beaten previously by the Cub team this season, will meet the golf team in Holland on the 22. The two other matches are with St. Joe there on May 21 and the Finals on the 24.

## Diamond Dust

Every Thursday night a group of girls who are interested in softball go down to the lower playground for instruction in this sport from Evelyn Viliek. She is a Phys. Ed. major at Western, and is being considered by the Lassies and a Battle Creek team as a prospective player.

The girls are planning to organize a team. At the present they are trying out for positions. After they are organized they will have play days with other schools. There are a number of girls who regularly attend these practices. They are: Joan Harbour, Shirley Van Valkenburg, Connie Kuizenga, Elaine Stimson, Pat Sprouse, Aldamarie Seavor, Carol Smith, and Georgia Miles. Anyone else who is interested is urged to attend the practice session every Thursday after school.

## 'Cruise Around the World'

On May 23, 24, and 25, the Finettes are planning to stage their annual water ballet. This year the theme is "Cruise Around the World." All of the numbers were written and directed by the students in the show with the help of Miss Large, who is the club's sponsor. The admission is .50 for adults and .25 for children. The club will stage a Matinee for the Training School on Tuesday, May 20.

The people participating in the show are: Ann Mahoney, Barbara Oakland, Ann Frey, Sue Anderson, Pat Perigo, Char Pellowe, Marianne Schau, Ann Dilno, and Janet Snow, juniors; Eleanor Clark and Marilyn Greenlee, sophomores; Karen Brower, Joan Sisk, Shirley Van Valkenburgh, and Joan Stimson, freshmen; Julie Den Bleyker, eighth grade; and Clare Gemrich and Lilli Elliot seniors.

## Racquet News

If you have ever been down to the Davis street Tennis courts or behind Vandercook Hall, after school, you no doubt have seen our tennis team practicing. Under the able guidance of Miss Prychitcho and the good team work of John Littig, Pat Ryan, John Rood, Al Wise, John Sebaly, (singles) Don Neal - Jack Behrens, and Don Flower - John Thayer (doubles), the team has managed to come through with four victories and three defeats. They beat S. Haven, Allegan, Otsego, and St. Joe, but lost to Holland, Niles, and Dowagiac. With 2 more games to go, Dowagiac and St. Joe, before the regionals, we hope to pile up two more victories.

## Swimming Taught

by Ann Mahoney

Ann Mahoney has been teaching swimming at the Y.W.C.A. since October. She helps coach synchronized and water ballet to girls. On Saturdays little boys from the ages of 5 to 8 come down to the "Y.W." to swim. When these little fellows start out, (with Sunice cans to help them float) they are usually very much afraid of the water.

Ann confesses that from these classes she's learned a lot about children, dealing with parents, and calming the fears of both. Ann says that a bit of psychology also goes a long way.

She would like to continue this type of teaching for her life's work.

## Girl's Tennis

The girl's tennis team, this year under the coaching of Miss Large, has won two games, lost one, and tied one. A meet, scheduled for the 13th of May, with Central was canceled temporarily. Number one position in singles is played by Ann Dilno, second by Eleanor Alman, and third is filled by Julie Davis. In doubles the first position is held by Jackie Andrus and Mary Thomson, second is shifted from match to match, and third is played by Joan Stiles and Gail Hubbell.

## Track News

So far this year State High's track team has outscored Plainwell and S. Haven placing 5th in the Big Seven Conference. With Coach Walters doing the coaching and Fricke, high scorer, and broad jump and 880 relay Ver Hage, 880 and medley relays, Teugh, Warfield, 880 and Medley relays and low hurdles, Miller, mile, Hawkins, Sutton, 880 relay, Johnson, high jump, a school record, VanTassel, medley relay, Watterson, medley relay, Carr Morseau, Howard, Brown, and Harwood doing the running, State High should be able to handle the Regionals on May 17 and the State Meets on May 24.

## Buck Reed, New Sports Advisor

Retired Basketball coach and Professor of Physical Education at Western, Buck Reed, has been added to State High's athletic department as an advisor.

He will work in an advisory capacity and will not do any coaching. His job will consist of observing the basketball and football teams, and individual player possibilities. He will perform this assignment during the sessions and contests.

## League Standings

This year our track team has been participating in two leagues—the new Wolverine Conference, and the Big-Seven Conference. The team ranks 4th in the Wolverine and 5th in the Big Seven.

In tennis, we are second only to South Haven in the Big-Seven Conference.

Our baseball team has slipped to 4th place. Last year, we finished 2nd in the conference.

The golf team is ranked 5th in the Big Seven. They placed in this position in the recent conference meet.

## Golf in Review

The 1952 golf team consists of Bob Carver, Maynard Neibor, Dick Fork, and Brooks Godfrey. In five matches played so far this season, they have lost twice to Three Rivers and to Dowagiac. Holland was the only team that they have beaten.

A conference match was held in Buchanan on May 9. It was played in the rain. The Cub team finished fifth. Maynard was the third metalist in the match with 82.

Home matches are played on the Kalamazoo Country Club course. Usual practice scores are as follows: Maynard 39-42, Bob 39-46, Dick 42-49, Brooks 41-45. The best rounds that the boys have shot are 39 for Bob, Maynard, and Brooks and 41 for Dick.

## Shooting Gallery

This is the first year in the existence of the State High Rifle Club, and already it's off to a booming start.

Under the guidance of Coach Stevens and Coach Walters the twenty boys in the Rifle Club have been concentrating on the fundamentals of the sport. They meet each and every Wednesday and are using the ROTC's indoor range for their practice sessions.

Serving as officers in the group are:

Dick Teugh—President  
Dick Kremer—Executive Officer  
Duke Peterson—Secretary

A list of the marksmen with the highest scores will be posted on the bulletin board.



## Who's Talking Now?

We noticed at the formal last Saturday night several "interesting couples including—

Connie White and Charlie Gray  
Connie Kuizenga and Al Snow  
Barb Born and Denny Bryan

Patt Sprouse and George Tinkham  
Say, Sue that's an awfully neat red convertible you and Jimmy have been riding around in lately—couldn't be "almost in the family," could it?

Word has it of Karen Browers' sudden interest in St. A—named John Siwik and quite a guy.

In the congratulations department is news of wedding bells for Pat Dougherty, and Jack Pullen on June 6.

Shirley Gray, who is now a freshman at Western is sporting a fraternity pin owned by one Bill Morris. We think Bill's a lucky guy and are very happy for Shirley.

Saturday night there were several parties both before and after the formal. Judy Bree and Sandy Shreve had a caketalk party. Addie Ann Tolhurst served dinner and Tom Johnson and his guests finished the evening with a get-together at his house.

Some of the upperclassmen with a mad desire to walk in the formal slippers through the sand dunes took off for Lake Michigan and had a lot of fun watching the moon over the water.

We hear that Ann Dilno and Lyn Cassady had a lot of fun at Stan Kenton's last Wednesday. How about it Pete and Gordie?

Bob Carver said a cute line in "Father of the Bride" about a lime squeezer and has been kidded ever since—why daddy?

We've noticed Nan Slavin and Jackie Andrus dashing happily from their last class to meet "Keeter" and "Stacy." All we can say is—Must be nice!

## Picnic Pranks

As the months of May and June roll around, inhabitants of State High start thinking about our annual spring picnics. They nominate committees, plan their menus, and set a date for the gala affair. Usually this part of the preparations is done in beautiful, warm weather with the sun shining encouragingly.

As the day grows nearer, however, there seems to be a sudden change, and the cold blasts of March are on their way back for a reprieve. Then our dauntless picnicking crew haul out their Parka hoods and fur-lined jackets, oblivious to the storm—(ha ha!)

But supposing we take a less pessimistic view of the situation. The climate remains hot and bright, and this time our friends collect a new array of supplies: sun-tan lotion, inner tubes, bathing suits, and insecticide. Does it sound like fun? Well, come on along!

## It Should Be Prohibited

"There ought to be a law against . . ."  
Bob Carver—"The dubraflow, dynaflux, hydracable electromagnetic synchromesher which manipulates the magna hydrodublacab dubrasatranizer synchronized with the handfluxer hydrocarbalizer, or in other words automatic window openers."

Peg Yntema—"Fathers who only let their daughters take two girl friends along when they go out of town."

Barb Oakland—"Parents walking into rooms without knocking."

Janet VanHoeve—"Surprise quizzes."

Miss Steketee—"Having to dream up things like this."

Ann Frey—"Insulting my 'Baby' dog."

Joanie Stiles—"There ought to be a law against the law against Junior girls going out with 'soph.' boys."

Bruce Brown—"Term Papers!"

John Weber—"Republicans like Harper Atherton."

Ann Dilno—"People who investigate cars when they're on your own property."

Bernadine Paull—"Short hair."

Connie White—"The law against students dating student teachers." (See Kathryn Wood, Connie!)

Corby Lewis—"Teachers giving 'E's'."

## The Ideal Life

What if students . . .

—had 10 minute classes and 50 minute breaks; 3 months of school and 9 months vacation! What a life! (Polly Allen)

—could have certain college guys attend their classes with them. (Carolyn Buder)

—had a two-hour lunch period and cars. (Kay Peelen)

—had vacations every-other week. (Carol Neff)

—went to school from 9:55 to 9:60. (Nancy Magas)

—had a strike! (Judie Lyon)

—could trade places with teachers.

Ah, Sweet revenge (Ann Frey)

—could have half-hour breaks between classes to go to Central! (Sandy Shreve)

—could give pink slips to teachers who were late to class. (Dick Fork)

—got paid for going to school. (Dawn Williams)

—gave their own marks (Alda Seaver)

—didn't get kicked out of U. S. History Class. (Bob Carver)

—didn't have to be students. (Marianne Schau)

—and the teachers changed places! (Connie White)

—had a Bier Stube in the basement of the Ad. Building. (Paul Keck)

—had classes held on the sunny beaches of Lake Michigan these spring days. (Skip Miller)

## Formal Observations

With candy-striped horses and colored balloons supplying the atmosphere for the annual spring formal, State High dancers whirled to the "merry-go-round music" of Eddie Smith.

State Highers attended enmasse, and we picked several cuties for honorable mention. We were all so pleased to meet the second half of our celebrated newlyweds—Mrs. Stauffer. She looked very sweet in a white formal.

Well, the formal is now a has-been but we're sure that there will be many pleasant memories of "Carousel!"

## Marks of Identification

There have been a hundred features from time to time (unofficial count) on the idiosyncrasies of the inhabitants of our sacred halls. We have recently realized what kind of shoes they wear, what they do on vacations, what their reactions are to various conglomerate words—even what they save in their secret drawers. (Two or three students in our school do have desks with secret drawers—fascination itself!)

Having explored into the individualities of said fold we are now about to report on the obvious—what these people do in the corridors. On almost any week day (between classes, of course, or maybe after school) one sees Sally and Vern giggling over something, while sitting on the bench are Sue and John—usually practicing wrestling techniques. Some of the Junior and Senior boys are gathered around our old drinking fountain "gossiping." The latest topic for discussion was how Duke Peterson got his poison sumac in the location it is.

The area around the Seniors girls' lockers is usually designated by falling books, papers, posters and mirrors. We wonder if Ruthmary Persons has had a mirror survive a whole year.

Everyone knows that the sophomores are the silliest bunch in school—its an inherited trait. One can always hear the girls screeching over their latest conquest—at the present it is who has been invited to the Prom.

This reporter is too much of a big wheel to know what the freshies are doing in the basement—but it is probably exactly what they did three (or two years ago—or even last year. By this time they probably can find 211A without too much trouble (at least the more exceptional ones!)

There are always the party-poopers who don't "show" in the halls. Shirley Smith sews in 206—inspired by the initials V. R. S. emblazoned on the board. Some of the more intelligent spend their eight and one-half minutes between classes to study—others (most others, I believe) feed their faces. It's a great life, kids, if you don't weaken!