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# State Highlights

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## Scholastic Awards Given

The following are the people who received the Alpha, Beta, and Gamma awards for outstanding scholastic ability.

Alpha: Polly Allen, Harper Atherton, Margaret Borton, Martha Bradley, Julie Davis, Nancy Everton, Richard Fork, John Gibson, Roberta Gleason, William Givier, Dean Griffith, Phyllis Klevit, Miriam Liemer, Nancy Magas, Cathy Myers, Barb Oakland, David Schreiber, Nan Slavin, Janet Snow, Elaine Stimson, Joan Stimson, David Swoap, Ron Tanis, Fred Watterson, John Weber, Victoria Wenner.

Beta: Rosemary Buckman, Lyn Casady, Patsy Eliet, Penny Farr, Ann Frey, Allan Howard, Conne Kuizenga, Ann Mahoney, Stephanie Malone, Ann Malotte, Dennis Percy, Diane Pullan, Carole Rice, Linnea Taylor.

Gamma: Sue Anderson, Joan Biljum, Dave Britigan, Arlette Brod, Darlene Chapin, Tom Elias, James Elsmann, Gary Foresleff, Allen Glendenning, Winona Goff, Jean Hoag, Tom Howson, Mary Luise Kaercher, Don Kilgore, Bobbie Miles, Mary Frances Miller, Don Neal, Carol Neff, Kay Peelen, Barb Rock, Joe Scott, Jon Sebal, Mary Louise Spitters, Carol Vanderberg, Janet Van Hoeve, Connie White, Richard Wilsey, Al Wise.

## New Homeroom Officers Elected

For the past two weeks elections for new homeroom officers have been going on. These new officers are taking over the duties of presiding over homeroom meetings and representing their respective rooms on the Student Council this semester.

In the Science building, Al Hackman and Joan Kohrman are officers of 301S, while Vickie Wenner and Susan Locke represent 303S. Here in the Education Building, 219 is represented by Karen Brower and Millicent Htfer; 211 by Kay Peelen and Dick Redden; 217 by Hap Atherton and Dick Tough; 213 by Tom Elias, and Sandra Spann; 2E is represented by Jim Van Tassel and Judy Scott 15E by Bob Biesel and Julie DenBlyker; 110BE is Ed Sutton and Gail Hubbell; Band, Phil Bruns and Dick Fork; 13E by Dave Swoap and Jim Causey.

## Blue and Gold Plans Started

### Junior Class Considers Trip

Members of the junior class have been doing a lot of talking lately about the possibility of taking a class trip at the end of their senior year. The plans would have been much more feasible had the class started raising the needed funds as underclassmen. The most popular plan for the proposed trip consists of a boat trip from Chicago to Mackinac Island or from Detroit to Niagara Falls. Another possibility would be a bus trip to New York City.

If the trip becomes a reality, the class of '54 will be the first in State High's history to take a class trip.

### Social Problems Discuss Religion

Last semester, Mr. Leonardellis' Social Problems class discussed a unit on religions.

The class invited speakers of different faiths to discuss their beliefs with them. Father Bennison of St. Lukes Church spoke on Christianity, Rabbi Grossman of the Congregation of Moses on Judaism, and Father O'Meara of St. Augustine on Catholicism.

Not only were the students impressed and educated by these speakers, but the guest themselves seem also to have left State High with their own impressions. As Father O'Meara wrote "... I was greatly impressed by your gang of kids ... I found it difficult to keep in mind that I was speaking to High School students, instead of older college students."

## Mr. Weber, Hi-Y Send Letters

Mr. Weber and his Hi-Y Club have been sending letters to the ex-grads of State High who are in the service. They have about 65 names on their list, and Mr. Weber feels that they are lacking many more. He would appreciate it if you would see him and give him more names.

So far two letters have been sent out and another is on the way. They contain news from Kalamazoo and from State High. Already they have received four or five replies.

The annual Blue and Gold Revue will be held this year on March 20th at the Civic Theater. Dick Fork is General Chairman. Assisting him in an advisory capacity are Dr. Belooof and Phil Bruns. Nancy Watterworth and Jean Morris are co-chairmen of publicity. John Gibson is in charge of staging the Revue, and Tim Light will take care of hospitality.

"T.V. Studio '53" is the title of this year's revue. It will be presented in three acts. Each of these acts will be a separate T.V. show.

The first act will include selections by the choir, the second will consist of a variety of acts, the third will present the band with some novelty selections. Phil Bruns will serve as M.C. for the variety part of the show.

Some of the performers will be: Phil Bruns and the "Mad Hatters"; a girl's trio; Sally Reeves, Bernadine Paul and Gloria Weiss; Polly Allen and Julie Davis doing a duet; Janet Snow in a skit; Dave Vande Walker in a pantomime; and Carol Hartman, Tamsin Malone and Lillian Malone doing a modern dance.

Tickets will be one dollar.

## Central Turnabout At South Side

This month Central has invited the other two high schools St. Augustine, and State High to Valentine dance. The Sweetheart Swing as it is called will be held on the appropriate day, February 14th. It is a turnabout formal so the girls will have a chance to invite their favorite beaux. It will be held in the Southside Jr. high gym from 9:00 to 12:00.

## Math Club Planned

Although it is still in the preparation stage, it is thought by the math department that the formation of a math club will be announced soon in all the math classes.

The club will be mostly recreational but there will be some educational value to it. For instance, various mathematical puzzles and maybe even a few math games will be played. Also topics that would never come into a high school math class, such as the fourth dimension, will be discussed.

Those who are really interested should contact either Mr. Hackney or Mr. Weber for further information.



## Jr. Hi News

The Jr. High this year has a sport program so that all boys interested in sports can come out for the team and no one is dropped. Last fall they had an intramural touch football league and this winter they are in the Kalamazoo boys basketball league. There are 35 boys out for basketball or 65% of all boys in Jr. High. The Jr. High has nine cheerleaders composed of both 7th and 8th graders.

Along the social line the junior high has had one party and three more are soon to be planned.

## Homeroom News

In the past semester the homeroom, as a whole have been quite busy. Miss Steketee's and Mr. Beyer's homerooms have had their elections, as most of the other homerooms have.

Many have been making money for various projects. Mr. Sack's Speech homeroom sponsored a candy sale. Our band, with Mr. Beloof at its head, held a scrap drive to raise funds for band functions. A bake sale helped to fill a couple of Christmas stockings for Mr. Hackney's homeroom. Mr. Cooper's typing homeroom staged a candy sale to try to send a Care package overseas.

Two Care packages have already been sent - one to France by Mrs. Monroe's French homeroom and one by Miss Cleveland's room. Miss Cleveland's homeroom had the honor to be judged one of the best decorated rooms in school.

Another homeroom honored at Christmas time was Mrs. Roger's group. They were the champion stocking fillers.

Mr. Weber's homeroom has been working on those "Welcome Visitors" posters you have seen at the last three home games.

One of Mr. Deur's student teachers was going to get married, so the homeroom presented a shower for her.

## Service Project

In order that State High may effectively contribute to the clothing drive which is to start on February 16th and run through the 21st, all students are requested to bring all they can in the way of childrens' clothes.

This drive is nation-wide and here at school it is to be sponsored and handled by the Service committee.

All shoes (not high-heeled) and all clean, well-mended clothing will be welcomed. Although the drive is mainly for the benefit of children, a adult-sized clothing is also acceptable.

## Student-Faculty Relations

First of all, I feel that student-teacher relations here at State High have been quite satisfactory, but then like everything else in this world of ours, there's always room for improvement.

... My suggestions might be:

"A feeling of mutual respect should exist between the student and the teacher. We, as teachers should consider the students as young men and women, and our relationships should be based accordingly — unfortunately many of us as students do not merit this type of consideration. Because of our attitudes and actions, we rate only the type of considerations usually reserved for the grade school children.

Students should not look upon their teachers as jailors, or educational monsters whose prime purpose for existence is to make school as miserable as possible for the student, but should consider their instructors as friends.

This feeling of respect—based upon mutual understanding of each others problems should be a reciprocal arrangement. We should strive toward a single goal—that of making State High School more acceptable in the eyes of the students, teachers, parents, and the community.

Roy G. Walters

## Atlas Scholarships

The Atlas Press Company is offering two four year scholarships, each with a value of \$500 to Industrial Art's students who plan on going to Western Michigan College next year. The scholarship grants \$200 the first year and \$100 for the last three years, providing the student continues a successful program of Industrial Arts. Along with the scholarships there will be secondary awards of power tools to other students entering the competition. This includes two woodworking machines for each of the high schools from which the winner graduates.

For scholarship blanks and other information, please see Mr. Schoenhals.

## Northwestern U.

Northwestern University, the smallest in the big ten, is located on the shores of Lake Michigan and consists of two campuses, one in Evanston and another in downtown Chicago. The Evanston campus houses the seven undergraduate schools, a graduate school and, of course, the dorms, library, sorority and fraternity houses, and famous Duke Stadium. The professional schools of law, medicine, etc. are located in downtown Chicago and of course students from both make use of the many facilities in Chicago.

Admission to the undergraduate division is based on scholastic ability, personality and leadership. Each prospective candidate must have 15 credits, 12 from English, science, history, math, a language, and 2 electives. Students may apply after the beginning of the senior year and marks should be sent after the first semester. Some students may be requested to take scholastic aptitude tests and to have a personal interview, but all are required to have a reference blank filled out by someone other than a relative.

Full time undergraduate tuition is \$600 for the academic year. A health fee \$7 per quarter is charged every student and a matriculation fee of \$10 is payable only upon first admission. Room and board charges in dorms and house range from \$550 to \$890.

Scholarships in amounts from \$120-\$750 are offered each year to waiting students with outstanding records and candidates should write for further information. Through an employment plan the university also places students who wish to work part time.

As an added feature Northwestern also offers a National High School Institute in summer for high school students interested in pursuing a study of Speech or Journalism. Northwestern offers the opportunity to students for an excellent education in a small town setting but also cause it offers the many facilities which only a big city like Chicago can offer, especially advantageous to many interested in music, arts and social work. Students who wish further information should see Miss Crisman, Mr. Stauffer, or write the Office of Admission, Northwestern University, 1740 Orrington Ave., Evanston, Ill.

## State Highlights

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## Wise & Seb's Column

Coach Walters informs us the varsity and reserve football letters are being handed out by Coach Stevens in his office in the Mens Gym . . . In future years we suggest that the letters either be handed out at a banquet or at an all school assembly . . . Say we have two Wolverine Conference contenders at STATE HGH. Besides the varsity there's Coach Stevens reserve team, who right now, are second only to Allegan. . . Look for the little Cubs to retain their place at the top of the league and bring another Wolverine Conference champ to STATE HIGH . . . When the praise is being heaped on our Cubs, it is usually all heaped on the starting five. . . Our congratulations this week go to two boys who aren't on the starting lineup but are always proving decisive in STATE HGH victories. These boys are Bill McConachie and John Warfield. . . . Whats the sudden interest in the Wolverine Conference. . . . We've heard of three schools who desire membership. They are Vicksburg, Buchanan, and St. Augustine. Take it from us, if anyone get in it will be Vicksburg. Already Coach Walters has scheduled a game with Vicksburg as our final grid contest . . . Also heard about our fair league, "Plainwell is finding the going to rough and may drop out . . . Our predictions are still one hundred percent, so here we go again . . .

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## Cheerleaders Promote School Spirit

The cheerleaders at State High are one of the most active groups as far as promoting school spirit and pep are concerned. Every week they help the Pep Committee in planning and putting on Pep Assemblies. They also help the committee in arousing good co-operation at assemblies and during the games.

Then try to better relationships with schools from out of town, by exchanging cheers and getting to know the school's cheerleaders.

Fritz LaCrone, who is the head of the group, holds practice every Wednesday. Here they practice cheers and make plans for introducing new cheers to the school.

The cheerleaders are open to any and all suggestions that the school would like to give them. So anyone who would like anything done differently should contact one of the cheerleaders: Julie Den Blyker, Diane Doubleday, Fritz LaCrone, Nancy Woodworth, and Annette Douglas.

## Little Cubs Shine

Coach Fred Steven's classy reserves have an excellent record this year. At press time, they have a record of nine wins and three losses. This is seven better than the Varsity's record.

One of Coach Steven's headaches is that if he develops a really good basketball player then the Varsity snatches him. Also Coach spends half his time, after a winning game, deflating the boys egos to keep their heads small. When they are Varsity players, they hope to carry on our winning record.

A few boys who look like possible Varsity material in the near future are Bobbie Miles, Pete Parker, Dal Weybright, Dick Redden, and Chuck Warfield.

## Lakeview Gets Marty

Early this month Marty Ball left to join the coaching staff of Battle Creek Lakeview. In losing Marty, State High passes on to Lakeview a very able coach and an all-around guy. Line coach in football for the Cubs, he produced a line as tough as any in the Wolverine League. Assisting Coach Detert in basketball, he proved invaluable all season. Also he was a Michigan High School Athletic Association official, refereeing many of our games.

At Lakeview, Marty will act as head baseball coach and also assistant football coach. In the teaching end, he will have the government classes. He plans to get married in the spring.

Marty has surely been missed in the short time that he has been gone, but we want to wish him the best of everything at Lakeview.

## Cubs Want A Bulldog

This Friday at 8:00 in the Men's Gym, the State High "Cubs" will face the Otsego "Bulldogs". A reserve preliminary will begin at 6:30 pitting the same two schools reserve teams.

In January State High defeated the "Bulldogs" at Otsego, 53-46. Although a seven point margin seems fairly safe, the "Cubs" were forced to stave off a last half rally that brought Otsego from twenty points behind to a mere three. You might argue that State High has improved since their seven point victory in January, but you must remember that Otsego gave Allegan a terrific "run for their money" just two weeks ago. However, the odds will still be with "Cubs" to take the visiting "Bulldogs".

Coach Don Black of Otsego, who incidentally is moving to Grand Rapids Creston, has two reliable guards in Bob Simington and Bob Gauthier. They are the boys the "Cubs" must stop if State High expects to win.

## Football Letters

There will be twenty-eight Varsity Letters handed out this year for football. To get one of these letters a player has to participate in one third of the games or approximately 11 quarters. The players that have accomplished this and are getting Varsity letters are Johnson, Fork, Tinkham, Carr, Keyser, J. Hawkins, G. Hawkins, Harback, Oversick, George, Sebably, De Vries, Atherton, Ryan, Nieboer, Britigan, J. Warfield, Godfrey, Gill, Fricke, Kilgore, Defreese, Weisman, Hackman, Gemrich, Waterson, Vandewalker, Peelen and Miles.

## The 'Dutchman' Shines

One of State High's most outstanding athletes is Dick "Dutch" Defreese. Dick, a senior student, came to State from the Training School and originally from South Westnedge where even then he excelled in sports.

In his Freshman year Dick, who stands 5' 11" and weighs 173, went out for football, basketball, and baseball, and managed to win a varsity letter in baseball by showing talent at third base, and at bat. Along with winning three letters Dick was also selected as "Most outstanding Freshman", an honor given each year to one Freshman boy.

In his sophomore year, Dick played quarterback on the varsity football team and again displayed his ability at baseball, by playing third base and winning two letters, and being selected to the All-city baseball team.

Last year Dick again played in all three sports and won Varsity letters in each. He was an old hand at the game and ready for his last year of

high school sports. Perhaps the climax was in being elected to the All-city football team as fullback and more honors may come in the Spring, but certainly, Dick has displayed a fine sports record.

As to Dick and his other interests, his favorite food is fried chicken, and his song "Thinking of You". Math and English are his favorite subjects although he does well in all; and of course sports are his main interest with baseball as chief among these, and George Kell, his favorite star.

When asked his pet peeve, Dick was slow to answer, but at last he admitted that, "Peelen hitting me in the arm", bothered him no end, but actually very little bothers him.

For the future, Dick plans on attending college and entering the field of radio and television engineering. He would like to continue his sports and will always maintain his interest in them.



## Espanol Escapades

Allo, Senors, Senioritas, Muchachitos and Mosquitoes. And pardon me for speaking "een" your faces, but I like me to make for you a little "tico tico talk" about la State Hi "Cisco keeds".

At the Oakland Adobe Hacienda, I was eaves-dripping on **Pancho-Teugh, Cabellero Miller**, and that **Gay Rancheror Keck**. Two bella senioritas were wishing to go to the Aromry with them to see a Bull-Fight. The Senors gave them the "brusho".- I theenk!

Many guitars and bella basketballs to sing to, for Senors "The Bucket Boys", **Sutton, Gill** and **Machonachie** for so many good shots at the South Haven tortilla-baking contest. Their gals are good luck I theenk. Yi!

**Si, Fredirico Watterson** seems to have a whole padeo full of senioritas. The time she is here for that Don Juan to make another chance. Manana?? Que esta?

Annonucement: Brave Toreadors! One healthy girl has been let free—**La Loisita "Besame Mucho" Fuller**. Perpare for a fight!

**Roberto Hermando** makes all of **Fritzi "Pepita Tortilla La Cronos"** dates for him. We head Fritz still knows how to break them though!

Ah, my fellow countryman, from across the border, "**Paul**", has not the shy and retiring ways known to most Spaniards concerning the opposite sex. He tells me he could really put a "spark" in the subject matter of Social Problems class. I don't doubt it!

**Judsino Baldwin** holds the grand title of knowing and telling the most jokes of anyone I know. They haven't been classified as yet, though. Hole!!

Uncle **Ade VanderLino** has been blessed with a pepito-chiquito-perfido-which means bambino. The 12:30 Chemistry class is mucho relieved.

Heartiest congratulations from me to us for rating such a swell new German student, "**Gundav**". You can put the real trimmings on our welcome, **Ingrid**. Si?

And now Amigos-mio I must hurry and join my good friend Don Quixote in the Mexican Hat Dance.

May you get a Cadillac in every tortilla.

The Barzil-nut  
Juanita-San

## I.S.C. Teen Page Plans Move On

The Teen-Page Committee of the Inter-School Council has been working to re-establish the Teen Page in the Sunday edition of the Kalamazoo Gazette. This committee is headed by Jane Williams of Nazareth.

The Editors of the Gazette have shown much interest in this project, but they feel that the Council must guarantee them sufficient high school news. At the suggestion of the Gaz-



Here's your favorite reporter bringing you all the juicy tidbits from the gossip center of the world. My exclusive: Last night was the sneaky prevue of Bev Warner Brothers' latest release, "**Lassie Bring Your Chassis Home**", starring your own queen of the screen, **Deborah Parker**. Along with such famous personages as **Sally Reeves**, star of the T. V. show "**Fling It Again**", and handsome cowboy hero, **Vern Verhage** who is currently appearing in "**West of the Elks**", **Miss Parker** invited her fan club No. 87. **Miss Mary Joy Sawyer**, president of the club said, "We were just too, too, thrilled over this wonderful new picture." The honorable producers, **Robert Harback** and **George Tinkham**, who expressly paid me to mention their names, were also there.

Another exclusive: three Hollywood misses, **Janet Van Hoeve**, **Miriam Leimer**, and **Janet Weaver** are starting a campaign to ban **Tintair** on the grounds that it serves to incriminate natural blondes. However, all indications show that they will meet with stiff resistance.

## Letter to Three Wives

"April in Paris"

"**Lover**",  
"I Get a Kick Out of You", but "I Wonder as I Wander", "If" you still "Walk Alone". "I Get Ideas" when I'm "Thinking of You", but do you "Still Get a Thrill?" "Blues in The Night" are what I feel even when I'm "Dancing with a Deb". Actually, "They're Either Too Young or Too Old" over here and I won't "Get Happy" "Till We Meet Again".

"In the Still of the Night" I "Wish You Were Here". "With a Song in my Heart" I will always "See You In My Dreams". It won't be my You in My Dreams". It won't beadh-o "Happy Day" until I'm "Walking My Baby Back Home" and we're "Huggin' and A-Chalkin'".

"Baby Face"

P.S. "I Love You" . . . "Why Don't You Believe Me?"

ette, the committee is sending letters to the thirty-five high schools which are in the paper's radius asking them to support the page and contribute weekly news.

If favorable replies are received the Gazette may be able to carry the Teen Page this spring.

There's a new swoon crooner on the horizon—none other than the boy who took first place on Don Neal's "Sipping Tea Hour" T.V. show, **Phil Bruns**. Phil's first chance for stardom will come in a picture soon to be set loose "**The Inlaw**", costarring **Judy Scott**. Another film that seems bound for success is "**Come With the Wind**" starring **Connie White** as "**Magnolia**" and **Larry Weisman** as "**Brett**".

Rumor has it that **Susie Anderson**, who won last year's oscar for her performance in "**Going Steady**", has been seen repeatedly at **Behl's Brown Derby** in the company of pro-football player **John Keyser**.

Be sure to read this wonderful column again next week when your reporter will bring you exclusive news about the new dancing team of **Flower and La Plant** the inside "dope" on a really new motion picture, "**Where's Charles**", and the lowdown on many more of your favorite idle idols. Until then, all law suits may be referred to the firm of **Weber, Kremer and Wilsy**.

## What's Your Line?

Did you hear the latest gossip? Certain companies are making their bids for advertisers of their products here in State High. Why just the other day I heard that **Dutch Treat** wanted the services of **Dick De-Freeze**. **Henry George** is seriously thinking about joining forces with the **Oh Henry Company** and **Spann** has been pestering **Sandy Span**. Several pop corn companies have been after **Jim Burger** and it won't be long before the **Bayer Aspirin** makers hear of **Mr. Beyer**. **Ann Frey** would do well with **Spry**. **Fritz La Crone** would be the chief **Ritz cracker**, and **Peggy Yntema** would show her stuff with **Ironized Yeast** people. **John Weber** will be a life saver for **Life Savers**. and **Good and Plenty** are on the tail of **Chuck Ovrick**. The **Singer** people are after **Phil Bruns**, and **Donna Endsley** will soon make **Eversharp** sharper. **Jon Sebalys** all for **Hoover Vacuum**, and **Matt Peelen's** face will be on the **Sir Walter Raleigh** can.

**Almond Joys** are **Rosie** and **Wayne, Libby Davis** for **Libbies Peaches**, **Jim Hawkins** for **Halo**, **Mr Stauffer** for **New Era**, and **Barb Oakland** for **Be Mo**. Hope that you people are gullible, but take a look around and you will see somebody who is perfect for some product.