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State Highlights

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Highlights Dance on Saturday, March 14

Parents Night A Success

Parents' Night was definite success according to the people who put it on—Friendship committee and Pep committee. An estimated 1,500 fans crammed Western's gym to see the exciting cage tussle between the Cubs and the Allegan Tigers. Our Cubs started out smoothly, but it wasn't until near the end of the first half that the Tigers began to roll. The parents really had a game dedicated to them. Due to a tied score play went into overtime and it was then that Allegan put the game away.

Because of it's success, Parents' Night is slated to be an annual affair from now on.

Seniors Have Started Work

The senior committees for 1953 have started meeting in order to organize their work. The committees are in charge of almost all the activities in which the seniors participate during their last month of high school.

The committees which have already met, an dbeun drawing up tentative are: commencement; announcements; and skip-day. Other committees such as senior assembly; senior gift; and senior dinner, have not as yet held any meetings.

Cafeteria Gets Face Lifted

As we all know, the cafeteria has been given a bit of a face lifting with that new tile covering the floor. But, plans have been made to continue the remodeling during Spring Vacation.

These plans include tiling the kitchen floor; removing the network of steam pipes, heating ducts, and water pipes that traces its way across the ceiling; painting; and giving the cafeteria floor a good coat of wax.

Mrs. Rowe asked for cooperation in keeping the cafeteria looking nice after the redecoration—no writing on the walls, shooting straw papers and so on.

The cafeteria was last decorated two years ago.

Highlights To Be a Class

Students interested in journalism or writing of any type will be given a wonderful opportunity next year. Two new classes, open to juniors and seniors, will be offered next year. During the first semester a journalism class will be given, and during the second semester creative writing will take the place of journalism. Anyone who wishes to take both the classes will receive a full credit.

To gain actual experience, the **Highlights** will be published by these classes. Besides writing techniques, newspaper organization, printing processes, page makeup, and many phases of journalism will be studied.

The creative writing class will be conducted on a laboratory or clinic basis, and will include not only evaluation of the students' work, but of selections chosen from experts in the field.

College Night Planned

There is a possibility of a college night being held this year. According to Mr. Stuffer, the possibility is being considered by the office.

If the plans are approved there would be representatives from the colleges State High students are interested in. The representatives of the various colleges would be asked to bring catalogs and application blanks with them. It is also suggested that the parents be invited to discuss your possible college future with the representatives.

If you would be interested in such a program, please drop a note with "yes" on it in the **Highlights** box beside the drinking fountain on the second floor. Also if you have a preference for a particular school please include it.

Math Club Meets

The Math Club had its first meeting on Wednesday night March 4, at 7:00. It was held in the home of Jon Gibson and refreshments were served. 28 people came and participated in the planned program of puzzles, chess, the election of officers of whom John Gibson was chosen president, Bill Govier as Veep, Janet Huges as secretary, and Tom Johnson as treasurer, and most enlightening a discussion of the fourth dimension by John Gibson.

The **Highlights** staff is presenting a Sock Hop this Saturday night, March 14, in the women's gym. Tickets cost only 35c and may be purchased at the door.

The dance, built around the theme of a Jam Session, will feature a guest entertainer who is known locally for his work in the field of records and music.

Committees for the dance have been organized within the **Highlights** staff led by Nanette, Slavin, they are; decorations Kay Peelen and Carol Neff; publicity, Penny Farr; refreshments, Polly Allen; tickets, Barbara Rock. The dance is a stag or drag affair and will be held from 8:30 to 11:30.

Dear Ruth to Be Spring Play

State High's annual spring play will be presented this year on Thursday and Friday evenings, March 26 and 27. The name of the selected play is "Dear Ruth," a sparkling comedy in 2 acts.

This play, which was first produced in New York City in 1943, was made into a very popular movie a few years ago.

The members of State High's cast in the order of their appearance are:

Dora Penny Farr
Mrs. Edith Wilkens Debbie Parker
Miriam Wilkens

..... Mary Jane La Plante
Judge Harry Wilkens

Charles Maloney
Ruth Wilkens Polly Allen
Lt William Seawright

Fred Waterson
Albert Kummer Harper Atherton
Sgt. Chuck Vincent Jon Sebaly
Martha Seawright Barbara Rock
Harold Klobbermeyer

Larry Weisman

The curtain will rise at 8:00 on both nights in the little theatre.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening of fun is guaranteed to all who attend!

The Importance of Brotherhood

Brotherhood week was celebrated early this month throughout the nation and more recently, Western held a Tri-Faith week entitled Exploration Faith, to inform their students about our three major faiths.

State High has no scheduled day or week in which to give thought to brotherhood, but we should all consider it and practice it every day throughout the year.

Faiths and ideologys throughout the ages. The seventh commandment orders "Love thy neighbor as thyself," and the Golden Rule amonishes "Do unto

The principle of brotherhood is a simple one, and has been restated by all others do unto you." Certainly this is not too much to ask — to give others the courtesy and respect you want given to you. It is the least we can do. If we ridicule other faiths we only show our ignorance. Lets not be ignorant. Let's learn about religions other than our own. Any Priest, Pastor, or Rabbi would be glad to explain his faith to you, and in listening you would find that although there are differences in belief (for in America that is our sacred right) both Protestantism, Catholicism, and Judism have faith in one God, the same God.

But more that religious interfaith understanding, brotherhood stands for racial tolerance — for appreciation of a man as an individual and not as a color, group set apart.

By practicing our religions and understanding others we can not help but practice brotherhood in this phase. The commandments and the Golden Rule do not apply to any race, they apply to everyone. Each faith preaches the equality of man under God — our job is simply to practice this doctrine.

We will enrich our own lives by lifting the veils of bigotry and race hatred and we will be following God's commandments in attaining the borthrhood of man.

N. S.

Albion College

Located in the eastern part of the city of Albion, Michigan, Albion College is a liberal arts college with an attendance of approximately 1,000 students. Sponsored by the Methodist Church, Albion carries out one's idea of a small college twon, offering varied courses and extra-curricular activities.

Admission requirements include a minimum of fifteen credits from high school. This must include a major in English and in one other subject which may be selected from science, social studies, math, or a foreign language. A minimum of four sequences (at least two majors and two minors) must be presented. Additional material may be obtained from the college catalog.

Expenses including board, room, tuition, registration fees, admission to athletic events, etc. amounts to \$550 a semester for both men and women. The majority of men students live in Seaton Hall, and almost new dorm constructed in 1949. Women students live in Susanna Wesley, a dorm on a ten-acre tract north of the college, in addition to others.

The general degrees conferred at Albion are Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts, in addition to opportunities for higher degrees. Also various scholarships are available to students with a good academic record. This is discussed in greater length in the catalog, available in our library.

Students who wish further information should consult Miss Crisman, Mr. Stauffer, or write directly to the office of Admission, Albion College, Albion, Michigan.

Costello at Western

Bill Costello, the head of the Far Eastern Bureau of the Columbia Broadcasting system and also a well known news commentator, spoke for an open assembly at the college. As he is well acquainted with that part of the world, Mr. Costello spoke about our foreign policy in the Far East.

Recently, Mr. Costello accompanied the presidential candidates as they made their campaigns around the country. He also went to Korea with Edward R. Murrow in December to bring something back that would show the American people just what was going on there.

This assembly was held Monday, March 9th at 7:30 in the Women's Gym. It would be advisable that State High students attend these assemblies which are open to the public, because these speakers are well known in their respective fields and speak on topics pertinent to the world of today.

Students Leaving S. H.

Joan Biljum Going to England

When the "Queen Elizabeth" sails from New York for London on March 21, Joan Biljum will be on board. The Biljum family, their household goods, and their car, are moving to London where they will be near Mrs. Biljum's relatives.

Joan will leave Klamazoo on the eighteenth. Her departure will leave a big gap in the Senior class and sizable holes in the "Highlander" and "Highlights" staffs. She is, at present, the feature editor of the "Highlander" and a worker on the assembly committee.

Joan has always gone to school on this campus and will keep up a correspondence with State High that will enable her to graduate from the hilltop with all due honors.

This will be Joan's third trip to England. She made one trip five years ago and another two years ago. Joan's future plans are indefinite, but she would like to enter some field of science.

Although she is sorry to leave all of her friends here at school, Joanie says not to feel sorry for her because she is fond of England and has friends there too. She even issued an invitation to her fellow hilltoppers to drop in on her next time we're passing through London.

Dave Swoap to Lansing

A wonderful opportunity and honor has been given to a State High student, Dave Swcap.

He has been chosen to act as a page in the State House of Representatives at Lansing. He will aid the representatives in distributing bills and running errands in the state capitol. Dave left Kalamazoo a week ago to assume his new duties and responsibilities in Lansing, and he will return to Kalamazoo in June.

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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Faye Chance to Replace Detert

Coach Arden Detert, who has piloted the State High Cubs to the great basketball fortunes this year is leaving the hilltop for one year to work on his Doctors Degree.

Replacing him will be Faye S. Chance formerly of Berrian Springs. Mr. Chance, while at Berrian Springs, had a 45 won 14 lost record. Besides this regular season victories he has guided his team through district and regional tournaments with great success. Last year his team got to the quarter finals of the state before being defeated. Perhaps State High fans will remember him from a game earlier this year. His class C, Berrian Springs Shamrocks beat us 87-72.

Besides coaching he will also be a business education teacher.

Mr. Chance attended Ball State Teachers college where he majored in Business Ed. and Physical Ed. After college he spent three years in the air force and army.

Coach Chance will add to the coaching staff in other ways too. He is married and has two sons, ages 3 to 5. Also he is a hunting and fishing enthusiast.

League Standings

State High	9-1	.900
Allegan	9-1	.900
Portage	5-5	.500
South Haven	3-7	.300
Otsego	2-8	.200
Plainwell	1-9	.100

LEAGUE RECORD

South Haven	2 wins	53-50, 57-49
Portage	2 wins	68-53, 60-53
Otsego	2 wins	53-46, 65-63
Allegan	1 win, 1 loss	56-51, 44-50

Space Ship

With all this talk of space ships, trips to the moon, and rocket ships going to Mars, a trip into space may soon be the thing to do, as much as we now take vacation trips to Floridan and Chicago. Because of this increased interest, your inquiring reporter decided to ask State High students what they would do first should they take a trip to the outer space.

Barb Oakland: Look for moon men — (What would Don say, Barb?)

Joan Bilgum: Join a sorority — (hmm, I wonder what kind of rules they would have.)

Sally Reeves: Open a hot-dog stand with Vern.

Nancy Magas: Look for food — What else. Then for a cute Delt Sig.

Carol Neff: Get off the ship. (Oh now there is a sensible girl.) Then get a man, no lock here.

Bev Warner: Look around — around who?

Ann Frey: Oh, man — I don't know, but it would sure be fun.

Don Gill: Look for a football field. (To play on of course.)

Donna Endsly: Look for Al.

Peg Yntema: Teach Ed the Marsian Moon Hopp. (I hear El bounces around the dance floor.

Pat Eliet: Nothing. (What a stupe).

Lair and Seb's Column

Beware Walt Dropo — Bob Britigan while vacationing in Florida plans on trying out for the Detroit Tigers . . . The crowd at the Allegan game was the biggest you scribes have ever seen at a State High Game . . . Congratulations go to Mr. McConachie, Bills father, who gave the entire Basketball team a scrumptious chicken dinner after the Allegan game. Basketball manager Dave Swoap is leaving the halls of State High for a job as page boy in the Michigan Senate — The Hilltop has another champion. — The seventh and eighth grade basketball team is leading their conference in the city league. — Since the Wolverine Conference has made it a policy not to issue an all conference team, we've made up one of our won. Here's the wonder team of '53:

Forward — Roger Newmen, Allegan
Forward — Ed Sutton, State High
Center — Norm Kramer, Portage
Guard — Roger Smith, Allegan
Guard — Ron VanLent, Plainwell

Honorable Mention
Bob Fletcher, Portage
Don Gill, State High
Tom Lamair, South Haven

Basketball Statistics For '52 - '53

SEASON RECORD	S.H. O.	Dowagiac	54-55
Holland Christain	39-47	Allegan	56-51
Berrian Springs	73-87	South Haven	57-45
South Haven	53-50	Portage	60-53
Hastings	43-52	Otsego	66-44
Portage	68-53	Plainwell	65-63
St. Joe	48-66	Allegan	44-50
Otsego	53-46	St. Joe	40-70
Plainwell	74-45		
		Total S. H. 893, Opp. 877	

State High averaged 55.9 points per game.

The opposition made 54.9 points per game.

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

PLAYERS	G	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	APG	TP
Sutton	16	275	93	.330	102	60	.588	15.3	246
Gill	16	127	36	.283	60	28	.467	6.4	102
Howard	15	60	20	.333	81	37	.457	5.4	81
Johnson	16	115	33	.287	88	61	.693	8.3	133
Wise	16	61	19	.311	25	16	.640	3.4	51
McConachie	15	92	33	.359	61	28	.459	6.2	94
Warfield	16	86	30	.337	60	30	.500	5.6	90
Britigan	14	35	7	.200	13	4	.308	1.3	18
Peelen	7	31	11	.355	25	11	.440	4.7	33
Defreese	8	7	0	.000	5	2	.400	.25	2
Baldwin	4	4	1	.250	1	1	1.000	.7	3
Godfrey	6	4	0	.000	4	3	.750	.5	3
Neale	10	46	12	.130	6	6	1.000	2.8	28

803 290 .243 531 288 .542 55.9 868

25 other points were made by two boys who didn't last the entire season.

Marianne Schau In Spotlight

Marinanne Schau, who now heads State High's Pep committee, is this week's "pertinacity" subject. Marianne was chosen for her energetic work on school affairs. As head of Pep she is in charge of setting up plans for a lot of our Pep assemblies, arranging buses for away games, selling bus tickets, and the myriad odd jobs connected with State High's sport's program.

She can usually be found after school, slaving on some extra-curricular school activity, connected either with Pep committee or with the Highlander staff.

In addition, Marianne is a member of the synchronized swimming club, Finettes; and Service committee. Her hobbies or hunting, fishing, horseback riding, and swimming, plus tennis and basketball. This makes her an ideal person for helping her father and uncle out down at Schau Brother's Sports Store, which she does regularly.

This list of extra-curricular activities is pretty impressive by itself, but when you add the fact that Marianne receives scholastic rewards to boot, it really makes you gasp! Just last semester, she received the Gamma award for outstanding scholastic achievement!

In between all of these activities, Marianne takes time out for sleeping, eating (by the way, her favorite food is a hot fudge sundae) and studying.

Camera Studies

Ye olde candid camera is once again in use and it has been focused on the goings on here at State High and wherever State Highers choose to roam.

Speaking of roamin', Bob Britigan and various other members of the junior class have been seen at some of the more notable theaters of Kazoo on Sunday afternoons.

While on the subject of roving, Matt Peelen seems to enjoy the company of the Central girls. Skip Miller and several seniors prefer to journey to Allegan to see the inhabitants.

Quite a jam session was held one recent Saturday night and it was not too far from these hallowed halls. How 'bout it . . . ?

Just about time for Ye Olde camera to adjourn to its blissful haven from whence all cameras come.

So, see ya soon.

Candid

P.S. From an informed source, I hear that Maynard's coming home. C.C.

Activities in B and G Revue

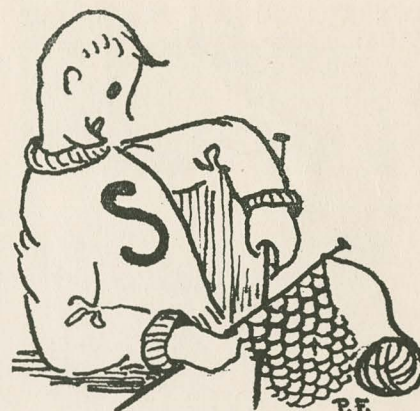
"T.V. Studio '53" is really coming along and the tickets are selling like hotcakes, so you'd better hurry up and get yours before it's too late. Don't forget, get your tickets now! (from any band or choir member.)

As long as you're all going to the show maybe you'd like a preview of the acts.

The State High choir will feature in the first act and Sally Reeves will sing "One Kiss." She will sing another solo which will be accompanied by the choir. Polly Allen and Julie Davis will then give their interpretation of "Tea for Two" as a piano duet. This act will also include a dance by Joannie Puotinen, Tamsin Malone, and Carol Hartman. Gloria Weiss will sing a solo and the choir will conclude this act with "This is My Country."

After numerous commercials and the customary station breaks between programs, the second act will get off to a roaring start with the "Doghouse 9-3" playing "Back Home In Indiana," with Phil Bruns in the vocal. After this the girls' trio, Janice Babcock, Jean Hoag, Nancy Watertworth, will sing "The Syncopated Clock." Gary Forsleff will then play "Four Stick Joe," a marimba solo, accompanied by Dean Griffith. Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" sung by Bernadine Paull will be next, followed by a travelogue entitled "Scenes from the Saskatchewan Swamps" which will prove very hilarious. The boys' quartet will sing "Josua Fit De Battle of Jericho" and Dave Vanderwolker will give his interpretation of Spike Jones' "I Haven't Been Home for Three Whole Nights" in pantomime. The Madhatters will conclude this part of the program with "When Your Lover Has Gone."

Act III will feature the State High Band. Their first number will be "T. V. Suite" by Walters. This number includes "Sagebrush Saga," "Whodunit," "Hayloft Hoedown," and "Big Name Band." The next number, "The Clock and the Dresden Figures," is a piano solo, which will be played by Sherla Jennings, with the band in accompaniment. The band will play a march and conclude the evening's entertainment with a Rag from "The Suite of Old American Dances."



Every year one of our al-reporters goes to Madame Yolanda for her glass-ball predictions on the seniors and their future.

Upon entering her dim little cafe, I was told the following . . .

In 1960 the firm Allers, Andres, Anson, Atherton and Anderson Angle Worm Company will be the new sensation of the year. All the fisherman does is put a nickel in one of their machines, and out comes the worm, ery corner, and out comes the worm.

Then we see the Reformists, Baldwin, Bruns, Biljum, and Buckham for Better Bar Rooms. They promote a play ground for the customers children.

Next we see Confessions Incorporated, run by Cassady and Carr.

We next see the Dynamite of the Dictating World, Defreeze, madly speaking to his associates, Frey, Fork and Fricke, on Foreign Farces.

Geiseler, George, Gibson and Gill are running a Grammar school for goats.

Hackman, Harvey and Howe of "Heal your Heart in a Hurry" are experimenting with a llama now.

Johnson and Lyon are the authors of a book on heautomorphism.

A school for dancers on how to kick is taught by Keck, Keyser, Koons and Kremer and Lewis.

The minting Misers have a prosperous business. They are Magas, Mahoney, Miles, Miller, Morseau, and MacConachie.

Unemployment Agency is run by Parker, Paull, Peelen, Pellowe, Petersons, Pullen, Oakland, Neff and Powell.

The Randalls and Rock are translating MacBeth for senior students.

Schau, Seaver, Slavin, Smith, Snow, Sprouse, Stace, Standish, Sanderson, Story, Street and Manager Sutton, are known as the Slaughterers. They are the number one football team.

Tough, Thorp and Tinkham run a T.V. program called "One Tootsie Roll to You."

Verhage and Vanhoeve are confirmed vegetarians.

Warner, West, Wheeler, White, Wilson, Weber and Woron, Wooden reknown whale-hunters.

Lastly, but not least we see Miss Peg Yntema proving that crocheted bath-tubs are practical.

Calendar

March 11 .. Administrative Assembly
March 17 Assembly 8:00
March 20-21 Blue & Gold Review
March 25 .. Administrative Assembly