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State Highlights

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State High Will Be Moved to New Site

Speech on Cockers Given by V.P. Nixon

All hilltoppers with California ancestors were happy to welcome past Californian Senator Richard M. Nixon, to yesterdays assembly. All during the 12:30 hour, Mr. Nixon spoke in a well-filled Little Theter on the "Financial, Economic, and Social Status of Cocker Spaniels."

Mr. Nixon covered all the topics suggested by the title of his speech most thoroughly, his talk was well applauded, and all of his anecdotes were appreciated.

In order that the students might further address questions to Mr. Nixon, a tea was held immediately following the assembly. Decoration chairman, Brooks Godfrey, honored the speaker by employing Nixon-posters left over from some campaign in the decoration theme: hostess, Nanette Slavin, served crumpets in the shape of dog-biscuits with the tea.

When Mr. Nixon boarded he train for Washington, D.C. (where he functions as Vice president of the United States) all State High turned out to cheer him off.

Classes Rescheduled

After careful consideration by the faculty and student council, a new class schedule has been suggested. The student body will vote sometime in the near future, and if they approve, the schedule will be as follows:

| OLD TIME | NEW TIME |
|-------------------|----------|
| 8:00 Class | 1:50 |
| 9:00 Class | 2:00 |
| 10:00 Class | 2:10 |
| 11:00 Class | 2:20 |
| 12:30 Class | 2:30 |
| 2:00 Class | 2:40 |

This is expected to reduce the expense of printing tardy slips so much that a reduction of the tuition may come in a short time.

One of the main reasons for the change is that the present arrangement is so taxing on the students that the number of passing marks is rapidly declining, and the senior class is becoming too large to be controlled.

Before voting, however, the students must realize that there are certain disadvantages to be faced. Lunch hour, including the planned dances, will be discontinued, although eating in class will be permitted to supplement the diets of those who are unable to wait until school is over.

Seniors Are Coronation Bound

The Senior Class has been selected from graduating classes all over the United States as the best all around and as a result will go to England for the Coronation. The trip will be financed by the British government as part payment on the debt incurred to the United States during the Second World War. All eighty seniors and their two advisors are planning to make the trip.

Since the Coronation will take place on the second of June, the seniors will fly over to England on a strata-cruiser so they will arrive on England in time for the Coronation.

Living facilities for the class will be provided by a renovated castle recently take over by the British government. It is situated near London. The castle will be run by a complete staff of help. Meals will be served in the grand ballroom. A dance will also be held there each night. English high school students will be invited so that they can become better acquainted with American teen-agers.

The class has the personal invitation of one London business man to view the Coronation parade from his business establishment. However, the class also has the invitation of the Queen to attend the Coronation, so the invitation of the business man has been rejected.

The seniors will arrive in England on May 25th. This date will allow them enough time to become acquainted with the surrounding country-side and the English people. One of the planned trips which will be of great interest to the seniors is to visit the home of William Shakespeare. Tours will be conducted to Ireland and Scotland. Prime Minister Winston Churchill has invited the class to a session of the Parliament. All of these things will serve to show better the life of an Englishman.

The Class will return on June 10 by air, so that they will be able to graduate. During the time of the trip, exams for the class will be canceled.

At the request of the Michigan State Board of Education. The Michigan State Legislature has recently appropriated the sum of two million dollars to the Campus School department of Western Michigan College of Education.

This means that Stae High is finally going to leave its hilltop for the money will enable the college to build a new high school building on the west campus. The planning, as reported to us, is nearing completion, and the construction is scheduled to begin sometime this spring.

The plans for the new building have, in the most part, been released. They call for a three story, two base-men building. It will be very modern and constructed in red brick to harmonize with the surrounding buildings. It will be located on what is now the parking lot behind McCracken hall.

This move will have both advantages and disadvantages, it is felt. When located permanently on the west campus, State High will have easy access to Kanley Chapel for assemblies, the music building for choir, band, and private lessons, the golf course for playing, and the Teddy Bair for breakfast, lunch, and snacks. But there will be disadvantages, also. Some classes, that is the gym classes, science classes, and the home ec. classes, will still remain on this campus so it will be necessary to schedule classes on the hour and half hour. Also, the School office will remain on the hill and as Miss Crisman said to your reporter, "Sometimes we may feel a little out of touch." The third disadvantage will be the difficulty in the placing of monitors over such a wide area, but according to Mrs. Monroe, "We already have that pretty well thought out. We will place monitors at posts all along the distance between campuses—at Arcadia Brook, the Campus Cut-Rate, Ma's and the Little Mich."

WSHS To Be Built

An order approving the erection of a radio station for State High has been received from the Federal Communications Commission. The money has been furnished by the U.S. State Department.

The money was given with the understanding that the station would broadcast the "Voice of America" without charge. State High will tape record it and the State Department will rebroadcast it.

College Profile

Nestled in the hills of old Kentucky, the traveler of the by-ways will find a small group of buildings resting on a plush blue-grass carpet. Bright green ivy clings on the ancient walls and the laughter of young people echos throughout. This is Podunk University, whose students are the finest fencers in Dan'l Boon's country.

Among the professors of the school are to be found such names as Hatfield and McCoy who are sure to do their homework in this college for it is more fun than work—it involves ambushing one's neighbors . . . and it least one a day at that. The unlucky student who fails to hand in his homework's ears for a whole week is expelled with a load of buckshot in his pants.

Post graduate work in this school can be taken in Chemistry or shop. In chemistry, the student learns to make the finest "mountain dew" and in shop, they make the stills to produce the "dew."

3-Min. Passing

Next week there is going to be a drastic change in the hall problem, as the passing time will be cut down to three minutes. This has come about as a result of a group of five student investigators. These student, Barbara McBride, Bob Gibson, Patricia Eliet, John Weber and Charles Koons, found that a student may get to any class three minutes if he doesn't stop to talk to anybody or to get his books.

This is expected to cut down noise in the hall between classes, and will add eight minutes, or approximately 2.7%, to our daily class time.

New Cafeteria

On May first, State High's lunchroom will be taken over by Schensul's cafeteria. This change was arrived at by a joint meeting of faculty and students held last Tuesday afternoon. The purpose of the committee, composed of Student Council members and faculty, was to provide more nourishment for the student's money. The committee met her here on the hilltop with Mr. Schensul and together they decided on a satisfactory menu and discussed various plans for re-decoration of the cafeteria. By May first, their plan will be in full swing. The plan is as follows: two full-course steak dinners at least two times a week; and a smorgasbord on the remaining days. The cost to students should not run more than 35 cents if plans proceed as they now are. The faculty would like to cut the student cost down, but since additional expenses will be needed for re-decoration they will not be able to cut the price until the middle of May.

What is Temperance?

Temperance is an issue that is often hushed up rather than discussed, but the time has come to lift the curtain and look at the facts — What is Temperance?

Which brings up an important point — have you noticed how many leading cigarette manufacturers have come out with king-size cigarettes? This trend seems certainly indicative.

In the hard-drink bracket, too, we find temperance in practice. The "speak-easies" are out and the bar rail is in. This is an improvement in convenience.

Of course, temperance also tinges an over-indulgence in food which immediately brings to mind the number of products available both de-hydrated and frozen packages. This shows what the average consumer is thinking. It must be admitted that Benjamin Franklin had some excellent ideas on the subject.

Let us also consider the problem of sleeping—which is a problem unless you are fortunate enough to have insomnia. There is the expense of having a bed and mattress—and with inflation we all know what that entails.

Today, we've looked at the facts, examined the causes, and studied the effects. We hope you've profited from our examination of the situation of Temperance, and will understand better the importance of the problem.

Committee News

The social Committee has completed its list of school parties for the rest of this year. Scheduled for April are the Spring formal and the turnabout at Walwood Ballroom. For May an all-day school picnic at Long Lake, a roller-skating party in Plainwell, and a sock hop in the Men's Gym. June, of course, will see the Junior-Senior Prom, a farewell dance for the seniors, and an end-of-school reception for the Students, Faculty, and friends of State High, at the home of Dr. Bryan.

The Pep Committee has announced that, with the help of the P.T.S.O. they will sponsor free buses to all the spring sports events for the rest of the year. Also, we will have regularly scheduled pep assemblies from one to two each Friday.

The Citizenship Committee announces that since the results of the trial Courtesy Week were negative, we will have to return to the old method—the plan of strict student supervision in the halls. Though they regret having to take this step, the Committee feels that drastic action is necessary, for the faculty has proved their inability to cope with the problem alone.

The Friendship Committee, comparatively inactive this year, has finally come up with a project. They will

Band to Play During Noon Hour

Next Monday the band will hold the first of its series of dances during the noon hour. For the first week the band will use the music of five of the leading composers, including George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, and Duke Ellington. Dr. Beloff has received the music, worth more than \$500, which he thinks will provide good entertainment until June.

The band members will be provided with blue slacks and gold shirts for these occasions by the P.T.S.O. The Student Council has arranged with the college to have the Women's Gym from 12:00 to 12:30. Dr. Bryan and the faculty are also allowing an extra five minutes for every student to get to class. Let's all get behind this project and show the band that they're really appreciated.

sponsor a student appreciation day, for want of a more original idea.

The Service Committee is working on a new project—they are making the services of Nicotin Anonymous available to the Students and teachers of State High.

The Assembly Committee, though its treasury is drastically depleted after the expensive speaker of last week, will try to arrange a Jazz concert hoping to bring in some of our leading "Bop" artists.

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Gill, Stutton, Johnson In B.B. Scandal

Recent investigations of State High's outstanding basketball players Don Gill, Tom Johnson, and Ed Sutton, have brought to light a scandal that has shocked the city. The police department has closed in on a syndicate of gamblers operating from Chicago, and uncovered the biggest high school "fix" in history.

Several other players are under suspicion but their names are being withheld. Johnson has been proven to have received sizable bribes to throw the two Portage games and the South Haven home game, while Gill was bribed for these games and the Otsego home game. Sutton, too, accepted money to throw these games, but when he refused to throw the final Allegan game he was badly beaten and he attended school for a while bravely pretending to just have a "cold."

Although they can be expelled from school and barred from sports permanently, the exact measures to be taken with the athletes hasn't been determined. This could result in State High's being forced to forfeit their newly-gained undisputed hold on first place in the Wolverine Conference.

Lair and Sebs Column

From a reliable source—next year while waiting for their buildings on the new campus, State High will have the entire Education Building. This includes the Women's Gym, which will be used for all our home basketball games. Also the lower playground will probably have a stadium and lights for football, and track. This new setup, which costs \$10,000 will most likely be paid for out of the office fund.—Gerry Hawkins is trying to get a special scholarship to the U. of Chicago. If he succeeds in getting this he won't be able to play on the football or baseball team next year.—Coach Walters has been recruiting in other cities; so far he has lined up Nate Duncan of St. Joe, Roger Smith of Allegan, and Tom Krielick of Portage.—Another returnee next year will probably be Stan Vine. Vine will bolster both the football and baseball team. Flash—Bill "Casanova" McConochie plans to elope, at next full moon.—Recently we have seen many senior ball players roaming the Ransom St. district in the "Blue Beaut."—Due to Western's cancellation of its Michigan State game, Coach Stevens consented to take the Spartans on. About time for another prediction—State High 7, Mich. State 5.



The State High Baseballers who face Michigan State tomorrow

Cubs Take Undisputed First

The State High Cubs of "52" finally succeeded for the first time in Cub history to take an undisputed top championship.

In the game between Allegan and Plainwell, Allegan used an illegal player. This player, Alvin Hopgrasser was an illegal substitution in the last 8 seconds of the ball game, because he put some hoop grease on his fingers. This was later discovered by his girl, an Allegan traitor.

The basketball commission, after much controversy finally decided to forfeit the game to Plainwell. By this it gave the State High Cub's an undisputed basketball crown.

Stevens and Walters to Coach Pro's

Coaches Fred Stevens and Roy Walters have submitted their resignations to Dr. R. C. Bryan. Both have received offers to coach professional ball clubs.

Mr. Walters has inked a contract with the Los Angeles Rams pro football organization. He will serve as assistant coach.

The Pittsburgh Pirates have signed up Coach Fred Stevens as a part time relief hurler and 1st base coach. Mr. Stevens will leave immediately for the Pirates's training camp.

Bob Sought by Tigers

Bob Britigan, a State High first baseman was offered a \$30,000 bonus to play for the Detroit Tigers.

While the Britigan family was vacationing down in Florida, Bob tried out for the Tigers, as we said he would be in an earlier issue. "Hutch" seemed to like his style an form, so he offered Bob a \$30,000 bonus.

Bob Britigan is still undecided although he knows that his alma-amter, State High needs him for baseball this season.

What should Bob do? Any answer to this question will be highly appreciated.

Color Changes

After many years of serious consideration, the school colors have been officially changed. As of April 20th, 1953, the official colors will be changed to Chartreuse and shocking pink.

The school color vote was very close according to informed sources (Dr. Bryan). When the votes were being counted it was a close race between black and blue, gasty green and gory red, and chartreuse and shocking pink.

New uniforms have been ordered for all athletic teams featuring our colors. Also the top of the education is being considered for a coat of shocking pink, with the rest chartreuse.

All students are requested not to continue beefing about the colors election according to a high office source (Mrs. Jarmen).

Stauffer Goes To T. V.

Miss Evelyn Stekete, sometimes called State High's Our Miss Brooks, is being married in early July. Many will be interested in knowing that she is marrying, by some strange coincidence, a Mr. Boynton.

We'll all miss John Keyser's being around in a couple of weeks. John is moving to Holland along with his parents. The Keyser family will join Mrs. Keyser's relatives in Amsterdam.

Mr. Stauffer sent in his name to "What's My Line." He is to appear on the T.V. show sometime this summer.

Well, well, it seems we have one of "those kind" in school again. Dick Defreese is going steady with two girls. One at State High and one in Granl Rapids. Good Luck! "Dutch," you'll need it.

Al Hackman is going to the University of Hawaii next year. He has some kind of a job there this summer, and then will just stay down there for a year of school.

Everyone should try and catch Debbie Parker's picture which appeared in the March issue of *Look* magazine. When a dinner was given down at the Civic for Governor Williams, Debbie's beaming face was also in on the scene.

Mayor Glen S. Allen is being chauffeured down to Florida by Jim Boylan upon the closing of school. Jim will drive one of his Dad's new Buicks on the trip.

Jim Burger has been hired to pilot Schaffer's newest racing boat, the *Siren*, during the summer.

The Civic has invited Jon Sebaly to try out for their next play. Way to go Jon!

Mr. Sack's advanced speech class will travel to the National Forensic contest in Splicer, Oregon this May.

A letter from England brings the news the Joan Biljum is "Americanizing" the isle. She has introduced the "be-bop" language and its quite a hit.

The Highlander has been sent to press three weeks early—congratulations to John Weber and the staff!

An estimated 75 per cent of the senior class will graduate this year. Too bad, Dick, but try again next year.

Beat

Otsego!

Party-Policy Poll

Our school's new one-a-month policy regarding school parties has been an object of much discussion. Therefore, we are presenting here the results of a recent State High poll taken on the above mentioned problem:

Judie Lyon—I think we ought to have fewer parties so that I can get my homework done.

Ken Fricke—I don't care how many parties we have 'cause I never get my studies interfere with my education anyway.

Corby Lewis—I think that a no-party policy would be beneficial as a safeguard against fallen arches.

Fred Waterson—We simply must have some dances in order that the superior dance steps of the generation won't become extinct.

Jim VanTassel—I don't care whether we have any dances or not because the lighting at dances is always too dim to show the lovely color of my trousers.

Joke

Tame bee to wild bee;

"Why are there wild bees?"

Wild bee to tame bee.

"Wouldn't you be wild if somebody took your honey and nec-tar?"

Students React

Since State High will soon be moved to the new campus, we thought it would be interesting to get the reactions of students and teachers to the coming move.

Ken Fricke will be so homesick for these hallowed halls which we have known for so many years that he won't be able to keep up his A average.

Mrs. Jarman hopes that the change of surroundings will uncover new things for her to do. Now she has so much free time in which to sit and "chew the rag" with Miss Crisman that she feels idle.

The steady couples who are dancing in the annex every noon, **Tom and Diane, Al and Donna**, etc. are thrilled at the thought of the gorgeous new ballroom which is to be all ours for noon-time entertainment on the west campus. **Pete Platt** has just signed a five year contract with State Hi's Band to play for us every week day from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (our lunch hour is to be lengthened after we move.)

Nightmares By N.S.

The things that make feature writing fun are all of the improbabilities involved — imagine for a minute (if you can) what State High would be like if it were run by the faculty.

The Monitors would have to be strict — no more card games in study hall or eating candy bars and drinking cokes while we glance idly through our homework. Instead—heaven forbid—we'd probably have to use our hands to talk to a friend about an assignment and have our time limited too. Oh, yes, I can see it now, when we wanted to get a book out of our locker or a drink in the hall (after so many cokes they get tire-some). We'll have to ask permission of the monitors not to mention the sometimes embarrassing if essential reason we might want to leave the room for a couple of minutes. Then too, if the study hall were that strict, teachers might even drop in now and then and we couldn't yell at the girls on their way to gym in the Spring. Why, with the evolution of socialism from democracy, it's conceivable that breathing permits might even be given out — at restricted intervals, of course.

Miss Lowrie might clamp down too, and we wouldn't be allowed to drop into the library to look up a last minute assignment or read a magazine in our leisure time without an all-hour permit from a teacher to do assigned work. Yet, perhaps, that is going too far 'cause what's the good of a library if we're not free to use it when we so desire?

I can picture it now—no more cutting classes when we're sleepy in the morning or would rather lay in the sun on warm afternoons. We'd probably have role taken in class, and have to get tardy slips in the office if we were late. What a knot that would be! Think of all the gray hairs we'd give Mrs. Jarman!

We'd probably have to be orderly in the halls and eliminate our games of catch and "Who Can Leap Out of The Window Farthest."

But, then, why speculate on the alternate in the fantastic — be more practical to wonder what the next verdict of the Kangaroo Court will be.

Joke (?)

As the fire-fly who backed into the fan said, "I'm delighted, no-end!"