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State Highlights

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Third Quarter Awards

The following students have received scholastic awards for outstanding achievement.

ALPHA: Polly Allen, Margaret Borton, Julie Davis, Dick Fork, Gary Forsleff, William Govier, Dean Griffith, Al Howard, David Schreiber, Ron Tanis, Alfred Watterson, and Victoria Wenner.

BETA: Harper Atherton, Martha Braden, Rosemary Buckham, Darlene Chaplin, Tom Elias, James Elsmann, Nancy Everton, Penny Farr, Lois Fuller, Bobbie Gleason, Brooks Godfrey, Winona Goff, Mary Kaercher, Phyllis Kievit, Connie Kuizenga, Stevie Malone, Bob Miles, Cathy Myers, Dennis Percy, Janet Snow, Linnea Taylor, and John Weber.

GAMMA: Sue Anderson, Bruce Berg, Wayne Carr, Miriam Leimer, Gerald Longjohn, Ann Mahoney, Mary Francis Miller, Connie Monroe, Barbara Oakland, Kay Peelen, Diane Pullan, Jon Sebaly, Joel Shepherd, Nan Slavin, Sandra Spann, Mary Lou Spitters, Joan Stimson, Dick Wilsey, and Al Wise.

Teachers Day Held

Friday, April 24, western Michigan was host to prospective teachers from all over Michigan on its annual teachers day. About twenty students attended from State High. This conference was sponsored by the A.A.U.W. and the D.K.G. and was held in Walwood Ballroom. The program included Registration, an opening address, a Panel on the subject "Why We Chose Teaching for Our Career", and afternoon visitations by the students.

Commencement Program Announced

Plans have been completed for this year's senior commencement according to chairmen Janet Snow and Nancy Magas. The theme for this year is "Thoughts for Action."

Dr. Weber will be speaker at the exercise while short talks will be delivered by the class valedictorian and salutatorian.

Senior English classes have been assigned a theme based on "Thoughts for Action," these themes will be used as speeches for the try-outs to begin May 1st from which two other speakers will be chosen.

Pomp and Circumstance will be played as the processional when the seniors receive their diplomas. The class gift will be presented and a solo will be rendered by a senior.

Cub Carnival Changes Hands

Polly Represents, State High In Contest

Clean up, Pick up, Sweep up Queen. Polly Allen has been chosen to represent State High in the city-wide contest to select a Clean up, Pick up, Sweep up Queen. The students of Kalamazoo's four high schools have chosen queens to represent their respective schools in an essay contest in civic pride.

Because of the nature of the contest, the queens were to be selected on the basis of scholastic ability and originality of thought, as well as on good citizenship and popularity. The student body voted on six candidates and their selections were considered by the English department of the faculty. With the candidates narrowed down to three, the students made the final choice. Polly, Janet Snow, and Miriam Liemer were on the final ballot.

The Civic Pride Queen will be honored at an all school rally at a later date. Among the girls competing against Polly will be Ethel Ann Peelen, Central, a former State High student.

Forensic Winners

At the District Forensic Contest held in Otsego on April 14, the results were as follows:

Declamation: first place, Joan Sisk, State High, second place, Diane Doubleday, State High.

Original oratory: first place, Gloria Weiss, State High.

Interpretive reading: first place Janet Snow, State High, second place, Nancy Watterworth, State High.

State High had no entry in the Extemporaneous speaking division.

Because this was a double district both first and second place winners qualify for the Regional Forensic Contest to be held at Western, Thursday, April 30. About twenty-five schools will send representatives to this contest.

Arrangements will be made for English classes to attend this event. Also any interested student may attend the contest by securing a permit slip from his English teacher so that he may go to the Little Theatre during his study period.

Details will be announced later.

Sweethearts To Be Chosen

State High's annual Cub Carnival will be held in the Women's gym on Saturday, May 2nd, from 8:30 to 11:30. This year, for the first time, the Carnival is being sponsored by the Band and the Student Council. It was formerly put on by the Hi-Y.

At the time that this article is being written the booth applications are not all in. However, most of the booths have been spoken for by various clubs and homerooms.

There will be many interesting and unusual events taking place at the Carnival. The Sweethearts will be voted for as you come in the door. The nominees for this honor are: Don Gill, Ed Sutton, John Keyser, Al Hackman and Dick DeFreese. The girls are: Ann Frey, Peg Yntema, Miriam Liemer, Sue Anderson, and Donna Endsley. After the results of this vote are known, the winning Sweethearts will be crowned. There will also be a stub for a door prize attached to your ticket. Drawings will be made sometime during the evening.

Everyone be sure and come out for the big event. Who knows, maybe you'll win one of the door-prizes!

Prom Plans Go Modern

Saturday, May 23rd, this year's Junior Class has announced, will be the date for State High's annual Junior-Senior Prom. General Chairman Gloria Weiss has announced that the theme of the dance is to be Artistry in Abstract. The whole pattern of the dance will be along modern lines. Music chairman Martha Braden says that Bobby Davidson's orchestra will provide music also in the modern mood. Other important committees and their chairmen are: Refreshments, Sally Reeves; Decorations, Gail Hubbel; and Publicity, Janet Hughes.

Due to excellent planning this year's Junior class does not have the usual financial worries that has prevailed over junior classes in the past.

Miami University

Miami is one of the state universities of Ohio. It is located 35 miles N. W. of Cincinnati on U.S. route 27. The enrollment is approximately 5,000 students of which 1,800 are women. The majority of these students live in university residence halls. It is approved by the North Central association. A summer session provides an opportunity for year around attendance. A semester of study can be completed during 11 weeks of summer attendance.

Curriculum—Courses are offered in the college of arts and science, the schools of Education, Business Administration, and Fine-Arts, and the Graduate School. Emphasis is placed on preparation for the professions, study in the sciences, mathematics, languages, and social sciences. A combined program of study. Teacher Training is available for all grades and many special fields. Training in the N.R.O.T.C. or Air Force R.O.T.C. is available.

Admission Requirements—Graduation from a first grade high school with 15 acceptable units of preparatory study. Graduates of Ohio high schools are eligible for admission without examination. Grads from other states must rank in the upper half of their classes or present College Entrance Examination Board (S.A.T.) scores indicating above average ability for college study.

Costs and Housing—Tuition, fees, board, and room for the year (excepting lab fees) total \$590.75 for men and \$552.00 for women. Non-residents of Ohio pay an additional \$100.00 a year. All women and freshman men are required to live in the University housing.

Scholarships—175 scholarships are available to freshman. Applications must be filed by March 1st.

For additional information write to Director of Admissions, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

P.T.S.O. Council

On April 21, the PTSO Council met in Walwood Ballroom. The order of business was the discussion of the questionnaires sent out by the faculty to students and parents. The PTSO Council will work around the following plans; more non-dance functions in the social program, and more extensive vocational guidance. As a result of the questionnaire it was also felt that homework should be equalized. In other words, that teachers should not all give long assignments at the same time.

Miss Steketee, Mr. Sack, Miss Crisman, and Dr. Bryan discussed the past, present and future aspects of our vocational program. This discussion took place after slides were presented showing the results of the questionnaires.

Choir to Present Operetta

State High's choir is presenting an operetta at the Civic Theater on Wednesday the 27th of May under the direction of Mr. Jack Frey.

At 8:30 the curtain will rise on "The Lowland Sea." A concertized version of the opera "Martha" will be presented on the same program. The entire production will last approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.

The music of the operetta was composed by Alec Wilder and the libretto was written by Arnold Sunngaard.

News in Brief

Joyce Perry, an ex-grad who is now a sophomore at Carleton College, Northfield Minn., has been appointed new assignment editor of the school newspaper, the Carletonian. She will serve in this capacity through first semester next year. While at State High Joyce was editor of the Highlander in her senior year and was a member of the Highlights.

One of State High's freshman boys has given the upper grades something to beat, and hard to do too. He is Gary Birch and he won 3rd place in the State Gymnastics Competition.

S. L. A. A. M. Conference

Last Saturday, Western Michigan College of Education was host to the annual spring conference of the Student Library Assistants Association of Michigan. About three hundred students from high schools all over Michigan attended. Charlene Schultz and Sandra Close represented State High.

The program for the day was as follows. The students were welcomed by Mr. Yntema and Miss LeFevre. A noted author then addressed the group. Luncheon was served at Walwood. In the afternoon, the students broke up into small discussion groups and talked about various phases of library work. The day was concluded with a tour of the East and West Campuses.

W. M. C. Presented Vocal Festival

Western Michigan College presented its fifteenth annual Spring Vocal Festival on April 19th to 29th. This program was planned and presented by the students of the college. Participating choirs from surrounding high schools, including our own choir, took part. The program consisted of music, lectures, panel discussions, art and dancing.

Tonights program will begin at 8:00 in the Men's gym with Dr. Hadyn Morgan of Michigan State Normal as the guest composer.

Latin News

On May 2 (Saturday) the four Latin Classes of State High will join with other high school Latin students of this area for a field Day in the Women's Gym. There will be participation by all in singing, dramatics, style show, etc. The first year students from State High are rehearsing several short plays which they plan to present. Second year people will sing Latin songs as a group. At last report fourteen schools of Southwestern Michigan will attend.

At noon all will enjoy a box lunch.

Ad. Assembly

The Administrative Assembly scheduled for today, April 29, is in charge of Mr. Stevens, who is going to present the basketball letters to the boys who earned them this past season.

Congratulations

Congratulations . . .

To the Highlander staff for getting the year book in on time. Their hard work will surely be appreciated.

To Mr. and Mrs. Beyer on that new arrival—a little girl (who will no doubt make a fine chemist or physicist).

To the Finnettes on their annual water show.

To the Service Committee for decorating the Vets Hospital for their dance.

To the homerooms that participated in the school clean-up campaign.

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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Golf Team

The State High linkers consist of eight players this year. Their first four men consist of Brooks Godfrey, Joel Shepherd, Charles Straub and Dick Fork.

These four conditioned men will probably see the most action in competition this year.

Several other men though, are trying hard for an opening position. They are Wayne Carr, Dave Britigan, Dan Ward and Jim Causey.

The golf team has seen no action as yet this year, but a match is scheduled for April 24th at the Kalamazoo Country Club with a tough Holland squad.

In case you didn't know it, our golf team this year is in no competition with the Wolverine Conference. Their opponents consists mostly of the Big Four.

Lair & Seb's Column

Congratulations to the trackteam who, according to the Kalamazoo Gazette, are returning to the excellent work they showed in the war years.—Look for the boys to finish high up in the Wolverine Conference track standings.—The reserve baseball team opened their schedule with a smashing 21-1 victory over Portage's "Little Mustangs." The all sports Trophy Leadership at the present time is held by Allegan with State High and Portage in challenging positions. The standings thus far, awarding 12, 8, 6, 4, and 2 points for first, second, etc. in each sport are—

Standings
Allegan, 23
State High, 17
Portage, 16
Otsego, 14
S. Haven, 9
Plainwell, 4

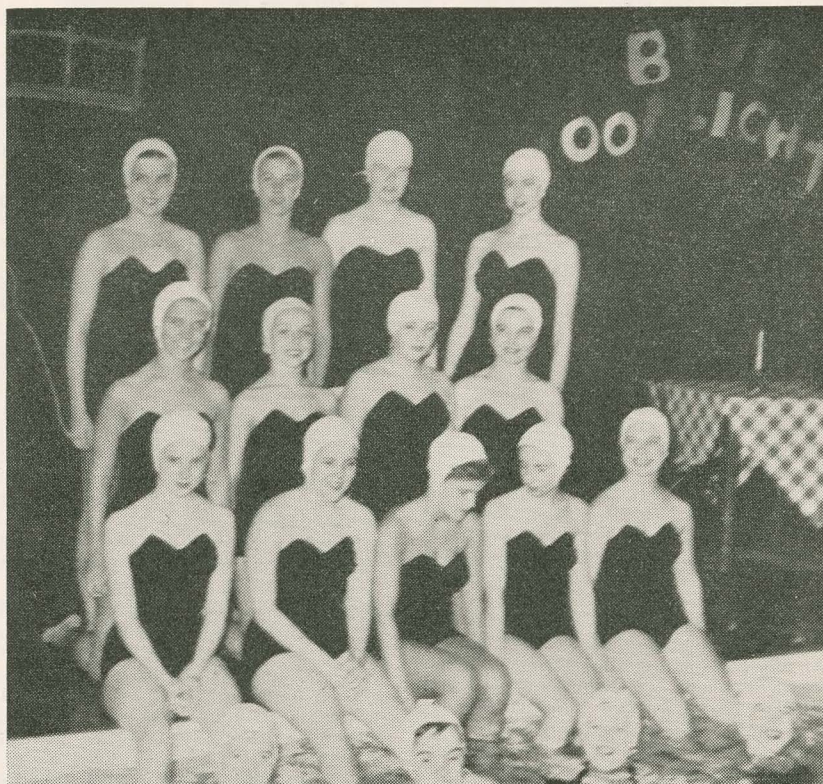
Our prediction for this week, after spring sports or complete.

State High, 51
Allegan, 47
Portage, 38
S. Haven, 34
Otsego, 26
Plainwell, 12

Sport Spotlight

Al Hackman currently shortstop for the State High baseball team, is this week's subject for the "Sportlight." An Oakwood product, Al has been attending State High for the past four years. He has starred on both football field and baseball diamond and has won honorable mention on the All-City football team.

His favorite foods are ham and corn. Dona is his pet peeve. (That's what Dona said.) Al plans to attend Michigan State or Western after graduating this June. He will take a chemical engineering course.



The "Rathskeller Blues" were presented as the edition of the Finnettes water show for 1953. The show had four performances, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night with a matinee on Wednesday for the Training school.

As the name suggests, blues from "Manhattan Serenade" to "Bye, Bye Blues" were used as background music for the show.

Chairmen of the committees for the show were; General Chairman, Eleanor Clark, Publicity, Joan Sisk, Stag-

ing, Ann Mahoney, Invitations, Sue Anderson, and Programs, Stevie Malone.

Members of the club who participated in the show were; Ann Mahoney, Joan Sisk, Marilyn Greenlee, Barbara Oakland, Sue Anderson, Charlene Pellowe, Ann Frey, Stevie Malone, Eleanor Clark, Janet Snow, Ann Doyle, Shirley Van Valkenburg, Diane Pullan, Bonnie Peterson, Julie Den Blyker, Karen Brower, Lucia Den Blyker, and Joan Harback.

Tennis Team Beats

At the time this issue goes to press the State High Tennis Team has competed in two matches, one with Holland Central and the other with Holland Christian. Against class "A" Holland Central, we upset the mighty Dutchmen 4-3. However, a trip to the Dutch capitol proved disastrous as Holland Christian beat us 4-3.

Individually Captain Pat Ryan, Peter Platt, and Jon Sebaly have two victories and no defeats. Al Wise and Don Neal, who play No. 1 doubles, have won one and lost one. Larry Littig, Don Flower and the No. 2 doubles team, Joe Gillis and John Simcox, have each lost twice.

The boys have done an excellent job considering the raw weather that has prevailed for practices and matches. For the rest of the year the boys are looking toward the regional and state tournaments.

Thinclads Score Victory

The track team appears to be off to an excellent start this year. In our first track meet we defeated St. Joe High by a score of 61½ to 47½.

State High had 10 first places, 2 second places, and 8 third places in this smashing victory. Seventeen individual members of the track squad scored to amass our total of 61½ points.

Top scoring honors went to Jim Van Tassel with 10½ points, Captain John Warfield with 10 points, and Dick Tough with 7 points. Amassing five points apiece were Dick Fork, Tom Johnson, Jim Hawkins, and Larry Miller. Ver Verhage had four points for his contribution. Adding a total of ten points more to the score were Matt Peelen, Chuck Warfield, Dick Redden, Al Gemrich, Al Shand, Dave Vanderwalker, Dave Corning, Jud Baldwin, and Jack Cope-

Locker Slams

Long time since we have had just a good old gab session, and exchanged news, so how about just some good old fashion gab session news?

Hear tell that Matt Peelen and Jean Allison are going steady as of her birthday. Pretty nice birthday present, huh what?

Also hear tell that Jimmy Boyland and Tori Baker have been going out quite regularly. Something could come of this.

From all reports the Turnabout seems to have been a success and even the beginning of some romances. Sure were some cute couples there and at the parties afterwards. At least the pictures look cute.

Ah I see that all of the lucky students have returned from Florida and they really have some nice tans. Everyone had a wonderful time and I guess some met new friends, and even some celebrities.

Well, spring is here and as usual the romances are blooming, tempers too. Oh well, they say all is fair in love and war . . . but I sometimes wonder if this is felt by all. Seems a few triangles have developed.

Recent comment from the Senior government class "I never knew I had a warped personality"

Rumor of the week . . . Joanie Bilum is returning to Kalamazoo.

About time for some new fad to appear in State High. Guess that the closest thing would be sitting under sunlamps. For this Julie Demblyker gets first prize. Stick with it kid . . .

Hear tell that certain girl wouldn't dance with certain boy the other day. What happened, Bill?

Hitched

Shirley and Dennis Weber
Mary Balch — Connie Kuizenga
Bob Beisel — Libby Davis
Dave Britigan — Nancy "Burma Bound" Everton

Peter Pullan — Collette Curtenius
Bob Miles — Connie Fricke
Jim Sanderson — Nattie Borgman
Brooks Godfrey — Barb McBride
Joel Shepherd — Mary Roberts
Dick Teugh — Milly Hafer
Chuck Overick — Marilyn (Central)
Tom Ware — Judy Bree
The Buders — Nothing new.
Fred Buys — Ann C.
Al H. — Celie
Al Gemrich — Jannie H.
Jerry H. — Judy
Al H. — Clelie
Matt — Jean A.
Linnea T. — Larry W.
Rosie B. — Wayne C.
Lyn — Gordy
Annie — Frank
Barb — Don
Debby — Chuck
Ken S. — Peg R.
Vern V. — Sally R.
Don DeVries — Carol V.
Jerry W. — Shirley (Central)

My Ideal Date

This week a poll was taken of the kids here at State, and some very interesting answers were given to the question, "What, in your estimation, is the ideal girl or boy?"

Ann Frey: Anyone between the ages of 14 and 54!

Don Neal: I've never thought about such things.

Ann Mahoney: I've found mine. Just look at him!

Charlene Schultz: He must be tall and blonde, have blue eyes, and be Vice-president of the Student Council.

Joanie Stiles: Someone who likes to take long walks.

Diane Pullan: I have some specific characteristics in mind; Height, 5'11," Weight, 150, Hair brown, Eyes, blue.

Brooks Godfrey: The ideal woman is the one who fits your ideals. (Now that is a brilliant statement!)

Ed Sutton: She must be female. (The understatement of the year) 5'7," dark hair, blue eyes, and well built. (In other words, Peg.)

Jud Baldwin: 4'6" to 5'11," 85 to 175 lbs., Blonde, brunette, redhead, eproxide hair. Blue, brown, green, or red eyes.

Don Gill: Black eyes, 7' tall, 200 lbs. Long, stringy black hair, and buck teeth. (That's too much to ask of any girl. You'll never find her.)

Ken Fricke: 5'6". Blonde. 118 lbs., blue eyes, Light complexion.

George Tinkham: 5'5", 110, blonde, blue eyes, Charlene Pellowe.

Judie Lyon: He must be neat, considerate, friendly, tall, talkative personality, good dancer, controllable emotions, mature, ambitious, clean cut, understanding, dependable, and athletic.

Stiched

Ed. S. — Peg Y.
Bill V. L. — Jan S.
Peter P. — Mary J. L. P.
Jud Baldwin — Mary J. S.
Jack B. — Joanie P.
Dick D. — Miriam L.
Jack P. — Dinny L.
Tony N. — Dianne S.
John S. — Anne M.
Dave Swoap — Shirley V. V.
Bill M. — Dot N.
Joe S. — Joan K.
John W. — Jud S.
"Ade V." — Grand Rapids
Dick Wilsey — Pat E.
John G. — Harriet H.
Debby P. — Chuck M.
Marianne Shau — "Central"
Corby L. — "An old sew and sew."

Restiched

Phil B. — Alda M. S.
Char P. — George T.
Tom J. — Diane P.
Sue A. — John K.

Ideal Vocations

What is your idea of an ideal vocation?

The time has come when all the seniors are seriously thinking about the horrible prospects of going out into the cruel world and earning a living. What would be an ideal vocation? Here are the considered opinions of some State High experts.

LINNEA TAYLOR — Swimming instructor at West Point.

PEGGIE YNTEMA — Driving Ed's garbage truck and watching him heave cans.

CONNIE WHITE — Giving out deserts in the Jackson High cafeteria.

JON SEBALY — Being a barker at a Burlesque.

KAY PEELEN — Being the bubble blower at Jon's Burlesque.

JOANIE STILES — Making use of 'em!

ANN MAHONEY — Break 'em!

JANET VAN HOEVE — A beautician in a mortuary—so people couldn't complain if they didn't like the way I styled their hair.

SHIRLEY WEBER — Teaching Dennis to put ashes in the ash tray.

JIM CAUSEY — Pedicurist in a beauty parlor.

DEBBIE PARKER — Sleep, sleep, sleep, and more sleep.

TED GARNEAU — Statistician for the F. B. I.

Spotlight on John Weber

There is a boy at State High who has long been more than worthy of having our "pertinability" spotlight turned on him. But we cunningly waited until he guaranteed his own popularity in all quarters by announcing that the "Highlander" will come out on time) before telling you more about Stae High Senior, John Weber.

John is, of course, best known as the editor (par excellence) of the 1953 yearbook who has spent days and nights working with his staff to put out a yearbok for our enjoyment. You will also remember that John functioned as "Highlights" photographer last year.

Aside from these hilltop activities, John may be found after school, on Saturdays and during vacations toting bundles for the A & P Super Market. During his spare time he plays the piano and corresponds with Jerry Minton of South Lyon.

Apparently John didn't get distracted among the more exotic foods displayed at the A & P because his favorite food is meat loaf; his pet peeve is people who don't get articles in on time.

John plans to attend Western and become a High School English teacher. So we leave him with one foot firmly planted in a very literate future and wish him all the luck in the world!