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# State Highlights

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## New S.C. Offices To Be Chosen May 25th

### Prom Plans Announced

The Music and Decoration chairmen of the annual Junior-Senior Prom, "Artistry in Abstract," have announced what their committees are planning to contribute to the atmosphere of the prom which is to be held in Walwood Ballroom on May 23rd from 9 to 12.

Music chairman, Martha Braden, has procured Bobby Davidson's orchestra to provide the music, and as the name of the dance implies, Gail Hubbell and her committee are planning an intensely modern decoration scheme. The East Room will be a gallery of modern art, the West Room will appear to be a long hallway leading to the ballroom which will have mobiles, abstract statues, a still life in the center, and vertical lines predominating throughout.

Ticket chairman, Linnea Taylor, gives notice that the price of tickets will be \$1.00 per person for under classmen and people who don't attend State High.

Gloria Weiss is General chairman of the prom and other committee heads are Janet Hughes, publicity; Sally Reeves, refreshments; Julie Davis, chaperones; and Judy Scott, invitations.

### Tri-City Bands Led by Painter

The third annual Tri-City Band Concert was held in the Women's Gym on May 9 at 8:00 p.m. This year Paw Paw and State High were happy to welcome the Allegan Band, under the direction of Mr. L. Don Schiel. The guest conductor was Mr. Paul Painter of the University of Illinois, who has taught all branches of high school music. At the U. of I. he developed the annual High School Music Activity Day held there every Thanksgiving vacation. Mr. Painter has written many works on baton spinning and on orchestra and band music for high schools. He is connected with the National Music Camp at Interlocken and the radio show, "Requiem for the Jabberwok" on N.B.C. He is also an arranger, a composer, and the president of the Illinois Musical Educational Association.

### S. C. to Sponsor Luncheon

A committee under the sponsorship of Mr. Deur has been making plans for the Monitor-Highlight luncheon. Chairman of the committee was Diane Doubleday. Her committee consisted of Dick Wilsey, Hap Atherton, Jan Hughes, Dona Endsley, and Janet Snow.

The luncheon will be held at the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, May 20th at 1 o'clock.

Father Bennison from St. Luke's Church will be guest speaker for the event.

### 'The Lowland Sea' To Be at Civic

The State High choir, under the direction of Mr. Jack Frey, will present the operetta, "The Lowland Sea" at the Civic theatre on Wednesday, May 27th.

The cast will include:

Dorie Davis	Sally Reeves
Johnny Dee	Phil Bruns
Captain Jessie	Gordon Berkhausen
Nathaniel	Tim Light
Amos	Gundolf Otto
The Ships Doctor	Fred Watterson
Hannah	Janyce Babcock
Belinda	Aldamarie Seaver
Patience	Alice Osterberg
Submit	Margaret Borton

Admission price is 50c for students and 75c for adults. Tickets will be on sale in the homerooms or may be purchased from any choir member.

### Long Lake to be Site of Picnic

The all school picnic is to be held Tuesday, May 26, is still in the planning stage.

The plans are: that it will be held at Long Lake; that the activities will include, roller skating, swimming, softball, horseshoes, and volleyball; the main dish, probably, ham and potato salad, will be provided along with the ice cream. Different homerooms will be assigned to bring other foods. You will be able to buy something to drink there. Plates and eating utensils will be furnished.

Tomorrow, May 14th, petitions will be available in the office for anyone who wishes to run for a Student Council office. Each petition is to be signed by not less than 35, or more than 40 students to make a candidate eligible, and returned to Mr. Stauffer by 3:00 on Friday.

Monday, May 25th. will be Election Day with assembly in the morning in which the candidates and their managers can present their platforms.

The president must be nominated from the junior class, but the other officers may be nominated from the freshman, sophomore, or junior classes.

The election committee, consisting of Janet Snow, Pete Platt, Ann Frey, Lyn Cassady, Marianne Schau, Carol Smith, and Barb Oakland, has the power to disqualify any candidate that doesn't comply with the rules. If these rules sound like miles of red tape, take it from Pete Platt, this year's V.P., that it's well worth it. Pete says, "Be prepared to work hard, and be able to get along with people, and you will enjoy one of the most satisfying experiences of your life."

Jan Snow's advice to next year's president is this: "Don't take more than four subjects, and arrange to have one study period coincide with one of Mr. Deur's free periods. Know how to organize your time to use it for the best advantage. Remain as emotionally detached from situations as possible."

Ann Frey has these words of wisdom to leave behind: "Just remember you have been chosen to represent the whole student body and always try to put their interests first. Remember, too, that service is your privilege, not just your duty and that the reward of a thing well done is to have done it."

Be appreciative to those who help you and "keep smiling." It's a terrific opportunity—lots of work but lots of fun."

### Polly Allen is City Queen

Polly Allen, State High's nomination for Cleanup Queen was recently chosen to be Kalamazoo's reigning Queen.

The coronation ceremony was held in front of the City Hall. Mayor Glen S. Allen crowned Polly Queen with white carnations set in a gold crown. After the crowning, the Queen and her court each received a piece of luggage and a corsage.



## Honors Assembly

The traditional Honors Day Assembly will be held in Walwood June 5th at 2:00. Miss Cleveland is in charge of the arrangements, with Linnea Taylor acting in the capacity of student chairman.

Dr. Albert Becker of the college speech department will be the guest speaker. The various honors for high scholastic ability, student council, Monitors, Highlights, Highlander, etc., will be distributed by the sponsors. Also participating will be the band and the choir. The choir will sing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," and Gary Forsell will present a marimba solo, "Dark Eyes."

This assembly is the last for the seniors at State High, and represents a milestone of achievement.

## G-I-V-E!!

Today and tomorrow, the Bloodmobile will be on the campus in order to get donations from any students desirous and able to give.

Only students 18 years and over, are eligible to participate, and they must have parental consent.

The unit will be in the R.O.T.C. building. Here's an opportunity for YOU to save the life of another person.

## French Play, Topaze

Tonight, at 7:45 p.m., the junior high school French class, in collaboration with the Western Michigan College French Club, will present a French play, **Topaze** at the Y.W.C.A. The group, under the direction of Miss Marion Tamin, has worked long and hard to make this production a success.

This play, which is the highlights of an entire year's work in the French classes, is the story of French Country life and involves an interesting romantic entanglement. This play which is the highlight of an entire year's work in the French classes, is the story of French country life and involves an interesting romantic entanglement. This play should be of interest to all French students in the high school. You are encouraged to attend this production.

## Women's Athletics

The Inter-Schol Council sponsored a Girl's Field Day at Nazareth on Saturday, May ninth. The 120 girls from Nazareth, Portage, Central, and State High, who took part, started registering at 9:30 and participated in the events until 3:30.

The morning events included kick ball, volley ball, and soft ball: the individual events (racing and broad-jumping, as well as basketball took place in the afternoon.

The public was invited.

## State High Successful In Speech Contest

In the Regional Speech contest this year, State High entered four divisions and placed in three. There were twenty four contestants from twelve schools contending. The Oratory was won by Gloria Weiss from State High and Joan Sisk won first in Declamations. Janet Snow placed in Interpretive reading. Contestants from W. K. Kellogg, Portage, Berrian Springs, Middleville, Hastings, and Comstock also placed in the contest.

## Journalism Course at State

Two summer courses for those interested in journalism are being offered by the University of Michigan and Michigan State College.

The one which will be held at the University of Michigan is for the advisor and editor of the paper. At the present two conferences are scheduled for July 6 to 17 and July 20 to 31 with August 3 to 14 being held as a tentative date if there are enough demands to warrant a third conference.

The cost will be \$42.50 for the two week period.

Michigan State College's course cannot be fully explained as the information about it has been lost. However, anyone interested in attending may inquire at the Highlight's office during the 8:00 hour for additional information about it.

## Highlander Pictures

This year's individual Highlander pictures will serve a twofold purpose. First, they will be included in the yearbook making it much more interesting.

Second, a duplicate copy of each picture was obtained by the office. All the pictures on the cumulative records will be replaced by these new snapshots.

Alene Watterworth, a former State High student, sang an aria, "Amour viens Ma Farblessa" from "Samson's Delilah," as guest soloist with the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra on Sun., May 3. Alene graduated from State High in 1950, attended Western, then was granted a scholarship at Drake University. She is a contralto.

## Don and Fred Kiwanis Representatives

Don Kilgore and Fred Watterson have been chosen by the local Kiwanis to represent State High in the next session of the State Government project. Boys from all over the state of Michigan are chosen to represent their areas. During the week of June 18th, the boys go to Lansing where candidates are nominated and elected to the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, etc.

During the session, political rallies are held in which campaigns are carried on in the regular political procedure. After the elections have been held, the winning candidates take over the official's duties for a day.

## Monitor Picnic

This year the monitors of State High have made plans for a picnic to be held on June 3. A committee, headed by Ann Mahoney, and composed of Helen Alman, Martha Braden, and Dick Wilsey announces that the picnic will be a potluck affair, and a list has been placed in room 206 for each monitor to sign before the next meeting.

Each monitor will be allowed to bring one guest, but he must sign twice in order to do so.

Plans call for a picnic supper of hotdogs, games, swimming if the weather permits and possibly a campfire.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe will chaperone, along with other members of the faculty and all the monitors are urged to attend.

## Campus School to Present May Festival

On Friday May, 15 the Campus School will present their annual May Festival at 2:30 in the Women's Gym. The elementary chorus, under the direction of Miss Mary Doty, will sing for their main selection, "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," by George Rathbone. Other selections on the program will be "The Lord's Prayer" arranged by Malotte, "Song of Hope" a traditional Hebrew Melody, "Rosa Back-a-jina" an American Mountain song, and "Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa.

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# Sports Banquet Scheduled For May 29th



Thus far, our golf team has played against Hollaand, Dowagic, and Battle Creek Lakeview and against Three Rivers twice. Remaining are the Regionals and again Holland. Our team has been shooting the 100's so far this season, with high point man Brooks Godfrey down in the eighties. Competition can be exemplified by Three Rivers, who in their

first match with us, scored 311 points—something like a 77 and one-half point-per-man average. Coach Arden Detert thinks this opponent is potentially a state champion.

Team members are Brooks Godfrey, Joel Shepherd, Charles Sraub, and Dick Fork. Bacing them up are Wayne Carr, Dave Britigan, Dan Ward, and Jim Causey.

## Lair & Seb's Column

This year's track success is more than a matter of superior skills. The boys have a tremendous amount of team spirit, and close knit cooperation . . . If the baseball team had had that same spirit the week of the second Otsego game the results might have been better. A "thanks" goes to Dick Schrieber for coming out for tennis . . . Congratulations to Bill Jerse for developing such fine athletic teams in the Junior High . . . What say we get some fire under the golf team; the early season results have not been too promising. Seems the only consistant low-scorer has been Brooks Godfrey, let's get going the rest of you . . . much appreciation goes to the Iron Men of the track team. Jim Van Tassel and John Warfield have been the high scorers in every meet . . . Look for the tennis team to run away with Conference honors. The netters really look sharp . . . Al Wise has proved himself quite a stellar performer in both tennis and track. Good luck Al . . . Fred Stevens has applied for coaching job at Grand Rapids Creston . . . All next years football games will be broadcast play by play by W.K.M.I. . . . Next year all our home football games will be played at the C.A.A. field in Kalamazoo . . . See all you athletes at the All-Sports Banquet May 29.

## Wolverine League Standings

### Baseball Standings

State High	5-1	.830
South Haven	4-2	.666
Portage	3-3	.500
Allegan	3-5	.428
Plainwell	2-4	.333
Otsego	2-5	.286

### Tennis Standings

State High	2-0	.1000
South Haven	1-0	.1000
Portage	1-1	.500
Plainwell	1-1	.500
Allegan	0-1	.000
Otsego	0-2	.000

## Cheerleaders Chosen

Last Monday the cheerleaders assembly was held. Instead of the usual number of four cheerleaders, six were chosen this time. The increase in the number of cheerleaders is part of the plan of the pep committee to have a more active cheerleading group.

For the past month and more the successful candidates as well as the defeated ones worked out twice a week in an attempt to become skilled in cheerleading. Among those who worked out were: Miriam Leimer, Donna Endsley, Dorothy Niebor, Diane Doubleday, Nancy Woodworth, Annette Douglas, Elaine Stimson, Gail Hubbell, Julie DenBleyer, Mary Francis Miller, and Fritz LaCrone.

On May 29th, the State High boys who won varsity letters will be treated to the annual All Sports Banquet. The Banquet is to be held in the Training School Rotunda this year instead of Walwood. The plans, under the direction of Mr. Fred Stevens, are under way and from all indication they should make an excellent program.

Jack Moss of the Kalamazoo Gazette has been scheduled as the main speaker. Instead of a guest Master of ceremonies one of our students is going to run the show. Other outside speakers will probably be Len Colby and Joe Wright, both sportscasters from the local radio stations. Entertainment is to be mostly student given. Don Neal is to play a trombone solo and Gary Forself is to give a marimba solo. Instead of the coaches giving their sports review, a boy from each team is to give seasons flash back. Also varsity letters for the spring sports are to be given out.

About 150 people are expected to attend. Besides all our varsity letter winners and their fathers, representations from the Wolverine Conference are to be invited along with some boys from other schools who plan to attend State High next year. All in all, it looks like this years' All Sports Banquet will turn out to be one of the best in history.

## Baseball Nine in First Place

At the present the baseball team has won 5 conference games and lost only 1. We have beaten Portage twice, Otsego, Plainwell, and Allegan. We have lost only to Otsego. Our standing in the conference is **first place**.

The tennis team has played only one conference game with Otsego which we won by a score of 5-0. Some of the other schools that we have played are Holland, who we beat by a score of 4-3, and Holland Christian, who beat us 3-4.

## The Female Sex On Courts

State High has another tennis team. Yes, the Cubs have two tennis teams this year. The new addition is an all girls tennis team. This team consists of ten netters by the names of Shirley Valkenberg, Ann Mallotte, Julie Davis, Sandra Hicks, Charlene Schultz, Stevie Malone, Catherine Myers, Bobby Gleason, Janet Weaver, and Marilyn Greenlee. Miss Large is the acting coach and seems to be doing a splendid job. Already the girls have one match under their belt. This was a match with Vicksburg; they were defeated 3-2.



# Spring Review Of Kalamazoo

## Shows

Out of all the many excellent movies which will be coming this summer to the State theater, there are two outstanding ones. Both of the movies are based on true stories. The first will be "Moulin Rouge," which is the life story of Henri Toulouse-Lautrec. A new method of technicolor is to be tried in this picture which should be interesting. The other story will be "Titanic." This is based on the true story of the ship Titanic, which on its maiden voyage hit a iceberg. 1,400 people lost their lives on the ship. The movie is based on the tragic event. Both of these pictures are outstanding and should be watched for in the papers. Here's a hot tip—It is being told that after June 1, most of the movies shown at the State Theater will be three dimensional for that month.

## Your Roving Reporter

This week's poll needs little introduction. The question asked of State High's students was: "What would you do differently during high school if you could go back?"

Janet Hughes; Taken Chemistry so that I could have had the pull(?) with my sister.

Cathy Meyers; Taken Spanish so I could translate the little notes I receive.

Shirla Jennings; Moved to Grand Rapids.

Joanie Stiles; Taken shop, life-saving, aronautics, and joined the "S" Club in order to improve boy-girl relations at school.

Ann Frey; Started school a few years later.

Ken Storey; Skipped half of my classes.

Helen Alman; Taken Latin instead of good ol' Espanol.

Miriam Liemer; Gone out for baseball, basketball and football. Guess why?

Janet Van Hoeve; Tried doing some homework.

Ann Mahoney; Stayed out of trouble. Larry Weisman; Taken more than one shop class a year.

Jon Sebal; Gone to Central.

Don Gill; Censored.

Willard Andres; Ventured into Skip Miller's gang.

Jim Otis; I don't know, I'm still in High School.

Carol Neff; Quit in the grades when I was ahead.

## Sports

Besides the movies another part of the entertainment field which will be in active swing this summer, is the sports world.

Early this summer, May 29 to be exact, Kalamazoo will be host to the Mid-American track and field conference meet. Also in May, the famed girl's baseball team, the Kalamazoo Lassies, will open. Later in the summer the Stowe Tennis Courts will be the scene of the National and possibly international tennis matches. In the later part of July the National junior and Boys Tennis Tournament will be held at Stowe. A few weeks later Kalamazoo may feature a Davis Cup match, pitting the United States' best racket swingers against the mighty mites from Japan. If this event comes to Kazoo any one with an interest in sports should certainly see it. Sure seems like Kazoo is to be a sports-active town for the coming months.

## Opportunities In Medicine

The profession chosen for this issue is medicine. The profession of medicine offers many and varied opportunities.

The order of the day in medicine is specialization. The day of the common practitioner who cured everything has practically departed. In the last fifteen years, so much has been learned about so many diseases and the human body that it would be impossible for one man to even attempt to know it all.

The disadvantages of a career in medicine are the long hours out of each day and the fact that your life is never your own. The practicing span of a doctor's life is short—20 to 25 years—and so is his life expectancy.

The advantages of a career in medicine are that you are performing human service for mankind, you are a respected member of the community, and the pay during your years of practice in most cases is very good. In addition, a doctor is always a welcome addition to any community.

The requirements to become a good doctor are: You must have four years of high school credit with good grades. You must have taken a large proportion of "solids," including the sciences. Then, you must attend a medically acceptable college for four years, taking premedical courses.

If your college marks are good, and you have attended an accredited school, you may be admitted to a medical school. Then comes one year of internship or three years if you have specialized. After completing this, you are at last a full-fledged DOCTOR.

## 'n' Stuff

As this year draws to a close, there are many events both in and around school of interest to all. Here in school there is, of course, the prom, May 23, followed by the various group and class picnics. Then, there is always the all school picnic, and Senior Skip Day (whose date is always kept a secret), and then the long awaited event of Senior Commencement.

Around town, events of interest to all of the students are the Civic's present play "Bell Book, and Candle," the concerts, and other civic events which the city offers.

Of interest to some is the approaching Cotillion featuring Stan Kenton and his jazz, and to still others the proms and dances given by the other high schools. So no matter where your interest lies I think that in the remaining months of this year there is some event to attract your interest.

## May Madness

It's "old stuff" to see the girls coming to school with shiney red faces, but do you always sunburn your neck when you mow the lawn, FRITZIE? Speaking of sunburns, Mary Frances is back from Florida, and the freshmen are all wondering who it will be.

Carol Smith is sporting a big ring that looks an awful lot like one Willard Andres used to wear. Way to go, Willie!

Jean Morris has decided who the man for her is. and Ron White seems to be pretty happy about it.

Has Larry forgotten how to drive, or did he just need a nap that Saturday night Linnea was driving the convertible.

There's one junior girl who could teach Mr. Weber something about triangles!

Everything seems pretty quiet on the sophomore front—not even Jack B. has a new steady.

The Junior girls' lament: "What do the Allegan girls have that we don't."

Congratulations, Peg and Ed! You were a really deserving pair of sweethearts. The new voting system turned out one of the nicest courts in a long time, too.

Ann and Joan are really loyal tennis fans—they deserve a big hand for so faithfully supporting State High's team (no joke!).

In closing, let us consider this happy thought; exams will soon be here.