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State Highlights

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Val Lauder Speaks

Val Lauder, the young woman reporter of the **Chicago Daily News**, was warmly greeted yesterday in the assembly at 9:00 in the Little Theatre. Miss Lauder has written her Keen-Teen column in the **Chicago News** for six years now, and has earned the confidence and friendship of thousands of teen-agers.

Her column, for the most part, contains experience stories involving teen-agers; their thoughts, ideas, and ambitions. Miss Lauder is in the process of writing a book, which will contain much of the same material that she presented to us.

Critics have said, "She speaks with the enthusiasm of youth . . . with the enthusiasm of one who believes she has something important to say to important people . . . the high school students."

Gloria Weiss to Speak In Legion Contest

In a speech and oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion, Gloria Weiss will represent State High in the city-wide competition. Dealing with the Constitution, the contest was held all over the nation and the national winner will receive a \$4,000 scholarship.

In the event that Gloria is victorious in the local contest, she will then progress to the state contest. The contest involves a thorough knowledge of the Constitution for a prepared speech. There will also be an extemporaneous speech made during the competition.

'Twin Twirl' To Be Held

Coming Events

- Jan. 20—B.B. game with Dowagiac,
- Jan. 22—B.B. game with Allegan at Plainwell—Pep Assembly
- Jan. 23—Turnabout, Walwood, 9:00-12:00
- Jan. 25—Radio program, WMCR-FM, "State High's student-managed study halls" 7:00
- Jan. 28—Tri-City Band Concert
- Jan. 29—B.B. game with South Haven, there
- Feb. 1—WMCR-FM—Program by Miss Kraft's Latin classes—7:00
- Feb. 9—Assembly, 8:00 Little Theatre
- Feb. 9—B.B. game with Allegan, there
- Feb. 12—B.B. game with Otsego, there

Exam Schedule

Monday,	8:00- 9:50	10:00
January 25	10:00-11:50	11:00
Tuesday,	8:00- 9:50	9:00
January 26	10:00-11:50	12:00
Wednesday,	8:00- 9:50	8:00
January 27	10:00-11:50	2:00

A Dime A Day Keeps Polio Away

Monday, February 1, will mark the opening of the annual March of Dimes Drive, sponsored by the service committee. This year, especially, money is needed for this worthwhile cause. Both the cause and the cure of polio are closer, but still far from a perfect solution. Every penny will help toward the purchase of Gamma Globulin for some stricken person. This serum, although just a temporary cure, is proving to be very important until something more permanent is found. Contributions to the March of Dimes fund enable scientists to carry on further experiments with the hope of someday wiping out this disease.

The slogan for the year is A DIME A DAY KEEPS POLIO AWAY. Each Monday in February will be considered a "dime day," and special emphasis on collections will be made on these days. Collection canisters will be placed in the lunch room and in the study halls, and service committee members will collect from home rooms.

Crowd Anticipated

The State High annual TURNABOUT will be held Saturday night, January 23, from nine to twelve in the ballroom of the Union building.

The theme of this annual girl invite dance will be TWIN TWIRL. To carry out this theme couples are asked to dress alike if at all possible.

Dress for the dance will be dressy school clothes.

Ray Fifer's orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion.

Students Plan Eastern Trip

Along the Potomac River in Washington, D. C., State High students will make their first visit of the 10 day Washington-New York tour. Professional guides will point out sights of interest from the Lincoln Memorial to the Supreme Court Building. Mr. Deur and Mr. Walters plus other faculty members accompanying the group will have an orientation session and a meeting to study maps. Freshman and sophomore students who have indicated their intentions of taking the trip are John Fleckenstein, Clarke Godfrey, Janet Jarman, Bob Johnson, Dennis Percy, Ann Taylor, and Robert Van Peenan.

In New York, where culture and government meet, State High students will conclude their April 16-26 tour. A visit to the United Nations and Radio City will be only a part of what New York offers as it draws students in under its towering skyscrapers. The group is limited to thirty students.

Of the 26 students listed thus far, the upperclassmen are Natalie Borgman, Dennis Bryan, Jim Causey, Carole Edgerton, Bryce Forester, Jim Hightower, Tom Howson, Joan Kohrman, Connie Kuizenga, Dinny Lintvedt, Charles Maloney, Mike Palmer, Joan Peelen, Peter Platt, Al Snow, Dave Swoap, Adrian VanderLinde, Al Wise and Nancy Woodworth.

Returning to Kalamazoo every student will find it unbelievable that the cost was no more than \$125 including meals, transportation, and hotels. There is no charge for anything except direct costs. All indications point toward an excellent tour.

Tidbits

by Fritz

Back again folks with a bushel of news. And aw-a-a-a-y we go!

One of the choir student teachers, Miss HELEN FUHRMAN, was married on the T.V. program, "Bride and Groom," yesterday, January 19.

The latest CONSUMER REPORT says that teenagers do prefer VICEROYS because of their smoooooth cork tip and extra length. At 27c a pack it's hard to see how State High kids can do it unless they go without lunch.

There have been a great number of "THE BOYS" from State High at Western's games lately. They really laugh it up!

TIM LIGHT is chairman of a special committee to work with the SERVICE committee on the MARCH OF DIMES campaign. This is a worthy project and deserves the school's support.

When the FRIENDSHIP committee came to take down the school's Christmas tree, they found that someone had already taken it down, lights and all. All lockers were searched for the missing tree. (Don't look now, but confidentially, it's in Mrs. Jarman's top desk drawer).

JOYCE OWEN and CAROLE EDGERTON have been appointed as State's good-will ambassadors to Plainwell and Allegan high schools respectively. That should make inter-school relations quite cozy!

The Fin-Ettes are very busily at work preparing for their show in April. Right now the show has no name but it is based on the various kinds of music. Some of the numbers are: "Night Train," "Slaughter On 11th Avenue," "Dixieland," "Tropicana," "Ritual Fire Dance," "Snow Deer," "Shantytown," "Can Can," and the finale is "Ebb Tide."

The girls in 9:00 gym class are hitting the liniment bottle heavily. The class is studying MODERN DANCE, but so far the teachers are having a rough time making gazelles out of oxen.

TONIGHT we play DOWAGIAC, there. Shall we all go 'en masse' to show them what school spirit is like?

Friday, January 28, the annual **Tri-City-Band** concert will be held here. Allegan and Paw Paw will be the other two bands participating. The concert will be held in the Women's Gym at 8:00, and each band will play separately before combining into the massed band.

Who Dun It?

Who captured the island of Tyre and then built a raised road to the island? Who killed 8,000 Tyrians and sold 30,000 more into slavery? Who led the French armies against their conquerors and set up the rightful king? Sound interesting? You can find the answers to these questions and many more in the new World Landmark Series which our library has recently purchased.

A few of these interesting biographies are: **Mary, Queen of Scots**, which is the only book our library has on this famous queen; **The Man Who Changed China: The Story of Sun Yat-sen** by the famous author of other books on China, Pearl Buck. Any boy who has read John Gunther's other books will want to read his new book, **Alexander, the Great**. **Joan of Arc** by Nancy Wilson Ross should be of interest to the girls and **The First Men in the World**, a story of prehistoric times, should prove to be good reading for anyone.

Mr. Atlas Says—

Have you noticed as you flip through the back pages of the magazines in the library how some articles are carefully snipped or torn out? I, being the curious type, bought duplicates of the torn magazines to see what these articles of interest were. The articles read, "Do girls whisper 'skinny' when you are on the beach? Do you frequently get roughed up by big, muscular **HEMEN**? Why don't you do something about it? Enroll in the "Ripley Biceps and Bulging Thighs Club. Do it TODAY!"

The next part of the mystery was to find out who was taking out the articles. This was a little more difficult than finding out what they were taking! After several days of snooping and sneaking, to no avail, I decided to hold a contest to see what boys were becoming muscular and big chested. The survey of willing contestants is as follows: Alan Howard and Bob Beisel testified that they measured 44 inches (deflated, of course), while Larry Littig, Jim Rock and Peter Pullan expanded to a big 39, 37, and 38.

Matt Peelen and young brother George patted their chests, ape style, breathed deeply, and stated "49 and 45, give and take a little." Jerry (Dagmar) Hawkins boasted a big 55, but Johnny Scot is giving him a close contest with a 35 incher.

After this survey I still had very little material to solve the mystery with; however, as all the State High boys seem to be husky he-men (to hear them tell it, anyway), it seems absurd to think of them taking a body building course.

By the way, have you noticed that our janitor is looking huskier these days?

Cupid Sales Up

I'm Amy, one of Cupid's angels. I help him out during the February rush season. How'd you like to join me and try to see what some of those Hilltoppers will receive on the 14th?

Look! There's Joanne Survilla picking out a big maroon and white card for Chan, while Al Howard is counting his pennies. After buying that diamond for Christmas, it looks as though Clelie will be presented with his empty check book.

That group of girls over in the valentine section look like some of the freshies. There's Suzanne Lenartson and Alice Mabie choosing a stack of cards for their boyfriends. Gets expensive, doesn't it?

Ann Burgderfer and Joan Kohrman just walked past the store. They decided Pat and Joe would rather have a plate of southern fried chicken.

Chuck Ocvirek had a hard time deciding who to send his cards to, so he finally purchased an enormous one to tack up on the bulletin board declaring, "To All of You Lovely Girls From Me."

Martha, after debating much, finally purchased a flash bulb for Chris and a song sheet for Phil.

Rhythm at Random

Saturday, January 30, the Solo and Ensemble contest will be held in Kalamazoo.

Some State High band members will be entering. Gary Forsleff, xylophone, will play **Hora Stacatto**, by Dinicu - Heifetz, and will be accompanied by Dean Griffith. Don Neal will be playing **Blue Bells of Scotland**, by Arthur Pryor, on the trombone, accompanied by Polly Allen. **The Haydn Concerto**, by Haydn, will be played by Charles Straub on the cornet. He will be accompanied by Diane Sabo. Mike Palmer will play an oboe solo, **First Movement - Concerto for Oboe**, by Vaughn Williams, accompanied by Eunice Newton. A flute solo will be played by Jean Morris entitled **Sixieme Solo de Concert**, by J. Demersseman, accompanied by Zoe Gideon.

Staff Box

This year's "Highlights" is being published bimonthly by the journalism class. Class members are: Carolyn Buder, Marilyn Buder, Ann Carleton, Carole Edgerton, Jim Elsmann, Dona Endsley, Penny Farr, Al Gemrich, Zoe Gideon, Fritz LaCrone, Sue Locke, Charles Maloney, Carole Rice, Judy Scott, Dave Swoap, and Linnea Taylor.

Class instructors are Miss Beth Giedeman and practice teacher, Miss Cleora Fletcher.



The Way The Ball Bounces

Congratulations to Coach Stevens' reserves! It looks as though they're headed for an undefeated basketball season, too! The team has averaged nearly 50 points while their opponents are lucky if they have 30 . . . As for Coach Chance's boys, they've been having a little trouble finding themselves, but they have shown that they can play ball when they want to . . . Ironically last year's two top teams, State High and Allegan, are now fighting to keep out of the cellar . . . It's good to see Al Wise back in the line-up after his long illness . . . Keep your eyes on Don Neal, who has been turning in an increasingly better performance each game. It is hard to come up from a substitute to a starter in midseason, but we feel that if Don continues to improve, he will do it . . . Just a reminder to all boys and especially those new this year: the spring sports season is not far off. It offers a wider variety of sports to participate in than either of the two preceding seasons. All boys interested in either track, baseball, tennis, or golf should seriously consider going out for the team. The value of participating in some phase of athletics during high school can not be overemphasized as they present the opportunity for the development of leadership, a strong body, a competitive spirit, and lasting friendships. Think it over, work hard on your exams and we'll be looking forward to seeing you on the track, field, court, or course this spring.

Cage Team Has Ups and Downs

Wolverine League Standings

	W	L
Otsego	3	1
South Haven	3	1
Plainwell	2	2
Portage	2	2
State High	1	3
Allegan	1	3

Jr. High Releases Sports Schedule

This year, for the first time, the seventh and eighth grade teams are playing on separate schedules.

The seventh grade team, including B. Hartman, A. Dowd, G. Roberts, G. Brown, J. Gardner, S. Hammond, W. Johnson, T. Lenderink, L. Mimms, S. Baden, W. Kent, P. Roekle, V. Todd, B. Tracy, R. Baker, D. Doyle, and F. Kolloff are practicing Thursdays and Fridays after school and Saturday mornings. At the present time they are planning to play Oakwood, Milwood, Parchment, and Heege Center having begun with a game with Oakwood on January 18.

The eighth grade team (including one or two seventh graders) is playing in the city league. The starting line-up has not been definitely decided but the outstanding players so far are Captain Cullen Henshaw, B. Cooper, P. Tobias, W. Yates, E. Gemrich, J. Carlson, C. Kino, P. Weber, M. DenOtter, S. Beudeman, and G. Shau. The games start at 6:30 and 7:20 and the schedule is as follows:

January 27—Douglas Center
January 20—St. Mary's
February 3—North Side
February 4—DeNooyer's
February 17—Open
February 24—St. Mary's

Games Since Vacation Reviewed

Since the last issue of the paper, the cage fortunes of the Cubs at first vastly improved and then took a turn for the worse, as they lost their last two conference games and find ourselves tied for last place in the league. Following are thumbnail sketches of the last six games:

After dropping their first two games, the Cubs rebounded to upset a favored **Portage** team, 54-41. The game, played at Tredway Gym, featured fine play turned in by Brooks Godfrey and Matt Peelen of the Cubs. Peelen grabbed off most of the rebounds, while adding 18 points, and Godfrey's ball-hawking garnered him 12 points. The State High reserves were victorious 37-6, with Bob Beisel's big seven points.

The local cagers surprised many when they made **Grand Rapids South** hustle to gain a 48-36 win. The tall Class "A" quintet finally pulled away in the final quarter when the Cub attack stalled. Warfield and Miles each threw in nine points for the Cubs. The reserve team crushed Grand Rapids South's seconds, 43-23.

On December 22, the Cubs poured on the steam in the last half to salvage a 53-43 win from **Vicksburg**. Alert play by Burke and Mindeman, combined with the scoring punch provided by Miles and Peelen, gave the Cubs the victory. Let by Ted Garneau's 16 points, the reserves again triumphed 64-22.

Maintaining sensational backboard control, State High swept past **Hastings**, 48-36. John Warfield carried the scoring load with 20 markers. Our amazing reserve team boomed to its sixth win without a loss, 51-16.

Skaters Waltz — Pffft, Bang!

On a glittering cold afternoon, shiny ice skates dot the lake as State High students demonstrate their recent Christmas gifts. One of these fortunate students is Ann Burgderfer. Ann had never been on skates before. "Someday I'll be a champion," Ann says. Many believe her.

A chill wind blows against Helen Alman's soft blue-gray ski pants as her red cap and gloves spin with her graceful turns.

Next comes the whirling figure of Sandy Spann. Sandy wears a navy blue outfit and has donned new figure skates. Her "eager beaver" sister, Sharon, moves smoothly over the ice with Fran Miller, who is demonstrating "Come on, team, fight" with fancy twists and turns.

Phil Leach is on the ice in a flash. His long glides and usual perfection all are overcome by a bang! Phil won't be skating for a while.

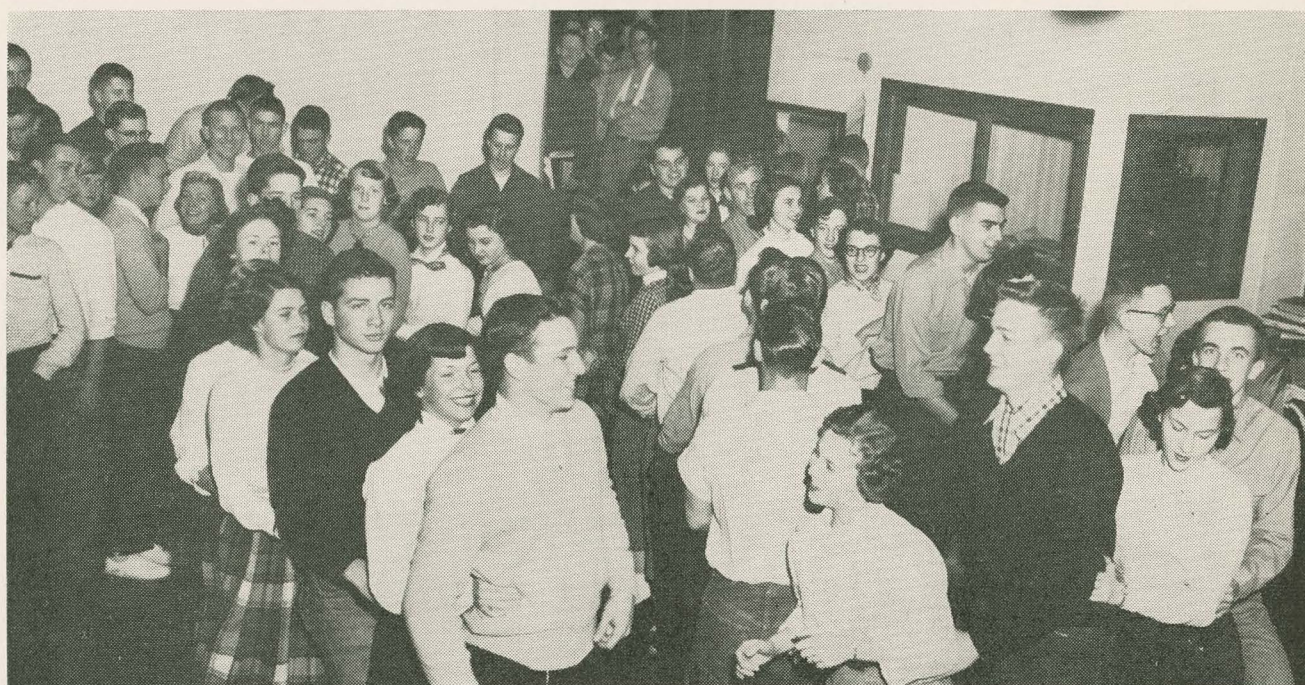
Freshmen Mary Lou Allen and Alice Osterberg gaze in amazement at Marv Balch's precision on the silver lake.

The dancing flames of a small fire nearly match the sparkle in the skaters' eyes. Carole Edgerton stops to adjust her ankle straps and count the number of bruises she will have to compare with other girls in Monday gym classes. Linnea Taylor's gracefulness plus Larry Weisman's perfection make them a handsome couple as they skate past the fire.

As the sun lowers its weary head upon the glassy ice, the students hobble home, some with bumps, others tired, but all agreeing that becoming adept at skating is like reaching the peak of a high mountain after an arduous climb. The personal satisfaction of achievement is worth all the effort.

On January 9, playing on the home floor, State High lost a chance to tie for the Wolverine Conference lead by dropping a 45-37 contest to **Otsego**. Don Neal and Bob Miles managed to toss in eight apiece over the Bulldogs' zone defense. The reserves smacked the Otsego seconds, 62-27.

Last Friday night State dropped a heartbreaker to **Plainwell**, 53-50, and fell into a tie with Allegan for the cellar of the Wolverine Conference. With Peelen and Wise lost on personal fouls, the Cubs just couldn't compete for rebounds in the waning and important minutes of the game. Sparkplugs of our "never-say-die" quintet were Neal, Wise, and Miles. Miles hustled for 14 markers to lead the State High aggregation. Rolling on to victory No. 8, our reserve team humbled the Plainwell reserves, 43-24.



Scott's Scoops

Here I am again after many weeks of watching and listening carefully, trying to gain information. But I still don't come up with too much.

The **Turnabout** is coming up January 23. It is being called **Twin Twirl**, meaning the couples should dress alike in school clothes if possible. You can count on seeing Miriam and Don K., Julie DenBleyker and Matt, Connie Kuizenga and Don Neal, Edge and Gordy Berkhausen, and Dinny and Joe Gillis. (Hey, what happened, a big switch ? ? ?) Marilyn Wilsey and Jim Brown, Sue Locke and Marv Balch, Bev Fender and Tony Nieboer, Helen Thorpe and Vern Wade, Margaret Borton and Dean Griffith, Joanie Peelen and Tom Harding, Barb Born and Al Wise, Vicki Wenner and Mike Palmer, Sue Lennartson and Tony Scott. Whew, I gotta catch a breath. Also count on seeing Janet Weaver and Nate Taylor, Helen Alman and "Guy," Carol Schutz and Dick Howson, Carol Sutton and Mike Weaver, and Martha Roth and Tom Elias. It looks like we can count on the freshman class really supporting this dance.

I'll bet a torch is burning between Ron Kilgore and Mary Jane LaPlante. It sure looks that-a-way. Also I could add Linda Hawkins and Dave Sackett, Nancy Wagner and Denny Bryan, and Gerry the "Hawk" and Joanie Peelen to this list of new found loves.

It looks like we could use an obituary column to include Dave Vandewalker and Barb Stewart, Dot Nieboer and her college man, Marv Balch and Connie, and Jon Sebaly and Joanie Parkes. Even though some of

Doin' the Bunny Hop—

Pictured above are just a small portion of the student body who participate in one of the most popular and constructive activities at State High, noontime dancing.

There is "Camera shy" Jon Sebaly leading Joan Parkes; "Santa Claus" Hawkins and Fran Miller are steering a "line" with Matt Peelen and Ellen Davis doing likewise.

It is a very rare occasion when you witness a dancing couple really "digging" the jitterbug to a number that "moves." Don Neal, Pat Ryan and Jim Elsmann are a few of the brave males, while Judy Bree, Ellen Davis, and Ann Burgderfer are the female few who attempt to "follow" the erratic steps of the gents.

Yes, many thanks should be given to the band for offering this very accommodating room to the student body.

these are listed as such, I'll bet a couple drift back together.

Have you ever wondered how long some of these kids up here have gone steady?

Marilynn Buder and Sandy Shreve and their men have been going steady over two years.

In the over a year group I found Red and Janet, Barb McBride and Brooks, Dona Endsley and Al, Larry and Linnea, Dick and Miller Hafer, Donna Burlington and her man; and Penny Lyons and John Garside can claim almost a year. In the two to six months category I found Annette D. and Al G., Bob Mabie and Ann C., Gail H. and her man, and Sherla and hers. Also are Nancy Woodworth and Dick T., Libby and Dick W., and Phil L. and Sandy S.

Home Ec. Department Sports New Styles

A modern homemaking program emphasizes a Family Centered Program, where students learn all different aspects of running a well-organized home. In this program they study cooking, sewing, decorations, personality development, and money management. They also get first hand information about the raising of children, by working with the nursery and kindergarten, here on campus. Under this new program of family living, students become much more conscious of the real duties of family living as they form homes for themselves.

Here at State High a very new and modern Homemaking Department is being installed in a large, all purpose room, and in the room there are four home type kitchen units, each of which has some special feature.

The U-type kitchen has a Lazy Susan corner cupboard, a handy serving bar, and an apartment size stove.

The adjoining L-shape kitchen has a garbage disposal unit, an electric dishwasher, and an apartment size stove. A large kitchen, which is the one that will be used for demonstration purposes, is of a natural birch finish, and has a refrigerator and two family type stoves.

Another new unit includes laundry equipment, having refinished cabinets, a single sink, an electric washer, a gas dryer, an electric ironer, and an electric apartment size stove.

The S. E. corner will become a small, but very attractive living center.