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Staff Cites Seniors For Unseen Service



Gail Hubbell

Here at State High we're lucky to have Gail Hubbell. She's the person who has been class or homeroom treasurer with the unthankful job of collecting dues. More than likely you've heard that collecting money from State High students is like pulling teeth. How about a person who does this job for various organizations for four years? This person certainly deserves recognition.

Her type is also found on the working part of our student government, the committee. She isn't the chairman who gets her name on dance programs or picture in the newspaper for service work. No, she's the one in the background, who has her car handy for all types of hauling. She's the one who spends half of her Saturdays decorating for dances or she's the one who paints the posters advertising drives. But best of all she's the person that always has a warm smile ready when your spirits are the lowest. She's the one that says, 'Let me do that; you're tired.'

When Gail was young, people said that she had numerous interests and was talented in all. This aspect of her personality is still dominant. She has been a member of the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra for three years. She has won many poster contests for her fine art work.

Elect Bill Patmos and Gail Hubbell

Each year at this time the HIGHLIGHTS staff elects two people, a boy and girl, who we feel have given long hours of school service without their share of recognition. This year the staff, composed of 15 juniors and seniors, chose Gail Hubbell and Bill Patmos for the spotlight. Both are seniors and in their four years at State High have held positions of responsibility requiring unnoticed hard work. Neither has wanted to capitalize on his efforts or let everyone know about them.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, March 5—Tournament game with Vicksburg, 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 9—De Willo Concert Artists at assembly, 9:00 a.m. Little Theatre

Tuesday, March 16: Roman dinner (Latin classes), 6:00 p.m.

De Willo Concert Artists to Appear

On March 9 at 9:00, the De Willo Concert Artists will present an assembly in the Little Theatre. Mr. De Willo is considered a great master of the Concertina Grande, an instrument which he designed himself. It sounds like a pipe organ and is the only instrument of its kind in the world.

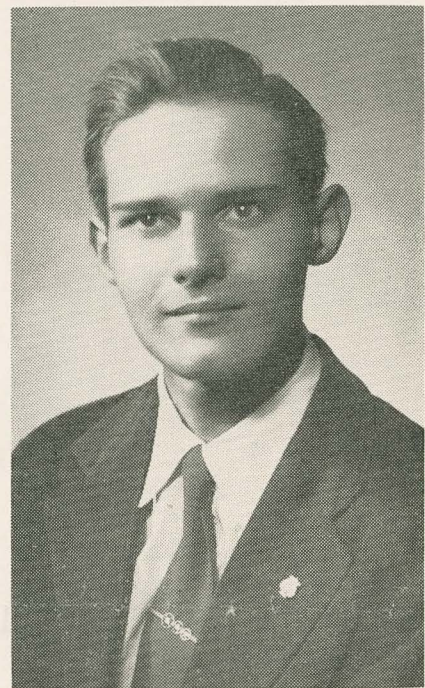
Lotus Spring plays the cello with Mr. DeWillo. She has studied at the Chicago Musical College and traveled throughout the United States, Canada, and South America.

Latin Students to Feast In Old Roman Style

On Tuesday, March 16, the high school Latin classes will have a Roman Dinner in the training school gym.

The first year classes will be in charge of the arrangement, decorations, and food with the second year classes planning the entertainment; the third year group will make the dinner scrolls and eighth grade students will serve as slaves.

Authentic features of a Roman dinner will include dress, reclining to eat, typical Roman foods, and entertainment between the courses.



Bill Patmos

Bill Patmos is the boy who we think has done very outstanding work for the school with the least credit, who in his quiet way, works hard for us, especially along the line of audio-visual aids and electronics. If you'd listen to Bill tell about himself, you'd surely think we were wrong, for Bill is very modest and unassuming; but yet he has done many thoughtful and unselfish things from which all of us have benefited. For example, he gave up his job at the public library so he would have more time to spend as property manager in the band. He is usually in charge when any of the classes want to listen to records or see movies, and he is a college projectionist.

Another of his main interests is photography and we understand he spends many interesting hours in the dark room — working with photography, naturally. He sang in the choir in his freshman year and is on the Highlander staff this year as well as playing alto clarinet in the band and the guitar on the side. Bill assisted in building the basic unit for an amplifier which eventually will be used in the band room.

Bill is always friendly and willing to help and is a vital asset to State High.

Tidbits

by Fritz

WRECKER ANYONE? It seems Coach Chance parked his car in the Little Theater parking lot on a day when a quagmire of mud existed. There it stood for quite a spell.

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Latest expression: "GO LIBER-ACE" courtesy of Don Alguire.
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Silhouettes of boys, girls, sodas, and sundaes decorated the dance called "SODA SHOP SHUFFLE" sponsored by the Service and Friendship Committees. The affair was given at Fort Custer for mental patients last Thursday.

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A freshman lad was feeling keen.
He poured a cup of gasoline.
He lit his pipe, he drank the cup.
YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN HIS
FACE LIGHT UP!
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BABBLING BOYS AND BABES—
ANY DAY AT 2:50 . . . Aw, pull your shirt out in back . . . give it to somebody . . . Hurry up, Barb's waiting . . . Don't tell her what I got . . . Now what's the matter? . . . going out with me Thursday? . . . What's the rush? . . . Too many kids fooling around out in front . . . Where's my pen? . . . ha ha ha . . . I don't want it now . . . Ya got any cigarettes? . . . You know I'd loan you one if I had . . . Some brilliant ideas on the subject . . . I'll bet it wasn't as good as mine . . . you said they were . . . Hi . . .

Let's go get an ice cream bar . . . Got any money? . . . Go get a coke, dumb head . . . Boy, this is murder . . . Yeah, she's a pretty good teacher but what a temper! She grabbed me once . . . He said I didn't really need glasses . . . whatcha doin'? . . . mmmm boy, it's a beautiful day again . . . Gotta wait for Ellen, too . . .

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DON KILGORE wasn't his sedate self after the Plainwell game. He had a field day with the ice cubes . . .

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"BLEST BE THE TIE" — Mr. Walters prefers chartreuse neckties and those with pleats, while various student teachers, too, like the—well, what should we call those surrealist designs?

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THANKS: To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pearson for donating a \$25 World Atlas to the high school library.

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Mr. Walters makes history in his class. He teaches that Napoleon was married at the age of seven! Oh, these FAST FRENCHMEN!

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See you all at the district tournaments at Vicksburg this Friday. State High plays Vicksburg in the first round. WE BEAT 'EM ONCE AND CAN DO IT AGAIN.

What Constitutes Real Success?

Have you ever witnessed a person talking about another individual and commenting: "That man is extremely successful?" Why, of course you have! You also have probably wondered just exactly what is the measuring spoon of success. What determines or differentiates between a person's being "labeled" a failure and an individual's being known as successful?

In considering these problems and queries we must be cognizant of the fact that, just as the structures of no two personalities are congruent, neither are their convictions regarding success in exact accordance. An article which comments on "real success" would be almost impossible to write without the insertions of the writer's own personal opinions and biases.

Some people measure success by material wealth or possessions, some by happiness and abundant living, others by nourished and capable brain power or intellect, and still others, the altruists and humanists, by how markedly they have furthered the status of man — all men. It is far from my concept of psychology to state that "real success" can be found in only one or just certain of these measures.

It is, however, hard for me to realize how any person could consider himself successful or content when he measures success in scales of material possessions only.

Possibly a more constructive way to view this problem is to judge success by how much a person has utilized his initial ingredients. Here the issue of heredity and environment gains importance. The knowledge must be present in our minds that some are born more mentally sufficient than others, some with quite less financial means than others.

Then, considering these unchallengeable facts, how can we fairly label individuals "successes" or "failures" when we know not of their struggles, their different opportunities, and the number of obstacles with which each has had to cope?

Perhaps success is best judged by the individual himself. He knows his assets and capabilities better than others. He also has certain desires and hopes in life unknown to others. If he attains these desires by using his certain capabilities, he might, and perhaps rightly he should, consider himself successful.

What is the proper answer to this perplexing question? The staff would welcome papers from the student body concerning this query, "What Constitutes Real Success?"

—Jim Elsmann

Rhythm at Random

Some State High students and teachers were seen scouting for talent at Central's Band Follies. They were Dr. Belooof, Mr. Frey, Gary Forsleff, Tim Light, Cathy Myers, Charles Straub, and Don Neal.

Some acts they especially liked were the kick line, the flute duet (Marty Pabst and Wendy Winship), the Victor Borge act by Nancy Starrett, the "Trampoline Antics," and Jo Ann White on the accordion.

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The Swing Band is sponsoring a dance on April 10. New music which they are practicing includes "Stranger in Paradise," "Ebb Tide," "Bunny Hop," and "Many Times."

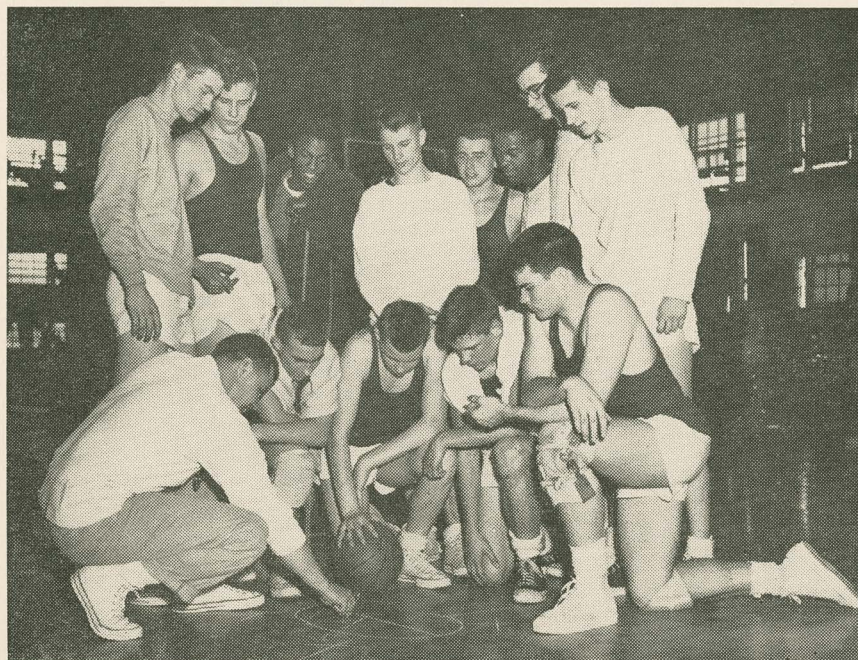
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For those who especially liked "Joshua" last year, the band has in the same vein: "Dry Bones" and "Humorescapade."

The choir has chosen the final cast for the operetta as follows:

The Mikado	John Warfield
Nanki-Poo	Adrian VanderLinde
Ko-Ko	George Peelen
Pooh-Bah	Tim Light
Pish-Tush	Gordy Berkhausen
Yum-Yum	Barbara Stewart
Pitti-Sing	Nancy Watterworth
Peep-Bo	Jean Hoag
Katisha	Janyce Babcock
plus a chorus of School Girls, Nobles, Guards, and Coolies.	

Attention! This is a final prompting to those students who, as yet, have not ordered their **Highlander**. Please don't wait until June when everybody else is signing yearbooks and then besiege the **Highlander** staff for a last minute order. It's just \$3.50 for a beautifully organized annual of pleasant memories of this school year. Ellie Clark, Sally Clark, and Jim Elsmann are taking orders. See them today!

Cubs Open Tournament Play This Friday



Coach Chance holds a closed door "chalk talk" as Al Wise, Matt Peelen, John Warfield, Brooks Godfrey, Bob Miles, Chuck Warfield, John Fleckinstein, Pete Parker, Dallas Weybright, Jack Burke, Tony Nieboer, and Bob Britigan "listen and learn."

Bulldogs Provide Initial Opposition

Friday night at nine o'clock Coach Barney Chance's fast improving quintet will step onto the Vicksburg gymnasium floor in hopes of conquering Gary Stauffer's Vicksburg "Bulldogs in the opening game of district tournament play.

Early in the season the Cubs coasted by the Vicksburg team with a 10 point victory. Consequently the State High cagers will be favored to garner the victory once again. However, the Bulldogs are vastly improved since that last contest and State High fans will probably not recognize them as the same team. Led by the play of Kott and Hollenbeck the Bulldogs have come back strongly in late season play. They whipped Portage and St. Augustine, and then lost tight ball games to Buchanan and Three Rivers, two of the more powerful ball clubs in the state.

State High, meanwhile, came in flurries. They got into a hot streak in midseason and then cooled off. In the last four or five games of the season the Cubs have built themselves to a climax that should reach its peak in this tournament.

Bob Britigan and Matt Peelen have sparked this return on the victory path; Brooks Godfrey, Bob Miles, Al Wise and veteran Don Neal also have looked good and should have a lot to say about the final outcome Friday. Chuck Warfield, brother of injured captain John Warfield, along with Pete Parker, recruits from the reserve team, have shown well and are expected to see much action. Parker is a possible starter.

Should State High get past Vicksburg on Friday, they will face the winner of two Wolverine Conference foes in the district finals Saturday: Portage or South Haven.

namely Bob Miles, Pete Parker, and Al Wise.

The No. 1 rated Class B five in Michigan, **Holland Christian**, displayed their many talents, as they smothered Coach Chance's scrappy quintet 68-48. In the opening minutes it looked like the 1,000 fans would view a close struggle, but steadily the Holland Maroons, averaging six-three in their starting line up, pulled away. Matt Peelen led the Cub cause, meshing 14 points.

It took two free throws in the closing half minute to give the **Plainwell** Trojans a thrilling 57-56 win on Western's floor. The ball game displayed the even balance of the Wolverine League teams, as Plainwell now shares the title and State High rests in the cellar. Peelen again was the leading point getter for the Cubs.

The Ball's Last Bounce

Keep your fingers crossed — it's tournament time. Here's hoping we may have a happy ending to this year's hot and cold basketball season . . . The reserves have finished with an outstanding record, marred only by two defeats . . . Pete Parker, John Fleckenstein, and Charlie Warfield, former reserve players, have done well in their newly acquired varsity roles. Parker proved that there's always room on a team for someone who can hit, and outpoint the rest of the boys at Allegan . . . When asked about the Allegan game Coach Chance replied, "No comment." . . . Many thanks to all those fellows and dads who bucked the wintry weather to attend the "S" club meeting. Those who were there will agree some real "huskies" are coming up next fall . . . Miss Prychitko has had the tennis team working out for over a week now. We predict this year's team will continue State High's prominence in state tennis circles this spring . . . Coach Walters and his maroon and silver clad mentors have also started training. . . . State High is now in a tie for third place with Otsego in the All-Sports race which is lead by Allegan, with Plainwell second. With the conclusion of basketball season we are running 4 points behind last year's total for this time.

FINAL WOLVERINE LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L
Plainwell	7	3
Allegan	7	3
Otsego	5	5
South Haven	5	5
STATE HIGH	3	7
Portage	3	7

The fireworks in the Wolverine Basketball League are concluded and emerging at the top of the heap we find Allegan and Plainwell. This is the second consecutive year the Tigers have shared the championship, but this year they had to win their last six games to do it.

State High shares the conference cellar with the Portage Mustangs, whom they trounced twice in league play. One spot on the Cub horizon which looks bright is the 14-2 record sported by the reserve team. They dropped their final two contests, after being measurably hampered by the loss of three stars who jumped to the varsity ranks.

Last Friday the league co-champs, **Allegan**, bounced the Cub quintet into the basement, 61-40. State High bowed out of the regular season play very unimpressively at the Tigers' gym. The Club floor play and defense were at a particularly low ebb, as Miller and Smith of Allegan scored with apparent ease. Two sophomores and a junior stood out for State High,

A FORTUNE for the TIME of your LIFE

Upon strolling into Garrison's News Agency, this **Highlights** reporter was amazed to find so many State High students busily engaged in reading their favorite magazine. First encountered was Gerry Hawkins engrossed in **Physical Culture**. (?) Leaving him with his barbells and weight lifting, Mr. Deur was found leafing through **Country Gentleman**. Bob Medema, Tom Pattison and Al Howard had to wait for the copy, so they were reading the **American Poultry Journal** and the **National Livestock Producer**. Mr. Walters and several of his wards were found reading **Aviation Week and Flying**. After purchasing and thoroughly reading those magazines, they will probably use them for their next waste paper drive. Anything for money!

Fritz LaCrone held top priority on **Quick** and Carole Edgerton and 17 other senior girls were fighting over **American Girl**. Mr. Jerse was poring over **True Confessions** (he's heard plenty), hoping to get a new detection device. At his elbow was Miss

Crisman, scanning **Pathfinder**. Charlie Straub and Phil Leach were both reading **Cor(o)net**, and Mr. Weber had the exclusive use of **Gardening**. And who would have **Mademoiselle**? Oui, Mrs. Monroe!

Next came Martha Braden with her mark of identification, **Etude**. Judy Scott rushed by, clutching the latest copy of the **Ford Times**. (Wonder why she wanted that?) Whoops, here came Mr. Walters back again for his copy of **Parents' Magazine**. (Is he going to use it for advice or as a "warmer" for Steven Roy?) Another faculty member in the form of Mr. Leonardelli came by armed with **Seventeen**, **Life**, and **True Romance** as pointers for his class. Bob Harback and Don Flower were engaged in an argument over the last copy of **Popular Mechanics**, while Sandy Hicks and Annette Douglas had just finished **Wee Wisdom**. Oh, yes, almost forgot the staff copy of **How to Become a Newspaper Reporter in Ten Easy Lessons**!

Herzlich Willkommen!

Have you met Ursula Rothfuss? No? Then let us introduce her to you. She is a new student here at State and is a charming addition to our school.

Coming from her home town, Heilbronn, Germany, she has been here in America only four weeks, but speaks English amazingly well.

Ursula has a twin brother, Hermann, who is still living in Germany. She and her brother will be 17 years old on March 25.

She says that our schools and German schools are not really so different, except that there, each school is for only one sex, and that here we do not have to stand to speak in class. Another difference noted is that here we drive cars to school and there, students ride bicycles.

Ursula has not yet gone to one of our dances, but is looking forward to that pleasure. She does not, however, like to dance 'so slow' as we do. Her favorite is the Tango.

This new classmate heartily approves of our ice cream sodas, but is not quite used to our food yet — "It's so different!"

Is This Possible?

The time: 1974.

The place: The office of Kalamazoo's Mayor, Red Gemrich.

"Mayor Red, do you feel that the new atomic sewage plant is doing an adequate job?"

The questioner is the owner and editor of the **Gazette**, Dave Swoap. Bill Patmos, with ready camera, waits beside him for the mayor to dump Miss Hughes off his lap and pose for a picture.

Sense or Nonsense?

Some people look into crystal balls, but we of the **Highlights** staff have a better system. If you want the key to your personality, use the first column by the initial of your first name and the second column by the initial of your last name.

Adorable	Adolescent
Beautiful	Brat
Cautious	Charmer
Darling	Doll
Enchanting	Exhibitionist
Fascinating	Fraud
Gruesome	Guest
Handsome	Heel
Irresistible	Idealist
Joyful	Joker
Kind	Know-it-all
Lovely	Lover
Marvelous	Miser
Nice	Neurotic
Odd	Owl
Prudent	Poet
Queenly	Queen
Romantic	Realist
Sarcastic	Scrooge
Tough	Traveler
Ugly	Unicorn
Vivacious	Vagrant
Wonderful	Writer
Xanthic	Xanthoderm
Young	Yankee
Zany	Zombie

Vice-Mayor Kilgore suddenly comes flying in the door. "Miles, Britigan and Hawkins are on their way home after winning the World Series. We must have a homecoming committee! Somebody call Dorothy and Miriam!" He almost trips over Mr. Godfrey, the treasurer, who sits silently in the corner.

He suddenly stands up and requests a conference with the press.

EDGEin' Around

I wish somebody would do something scandalous—news is mighty thin this week.

Matt Peelen would've liked to crawl thru the floorboards not too long ago. Seems that when he gave some college gals a ride,—one was his student teacher. Chalk one up, Matt!

Jim Burger seems to like crow hunting. He even made a present of two of his catches to Ellie and Lili-ane.

Dan Ward and Joan Sisk like to cheer together at games. Quite a couple! Ummmm yea!

Joan Kohrman's locker gets mighty crowded these days. Joe Scott is so close that he's almost on the other side.

Julie DenBleyker is "Reserved for Team." Well, there's nothing like advertising the fact.

Question to Larry Littig; Got any spare time or does Mary Lou have 100 percent priority ???

Jude Scott sure cooked up a brawl in a hurry after the Holland Christian game. Nice of everybody to invite themselves . . .

Attention, you eligible males . . . three seniors and a soph are waiting to be claimed. "Till Then" their eyes are on Allegan.

Here's a bit of switching around . . . Pullan and Peelen went out Saturday nite and Lois Fuller went with Tom Johnson. Seems that Ken is in Florida. What's the deal ? ?

Don Kilgore goes to Central gal Ruthie's almost every nite, but takes Joanie Parkes home from the parties.

Gloria Weiss made a great try in the recent American Legion Speech Contest, losing by only one point. Nice work, Gloria.

Dead things seem to be the vogue lately. Now dead rabbits are turning up in the band room. Clothespins for the nose, anyone ? ?

The Berkhausen brothers really get around. Last weekend, Gordon dated Sharon Spann and Gary seems interested in Joan Harback.

At the Tri-City Band Concert during the past weekend, Jim Dyer and Blaine Burlington went on the prowl for good lookin' dolls . Wonder if they found any ? ? ?

Joe Gillis and Judy Bree are found together everywhere lately. Looks like it might be more than a platonic friendship.

Quotation of the week—"There's no such thing as a dangerous female . . . only susceptible males." Ummm, yea!

"We just don't have enough money to build a glass roof over State High's lighted football field."

The big clock suddenly strikes 12:00 and all race for the door. No one has forgotten the newest law in Michigan, just passed by Governor Maloney: No work after 12:00!