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Friday to Feature Blue and Gold Revue



Don Neal and his orchestra rehearse for the Revue. Front row: Ken Morgan, John Simcox, Mike Palmer, Andy Walton, Gary Forsleff. Middle row: Ed Enz, Don Neal, Phil Bruns, Charles Straub, Bob Mindeman, Phil Leach, and Dick Allers. Back row: Howard Jennings, Blaine Burlington. Piano: Sherla Jennings.

COMING EVENTS

April 29—Vocal Festival, Men's Gym, 8:00 P.M.
April 30—Blue and Gold Revue, Central Auditorium, 8:00 P.M.
May 1—Senior Day at the University of Michigan
May 4—Senior Girls' Tea
May 4-10—Campaigning for Student Council elections
May 7—"S" Club meeting; Tri-City Band Concert at Paw Paw
May 8—Inter-School Council Dance, South Junior High School 9:00 to 12:00 P.M.
May 11—Assembly at 8:00, Little Theatre, Student Council elections
May 13—Monitor - Highlights Luncheon
May 15—All-school dance, Women's Gym, 8:30 to 11:30 P.M.
Math Club field trip to Chicago

Luncheon to Fete Students

The annual Monitor-Highlight Luncheon is scheduled for May 13, at Schensul's Cafeteria. One hundred fifteen students and faculty members from **Highlights**, **Highlander**, Monitor Club, and Student Council have been invited.

Mayor Glen Allen will be the guest speaker, talking on the topic of "The Position of Youth in the City." Dr. Bryan and presidents and editors of the respective organizations will also speak briefly.

The annual **BLUE and GOLD REVUE** will be held Friday, April 30, at 8:00 in Central High School auditorium. A top-rate program has been planned by Charles Straub and his committees. Polly Allen, Julie Davis, and Don Kilgore have acted as assistant chairmen of the Revue. Jean Morris has headed the publicity committee with Tim Light, Bob Beisel, Janyce Babcock, Gail Hubbell, and Ron White. The staging has been done by Bill Patmos and his committee: Sherla Jennings, Gerald Longjohn, Ron Drummond, and Howard Jennings. Alice Osterberg and Mary Lou Spitters have worked as co-chairmen of the hospitality committee with Penny Farr. Diane Sabo has been chairman of the ticket committee.

1954-55 Council Petition To Be Circulated Friday

Petitions for the nomination of next year's Council officers may be obtained from the office April 30. They must have 35 signatures and be returned to Mr. Jerse by 3:00 on May 3. Students may sign only one petition for each office. This will be followed by a week of vigorous campaigning conducted by each candidate's campaign manager and regulated by the election committee.

The election assembly, where each candidate will present his views on school affairs, will be held on May 11. Balloting will take place the rest of the day.

Running for office is a valuable experience for all concerned and it deserves serious thought from State High students whether running or voting. Respectability, efficiency, co-operation with students and faculty, honesty and a sincere desire to serve other people are all qualities necessary in a good candidate. Voters should approach their election responsibilities with independent thinking, open-mindedness, a sense of justice, and an objective attitude after a logical examination of the issues.

The two-act show with the theme, "Swinging from the Hilltop" will begin with a movie, made by the State High camera club, of the school's varied activities. The swing band will play "Moonlight Serenade" as a background for the film.

The first act will open with "Little Willy and His Three Nightmares," consisting of Bill Patmos along with Gerald Longjohn, Ron Drummond and Howard Jennings. They will do their version of the song, "Changing Partners."

Next, Gary Forsleff will play "Tea for Two" by Youmans on the xylophone. He will be accompanied by the swing band.

Gloria Weiss will sing "The Song is You" by Jerome Kern, also backed by the swing club.

A tap solo by Pat Lynch, "My Lady Loves to Dance," will be featured, with Julie Davis as accompanist.

"The Four Notes," Gordy Berkhausen, Bill Andrus, Don Moss, and

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Tidbits

by Fritz

Physical science class has really gone "gorilla." Now they're carving initials in paper with SULPHURIC ACID. For example, there were P. L. and S. S. and M. P. and — Mr. Engels is still wondering whose initials those were, Mike. What ever happened to the old custom of carving them in trees?

SLICK ONE: Some of the rowdies in 8:00 typing class wrote "Class to meet in the projection room" on the board. The class fell for it and Mr. Chance found an almost empty room awaiting him.

BULLSEYE! The girls have taken up archery. Look out, faculty, for those female Robin Hoods.

The band at the last dance was really good. SALUTE to "Glenn" Neal and the boys. Dot Nieboer went stag and had a jolly time. DON'T CROWD, FELLAS!

TEMPUS FIDGETS: Only six more weeks of school remain . . . Hot Toddy.

Barb Born is wearing Al's ring around her wrist. COULD BE . . . it's a size 11½.

Toss those long range binoculars this way a minute . . . want to focus the orbits on PAT LYNCH, who has been awarded a \$100 scholarship by the Business and Professional Women's Club to aid her education for the vocation of her choice . . . on CHRIS LIGHT for 'onoring some of the English students with that 'eavy, 'eavenly drama, **Quartet**. Rally top 'at, old bean! . . .

TAKE NOTE of this . . . that's what some seniors had to do when Prof. Sam Clark from Western lectured on "Education and Propaganda."

Looks like Coach Walters really would like new school colors. He has bought a new SCARLET station wagon just to match the new track uniforms.

Hoe, Hoe, DIG THAT "CRAZY" GARDEN CLUB . . . They're "shoveling the dirt" since they visited a greenhouse. Mr. Weber's dearest wish is coming true!

HIGH ALTITUDES makes the eyes enlarge. Charlie Straub knows, for he got an eyeful of the stewardess's on the aeronautics field trip. Charlie is now writing a book entitled "Types and Sizes of Stewardesses and How to Attract Them."

On Happiness

Because of its ephemeral nature, happiness is hard to define. The best and perhaps the only way to define it is by examples.

Happiness: the three year old who, as his father comes home, greets him with outstretched arms saying, "Up, Daddy, up."

Happiness: the toothless smile of a seven year old when he receives the ice cream cone he's been wishing for all day.

Happiness: the surprised smile of a little boy when he finds an electric train under the Christmas tree . . . the dirty, even bloody, victorious grin of the same boy after he has won his first fight.

Happiness: the proud gleam in the eyes of a teen-age boy as he sits behind the wheel of his own car.

Happiness: the far-away look in the eyes of a girl who has a secret crush on the football captain . . . the excited restlessness before her first date . . . that trance she's in as she tells her mother, "He kissed me," . . . and later, "He asked me to go steady."

Happiness: the "oh's" and "ah's" of a young girl buying her first formal. Happiness: the clasped hands of a young couple in a movie, a car, or just walking . . . the dazed dreamy look in the eyes of an engaged couple.

Happiness: mirrored in the misty eyes of a bride as she says, "until death do us part," . . . the proud, yet humble look of the groom as he smiles down at the beautiful girl in white beside him.

Happiness: your new-born baby lying in your arms.

Happiness: your first raise and your first promotion . . . the look of accomplishment on your face as you end a hard day's work.

Happiness: Buying your first home and furnishing it the way you want.

Happiness: that overwhelming pride that comes to you as you watch your children graduate from high school and, later, college, and still later when your son hopefully hangs out his M.D. sign or humbly, yet confidently issues his first sermon from the pulpit of your church.

Happiness: the love and fondness that shows on your face as you watch your grandchildren play.

Happiness is not rare or expensive—Any individual, at any stratum of society, can find his share.

—Carolynn Buder

H-Bomb vs. H. Bishop Rhythm at Random

Scientists have made some powerful discoveries: nitroglycerin, atom bombs, H bombs, and lipstick. Oddly enough, a little tube of cream and dye can cause as many shock waves as any of the three mentioned before. Its effects cause different reactions on different people. In the unmarried set, for example:

When added to an old, haggard woman, it can give her color if enough is used.

On a young social butterfly, it helps erase that awful look of the morning hang-over.

One universal effect it has is that all men long to taste its power, but prefer it in a second-hand application.

When discovered on a big strong man at a party, it can make him blush and look sheepish.

After being placed on a shy lad, it can make him feel strong and brave.

Adults also get a good many reactions from this powerful discovery. They naturally take a different form, which usually isn't quite so romantic.

It is a cause for grey hairs when mothers first discover it on a son's handkerchief.

It is guaranteed to raise the eyebrows of the girl's parents when it is discovered smudged on the white collar of the strange young man who has just brought her home.

Tomorrow night, April 29, in the Men's Gym, the choir along with several others in Southwestern Michigan, will present the annual Spring Festival. One of the songs they will feature will be the "Nutcracker Suite."

The third Tri-City Concert will be held at Paw Paw, May 7 and 8. The State High band along with the Paw Paw and Allegan bands will present a concert on Friday, May 7, at 8:00 P.M. Guest conductor will be Mr. John J. Henry from Florida. A flute trio from State High, consisting of Jean Morris, Cathy Myers, and Zoe Gideon will play "The Little Red Monkey" during intermission. On Saturday, the band members will have recreation all day with a picnic on Maple Isle planned for the afternoon.

The choir is planning to help send two more people to Interlochen National music camp again this year. They will vote on them in the near future.

Most serious of all, it is often a major factor in divorce. Women don't enjoy finding a foreign shade of red on their husbands.

Yes, lipstick is a powerful discovery. Perhaps lipstick should be outlawed along with the A and H bombs!

Track Wins Continue

Coach Roy Walters and his scarlet and grey garbed thinclads have risen to track prominence unsurpassed by modern Cub track teams. After walloping Dowagiac and Otsego in duel meets, the trackmen swept by Plainwell and Bangor in a triangular meet. Then despite the absence of five key men, they were close runner-up to last year's state championship Lakeview team in the star-studded Hastings Relays.

Key men in this surge of track power have been Captain VanTassel, John Warfield, Pete Parker, Al Gemrich, Jim Hawkins, Larry Miller, Bob Mindeman, Don Neal, Bob Miles, Anthony Nieboer, Matt Peelen and Dave Vandewalker.

Warfield, last year's captain, heads a speedy contingent of dashmen including Parker, Nieboer, and Miles, who look like strong conference and state meet threats.

Gemrich, VanTassel and Vandewalker are an unusually strong group of broadjumpers while Gemrich and VanTassel run good 440's.

Mindeman and Neal have been pleasant surprises to Coach Walters. "Mindy" garnered a tie for first at Hastings and has been a top finisher in duel meets. Neal anchored the mile relay team with an excellent quarter mile sprint.

Jim Hawkins and Larry Miller, two reliable veterans, have been doing well in the shot put and half mile races respectively.

With these outstanding showings, the Cubs are a definite threat to Allegan's two year strangle hold on Wolverine Conference track honors. The conference meet is May 8 at Angel field.

Scores:

State High 74
Dowagiac 35

State High 72
Otsego 37

State High 87 5/6
Plainwell 26 5/6
Bangor 22 1/3

Hastings Relays: State High second among 34 entrant schools

VanTassel Gives Views

Next in our series of interviews with the captains of spring sports comes Jim Van Tassel, track captain. "Van," as he is often called, is an Oakwoodite, 2939 Broadway Avenue, to be exact. Jim plans to study law, eventually, after attending Western Michigan for four years.

The seventeen year old, five foot-ten inch Cub track star specializes in the broad jump, high jump, and 440 yard dash.

Jim made this statement for the paper, "The Cub track team this year is very strong in the sprints, but is a little weak in the distance runs and pole vaults.

Diamond Stars Notch Fourth Win

As We See It

So far this year State High has a spotless record in spring sport competition . . . Coach Stevens and moundmen Ray Harbour and Guy Hess along with some good support at the plate have made it four straight games, two of which were Wolverine League foes, and the Cubs are now on top in the standings . . . Barney Chance's boys have already bettered their last year's win mark by taking two in a row. Low swingers in the first two golf matches have been Joel Shepherd and Don Kilgore . . . Coach Walters isn't taking a back seat to anyone as he's shaping his trackmen for the all-important conference track meet at Angel Field, May 8. Not content with three lopsided victories over area schools, Walters took five fellows to Mansfield, Ohio, where John Warfield placed fifth out of a field of 107 entries from three states in the 220 yd. dash. From there it was the Hastings relays, for the best showing ever and three trophies for the case. They were runners up in the Class B division even in the absence of some of the top performers vacationing throughout the eastern half of the United States. As for the coming Wolverine Conference meet, we're not sticking our neck out, but we're keeping our fingers crossed . . . Miss Pryhitzko's squad has just taken part in their first tennis match . . . Hope this all isn't too good to last.

Soph Golfers Shine

A group of sophomores plus a senior letterman have marked the return of State High golf teams to the top flight position they once held. After last year's dismal winless season, the linksmen have done a complete about face.

In the opening match the Cubs downed their suburban rival, Portage 11-1. Don Kilgore, Jim Rock, Joel Shepherd, and Jack DeKreek were grouped to overpower the hapless Mustangs.

Traveling to Holland, the Cubs upset Class A Holland with Kilgore, Shepherd, Rock, and DeKreek the top men in that order.

In the remaining matches the golfers should be even stronger as Captain Brooks Godfrey will be on hand after a Florida vacation.

"If everything goes all right and barring injuries, we should finish high on the conference. We have the toughest schedule in the track history of the school. Warfield should break the school record in the 220 and 100 yard dash. Also, Jim Hawkins could break the Cub shotput record."

Meet Wayland Today

Today Coach Fred Stevens will take his undefeated baseball squad to Wayland for a diamond contest with the Wayland high school nine. This Friday the Otsego Bulldogs will challenge the powerful Cubs, hoping to squelch State High's quest for a second consecutive Wolverine diamond crown. Thus far, with the season only four games old, the Cubs have charged through the opposition without being humbled once. State High controls sole possession of first place in the Wolverine League and are favored to take the crown. The hurling of "Jiggs" Harbour, Guy Hess, Tom Manning, and Bob Buszta, combined with the "horsehide pounding" of Miles, Berkhausen, Britigan, and Parker has provided State High with their finest nine in years.

Last Friday at VerSluis diamond, the Cubs, behind the flinging of Guy Hess, outlasted the South Haven Rams in a slug-fest, 11-6. Coach Stevens's hustlers clubbed out ten safeties, including doubles by Berkhausen, Weybright, and Garneau, plus Jerry Hawkins's booming triple. In the initial frame State High cut loose with a five run parade across the plate when Parker walked, Garneau got life on a Ram miscue, Berkhausen and Britigan followed with successive binges, Harding took four balls, and Hess aided his own cause with a two-run single. "Flutter-ball" Harbour came on in the sixth to nip a late Ram rally in the bud, but previously a triple with the sacks full by Jerry Hawkins had just about sealed the Rams' fate.

One week ago today the Cubs nipped the Portage Mustangs at McCauley Field, 3-2. State High was again superb under the pressure of a tight contest. Ray Harbour handled the mound duties for the full seven innings, allowing a mere five safeties, while whiffing ten Mustang stickmen. The Hilltoppers drew first blood in the first frame when Berkhausen chased Miles home with a three-bagger. In the fourth Miles, Berkhausen, and Britigan singled for two more tallies.

Down one run going into the last inning, State High rose up to squeeze by Battle Creek Lakeview, mythical State Class B champions last season, 5-4. Tom Manning and Bob Buszta divided the hurling and both of them showed considerable stuff in trouble, as they left fourteen Lakeview runners stranded. Parker, Miles, and Berkhausen pooled their efforts in the last inning to bring across two runs and a Cub victory.

The season opened on a triumphant note as State High eased by Lakeview, 2-1. Harbour and Hess were stingy with the base hits, allowing only three safeties. ar

Health Warning Issued: Nation-Wide Plague Here

It's that time once again. The American Medical Association and the City-County Health Department have announced that March, April, and May are the danger months for a widespread contagious disease that annually strikes the nation. Statistics from the local department show that close to 150,000,000 persons in the United States succumbed to the malady in past years.

Students under 21 have been the victims of this disease as a whole. Teachers have been warned to take special precautions in order that they, too, do not contract the unknown microbe that causes the disease. It strikes without warning and often no symptoms can be noted; however, as it progresses, noticeable drowsiness and lack of attention can be observed. In most cases the person's will power is completely overcome.

Specialists at Mayo Brothers have found that although the majority afflicted are students, persons in all age groups are susceptible. Many employees have become former employees and found themselves scanning the want-ads; this was entirely due to this illness, for which there is no cure. However, many employers are also affected, and as a result, do not notice the inattention of their employees.

Steadily progressing, the disease finally reaches the brain. It destroys all power of reasoning and the mind is unable to concentrate on any one subject. The physical body is not affected, but the mental state of a person is completely detached and miles away.

Exhaustive research has been carried out to isolate the cause of this disease. This has been found to be

impossible, but one important thing has been accomplished, Striving for a name for the sickness, researchers have used three initials on all the technical data: GOK (God Only Knows.) But you and I know it by a much more common name—Spring Fever.

Of Present, Future Interest

Twelve schools are clashing in the Regional Speech Contest today in the Little Theatre. State High students who won firsts or seconds in the district meet and are representing the school are N. Watterworth, M. L. Spitters, P. Platt, M. Squires, T. Light, and N. Wagner.

The forensics group and also members of Mr. Sack's speech classes are planning a jaunt to Bloomingdale to speak before the Federation of Women's Clubs on May 12.

An opportunity for all high school students desiring to visit the University of Michigan presents itself, May 1.

State High students planning to make the trip are Julie Davis, Pat Elliot, Ed Enz, Bob Herman, Bill Patmos, Fritz LaCrone, Don Kilgore, and Jim Elsmann.

One week from Saturday, five local high schools under the leadership of the Inter-School Council will hold a dance at South Side Junior High. Portage, Kalamazoo Central, St. Augustine, Nazareth, and State High will participate in this third annual dance. This is the first year, however, that this many schools have participated.

The dance is classed as a "school clothes" one, but no blue jeans. The time is 9 to 12 and a band will play.

bes. Polly Allen will accompany them. "More Than You Know" by Youmans will be sung by Ellen Davis with the swing club.

"Rhythm on Wheels" is the name of Ruth Mary Werly and Danee Taylor's act. They will be skating to the swing club's version of "Pennsylvania 65000."

The second act is to be presented by the State High band and choir. The band will play four numbers: "Blue Tail Fly" by Clare E. Grundman; "Concerto for Trumpet" by Haydn, starring Charles Straub; "Flute Cocktail" by Harry Simeone, featuring Jean Morris, Cathy Myers, and Carole Rice; and the first movement of the "Grieg Piano Concerto," with Sherla Jennings at the piano.

The choir will join with the band on three numbers: "Onward Christian Soldiers," arranged by Harry Simeone; "Dry Bones," arranged by Paul Yoder; and the "So Long Song," by John Morrissey.

Tickets for the show are 75c and may be secured from any band or choir member. Seats will not be reserved.

EDGEin' Around

Well, kiddies, here I am back again after a terrific vacation!! How about yours???

As you know... thirty of us lucky kids took a trip to Washington and New York. No josh... it was real great. Yikes, the things that happened!

When we stayed in Washington, one Dave Swoap decided to go for a walk. It would have been all right except it was about three in the morning. Yep... he was a sleepwalker. He woke up by the swimming pool. Not too good!

As for couples... there weren't any real serious ones except for Susan Ashley and Bo VanPeenan. In New York they watched the sun come up out on a fire escape. That must have been interesting!

Say, who was the gal who kept taking pills so she could "blossom out?" Please explain!

Charles Maloney walked Ann Taylor to her hotel room more than once while in New York. Check that one!

Jim Causey, Pete Platt, Al Wise and Denny Bryan went "ape" over the "cat" shirts and ties. Money, money... it sure was spent right and left. Yours truly had \$1.39 left. Almost went broke!

When we neared Kazoo, Mike Palmer immediately increased his vocabulary. The words got bigger and much more involved. Hey, fella... how 'bout speaking for us "stupider" (?) people???

Dinny was found humming... The tune?? "New York is a Wonderful Town." Wonder how come she picked that song...

Joanie Peelen and Joan Kohrman wrote letters every nite to their guys back here at home. Yep, they remained faithful even tho they were far away.

Adrian Vanderlinde kept dragging out his "Junior Deputy Sheriff's" badge and showed it to almost everyone he met. He also got into poker games with Fritz LaCrone, Jim Hightower and some of the other fellows. Jim got his bed stolen out of his room while in New York. Who would want to steal a bed??

Natalie Borgman went almost crazy when she saw the diamonds in the Hall of Gems in the Smithsonian Institute. Can't imagine why!!

Clarke Godfrey got a balloon at Macy's and was goofing around with that on the way home. Crazy man, crazy!!

Bryce Forrester was the camera fiend... he kept taking movies of everything. Must be nice!

Yes, everybody had a scrumptious time and certainly hated to return home and the old grind again. But all of us want to take our hats off in salute to Mr. and Mrs. Deur. They stuck by through thick and thin. Thanks loads for all... You've been tops!!

Blue and Gold Revue

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John Warfield, will sing "I Get So Lonely" by Ballard. The swing band will accompany them.

Reggie Makins will play "Pine Top's Boogie" written by "Pine Top" Smith.

The Mexican folk song, "Estrellita" will be played by Bob Graff on the trumpet. Sherla Jennings will accompany him.

Next, Dave VandeWalker will present one of his record pantomimes.

"Love is Where You Find It" by N. H. Brown, will be sung by Barbara Stewart with Julie DenBleyker accompanist.

Martha Braden will play "Scherzo in B flat minor" by Chopin.

"The Girls' Trio," made up of Nancy Watterworth, Janyce Babcock, and Jean Hoag will sing "Nocturne" by Mastroleo. They will be accompanied by the swing band.

Carol Hartman and Joanne Puotinen will dance to "Mazurka" by Deli-