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State Highlights

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D. Eaton, J. Puotinen Noted For Service



David Eaton

If you were to visit the locker room in the Men's Gymnasium during any one of the last four football seasons, you would have found a friendly boy by the name of Dave Eaton, who as varsity manager was probably busily sorting shoulder pads, doling out one, and only one, towel to each player, slicing lemons, or fitting heads to helmets. Dave has had little acknowledgement for all the meritorious and difficult tasks which he has unselfishly undertaken in his four years at State. Because Dave is very modest and quiet, most of his work has been undramatic, but this, however, alleviates none of the importance nor appreciation involved.

In his freshman year, he played reserve basketball enabling him to belong to "S" Club, and the following two years he was varsity basketball and baseball manager.

He has been very active in church activities since the tenth grade. Last year he was usher in church and vice-president of the Wesleyan Young People's Society. In school he was president of his homeroom.

This year he has risen to presidency of W.Y.P.S. at church and the presidency of the Bible Club here in school. Dave intends to go into the ministry and to attend Marion College, Marion, Indiana. He must have other future plans, too, for he has a steady girlfriend, Shirley Stratton, who is a senior at Kalamazoo CHS.

Work, Hours, Spirit Aid Selection

Each year at this time the staff of the **Highlights** selects a senior boy and a girl who have given devoted service to State High without any formal recognition during their four years. Other qualities which enter into the selection are personality, citizenship, and scholarship. The staff feels that the two students featured here have certainly proven themselves worthy of this recognition.

U. S. Students, English To Exchange Essays In Contest

The Rotary Clubs of England and the U. S. are sponsoring an essay contest in which all high school students are eligible to participate. Its purpose is to further relations between England and the U. S.

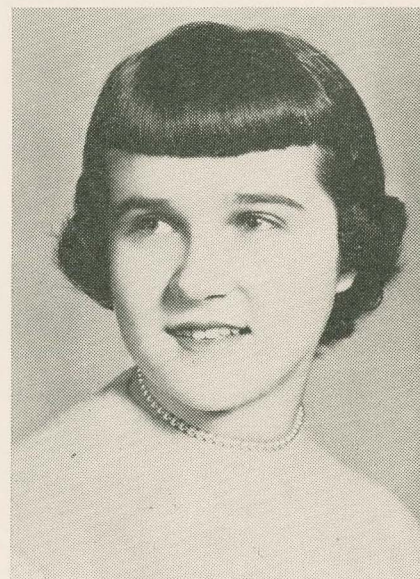
Essays from Kalamazoo are to be exchanged with those of students in Smethwick, England, which is comparable to Kalamazoo in size and industry. They are to be judged by teachers in the schools and American students will actually be competing among themselves.

The essays are to be written on subjects of furthering understanding between the countries, interesting places which the writer would like to visit and why, and how the writer would give a visitor a look at the general way of life in his country. They will be judged as to facts, accuracy and presentation and should be 1,500-2,000 words in length.

The deadline is May 1, and winners will receive an inscribed book. The essays will be published in newspapers, magazines, and pamphlets.

COMING EVENTS

March 15—Tuesday. Assembly, Little Theater, 1:00, Town Meeting.
March 16—Wednesday. Administrative Assembly, 12:30-1:00, Little Theater.
March 17—Thursday. Parent Visitation Day.
March 19—Saturday. Carnival, Women's Gym, 8:30-11:30.
March 21—Monday. Senior Government Day at Central High School.
March 22—Tuesday. Assembly, 10:00, Little Theater.



Joanne Puotinen

State High has been favored the last four years by the presence and unselfish service of dark-haired, vivacious Joanne Puotinen, who would modestly state, "Oh, I haven't done anything at all" if one asked her.

"Putt" as everyone calls her, is the type of person you see in a dozen places; for example: decorating for dances: putting a peony in place, setting the statues in the rickshaw, patting a dragon at the Junior-Senior Prom or dodging the rocket and fixing the revolving Santa at the Christmas Formal; taking unwanted chairmanships with the resulting hard work; and seeing to many details on the **Highlander** staff.

Joanne has a four year record of having danced and acted her way through the Blue and Gold Revue, three years of camping on Travel Club trips, and this year she splashes around in Finettes, too.

With her shy charm and smiling personality, she makes an active members of the Friendship and Social Committees. When you really get to know Joanne and appreciate her subtle sense of humor, you'll agree that she's quite a "joker." She even goes so far as to say she likes Allegan (forbidden word), pizza, and smart clothes. Her future plans call for a major in merchandising at Stephens College (she hopes).

Name of the Week:
MARV BALCH

Sugar 'n Spice

by Larry 'n Bryce

Will the Driver Training class please get-on-the-ball? A little while ago one of your prize students went into the ditch. Libby Taggett will explain further on request.

Congratulations to:

Ron Drummond for running the coke machine in study hall.

The pep band at the Allegan game; Queen Lois and her court, and Nancy Woodworth for making it a crowning success.

Dick Tyler has, among other things, a pair of purple shorts. The U.S. History class will verify this statement.

Janet Jarman has been having her troubles in bookkeeping class. With all good intentions of opening a window, she was standing on a shelf in the back of the room, when down she fell, taking with her a chair and Mr. Walter's aeronautics map. Forget to sprout your wings, Janet?

Chuck Ocverick and Dave Bair have expressed a desire to see their names in print, but we just haven't anything to write about them. Marv Balch wants his name in, too. Sorry, boys. You understand, don't you?

What is this about two of our daring hilltoppers getting cold feet while contemplating taxi service for two young females?

The rather out-of-place strains of a power mower were heard by Mr. Cooper's 11:00 shorthand class. Must be somebody decided to get a head start on next spring's grass.

Mr. Walters sprained his ankle in the W-Club-Faculty game; he then referred to the game as merely a minor sport. Is that just how you referred to it at the moment?

Attention, males of all available sizes, shapes, and dispositions! College girls are coming to work in the cafeteria for college credit. Warning to males! One at a time!

The well-liked student teacher in Miss Crisman's ninth grade English class is named Mrs. Dull. Before her marriage she went with a man by the name of Mr. Sharp. Any similarity of description and situations is purely coincidental.

Seems that during 11:00 sociology class Shirley VanValkenburg chose parting company with our mortal world over a midafternoon Spanish test. The lesser of two evils, eh, Shirley?

Library Benefits From 1954 Class Gift

The class of '54 gave the library \$100 as their senior gift to the school. Fifty of the \$100 was appropriated to buy chairs for the library and the other fifty was set aside to buy for the senior high adult books and those books that might otherwise not have been purchased.

For those who enjoy reading of people who conquer problems by all means read **DOLLMAKER** by Arnow. It is the story of a Kentucky family who come to Detroit to live. The book tells of the problems they have adjusting to new ways of life.

All boys in the school who like adventure would certainly enjoy reading **JUNGLE LORE** by Jim Corbett. It is Mr. Corbett's autobiography describing his hunting adventures in India.

Telling the life story and the influence which her subject had on all phases of French life is done by Mitford in **MADAME DEPOMPADOUR**.

LOVE IS ETERNAL by Stone is the fictionized version of Mary Todd Lincoln's life.

M. L. Spitters Announced Homemaker Of Tomorrow

The Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow at State High is Mary Lou Spitters. She received the highest score in a written examination which tested the homemaking and attitudes of the senior girls. Mary Lou will be entered in competition to name this state's candidate for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow. She will also receive a golden award pin and cookbooks for herself and for the school.

General Mills is the sponsor of this program designed to assist schools in building in young women a deeper appreciation and understanding of the American home and the personal qualities necessary to successful homemaking.

A scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded each state winner and she will receive a trip to Washington, D. C., Colonial Williamsburg, Va. and Philadelphia. Her school will receive a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Our 2nd year Frenchmen are presenting "Le Joudgement de Renard" (or "The Trial of the Fox") with these characters: Dog: Alice Osterberg; Lion: Tom Howson; Bear: Jim Hightower; Goat: Pat Anderson; Rabbit: Sue Ashley; Donkey: Robin Van Peenan; Wolf: Nancy Watterworth; and that cute little "monkey", Tam Malone.

Talk about absent-minded teachers! The other day after **Highlander**, Mr. Taylor made sure all his riders were present, then started out. Half way home he suddenly stopped the car and said, "Oh, I forgot my little girl."

Anyone who has enjoyed reading **MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY** will certainly like to read **MY ISLAND HOME** by Hall. It is the partial autobiography of the man who collaborated with Nordhoff to write the great sea story.

Some of the other books are the second book of Murrow's **THIS I BELIEVE**, the 1952 revised standard version of **THE BIBLE, MY SEVERAL FAMOUS AMERICAN PLAYS** with Cerf as the editor.

Also, there are some best sellers on the list, such as **A MAN CALLED PETER** by Marshall and Thompson's **NOT AS A STRANGER**.

There are two books on the mind: Overstreet's, **THE MIND ALIVE** and Peale's very famous book **THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING**.

THE SILENT WORLD by Couteau, **BUT WE WERE BORN HERE** by Davis, **FALL OF A TITAN** by Gouzenko, and **ARROWSMITH** by Lewis are some of the other new books, along with Masters' **BHOWANI JUNCTION**, Malrois' **ALEXANDER DUMAS, BANNER IN THE SKY** by Ullman and **THE ARTS** by Van Loon.

VOTE

For Carnival Sweethearts

This year, following along in the same traditions of the carnival, sweethearts will be voted on and crowned that evening. Four girls and four boys were recently nominated by the student body: Barbara Born, Mary Lou Spitters, Lois Fuller, and Carol Hartman for the girls, with Dave Swoap, Alan Glendenning, Pete Platt, and Bob Miles for the boys.

On The Podium

by John Schensul

The next month will be a busy one for the band as they will be preparing for the Tri-City concert at Paw Paw.

The choir, following a very successful appearance with the Kalam-zoo Junior Symphony, will be planning for their annual operetta, April 1, 2.

MUSICAL DAFFINITIONS

Alto—gether
Tenor—eleven
Minor—yours
Trill—of a lifetime
Clef—what people fall off of
Tuba—toothpaste
Oboe—a tramp
Cello—six delicious flavors
Treble—what bad boys get into
Duet—maybe you better not

THE DIAL
MARSHALL, MICHIGAN

Come One!
Come All!
To
The
Silent Auction
Band Parents

M-M-M-M-M Good!
Hey, Guess What?
The
Food
Stand
Student Council

Roll To Fortune
Try Your
Skill
On The
Balance Board
Assembly Committee

Ingredients:
Squirt Gun
Water
Candle
Results?
211E's Booth

Don't
Miss
The
DART
THROW
213E

HEY THERE!

You With Golf Balls For Eyes
Put Them To Use At The
PUTTING RANGE
Pros Will Be There 301S

SENIOR HOMEROOM
PRESENTS

FUN IN 3D
We Dare You To Try— 217E

Be Sure To Vote For Your Buddy
In The
UGLIEST GUY
Contest
1c a Vote Come On Kids! 2E

HURRY HURRY HURRY
DON'T MISS 206E'S
CAKEWALK
Win a luscious homemade cake!

Feeling Rich?
Try The Penny Pitch!
219E

Wanna Bowl?
Take A Chance On
Making A Strike
Bowling Booth
11E

Boys Boys Boys
Let's see you make
That Basket
"S" Club

Guys And Dolls
Prove To The Pros!
BEAT THE CLOCK
303S

Fudge
Cookies
Brownies
Pies

Service Committee
Booth

Call Me Splinters

by Ted Garneau

Right now for the third straight year State High and Allegan are battling it out for the all-sports trophy. The Cubs are a close second to Allegan with spring sports to decide the outcome.

The reserve team and varsity boys would like to thank the coaches for a wonderful trip to Buchanan. It's too bad we had to lose the game.

The reserve team has had a terrific season this year winning 14 and losing only 2. Jim Brown, Rich Howson, Dave Fuller, Vern Wade, Clarke Godfrey, and Jim Kemerling are some of the outstanding players on this year's squad.

Our 9th grade team is keeping right up with the success shown by the reserve and varsity. They have won 7 and lost 3. These boys have shown vast improvement through the season. This 9th grade squad will be the nucleus of next year's reserves. Cullen Henshaw, Ed Gemrich, Larry Johnson, Bob Kohrman, Bert Cooper, Bill Yates, and Carl Kiino have performed well.

Recent rumor has it that Marv Balch isn't going out for sports this spring—just girls, instead.

Court Season Ends With Tournament Loss

Basketball is a game that can look bright at times, but on other occasions past performances don't mean a thing. So was the sad state of affairs at Plainwell last Saturday evening. Having reached their peak the night before by whipping the Allegan Tigers 61-42, the Cubs looked bright only in the first quarter. Then their defense fell apart and they couldn't hit much from either front or back court. The "Hilltoppers" led at the end of the first quarter 11-10 but at the half, it was 29-19 in favor of Plainwell. The Cubs were outscored in all but the first quarter.

In the second half, rebounding just wasn't there for the Cubs, and Plainwell kept moving ahead. Bob Afman was high scorer for the night, pacing the Trojans with 18 points, as they won 56-41.

It was the last game for three senior stars: Al Wise, Dallas Weybright, and Tony Nieboer.

With a tremendous shooting percentage in the second half, State High erased a 5 point half-time deficit to defeat Allegan. The victory over Allegan was the second in three starts.

The two teams played on even terms in the first quarter with State leading 16-15 at the finish. In the second quarter, however, the Tigers outscored the Cubs 13-7 and almost pulled away. The score read 28-23 at the half in favor of Allegan.

Spring Sports Crucial In Conference Trophy Race

On paper the baseball team looks strong. Guy Hess is back and will handle the main hurling chores. The infield is pretty strong except that there is a weakness at first base. Bob Britigan's graduation leaves quite a hole at that position. The rest of the infield should be pretty strong with a year's experience at all positions. The catching department will be headed by Al Glendenning, strong senior, back from last year's squad. The outfield will be strong with Pete Parker, Dallas Weybright, and Tom Harding all back.

Number 2, 3, and 4 pitchers will have to be found among such candidates as Tom Malbone, Tom Manning, and Larry Johnson, a freshman. With three untested pitchers, the infield will have to be tight and the hitting will need to be very strong.

According to Mr. Stephens, head coach, the team has many possibilities.

April 12—Battle Creek Lakeview	There
April 15—Otsego	Here
April 19—Vicksburg	There
April 22—Open	
April 26—Plainwell	Here
April 29—Allegan	There
May 3—South Haven	Here
May 6—Portage	There
May 9—W. K Kellogg	There
May 10—Otsego	There
May 13—Vicksburg	Here
May 17—Open	
May 20—Plainwell	There
May 24—Allegan	Here
May 27—S. Haven	There
May 31—Portage	Here
June 2—Holland	There

In the third quarter the Cubs, aided by the terrific shooting of Chuck Warfield, Bob Miles, and Pete Parker, went ahead to stay. The rebounding of John Fleckenstein, Al Wise, and Nate Taylor was also commendable. High scorer for the Cubs was Miles with 18.

Reserves End 14-2 Season

State High's reserves trimmed Allegans seconds, 57-26 for their 4th straight victory. This also was 31st win in 32 league reserve games over three seasons for Coach Fred Stevens's little Cubs. There were two highpoint men in this game—Jim Kemerling and Dave Fuller both sinking 12 points apiece.

In a close, hard battle with Buchanan's seconds, State High's reserves were handed their second defeat of the season, being finally beaten by a very slim margin of 51-50. This was done despite the 14 point effort of Jim Brown of State.

The State High track team got underway Monday to get ready to defend its conference and regional championships. The track team was nothing short of sensational last year, being undefeated in all regular season contests. Coach Walters had 12 lettermen to head a turnout of about 40 or 50 boys. He has Miles, Parker, and Nieboer, back from last year's 880 relay team which finished 2nd in the state and broke a 20 year regional record. Wise, Olvitt, Nieboer, DeVries (Sr.) Corning, Warfield, Parker, Miles, Simcox, Birch, VanDeWalker, and Fleckenstein are the returning lettermen. The tentative schedule is listed below:

April 3—Lakeview, Dowagiac, State High	Here
April 13—Otsego	Here
April 20—South Haven, Vicksburg	Here
April 23—Hastings Relays	There
April 28—Plainwell, Bangor	Here
April 30—K or Grand Rapids Relays	K Field or G. R.
May 7—Wolverine Conference	K. College Field
May 10—Portage	K. College Field
May 14—Regionals	Western or K.
May 18—Holland Ch.	Here
May 21—State Meet	Ann Arbor or Lansing

Golfers, Netters To Open Seasons in Late April

Golf and tennis teams should be strong as usual. The golf team ranked 5th in the state and should be even stronger this year. Returnees are Rock, captain, Shepherd, DeKreek, Britigan, Ward, and some underclassmen.

Schedule	
April 22—Holland	Here
April 29—Three Rivers	There
May 11—Three Rivers	Here
May 13—Regionals	
May 19—Holland	Here
May 21—State	

The tennis team does have lots of spots to fill and is possibly weaker than last year; only time will tell. Lettermen who are returning are Larry Littig, Al Wise, Mike Palmer, Pete and Dave Platt, Jon Scott and Rich Howson. Kim Sebaly is expected to lead the freshmen turnouts.

April 25—Holland	Here
May 10—Otsego	Here
May 13—Vicksburg	Here
May 17—Holland	There
May 20—Plainwell	Here
May 24—Allegan	There
May 27—South Haven	Here
May 31—Portage	There

Bus Business

No doubt all of us at one time or other have experienced a bus ride. We certainly wouldn't want to go through life without enjoying this pleasure. There is nothing more entertaining than to be crowded into an elongated car (bus) and to have people stepping on your toes and their elbows punching you in the back. Here is a clear picture of what an average student goes through when he rides on the bus.

The ordeal usually starts with an unnecessarily long wait for the last bus at the main corner. Finally when a bus is in sight, he is unwillingly caught up with the mass of running people who are trying to be the first in line. All he hopes is that it's his bus, for he hasn't a chance of getting out of this mad rush. The bus jerks to a stop and he is pushed onto it. Of course, he hasn't any tokens, so he has to hang on desperately to the bus driver's seat while the tide of humanity sweeps by.

The bus driver patiently looks up at him and asks, "Where's your bus card?"

He stands there dazed for a moment, then his eyes drop down to his load of school books. Since there's no other way, he gingerly shifts his heavy books to the other arm and reaches into his hip pocket for his card. Finally having received his tokens and after dropping one into the fare box, he can't help saying, "I carry all these books for my health, mister."

D. Griffith Wins U.N. Trip To New York

Six members of State High participated in the United Nations Contest sponsored by the Kalamazoo Chapter of the American Association for the United Nations.

Participants from here were John Schensul, Libby Davis, John Baxter, Dean Griffith, Mike Squires, and Mary Lou Spitters.

A written examination resulted in the following finalists: Libby Davis, Dean Griffith, Mary Lou Spitters, and John Schensul.

The final winner, Dean Griffith was chosen March 5, at Kanley Chapel by an adult committee in an informal interview in which the candidates expressed themselves on matters relating to the United Nations.

After finishing his transaction, he is pushed to the rear of the bus. Since there are no empty seats, he looks for a hand railing to hang onto.

Finally after squeezing as many people into the bus as humanly possible, the bus driver shuts the doors and leaves town. The student clings precariously to the railing with only one hand while the other tries to keep his books from falling on the floor. After a short distance, he realizes that he's so squashed that his books couldn't find an opening to fall into. Ow! The lady next to him has her elbow sticking him right in the ribs. He carefully shifts his position only to have a man step on his foot. Everytime the bus jerks to a stop he is thrown toward the front of the bus, trying desperately not to land in someone's lap.

At long last, the people on the bus begin to get off. Out of the corner of his eye, he sees an empty seat. He makes a lunge for it only to have a monster of a boy beat him there. Giving up the hope of obtaining a seat, he once again practices the art of balancing his books on one arm. After seemingly hours, but only ten perilous minutes, his stop is next. As the bus slows down, he steps off—right into a mud puddle. He flings curses at the bus as it pulls away and looks down at his mud-soaked shoes. Once again he bids farewell to an wholly unenjoyable ride and wishes desperately that he didn't have to experience it again.

Carol's Cubbyhole

And it's out of the Cubbyhole once again to bring all my little idgit friends up to date on the latest world happenings in cooperation with the C.H.B.E. News Service.

On the foreign scene, we find DICK McCRUMB spending his noon hours at Central. Don't tell me their food is better, Dick!

More stragglers abroad are JERRY OLIVITT and DAVE BAIR. Portage, Portage, you dear old school.

Even JOAN STIMPSON has been turned away in the direction of Jay Washburn.

Back on the local front, I scrambled out of the Cubbyhole to hear one of the latest songs, "RANDY, RANDY CROCKETT, KING OF THE WILD SOPHOMORES" At least, that's what the song sounded like when sung by several hopeful females.

Gag of the week: Way to go, MARY LOU, you sure had us fooled for awhile. Little brothers are such dears.

ERIC BROWN and BOB CHAPMAN's penmanship is on display at Meyers music store. Is there any fee?

Poor Mrs. Rogers. She is really having trouble with her combined class. Now it appears to be M. J. LAPLANTE and P. PULLON. She called them on flirting no less.

MARV BALCH has been seen again with an old flame. We all thought you were through with State High women.

The other week, I was tenderly slammed into an unsuspecting locker, but found out those freshmen aren't as coy as they would like to be. JUDY DEKEMA happened to mention St. A. with the name of Leo the III. DICK BORN and CULLEN HENSHAW are still favorite topics along with several other heroes.

Senior buds: You just haven't been getting your rest. I heard from several sources that it was 2:30 last Saturday for a few fellows. And, you can stop blaming it on car trouble.

Want to see MIKE PALMER's face turn a beautiful shade of dark heliotrope? Just mention the three ladies on the beach or ask him about his teeth condition.

Even though some lads and lasses are shy during the noon hour, that doesn't discourage CHARLENE SCHULTZ and "little" DON DEVRIES from sitting together. Hmmm!

The juniors have been comparatively quiet, which is quite unusual. Although, with the curfew off, happy days are here again.

Gosh! Here I've blabbed on and run out of paper, but will be seeing the Carnival and those attending. So let's grab a date or shuffle with the gang and really make news that will shock even members of the Cubbyhole.

Let's have fun and variety.
Have your weight guessed.
Shoot ping pong balls
through a sheet.

Buy some
bows and pom poms
This is provided
For you by
ISE

Ever Want To
Throw a Pie?
Try Your Luck
At Some Familiar
Face!

Pie Throw—

2E

HEY
Use an
Air Pistol
At 8E's Booth