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# State Highlights

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## Light, McBride, Allen And Tyler Take Top Posts In Recent 1955 and 1956 Student Council Elections



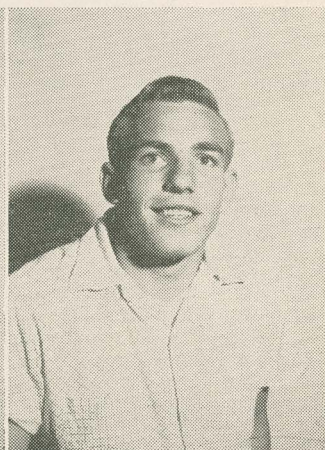
Tim Light



Barbara McBride



Mary Lou Allen



Dick Tyler

### COMING EVENTS

- May 17—Tuesday: Assembly for Michigan Week, 8:00 in the Little Theatre.
- May 23—Monday: Monitor-Highlights - Highlander - Student Council Luncheon, 1:00 p.m. in Presbyterian Church.
- May 24—Tuesday: Spring Sports Assembly, 11:00, in Little Theatre.
- May 25—Wednesday: Administrative Assembly, 12:30-1:00, in Little Theatre. Aeronautics Class trip to Chicago.

## Annual Service Lunch Set For May 23

On May 23, at 1:00 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church House, the annual Monitor-Highlights-Highlander Student Council luncheon will be held with Jim Causey as master of ceremonies.

This affair is given for all the students who have worked hard all year in various organizations and the faculty members who work along with them.

Dr. Paul Sangren, President of Western Michigan College, will be the main speaker, while Pete Platt will speak for **Highlander**; Bob Miles, Monitors; Dave Swoap, Student Council; and Darlene Chapin, **Highlights**.

After a week of rigorous and extensive campaigning, the student council elections for 1955-56 were completed as the last vote was cast. Already the future officers of State High's student council are putting into motion their plans for another year's student government.

Next year's president, Tim Light, will put forth a policy of foresightedness. He will present a look-ahead policy for the school which will eliminate much

### Three Programs Scheduled

Tuesday, May 17, we are very fortunate in having Dr. Charles Smith from Western Michigan College speak to us on Michigan Week. The assembly will be at 8:00 in the Little Theatre.

The following Tuesday, May 24, will be the annual Spring Sports Award assembly, 11:00.

On May 31, the Forensic Assembly will be held in the Little Theatre at 9:00 and will include solo readings plus a newly organized choral reading group.

### Just Plane Fun

"Flight 800 leaving in ten minutes. Destination Chicago." This call will be heard May 25 when 17 students and teachers will be on their way to Chicago on the annual Aeronautics Class trip.

They will leave from Kalamazoo Municipal Airport at 9:35, have a short stop in South Bend and arrive in Chicago at 10:40 at Cicero Avenue Airport. Here they will visit the weather station, the control tower, and see how an airport runs. High point of the day will be lunch with the stewardesses.

of this last minute planning of various committee drives and projects. He also hopes to anticipate all situations so that he and the student council will be more prepared for them.

Barb McBride, State's new vice-president, who will, among other duties preside over the cabinet meetings, plans to work more closely with the other officers and will do everything to serve the students to the best of her ability.

Mary Lou Allen, elected secretary for the coming year, will keep an accurate record of all the minutes as one of her prime aims.

Serving as treasurer of the school will be Dick Tyler, who will devote most of his time to improving the magazine sale, State's only big money-making project. If there is possibly some other effective way of earning enough money for the treasury, Dick will exploit it fully.

Leaving Chicago at 6:00 p.m. the class will arrive home at 7:03. Members of the group are A. Snow, J. Malbone, D. Bryan, D. Corning, L. Owen, C. Sweet, T. Bryant, C. Ocvir-ek, J. Fleckenstein, J. Westveer, D. Moss, D. McCrumb, T. Garneau, G. Hess, G. Birch, Minda Sherzer and Mr. Walters.



# Sugar'n Spice

by Larry'n Bryce

Must be Jim Malbone expects a real 'rasseling match with the chicken on the menu for the senior dinner. He wanted to wear levis.

The students of General Business class are planning trips to various points all over the country—too bad they aren't going.

Frank Simonds is showing a trend toward individualism in Latin class. He prefers to read his own choice of stories and takes naps at his leisure. Must be nice if you can still pass.

Among activities around the school, Mr. Taylor's homeroom is taking the \$15.00 they made on the carnival and buying a CARE package for either Indo-China or Korea. L. Davis, A. Doyle, S. Spann, and M. Squires are in charge of this commendable project.

State High managed to find some one who hadn't been guilty of a traffic violation in the past six months, and so came up with the winner of the Road-e-o. Hats off to Roger Ludwig . . . orchids, too, to Mary Lou Spitters and Tim Light for winning the Regional Speech Contest and to their coach, Mr. Sack.

The gallant sophomore boys have finally broken the ice and dated girls. So, relax, girls, Ken Hartman and some of the other cuties are now available.

The girls in the 10:00 Senior English class read "The Coquette's Heart" and decided that they would then find out what the boys thought of them. They did, thanks to five boys, the whole male portion of the class.

Say there, Mr. Engels possesses himself a wealthy chem. class. On the last field trip were two new Fords, a "54" Cadillac and a "54" Merc. Don't worry, Mr. Engels, your Chevy isn't outdated yet.

Note to the girls: We think you will find most boys don't like the knee-length nylons. Come now, Mary Jane, can't you conform?

The Seniors in the 11:00 Social Problems class took personality tests. Looks like a few complexes were the result—not all were inferiority either.

Mr. Chance's typing class has had a "track meet." The winning team will be treated to a chicken dinner. Oh, what they don't know about peanuts getting in their teeth.

Michigan State's water show was the object in point for the Fin-ettes on their trip to Lansing recently. Made quite a splash with the girls.

## Opus

Electrons spinning madly in minute orbits,  
Cataclysms of energy forming infinitesimal atoms of matter,  
Sociable atoms embracing one another  
Forming molecules, elements, compounds, matter.  
Hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen,  
Carbon, iron, sulfur  
United in some godly way—  
This is protoplasm.  
Neurons and dendrons:  
Myriads of brain cells sending electrical messages all over my body.  
My lungs expand and fill with air,  
My heart pulsates and rich, red blood courses through my limbs  
Carrying food to burn and oxygen to burn it;  
Cells grow and divide to form soft flesh and hard bone—  
Because of these I exist.

A breeze gently cradles the laughter of a pretty girl;  
The rich, strong smell of leather, gasoline and oil;  
The night sounds of trucks on a distant highway;  
Ghostly footsteps of a night-walker;  
The feel of soap and hot water;  
A ring on my finger;  
The dominance of thunder, the delicacy of rain;  
Sore feet after a long summer's hike;  
Smooth, creamy pages of a new book,  
Ink on my fingers, paint on a canvas,  
A love—  
Because of these I live.

— Bryce Forester

## On The Podium

by John Schensul

For the next few weeks until school is out, the band and choir will be busy preparing for their annual farewell program.

Dr. Beloof has been working with these four seniors who will direct the band in the following numbers at that program: Mike Palmer, "Adagio Cantabile from Sonata No. 8;" Ellen Davis, "Sandpaper Ballet" by Leroy Anderson; Howard Jennings, "Joshua" by Paul Yoder; Jerry Longjohn, "His Honor March" by Philmore.

This past week Dr. Beloof received some fine band records from the University of Illinois band for our use.

Mr. Frey and the choir were guests of the Grand Rapids Christian High School last Thursday for their annual spring concert.

### 'Singing Saucers' Coming

Western's tenth annual Brown and Gold Fantasies will be presented in the Little Theatre, May 11-14. This year's musical comedy production is "Singing Saucers" by Robert Ryan. Tickets are one dollar and may be purchased at the theatre box office.

The original, student-written, pro-

duced and directed show this year concerns the saucer-borne arrival at a United States secret atomic project of a strange group of musical diplomats from outer space.

Sharing the leading roles in the 1955 Fantasies are Coral Lee Briney and Elaine Rinehardt as Mmsheena, the visitors' leader; Don McFarlane and Richard Miller as reseacher Rod Curtis; and William Ward as investigating Senator McMuld. "Singing Saucers" is being directed by Carlene Marker and William Alexander, with Dr. Jack Murphy as faculty co-ordinator.

### Sophs To Get Rings Early

The sophomores have a grand opportunity to order their class rings early this year. Last semester they voted to order them in the early part of fall if at all possible. Mr. Thompson of Western's Book Store has been very cooperative in obtaining two possible dates for the students to order. The class will be able to order their rings, which will include paying the full down payment on Friday, September 9, or on Saturday, September 10, until noon. This way the rings will arrive before Christmas.

A representative of the Terryberry Company will be here at State High to show the rings in the very near future.



# Track to Compete for Regional Honors

## Call Me Splinters

by Ted Garneau

Ah, it's about that time again. So here we go for some information on what happened on the Cub front. From here it looks like a great season is in prospect for the rest of the year. Only the baseball team has had much trouble so far. By losing to Plainwell so early in the spring, the Cubs have a long row to hoe to become Wolverine League Champs for the third year in a row. Tennis, golf, and track are going exceptionally well.

If, in the next few weeks of school, you see some flashy medals being dangled around tracksters' necks, you will see how much the boys really ran away with the Portage Relays. That's the way to be, you track birds! ! !

The most important thing I want to say in this article is how putrid the enthusiasm is during spring sports season. While football and basketball are in progress, the spirit in school is good, but since the spring sports hold the balance of weight in the all sports trophy race, shouldn't the school back them up? If we want that trophy, we'll have to work for it, not just the team, but the whole school.

## Cubs Tie Portage After 5-2 Win

Team	W	L	pct.	GB
State High	5	1	.833	—
Portage	5	1	.833	—
Plainell	4	2	.666	1

Above you have the three leaders and how they stand in the Wolverine League baseball race as of Monday A.M., May 9. This is the closest race since the league was formed. South Haven did us the favor of a lifetime by smothering the Plainwell nine by a tune of 7-0.

At McCamley field in Portage, a vastly improved State High team hung a 5-2 defeat on a surprised Mustang ball club, picking up nine hits off the highly touted Bieghler, the Portage pitcher. In the very first inning the Cubs enjoyed a short-lived lead on a single by Ted Garneau, a stolen base, an error, and a clutch base knock by Bobby Miles, which drove in Garneau with the run. Then in the bottom half of the first, Portage came back with two runs. Dick King walked. Two fielders' choices and a solid double off the bat of Billy Fletcher did the damage.

State High, which has been a one inning club so far this season, broke loose in the third. Larry Johnson

## Netters Down Irish, Portage; Lose To Dutch

State High's tennis team won two matches as expected last week, but dropped a tough one to class "A" Holland High School by the score of 6-1. Only winner for the Cubs in this meet was Jon Scott, the sophomore leftie, who trimmed Jim Vanderpool 6-3, 7-5.

Friday May 6, the Cubs annihilated Portage 7-0. The Mustangs were unable to garner a game in the singles matches and took only six in the doubles. The victory gives State a 1-0 record in conference play.

A week ago yesterday the raqueeters downed St. Augustine for the second time this year 5-2. As a whole, the team played poorly with the exception of Kim Sebaly, who turned in a tremendous win over Tim Barrett in three sets after being down match-point.

## Linksters Continue Winning Drive Toward Regionals

The Cubs broke Jackson St. Mary's winning streak of two seasons of play by beating them 324 to 333, May 6. J. Rock had a 73 and D. Britigan came in second with 79. J. Shepherd had an 82 and J. DeKreek followed with 90.

April 29 the linksters took to the course and won 333 to 359 over Three Rivers. DeKreek led the scoring with 78, Rock followed with 83, Shepherd-85, Britigan-87, and Kohrman-93. Mike Carrier was Three Rivers' medalist with 84.

A five man team playing nine holes beat Battle Creek Lakeview 207 to 237 April 25. Scoring went as follows: Britigan-38, Rock-39, Shepherd-42, DeKreek-43, and Kohrman-45.

State's score for the four men playing against Holland High, April 27, was 319.

For the five man team it was a score of 400. Shepherd was medalist with a score of 78, while Britigan was next with 79, and DeKreek, Rock, and Kohrman each had 81. Holland's final score was 454.

blasted a long triple to get things rolling. Weybright whiffed, but Garneau copied Johnson's feat with another triple. Parker walked and Tom Harding was hit in the arm to load the bases. Miles struck out, but Jim Kemerling came through with a single to drive in two runs.

The Cubs added one more in the fifth inning when Weybright and Parker singled. Then Chuck Roberts made a costly error which let in Weybright with the run.

State High	67	1-2
Plainwell	35	
Allegan	30	1-2
South Haven	30	1-2
Otsego	20	1-2
Portage	11	
Vicksburg	0	

Coach Roy Walters' Cubs easily captured the Wolverine League track and field title at Angell Field last Saturday.

In the field events State High placed three firsts: N. Taylor in the high jump, T. Nieboer in the broad jump, and D. DeVries set a new conference record in the shot-put with 47 feet, 4 1-2 inches. Other Cub firsts were in the 880 yard run where N. Taylor placed his second victory of the day, and the 880 yard relay team of D. VandeWalker, M. Balch, T. Nieboer, and B. Miles who also swept their event.

Fine showings were put in by the following: J. Olvitt, who placed third in the shot-put, tied third with C. Warfield in the low hurdles and fourth in pole vault; M. Balch, third in broad jump and second in both the high and low hurdles; T. Nieboer, second in the 100 yard dash and tied for third in the high jump. The medley team of J. Curren, D. VandeWalker, J. Boyd, and G. Birch, took a second in the 440 yard dash; J. Simcox took a third, K. Hartman, a fourth and J. Schensul, a fifth; R. LeZotte did a fine job and placed a third in the 880 yard run, B. Miles took a fifth place in both the 100 and 220 yard dashes, G. Birch tied a fifth in pole vault.

This Saturday State High's thin-clads will defend their Regional Championship.

## DeVries Breaks Shot-put Record

State High's track team chalked up another victory April 30th at Angell Field. The team of D. DeVries, C. Ocvirek and J. Olvitt won the shot-put relay with a total distance of 128' 7 1-2". DeVries set another record with a marvelous throw of 49 feet, two and one-half inches. The only other complete first that night was made by the mile-relay team of M. Balch, J. Schensul, G. Birch and J. Simcox. Their time was a respectable 3 minutes, 42.5 seconds, which is a new school record. State's 880 relay of D. VandeWalker, C. Warfield, A. Nieboer, and B. Miles tied for first with St. Joseph's team.

Second places were won by the Cubs' two-mile relay team (R. LeZotte, J. Malbone, D. Corning and N. Taylor), 440 relay (D. VandeWalker, A. Nieboer, C. Warfield, and B. Miles), and broad-jump relay (D. VandeWalker, A. Nieboer, M. Balch).

In the sprint medley J. Curren, M. Balch, J. Passafiume and Ken Hartman placed fifth.



## Ever Lovin' Sisters

So you think that sisters are a very unnecessary lot? Well, it's a moot question. However, if you take them a little at a time and with a grain of salt, they aren't so bad. Besides, if your family has been equipped with one or more, you have to put up with them. We were "blessed" with just one! There's a few years' difference between us and that helps some. She's older and more often than not can't be bothered with a kid brother (which is perfectly all right with me).

But at certain times she can come in handy. For instance, as a buffer for me against the heads of the house, should there be a disagreement or argument, she's right there to take my side (most of the time).

Then if I happen to run short of ready cash, she can almost always be depended on to come across. If she doesn't, there are ways, short of blackmail, to make her do so, that is, without injury to oneself, which often occurs when one has to deal directly with the "top brass."

She's also useful around exam time to help pound the knowledge into your brain by giving with the question-

answer routine and by drilling you. She's handy when it comes to ordering corsages, what kind to get and what girls do like. If she is older, this is pretty darned handy. Picking out girls' gifts is another thing she does real well. You know when Christmas and birthdays roll around, she's right there with all the know how, being a female herself.

Then, too, she gives with a candid (Sometimes too candid) opinion on how one's kid brother should or shouldn't look and dress. Having been to college, my big sister really has definite ideas on men's clothes, and when mine don't suit her fancy, she is sure to let me know. (Sometimes she's right, too, but only sometimes). Just to make her think she knows best, I even bend to ask her opinion at times. It helps keep friendly relations, for in case a real crisis ever comes up, I'd rather have her on my side than against me. A sister can be an awful adversary! I know from experience.

As a matter of fact, speaking of sisters' being useful, mine is now standing over my shoulder giving me the lowdown on why they are so useful. Come to think of it, she may be right!

## Platter Matter

"Good evening; ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to A.R.A.T., the station that everyone listens to (we hope). Music comes to you for the rest of the night, so sit back and relax while I spin a lively little tune called 'Pine Top Boogie!' But! Before I play this song, I want to tell you about 'Soggie Woggies' the cereal everyone loves. 'Soggie Woggies' just melt your stomach-ah, in your stomach-and taste so good. Get a box and you'll never want another box, ah, that is, of course another box of any other breakfast cereal. Now for our tune: Freddie Slack with 'Pine Top Boogie.'"

"That was a jumpy little gem, wasn't it? Now for the news and then Uncle Herman will return to our Street of Nightmares."

"I'm back and ready to motate on. Here's a fine ditty that I am going to play for the State High band."

"Oh, I'm sorry, that was Central High's school song; now how could these records have gotten mixed up? Well, pardon me; now here is the record for State High."

"There, was that better? Hello? Yes . . . yes, surely I'll do that. Just had a telephone call from Barb Born, Al Glendening, Mary Lou Spitters, Larry Littig, Ann Malotte, and Denny Bryan requesting I play 'Earth Angel' so here goes, kids. 'Earth Angel,' la, da, dum, dum—screech, oops, wrong speed there; here we go.

"That sure was a pretty song. If anything goes wrong in your house, call 'Sue-Yat-Sun' of the Fix-it

Shop; they fix-er-fix anything. Now back to our music, and the next number is dedicated to Ruthmary Werly. She took a tumble on her skates a couple nights ago, so this song should make her feel better: 'I Don't Hurt Anymore.'"

(Four songs, ten commercials later): "I must say good night and leave you now, but I'll be back tomorrow night, same time, and don't forget, eat 'Soggie Woggies' and you'll be all fix-er-fixed up. Bye now."

## Tennis? No Match

Oh nuts, we're way behind again; The score is thirty love. He just can't seem to hit the ball He needs a bat and glove.

The ball goes over once again; That was a better serve, But that poor boy is losing fast, And with it goes his nerve.

He reached, he missed, he slipped and fell; Oh, what an awkward position. I am now sure but afraid to say, He's not too much competition.

Now how could I have been so foolish, To bet on a guy like that. I lost not only my money, But even my precious hat.

When I get home what will I say When I have that guilty look? I'll have to tell her through quivering lips, I was robbed by a tennis schnook.

—Paul Weber

## Carol's Cubbyhole

H'lo. How are all my little cublet friends this fine week? I only have a few more days to roam about, with my snappy little habits. HE HE. With all the "social functions" that have been popping up, I've really been busy with my radar, periscope, and geiger counter.

Last Saturday, I scared up a familiar pair which turned out to be FRANK ELL and CAROL SCHUTZ. Things are looking up!

Another boy-girl combination that is rather chummy is that of ALICE MABIE and dear JOHN. Ohoooo. Do we get around!

While at the movie the other night, I caught a glimpse of DICK McCURMB and JULIE denBLYKER. Those kids don't mess.

Another letter was turned into the Cubbyhole mailbox, with the request that I print it. I simply couldn't resist so—

"Dear Junior Boys,

We miss you madly. Please give us some attention.

With aching hearts,  
The Junior Girls."

A couple that we aren't sure about, but have our ideas, is HARRIETT HOWE and BOB GIGSON. Wish you'd clue us in, kids.

An extremely interesting note was found in 217E the other day. We couldn't publish all the lovely contents, but it plainly stated "DON" with "Love, CHARLENE." Hmmm.

TOM MANNING really has the "cat" clothes. Many of us have been wondering who "she" is, Tom?

It was rumored that NANCY H. and JAN C. wanted to go to the Three Rivers golf match. We know all about Nancy, but what's this with Jan? You girlies just don't make sense.

Girls: Don't wear Bermudas in front of JIM HIGHTOWER. He is quoted as having said, "They look like—(the devil)" It's not that he hates gals, but—

We received the shocking news that GUY HESS hasn't been keeping his complete mind on the game. That cutie lass in the stands has an overwhelming effect on the poor boy.

In wandering around the country side, (I do occasionally) I got drift of a little item that FRED SNOW has been fishing. I wasn't certain whether the party said fish or females, but then, some females are on the fishy side! Right, Fred?

Heavens! It's way past that time, and I have a date with a '36 Plym. But before I go, I would like to extend some apologies to the underclassmen. We Seniors aren't going to be around much longer, so that's the reason for all the names in the column. It's not conceit; we're desperate! Bye Bye, little ones, and how about the rest of you getting with it?