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# State Highlights

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## Boys Will Battle Girls As Dimes March



### D.A.R. Pilgrim Chosen

The annual D.A.R. Pilgrim has been chosen. This year's honor falls on Vicki Wenner. Vicki was selected for this honor by the votes of the senior girls. These votes were based on the service, leadership, and dependability of the candidate. Close competition was given by runnersup Jean DeHann, Fran Miller, and Barbara McBride.

Vicki displays many talents. One of her best is her art work. For many years her excellent posters have adorned the halls of State High. She has also won prizes for each entry she has made in the annual Exchange Club contest.

Vicki has displayed leadership by holding many offices including junior class secretary, general chairman of the Junior-Senior Prom and editor of this year's **HIGHLANDER**.

For her college, Vicki has selected Stevens. She plans to study Commercial Art and Journalism.

### Sandwich Sale Tomorrow

A sandwich sale will be held by Highlights, tomorrow, Feb. 2.

These sandwiches will be sold during the noon hour in the main hall by various members of the highlights.

Sandwiches include tuna, peanut butter, egg salad, cold meat and cheese. They will be 10 cents apiece.

### Basketball Homecoming Begins Friday

Basketball homecoming this year will be on Friday, February 10. We will play South Haven in Western's gym.

With the colorful decorations and the big pep assembly, the spirit should be high—even TOPS.

The crowning ceremony will take place during half-time. Captain, Chuck Warfield, will be king while the queen will be selected by a student vote. The candidates for queen are: Mary Roberts, Joan Parkes, Beverly Fender, Marilyn Wilsey, and Suzanne Lennartson.

### Orphan Plans Set

The Student Council has undertaken and successfully carried out many projects this semester. They are now working on the possibilities of adopting a Foreign War Orphan. It has been decided that fifteen dollars per month will be needed to adopt the child and that the funds shall come from willing donors here at school. The Service Committee will decide whether a boy or girl is wanted and what age.

### Prom Plans Underway

The 1956 Junior-Senior Prom plans are now getting underway. There are many ideas for this year's theme but as yet one particular idea hasn't been settled upon.

Assisting Joan Blanchette, general chairman, is Carol Schutz, decorations, Rosemary Burnett, publicity, Marilyn Wilsey, chaperones, Nan Perry, refreshments, Mary Carney, programs, Mary Smith, tickets, Gail Wruble, invitations, and Jim Kemerling, entertainment.

### Coming Events

- Feb. 3—Basketball, Vicksburg there
- 8—Freshmen basketball, St. A. 6:30
- 10—Basketball, South Haven here, homecoming
- 11—All school turn-a-bout, Formal
- 14—Band assembly 10:15
- 15—Sophomore parent visitation
- 17—Plainwell, basketball there
- Senior girls tea
- 18—Turn-about here

### Sugg and Warfield Head Teams

Polio is a fight that all high school students are concerned with, for three out of four cases occur in persons 19 years or younger. Fifty out of every 100 patients recover completely. Another 30 have some muscle weakness, but not enough to be apparent in normal life; 14 are severely paralyzed. Fewer than 5 die.

The cost for treatment of polio is very high. As much as \$20,000 has been spent on a single patient. The Salk Vaccine is a tremendous stride forward. Now at last, we have good reasons to hope for eventual control of polio. But a vaccine does not eliminate a disease overnight.

As you can see, polio is a costly sickness. This year State High will have its annual March of Dimes Friday, Feb. 3. The Service Committee's plans are for two strips of tape down the center of the gym floor. One strip will be for the boys and the other for girls. The team with the most dimes will be the winner. The teams are to be captained by Marcia Sugg and Chuck Warfield.

If each person from the junior and senior high would put down 5 dimes we will have close to \$250.00.

Everyone in the school is urged to assist in the fight against polio.





## Cub Senseless

During the 11:00 senior business class the other day, the class got on the subject of Africa. Vern Wade, why were you so interested????

How are a kiss and a sewing machine alike? A sewing machine sews nice seams and a kiss seems so nice.

One of the student teachers in the 2:15 junior history class thinks Mr. Vuicich could hear better if he would listen. That's o.k., we don't listen either.

A dirty trick was played on the student teachers in the 10:15 history test. They had to take the same tests the students took. Nothing like failing the student teachers in the course is there?

Also in junior history class the students were asked if they knew what Civil Service was. Judy Grote sat shaking her head yes. When she couldn't give the correct answer she was asked why she was shaking her head. Some brain piped up—she just likes to hear her head rattle. That right Judy????

In Art class, Dick Elgard stuck his finger in a hole. After the soap and water was finally applied he was able to get it out but let it be a lesson. Don't stick your grubby little fingers where they don't belong.

In choir when Gail Buchanan was asked what grade she was in she answered? "Eighth grade." Why go backwards, Gail?

It seems that during French 2, Betsy asked, "Are two verbs always married?" Mrs. Monroe replied, "Sometimes Pas (Pa) comes between."

Daffynishion: Blackbird — A dirty bird—from **Boy's Life**

How would it be if:  
Dave were a tiger instead of a Bair.  
Elmer were a carrot instead of a Bean.

Tom were a horn instead of a Bell.  
Ken were a breeze instead of a Blow.  
Dick were hatched instead of Born.  
Jan were a stable instead of a Correll.  
Jerry were happy instead of Cross.  
Bev were a bumper instead of a Fender.

Ricky were dim instead of Light.  
Carole were an organge instead of a Lemon.

Alice were sure instead of Mabie.  
Pete were a driver instead of a Parker.

Tom were a straw instead of a Reid.  
Jim were a stone instead of a Rock.  
Chuck were peaceful instead of a Warfield.

Jim were stupid instead of Wise.

## A-B-C-D-E-Fiddlestix

Some body had to write this editorial. Every year when marks come out someone has to write about them. More likely than not, the writer is very uninterested in his subject and therefore does a poor job. It can't be helped. Who wants to publicly make himself a hypocrite by saying that we shouldn't work for marks alone when he burns the midnight oil in an effort to keep his coveted "A"? Almost everyone who wants an education will do this, and those who don't probably wouldn't care to write for the paper. Anyway it's a real problem; how can you make kids understand that marks aren't the most important phase of education when so much emphasis is placed on honor students? I don't mean to discredit our honor roll because it means a great deal to receive this recognition, but what about those who don't obtain particularly good grades even though they may try harder than the so-called "brains"? What credit are they given? Not much I'm afraid. Sure a teacher may tell him that he's doing well and working hard in class but this reward seems empty. How much nicer it would be if he had said, "I can't bear the sight of your presence, but I have to give you an "A." That "A" would help put you on the honor roll and bring you into the limelight as a scholar. However, the only glory you have is that Miss so and so said you were working well. It means just one thing to me—over-emphasis on marks !!! I do not advocate junking our present grading system. I would make only one suggestion to you teachers. If you have students that try the best they can to learn but can't get good marks, make a note of it on their report card. Chances are that they are working harder than any of your top flight students. Don't pass them over lightly. If these kids aren't given some recognition they will become disinterested in obtaining an education. That would be just great!

Larry Littig

## Up Beat

Now that the band's Christmas program is over, they are working on some new concert selections.

Their first concert will be the first part of February when they play for the school.

Plans of the "Blue and Gold" are well underway now. Every Thursday noon the committee organizing the show meets with Dr. Belooof and Paul DeKorte, the student manager for the Revue. This year's theme has been selected to be "International Bazaar."

These last few months Dr. Belooof has been trying to arrange an exchange concert with some other high school band. If he can't, the band will plan some trip in the spring.

## Town Meeting

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR PEP ASSEMBLIES?

Pep assemblies play an important part in our school activities. Here are some opinions of our assemblies. How do they compare with yours?

Denny Percy; The pep assemblies should be from 12:40-1:00. This will give time for homeroom meetings after the assembly.

Jan Perry; The assemblies are very well planned. They shouldn't start any earlier than 12:40 in order to give everyone a sufficient chance to get from the cafeteria.

Bill Yates; The pep assemblies should be before every game if possible. They would be more successful by including more skits and new yells.

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## Cubs Take First Place With Allegan Win

Last Friday night the State High Cubs took over first place in the Wolverine conference when they defeated Allegan in a thrilling game, 53-51. The Cubs trailed by seven points going into the last quarter and had to put on a determined rally to defeat a stubborn Allegan team. The Cubs got a big break when Bud Inglesbee, Allegan's star center, fouled out of the game in the last quarter. State High didn't look as sharp as it has in some of their other games. Their fast-break pattern wasn't working to perfection and they had trouble getting the ball through the basket. Gil Seeley led the scorers for both teams with 16 points.

This was State High's sixth win in a row and their eighth of the season.

## Big Games Won

On January 6 the Cubs met Portage in a crucial Wolverine League ball game. Portage proved no match for the speedy State High team and the Cubs led at halftime 23 to 13. The Cubs increased their lead still further in the second half and won the game 54-35. Pete Parker was high for State High with 17 points.

The following Tuesday State High played Plainwell. For the first half it was a see-saw battle with Plainwell leading at halftime 34-32. The second half was an entirely different story with State High completely dominating play. The scoreboard showed State High with 63 and Plainwell with 46 at the end of the game. Balanced scoring payed off for the Cubs in this game as John Fleckenstein, Pete Parker, and Chuck Warfield hit for 14 points apiece. This was State High's sixth win of the season and their fourth in a row.

## Reserves Win Six

The reserves of State High are sporting a very nice six wins and three lost record. The Little Cubs have lost both contests to the tall boys from Holland Christian, and they suffered their first conference loss last Friday. State led the Allegan reserves by a reasonably large margin but seemed to tire in the fourth quarter. Allegan capitalized on this and went ahead to win by four points. This game was the Allegan revenge for a previous 49-47 defeat.

Cullen Henshaw, Tom Brown, and Bill Yates seem to lead the scoring column. Cullen Henshaw has been high-point man in the majority of the games and has scored as many as 22 points. The high-hitting three have received timely assists from Larry Johnson, "Smiley" Kohrman, and Bert Cooper.

## Cubs Win Two, Lose One During Vacation

During Christmas vacation the State High Cubs won two games while losing one. They won from Dowagiac and Holland Christian and lost in an upset to South Haven.

In the South Haven game the Cubs ran up against a red hot South Haven ball club that couldn't be held down. The game was close for the first half, but South Haven pulled away in the second half to win 60-49. The only bright spot of the evening for the Cubs was the playing of Chuck Warfield, who was high scorer with 16 points.

The next Wednesday State High beat Dowagiac 44 to 40 in an overtime game. The Cubs left a lot to be desired in the type of ball they played in this game. They blew a thirteen point lead in the second half and were forced into overtime before they won. The high scorer for the Cubs was Bob Miles with 12 points.

On December 23 State High was host to Holland Christian. The Cubs played their best game so far in this game. They used their fast break and left Holland Christian lagging behind as they took a 35 to 26 lead at halftime. Substitutes played much of the second half and the final score was State High 60, Holland Christian 50. Bob Miles and Chuck Warfield had 12 and 13 points respectively for the winners.

## Speed Wins Game

The State High Cubs rolled to a 67-43 victory over Otsego for their fifth straight win. The Cubs won the game on their great speed. Early in the game it looked like Otsego was going to make things rough for State High, but the Cubs went into a full court press and broke the game wide open. By half time the score was State High 36, Otsego 23, and coach Chance used substitutes freely for the remainder of the game. Miles and Taylor were high for the Cubs with ten points apiece.

## Freshmen Beat Vicksburg

This season the freshman basketball team has not been able to make a very successful showing. On December 8 they were downed by Oakwood by a score of 38 to 19. Allen Dowd was high for State High with 10 points. On December 16, Otsego stopped them in a close game, 41 to 40. Tom Fleckenstein was high for State with 10 points. In another close game on January 11. Weldon Johnson and Joe Sugg scored 12 points each to lead the freshman to a 41 to 28 win over Vicksburg. On January 18, a strong Plainwell team stopped the freshman team by a score of 65 to 25. Joe Sugg hit with 11 points in this game.

## Call Me Splinters

by Ted Garneau

Hi kids, how are all my little Bolsheviks doing? Splinters has decided to favor his quadrillions of readers (actually a little less than 330) with a little more State High propaganda. Things are a little dull around the Hilltop with the senior girls still squabbling with each other, the senior boys still playing poker, the junior boys still trying to sneak into the "S Club," and last but not far from least, our teachers still trying to indoctrinate us.

Last Friday Splinters found out why State High students rank so high in the vocabulary tests all the time. Some of the words used during the Allegan game weren't found on the tests but they were just as bad. I can't talk as the ones sitting near me will tell you, but I feel that that kind of pep should be held down. If the referee makes what looks like a bad decision, it's all right to show your feelings briefly, but at the same time remember that their job is a tough one and they are trying to do their best, even though it sometimes makes us wonder.

It was balanced scoring which paid off for the Cubs against Allegan. We were, however, very lucky winners, even though four players hit in the double figures. Between listening to others and watching the game, I thought that Gil Seeley and Bob Miles were the standouts of the game. Seeley had a tough first quarter, but played the finest basketball that he has played all season during the last three quarters. Miles' hustling and all-round floor leadership helped pull out that crucial victory. Allegan has been underestimated all season and they have one of the finer teams in the state, so we can be very proud of our victory.

We now have six games left, with Portage, Plainwell, and Buchanan being the expected tough ones. As in any sport we can't relax and let down or one of the so called weaker teams will up and bump us off.

And now, ladies and rascals, we bring you what all of Czechoslovakia has been waiting for, Splinters to tell you the scores of the coming games.

State High 72, Vicksburg 30  
State High 66, South Haven 43  
State High 48, Portage 41  
State High 56, Plainwell 59

## Wolverine Standings

	W	L
State High	6	1
Allegan	6	2
Portage	5	3
Otsego	3	5
Plainwell	3	4
South Haven	2	5
Vicksburg	0	7



## Alpha-Beta-Gamma

Seventy-seven students have made the honor roll for the first semester of this year. In order to qualify for an Alpha rating, a person must receive at least four A's and no mark lower than a B; for gamma, two A's and no mark lower than a B.

**ALPHA:** P. Anderson, P. Beloof, J. Betke, M. Borton, J. Boyd, G. Brown, J. Brown, R. Burnett, M. Decker, A. Elias, C. Godfrey, D. Griffith, S. Hilgart, M. Householder, E. Jackson, R. Koets, C. Lemon, G. Maus, M. Norman, A. Osterberg, S. Riley, S. Schroeder, M. Smith, S. Tiefenthal, B. VanPeenan, S. VanRiper, V. Wenner, M. Wise, G. Wruble.

**BETA:** D. Anderson, M. Beattie, M. Brink, N. Brown, T. Estes, P. Greiner, S. Hodgman, T. Light, P. Linn, J. Perry, N. Perry, L. Scott, D. Sheldon, J. Shepherd, M. Stainton, C. Sutton, S. Taylor, B. Whitbeck.

**GAMMA:** M. Allen, S. Ashey, J. Baden, B. Beisel, J. Blanchette, R. Born, D. Britigan, J. Brown, M. Carney, P. DeKort, A. Dowd, R. Doyle, R. Eglund, E. Gemrich, A. Greanya, M. Kaercher, C. Kiino, S. Lennartson, P. Nantz, T. Otis, P. Pullon, C. Richardson, J. Simcox, S. VanHoeve, C. VanRiper, K. Wilkens, M. Wilsey, S. Wilson, B. Yates.

## Except For The Owl

When the leaves turn brown and the winds sweep the trees clean, we know winter is approaching. The fox squirrel starts to gather nuts for his winter food supply. The crows start to flock for their journey southward. Ducks and geese start their slow movement south to escape the bitter cold winter. When fall is in the air, the red fox grows thick, bushy hair to help keep the cold out. Only the best rabbits will last out the winter. Soon all the wild animals are ready for winter. They wonder if it will be a mild, beautiful winter with ample food for all, or whether it will be a hard, blizzardous winter with much starvation and famine. All is ready for the first snow when one night it comes.

With the coming of the sunrise the ground is a big, white carpet, broken only by the trees. The animals come out in search of food. The field mouse walks atop the snow to eat seeds when the giant hawk swoops down seizing it. In the underbrush is the pheasant eating seeds unnoticed. The squirrel by some unknown power knows exactly where he hid acorns and nuts. Waterfowl may be seen eating seaweed and corn. As for the fox, he'll eat anything he can get, in this case a rabbit. In the forest all animals are awake, for the law there is, eat or be eaten. Somehow the fish can survive in the ice cold water of the swift moving streams.

With the coming of night more snow falls and in the forest not a sound is heard except for the owl.

—Danny Sabo

## It's Up To You

At a recent Student Council meeting when home-room business was called for, one of the representatives said that his home-room had the problem of disinterest. He said that if he and the other representatives were to take something back for discussion, very few if any would talk about it. After this member spoke it became evident that quite a few of the home-rooms are having the same problem.

Not only in meetings but also at election time a lack of interest shows up, for during last spring's election of officers, it was questionable whether there would be more than one candidate for some offices.

It could be debated whether a lot of interest in Student Council is necessary. When you think back, however, to times like last year's Errands-of-Mercy drive and recall how it flopped and the disgust most of us were feeling then, it's easy to see what a little more interest in it would have done. First of all the plans for this project should have been more thoroughly given in Student Council and we, who were your representatives, should have been on our toes enough to see that it was well planned. Secondly, those plans should have been brought to the home-rooms so that everybody would have known what was going on.

There are other instances like the one above. Also I presume that there have been in the past and are now things which aren't being done the way that you the student body would want them to be done. If this is the case very few people have come to me or, I believe, to any representative in Student Council with either suggestions or gripes.

This editorial, then, is a request from me, on behalf of all your representatives, for everyone to take a greater interest in our student government. Remember, there are 339 students at State High and consequently there are 339 students in its government.

Tim Light

## The Treasures of Life

I walked along this morning and saw diamonds on the snow, The diamonds were made by the lamp-light's glow.

I also observed as the day grew bright That the sun lit the sky with a turquoise light.

It's strange to see how men journey far for the jewels

They can find in the light of a star.

Kings have treasures, kept from eyes with a key,

But God has made beauty for all eyes that see.

Saundra Hybels

## a little this A LOTTA THAT

Hi! It's me again and I have some tender little items of interest to pass your way.

The weekends bring out a familiar pair. None other than **George Peelen** and **Suzanne Lennartson**. Hear they doubled with **Carol Schutz** and **Tom Harding** and the girls did the money spending. How 'bout that?

Good Heavens! A single guy or gal doesn't have a chance with all of the steady couples around. **Bob Beisel** and **Katie Johnson**, **Jack De Kreek** and **Linda Lumas**, **Tim Squires** and **Cathy VanRiper** are three of the more recent pairs. That's real neat!

**Mary Lou Allen** seems to be the envy of not only the sophomore girls but now the freshman girls too. Last weekend it was **Joe Sugg** and before that **Bill Yates**. Tell us your secret charm, Mary Lou.

For heavens sake, what is the big attraction at Central? **Dick Tyler**, **Jim Kemerling**, **Richard Howson**, and **Denny Sabo** are just a few who have switched recently. What are we going to do ?????

Attention all girls! There are a couple of very important turnabouts coming up. They should prove very interesting, so let's get on the stick, girls, and not let the guys down.

**Alice Mable** is appearing to be torn between two men. What goes **Tom** and **Clarke**?

I understand **Marilyn Wilsey** and **Bob Miles** have really been seeing a lot of each other lately. Also **Pat Borgman** and **Frank Ell** and **Gary Vermeulen** and **Nan Perry**. That really is terrific kids, keep it up.

**Dick Born** has been seen around lately with a mighty cute girl. who is she Dick?

**Gil Seeley** has been seeing quite a bit of **Jean DeHaan** recently. Way to go !!!

Central's game last Saturday drew a large group of the senior girls from State High. What was it you went to see girls, the game or Don Perigo playing? **Julie den Bleyker** even got **Dick** to take her. Hmmm!

Just received a note saying that **Linda Hawkins**, **Garry Birch**, and **Tim Otis** have new steadies. While we are on the subject, there seems to be an epidemic spreading. Oh, I LOVE that disease.

A familiar couple seen lately is **Joan Parkes** and **Pete Parker**. Keep up the good work, kids.

Attention all fellas! The girls are having a chorus line in the Blue and Gold Revue this year. I hear they are working real hard and really look snazzy. Congrats, gals.

In closing I would like to make a request. Please get busy and do something rowdy before our next High-lights. We would like to hear about all of you not just a few. How about it???? Let's all get busy now, but be good kiddies.