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Choir To Present "Pirates of Penzance"



Taking part in operetta practice are B. Hybels, S. Tiefenthal, G. Forseff, J. Jaull, D. Griffith, B. Stewart, C. Warfield, W. Kent, P. DeKorte, J. Betke, G. Buchanan, S. Gildea, J. denBleyker, M. Borton, G. Seeley, and G. Pellam.

Cast Announced For Operetta

"Pirates of Penzance," which has been selected by the choir for the operetta to be given February 21-22, is the story of Frederic who is apprenticed to be a pirate until he is twenty-one.

Frederic, hates this apprenticeship and as soon as he is twenty-one, decides to quit piracy. But complications arise when it is discovered that Frederic was born on Feb. 29th and is therefore only five years old.

The story develops into another delightful Gilbert-Sullivan plot that holds the interest to the end.

Due to the large number of talented people in the choir many parts will have a double cast.

Leads for Tuesday include Dean Griffith, Jim Betke, Bert Hybels, Paul DeKorte, Wally Kent, Barb Stewart, Alice Osterberg, Gail Buchanan, Margaret Borton and Patti Paull. Wednesday night leads include Gary Forsleff, Jim Betke, Chuck Warfield, Gil Seeley, George Peelan, Barb Stewart, Sharon Gildea, Julie denBleyker, Margaret Borton and Patti Paull.

The performance will begin at 8:00 in the Civic Theater.

Tickets can be purchased from the Choir members at \$1.00 for adults and 75 cents for students.

Carnival Planned

The Carnival this year will be held in the Women's gym on March 3. The Citizenship Committee, headed by Suzanne Lennartson is in charge. Most homerooms and many organizations will sponsor a booth or concession stand and will use the money they make for various projects of their own.

While the booths are being cleared away, half time entertainment will be provided by the "S Club" beauty contest and a sports event between the faculty and the senior boys. Vicky Wenner is in charge of half-time entertainment and also publicity.

Following this entertainment will be the program. Larry Littig, as master of ceremony, will draw the tickets for the door prizes. Many gifts, donated by Kalamazoo merchants, will be given to the holder of the lucky tickets. Carol Schutz is in charge of door prizes.

The climax of the Carnival will be the crowning of the "Carnival King and Queen", elected on February 13, and chosen for service to the school. Barb McBride is in charge of the election.

Ditto Drag Coming

The Ditto Drag is the theme for State High's annual turn-a-bout this year. As the title implies the boys and girls should dress alike.

The dance will start at 8:30 and end at 11:30. It will be held in the women's gym and admission price will be \$.50 a person and \$1.00 per couple.

The highlight of the evening will be Jeff Lane, WKMT's popular disc jockey, who will spin the records.

Calendar

Feb. 17	Friday, Basketball game with Portage, here, Senior girls tea
Feb. 18	Turn-a-bout, Women's gym, 8:30-11:30
Feb. 21	& 22 Operetta, Civic theatre, 8:00
Feb. 24	Friday, Basketball game, Otsego, there
Feb. 27	Assembly, 9:15
March 2	Basketball Buchanan, here
March 3	Carnival, Women's gym, 7:30

Elections Moved Up

Please take note! The election for Student Council officers will be held on March 13th.

S. C. Officers Attend Meeting

Three times a year a meeting of the Cooperative Association of the Southwestern Michigan Student Council is held. The first of these meetings is held in the fall, and all members included in the Association are invited to attend. The second one is held in the winter, the third in the spring, including only the officers. Representing State High will be Tim Light, Barbara McBride, Mary Lou Allen, Dick Tyler, and Mr. Deur, Student Council Advisor. Also going are Jim Betke who will sing and Gary Forsleff who will accompany him.

This Association is at present composed of the Student Councils of Kalamazoo and those of five other counties in this region. At the meeting which will be held at Berrien Springs, our officers will present a plan to unite all the Student Councils in southwestern Michigan. They will also take note of anything discussed which will help us to better our Council system.

Cub Senseless

The speeches in French II last week proved to be very interesting. Why so secretive, Judy ? ? ? ?

We have new royalty here at State High. Congrats to Joan Parkes, basketball queen, and our Prince Charming with the N-E-A-T legs, Jack DeKreek.

Picture taking for the Highlander went off without fail. My, some people sure like posing. What about it, Bob and Pete ? ? ? ?

Congrats to the boys who won the contest in the March of Dimes. But, special congratulations to everyone for making this year's march such a success! That's the spirit, Cubs! ! !

CASHIER: "Hey, what's the idea of carrying that piece of toast out of the school cafeteria?"

STUDENT: "I'm going to use it in art class to make a charcoal drawing."

Arizona Kitty Kat

Mr. Vuicich still is having a little trouble with names in his History classes. Come now, there aren't that many twins in State High.

I've heard that Woody B. really likes to write letters. It seems as if he's been writing to Betty Grable about her beautiful legs. Woody, we didn't know ! ! !

I think Sandra H. is a little mixed up lately, she asked Garry what song he was going to play on his trampoline. A new instrument maybe? ? ? ?

Thou Shalt Not

1. Thou shalt not drive the teacher to his grave; let the undertaker do it; he gets paid for it.
2. Thou shalt not throw spitballs; corn hurts more.
3. Thou shalt not write on desks; carving lasts longer.
4. Thou shalt not whisper; shouting gets more attention.
5. Thou shalt not pick up papers off the floor; let the teachers do it; they need the exercise.
6. Thou shalt not borrow thy neighbor's pencil; take it when thy neighbor isn't looking.
7. Thou shalt not answer the teacher's questions; let them look it up for themselves.
8. Thou shalt not chew gum; chewing tobacco tastes much better.
9. Thou shalt not skip English class take the whole day off.
10. Thou shalt not put tacks on the teacher's chair; spikes bring better results.

Mine--Yours--Ours

Three years ago the senior class undertook the project of sanding all the desks in the study hall. They did this so the desks would have a surface that would not remind a person of an obstacle course. These desks were not gouged by the normal usage over the years, but instead each one contained the life history of five or six different people. Since that time a determined effort has been made to keep people from writing on them, and it has worked to a large degree. But, have you seen the desks in the classrooms? Have you noticed the markings on the walls around school? Have you observed the conditions of our lockers? Nobody watches to see that these are kept unmarred and their condition is appalling. Our whole school was painted just last fall, but the walls are as dirty as if paint had never been applied to them. Every year many new lockers have to be put up to take the place of worn-out lockers, and many of the older ones are barely able to stand up at all. This is not because the lockers are made of poor material, but instead because the people who use them take such delight in slamming and kicking them! The desks in the classrooms are pitted with initials and wise sayings that have been scratched into them by their occupants.

It is alarming to see the attitude that we students of State High have towards other people's property. None of us would dream of writing on the walls at home or making gouges on the dining room table, but yet we think nothing of it when we mutilate school property.

This disrespect for school property is a very serious problem. Everyone of us should feel that it is his or her responsibility to at least try and stop someone if we see them abusing school property. If this is done a big step in the doing away of abuse of school property will have been taken.

The next time you feel an urge to write on some desk, or scribble your initials on the wall ask yourself if you would do this if it were your own property. Let the answer you get govern your actions.

T. O.

Up Beat

This spring the band is planning to set aside a day during the week and visit 2 or 3 very good high school band rehearsals and then end the day at one of Michigan State's rehearsals. The members of the band think they would enjoy this kind of trip because they wouldn't have to carry uniforms and instruments.

The plans for the Blue and Gold Revue are starting to take shape now. A small group of students have shown definite interest in wanting to write a script for the show and win the \$10 prize being offered for the best entry. Their entries will be judged by three of our English teachers.

The band's concert for the school February 14th was only the beginning of a very busy schedule this second semester.

Their next performance will be March 1st. when they play a few numbers for the P.T.S.O. before the meeting. Included amongst these will be selections the band is going to play in the Class B district contest. Saturday, March 4th. All the band members hope to at least receive a 2nd. place rating, although they are working hard for 1st. place. Dr. Belooof feels that the band will have a better chance to have exchange concerts with some of the better bands in Illinois or here in Michigan if they earn good contest ratings this year and next.

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Cubs To Meet Plainwell in Crucial Game

Call Me Splinters

by Ted Garneau

Boy oh boy, the way Splinters is predicting scores, people are going to think he's bribing the coaches. He's not; he's just got a brilliant mind. However, the way teachers are marking my papers I think my enemies are bribing them! No matter what my adversaries think, Splinters is great. You will still, however, have to take my word for it.

Remembering my prediction of our beating South Haven by twenty points, Splinters had an upset stomach at halftime. As you recall we had a very shaky lead at that point. It's a good thing we played one quarter of decent ball through the course of the evening. Anyway, thanks go to Gil Seeley, who did the majority of the rebounding and scoring for State High. Pete Parker didn't score much but he played the best floor game for the Cubs. Fleckenstein also helped a great deal in the scoring department, but he let himself get shoved around quite a bit under the boards. Miles and Warfield were not up to their usual peak performances which hampered the Cub machine greatly. When you analyze the game, about all you can say is we won. We're going to have to improve in order to keep first place in the Wolverine Conference. Remember, we have Plainwell coming up day after tomorrow.

The halftime crowning of the homecoming queen, Joan Parkes, and her court was well planned. Larry looked like he was having his troubles pinning Bev's corsage on though.

I hear that Mrs. Littig liked the opening of *Splinters* last week. I apologize to her because I couldn't think of any insults to pay you students this issue. Actually, I can think of plenty, but because this paper has 17 censors I hadn't better use them.

It's time for you boys to start thinking of Spring Sports. Next issue will contain information about them.

And now, my little juvenile delinquents, this is *Splinters* saying goodbye and to you juniors, don't plant a bomb in the school until next September. Who knows, you may be rid of me by then.

Ads and Doodads

Mary Lou Allen: A lock for the hood of my car or a manual on how to untangle spark plugs.

Fran Miller: A dance band for the dance and a certain senior to dance with.

Tony Scott: I would like a conologist.

Joel Shepherd: Escalators from State High to Central, non-stop.

Freshmen Gain Experience

Under the guidance of Coach Schwab, this year's freshmen basketball team has been a success. If you look at the won and lost column you might very easily fail to see where the success has been. But if you have watched the boys perform from day to day, and from game to game you'll know what a great job Mr. Stevens and Mr. Schwab have done.

The freshmen have good size for their age and probably because of this they are rather clumsy. When some of these boys gain more coordination, State High is going to be mighty hard to beat. There is no reason for making an excuse for the team. Even though they have a 2-5 record their potential is tremendous. The coaches are not interested in the team winning; they would rather have them lose now and learn so that when their boys make the varsity, and the wins really count, they will come through. It is for this reason we have freshman athletics.

As of now the freshmen squad has a game with Vicksburg on the 20th and a game with St. A on the 29th.

The squad that has gained so much experience that even now their potential is starting to shine are as follows: Rod Baker, Gene Bombick, George Brown, Allen Dowd, Tom Fleckenstein, Steve Hammand, Weldon Johnson, Wally Kent, Tim Lenderink, George Roberts, Phil Roekle, Joe Sugg, Albert Todd, Bob Tracy, Bill Whitbeck and Jim Thurston.

State Wins Seven Straight

State High rolled to its seventh consecutive victory by beating Vicksburg 83 to 50. The Cubs were sparked by the brilliant play of Bob Miles, Gil Seeley and Pete Parker. State High might have broken a record by scoring 31 points in the first quarter, the highest in a long time. Coach Chance used every man in the lineup with five juniors playing together as a unit. They played the entire second quarter and half of the fourth quarter, keeping their opponents far behind. The juniors were Dick Howson, Vern Wade, Clark Godfrey, Jim Brown and Dave Fuller. They did a good job and they are improving with each game. Vicksburg never once threatened with State High pulling away and keeping out of reach for the rest of the game. Gil Seeley was high for the game with 16 points.

Seek Second Win Over Plainwell

This Friday night State High will travel to Plainwell in a very important Wolverine League game. This is the Cubs last conference game this year and they are looking ahead to it with much apprehension.

State High has good reason to be wary of this Plainwell team even though we defeated them quite badly earlier this year. Plainwell, as everyone knows, is always very rough on their own floor, and besides that they specialize in pulling upsets when you least expect it.

This game has all the aspects of being a nip and tuck battle right from start to finish. Our team will really be able to use the school's support for this game, so let's get a big crowd up at Plainwell this Friday and give our boys the support they deserve.

Cubs Beat South Haven

Last Friday night the State High Cubs beat South Haven by the score of 66-51. State High played one of its poorer games and came a lot closer to losing the game than the score indicates. The very fact that Cub players missed six layups shows that they could not find the range for their shots. The game was very close for the first half and State High led only 25-24 at halftime. The third quarter the Cubs played some good ball and pulled rapidly away from South Haven. State High scored as many points in this quarter as they had the whole first half. The play in the fourth quarter was ragged on both sides and neither team did much.

Gil Seeley played a great game for the State High team. He did marvelous work on both backboards and scored 20 points to lead the scoring of both teams.

Reserves Chalk Up Two

Against Vicksburg the State High reserve team rolled to an easy 50-25 victory. The reserves hit a good percentage of their shots and played heads up ball all the way around. Tom Brown led a balanced scoring attack for the little Cubs.

Last Friday the reserves scored their highest total for the season when they defeated the South Haven reserve team 81-36. The game was never close. State High held a 50-20 halftime edge over the hapless Rams. Reserves played the second half and held the South Haven team in check while they scored quite a few points on their own. Cullen Henshaw led the scoring in this game.

Stop Working Start Living

Let us not concern ourselves with being intellectual. We shall leave such nonsense to English teachers and proceed to the more important things of life (such as lifesavers, bobbypins, and shoestrings). From now on we will read nothing but the works of Al Capp, Ogden Nash, and Walt Kelly. (Also Little Lulu and Peanuts) We should now be getting in shape for summer loafing. Begin practicing now and step up the speed of your loafing until you are perfectly capable of lying all day on the beach without moving a muscle. (A brain muscle that is.) The best way to begin is to write themes (like this one) with no paragraphs, no transitional words or phrases, no beginning and no end. Your writings should begin to show slight traces of rambling. (This writing is rambling in an advanced stage; only professional rambler can ramble as aimlessly as this, though, if you practice hard and long and have talent, you might succeed. After you have mastered the art of rambling you should begin snatching five minute naps in all social studies classes and gradually work these naps up to forty minutes in length. It's not a good idea to nap longer than this as the teacher might get angry. In English classes the only discussion should be about subjects that won't disturb minds preparing for a summer of hibernation. Math, chemistry, and physics should be done with reflexes (of the mind) and the dissection of frogs in biology should be done with reflexes of the phalanges, (fingers or toes, take your choice.) Other classes should be easy to slide through on past marks and impressions, (although the impression may be on the seat of your pants when report cards come out.) Well, kiddies, if you follow my advice you will be correctly prepared for summer, Christmas and spring vacations; (also for a decade more of State High.) If your parents disapprove, just ask them if they honestly see any difference.

Rosemary Burnett

The Glorious Rank Of a Junior

It takes a student eleven or more years to reach the glorious rank of being a junior in State High School. This is the year before you achieve the supreme rank of a senior and the year after leaving the lowly rank of sophomore.

It is in this year that the future leaders of State High School are formed. The juniors watch the other students in our school, trying to figure out what makes them click.

The junior boys sit around the upper hall watching the senior and sophomore boys, and oh! sometimes

Homerooms Choose New Officers

The new homeroom officers for the second semester are: 2E; Randy Crockett President, Dan Davidson Vice President, Martha Roth Secretary, Nan Perry Treasurer; 218E; Suna Tiefenthal President, George Roberts Vice President, Steph Wenner Secretary, Jon Edwards Treasurer; 301S; Andy Lenderink President, Beth Garneau Vice President, Karlene Gunnette Secretary, Gail Baker Treasurer; 217E; John Boyd President, John Thomasma Vice President, Rosemary Burnett Secretary, Jan Perry Treasurer; 303; Sue Hodgeman President, Sue Conner, Vice President, Wally Kent Secretary, Tom Fleckenstein Treasurer; 206; Tom Lawson President, Joan Blanchette Vice President, Karen Wilkens Secretary, Clarke Godfrey Treasurer; 1E; Mert Norman President, Garry Birch Vice President, Connie Monroe Secretary, Mary Roberts Treasurer; 15E; Sandy Taylor President, Eddie Gemrich Vice President, Gail Buchanan Secretary, Mike DenOtter Treasurer; 211E; George Peelen President, Bob Beisel Vice President, Sue Lennartson Secretary-Treasurer; Bookkeeping; Barbara Burling President, Sandy Burke Vice President, Mary Thorpe Secretary, Dawn Weybright Treasurer.

Things I Could Do Without

Alarm clocks in the morning,
Cold water in the tub,
Soap suds in my eye at night,
And a towel that doesn't rub.
Skirts without their hems,
Shoes without their laces,
Socks all torn to shreds again
And things in funny places.
Street lights in the window,
Dishes in the sink,
Cracker crumbs in bed with me
And clothes that maybe shrink.
Sand in all the hot-dogs
Pits in cherry pies,
Sour cream in the pitcher
And horrid summer flies.

"Better come to bed, my dear,"

"Set the table please,"

"You better get off the phone right now,"

And "Heaven's sake! Don't wheeze."

Katie Johnson

the girls. The boys try to discover what makes the sophomore boys so clamorous and the senior boys so dignified and refined. The junior girls watch the sophomore and senior girls. They try to ascertain how the senior girls have the respect of the rest of our school and the sophomore girls ability to get dates.

The reason for all this careful observation is simple. So that we, the junior class, may learn from the mistakes of others and be the most apt leaders in the future of our school.

a little this A LOTTA THAT

Leap year is in full swing around State High. The girls have been going all out and it doesn't seem to bother the boys in the least. That's the way it should be !!!

Some sophomore girls have gotten right on the stick for the big turn-about dance this Saturday. **Ruth Ann Bryan** and **Bert Cooper**, **Pat Anderson** and **Bill Yates**, **Linda Scott** and **Larry Johnson** are just a few. What's happening to the upper classmen ? ?

Seen around the halls lately are **Tony Scott** and **Gail Buchanan**, **Ed Gemrich** and **Marilyn Beattie**, and **George Schau** and **Joanne Quiring**. Some new couples maybe ? ? ?

Dennis Percy and **Bev Fender** wandered from the homefront and exchanged rings with Central folks. **Alice Osterberg** seems to be turning in the direction of Mattawan.

I overheard **Don Biscaglia** say the other day he was tired of sitting home on Saturday nights. Here's your chance girls!

A familiar sight around State High is **Jim Malone** and **Anne Doyle**, **Dean Griffith** and **Mary Carney**. Way to go you kids!

Also for just ages **Craig Babcock** and **Nancy Brown**, and **Nancy Hotneier** and **Dave Britigan** have been going together. What a nice habit!

I think I've seen Cupid with his arrows flying around lately. **Jim Neal** and **Kathy Kersjes**, **Terese Skinner** and her Central man are among the many stuck. Does it hurt ? ? ?

We wish **Ted Garneau** would make up his mind. Who's it going to be, **Ted**, **Judy**, **Joan** or **Barb**? Oh well, variety is the spice of life.

It also seems **Jim Coleman** wants to take out a certain junior girl. All you need is a head start on the freshmen and sophomore boys, Jim. Let's get hep ! ! ! Well, Cublets, its about time to sign off for this issue. There should be a lot of nosy news for the next issue with all these school functions going on, so let's really get on the bandwagon and do something exciting.

HOW WOULD YOU CHANGE, IF YOU COULD?

Stephanie Wenner: I can think of something, but I won't say it.

Dick McCrumb: I'd take off 30 pounds without going on a diet.

Gail Buchanan: I'd be skinny and bony.

Kim Sebaly: I think I'm good the way I am.

Pete Parker: Nothing.

Fran Miller: I'd cancel everything and start all over again.

Mary Jane LaPlante: I want long black hair and green eyes.

Larry Littig: I'd be a basketball hero.

Sue Schroeder: I'd be a blond.

Jean Buelke: I'd be a tall, willowly redhead.