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# State Highlights

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## Cabinet Reveals Future Committee Plans

### Miss Crisman Guides State High's Girls

An important spoke in State High's wheel is Miss Golda Crisman. She can usually be found bustling around the Campus School office taking care of someone who doesn't feel just right, writing a multitude of various colored slips or having an interview with some anxious parent. Although Miss Crisman has only been here since 1947, it is hard to imagine how we got along without her before she came.

Miss Crisman was born in Indiana and received her college education at Western. She began her teaching career at Battle Creek Lakeview and then came to State. At first she taught math and English and then in 1950 she became girls' advisor.

Miss Crisman has always been interested in each girl personally and has tried to make her high school life happy as well as helping her select a college and plan for a vacation.

Last year she founded State High's Future Nurses Club and still sponsors the club this year. It has become one of our most successful clubs and it is making future nurses out of many State High girls.

She also advises the Social Committee and the junior class.

It is a common feeling around State that we are very fortunate to have Miss Crisman and we will always be proud and happy that she takes an active and important part in State High's program.

### Blue and Gold On The Way Again

The 1956 Blue and Gold Revue will be held Friday, May 11, at the Central High School auditorium. Dr. Belooof is in charge of the show. The show will be in the form of a script show, which was written by Tim Light and Mary Jane LaPlante.

### Last Year's Grads Win Awards

Two of last year's seniors have been awarded the Oreon E. Scott Freshman Prize at the University of Michigan. They are Ronald Tanis and Katrina Kuizinga. In order to win this prize they had to complete 15 hours in a degree program and rank in the upper 10% of their class scholastically.

### Roman Fetes Planned May 9

Saturday, May 9 is the date set for the annual "Roman Holiday" that will be held in the Portage High School gym. Between 400 and 500 Latin students from all over Southwestern Michigan are expected to attend this event. The program will consist of dramatizations dealing with Roman life, Roman games such as a discus throw (the discus being a paper plate), and a luncheon to be served in Portage's cafeteria. To add to the fun many of the students dress up in Roman style.

Busess will be provided for the four Latin classes that will represent our school.

### May 10

The bi-annual Roman Dinner is to be held this year, Thursday, May 10th at 6:00 P.M. in the Little Gym of Western Training School.

The first and second year Latin students at State High will be the participants. The food and decorations will be planned by the first year students and the second year students will plan the entertainment.

The dinner is done traditionally as the early Romans would have done it. Besides serving the traditional Roman food, everybody will be dressed in ancient costumes from head to foot.

A lot of work is being put into this year's Roman Dinner by the students and it looks as though it will be one that is long remembered.

### Regional Speech Contest Here Tomorrow

Twelve schools will be represented in the regional speech contest which will be held on our campus in the Little Theatre on April 26. The competition is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., and there will be approximately 20 students vying for honors.

State High will be represented by Tim Light in the oratory division and Sandra Taylor in the declamations. Both Tim and Sandy won first place in the district contest at Hastings on March 22, and Sandra Rex and Terese Skinner won seconds in dramatic readings. Congratulations, winners, and good luck tomorrow.

### New Chairmen Express Thanks

Every year the State High students have the opportunity to select people for committee heads for the oncoming year. These elections are important because of the responsibility that goes with each office. This year it has been especially difficult for the students to vote because of the excellent qualifications of each candidate. Due to this difficult task, the results show that we will be able to look forward to a fine school year this fall.

The following are a few words from each committee head:

**Paul DeKorte, Assembly Committee:**

I'd like to commend Gary Forsleff and his staff for the fine job they have done on this year's assemblies. With your cooperation, I'm sure that next year's assemblies will be just as good, if not better.

**Carol Schutz, Social Committee:**

Having been elected chairman of the Social Committee, I would first like to thank all of those who voted for me. I will try to live up to the standards set by Joan Parkes and other Social Committee Chairmen. I will also try to make the social events more interesting and try to have better participation.

**Mary Lou Allen, Citizenship Committee:**

Being elected chairman of one of our committees is a great honor and I want to say thank-you to those who chose me. I will work hard to fulfill the responsibilities that Suzanne Lennartson has carried out so well this year. I hope that next year's committee will be as successful in the activities they sponsor as this year's.

**Mary Carney, Service Committee:**

As newly elected chairman of the Service Committee, I want to congratulate this year's chairman, Anne Doyle and her committee on the fine job they have done. My hope is that I, with the help of my committee, will be able to do as well.

**Jan Correl, Friendship Committee:**

Thank-you for the privilege of serving you as Friendship Chairman next year. It is my hope that this committee will accomplish its duties as successfully as this year's group did under the leadership of Fran Miller.

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## Cub Senseless

Would the kid or kiddies who keep eating the chalk from 219 E. during the noon hour please stop!!! It seems Miss Giedeman would like some of the 30 pieces she puts out at 8:00 for her afternoon classes.

JIM KEMERLING, next time Mrs. Monroe gives an example of a verb like "sacar" use it just as an example and don't embarrass her so.

PAUL DEKORTE, have fun practicing your song for the Blue and Gold Review. Nothing personal!!!

According to CAROL SCHUTZ, during the French Revolution the revolutionaries took off their breeches. Is that so????

Congratulations to Jim B. who finally paid his fine in Spanish class, after having it since the beginning of the semester.

If you hear any whoops and hollers coming out of 206 E. at 12:40, don't be alarmed. Mrs. Monroe has just turned Indian. It seems as if she is a little mixed up though, it's a French class!!!!

The Washington-New York trip turned out to be a big hit. Many thanks go out to Mr. and Mrs. McKee for their fine job as chaperones.

It seems as if the three initials, CIR, were learned at Annapolis. It certainly struck a few funny in 10:15 History class. How about letting some more in on the secret????

Now that everyone is back from Florida with all the sun tans, we less fortunate ones must get out the sun lamps again.

Spring is certainly in the air!!! We hear tell that KEN HARTMAN has been struck. It seems that he and a certain 11:15 English student with the initials of J. G. have been writing notes. Ahhh, true love!!!

The girls are trying something new to keep up with the guys. But, Miss Hainks, aren't track meets going a little too far???

What's this we hear about JIM ROCK laying eggs on his car???

The Junior English classes have been really reading some interesting things. How come the boys and girls differed so much on the facts in the story "Sixteen?"

## Are You a Swans?

## Only Once a Year?

Last week we had teacher appreciation day. On this day we were supposed to be extra nice to our teachers and we had an assembly in their honor during which we presented each one of them with a small gift. I think this gesture is very fine and I think it is a credit to the students here at State High that we have instituted such a day as this. But, I don't believe that in one day or even ten days we can begin to show our teachers how much we appreciate what they have done for us. Therefore, I feel that the least I can do is dedicate this editorial to our wonderful teachers here at State High and to teachers in general.

Little do any of us realize the debt that we owe our teachers. Many times we don't even acknowledge it when they do something for us. Yet they may be instilling in us the qualities that will make us great men or women in a few years. Countless favors go unnoticed and unappreciated by us many times. Yet, I have never heard a teacher complain about it.

It seems very ironic to me that teachers should be criticized by the very people they are trying to help. We make the teachers our scapegoats when we bring home a poor report card or a low grade on a test. We tell everyone that they had it in for us or that they don't like us very well, when deep down in our hearts we know we are lucky to have received the mark they gave us.

In almost no other profession are people treated as rudely by their associates as our teachers are by their students. Teachers are constantly being interrupted by thoughtless pupils; they are openly insulted by their students; they have to work often with a lack of cooperation from the class, and yet they are expected to be above reproach in their conduct toward the students. What amazes me is that they are above reproach!

There is an old saying about people who can't see the woods for the trees. I think this could very well apply to many of us students who cannot see the overall value of anything that inconveniences us the last bit. We can be eternally thankful that we have teachers who have good enough eye sight to be able to see the woods!

## Up Beat

Our band has been pretty busy lately. Maybe you noticed that on April 12, at 12:40, you didn't hear music and noise coming from the band room.

The band went on an all day field trip to visit four other bands around the state of Michigan.

We first visited the Middleville band which was preparing for a contest April 21. We talked to the director, and the band members. We asked them what problems they faced, and what they did to solve them.

Around 11:00 we arrived at Grand Ledge to hear their band. Discipline is strongly enforced by the director and the members. They were proud to show us their new band room with

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## Call Me Splinters

by Ted Garneau

Well, all you mice, here is your favorite piece of cheese, Splinters, with the greatest column since the handkerchief was invented. Since the spring sports (partially because of the weather) have given little to write about, I've decided to close the basketball season with my all-city team!

First Team: Del Beelick, Forward, Central; Bill Holmes, Forward, Central; Gil Seeley, Center, State High; Paul Chumas, Guard, Central; Bob Miles, Guard, State High.

Second Team John Fleckenstein, Forward, State High; Bob Brown, Center, Central; Darrel Wotta, Guard, St. Augustine; John Fleckenstein, Guard, St. Augustine.

Chuck Warfield and Pete Parker from State High, Jim Verbridge from K. Christian, and Joe Locey of St. Augustine are given honorable mention.

Splinters would also like to pick an all opponent team from teams which have played State High during the season.

Jason Harness, Forward, St. Joseph; Bud Ingelsbee, forward, Allegan; Bob Bolton, Center, B.C. Lakeview; Tom Hunter, Guard, Allegan; Warren Boer, Guard, Holland Christian.

Splinters would like to hear the opinion of our players on this team. I went by who I thought caused us the most trouble.

All year long our coaches have done a wonderful job. However, Splinters thinks that little praise has gone to a man who has probably done as much in helping our athletes as anyone else. He was our coach in eighth grade and developed our skills in all sports. Splinters takes his toupee off to Mr. Jerse who is presently our boys advisor.

Gez Whizz!! I wish someone would slug Mr. Jerse or Dr. Bryan would turn corrupt, or at least Mr. McKee would put rat poison in his wife's salami sandwiches. Things are getting so dull around here that even Splinters has to "bull" his way through a column.

Oh well, at least the senior girls are still squabbling. If they behave I might pay them a compliment next issue.

Now my little boars or bores (either way they fit you), I'll see you again next time the "Daily Worker" is put out.

## Let's Support Spring Sports

## Cubs Down Lakeview Nine

The State High 1956 baseball season opened against Battle Creek Lakeview. Previous to that encounter the Varsity and Reserve candidates had worked out for about two weeks. However, the pitchers and catchers started practice a week earlier in the gym. Coach Stevens who had only seven days of outdoor workouts to prepare his charges for the first game had to depend largely on past records in selecting his lineup. Back from last year's squad are many capable performers, including all-city standouts, Captain Ted Garneau at shortstop, Bob Miles, four year star at third base, Pete Parker, a fleet centerfielder, and Jim Kemerling, who played first base last year, but this season has been called upon to handle the catching chores. In addition to these boys, Randy Crocket, regular second baseman, two year letterman Bob Beisel, who will play first base this season, Larry Johnson, a stand-out sophomore pitcher, Jim Brown Dave Fuller who plan to see regular action in the green pastures as outfielders, Tom Malbone, a pitcher, Bob Bommersbach and Bruce Jennings, both outfielders also are back from the 1955 Cub nine.

Facing a tough fifteen game schedule, which includes a full slate of Wolverine League games, this team will have to play great ball. Last year State High finished second to Portage in the conference with a respectable 9-3 record. It is very probable that the Cubs could capture the baseball crown, thus copping at least three out of the four major sport titles in the league this school year, but considerable opposition is expected from South Haven and Plainwell.

In addition to a varsity team, State High this season also will field a reserve baseball team which is made up mostly of sophomore and freshman boys. A six game schedule already is lined up and Coach Stevens expects to add to that slate as the season progresses.

With the possibility of another great baseball team and spring sport record Cub fans should support their teams as strongly as they do in football and basketball and Cub athletes will certainly give their fans much to cheer about.

## Track Team Wins First Dual Meet

The State High track team won its first dual meet of the season, 81-28 over South Haven. The Cubs had too much depth for the Rams, with Pete Parker taking both dashes and Chuck Warfield the broad jump and low hurdles. Nate Taylor did an excellent job in winning the high jump, at 5' 10", and the half mile.

## Spring Sports Golf

State High's golf team, which won the state championship last year, is hopefully looking forward to being able to repeat this performance this year. The Cubs did not lose a man from last year's squad. They are Dave Britigan, Capt., Jack DeKreek, Joel Shepherd, and Jim Rock. There are also four very fine sophomores out who could beat most teams in the state and any one of them could move up among the first four players if any of them falter the least bit. These boys are Bob Kohrman, Bill Yates, Cullen Henshaw, and Bert Cooper.

## More Golf

The State High golf team defeated Battle Creek Lakeview by an unofficial 300 to 348 score. Joel Shepherd, despite the cold weather, turned in a sparkling 4 over par 75. Next came Jack DeKreek with an 85. Jim Rock and Dave Britigan didn't finish because of the weather.

## Tennis

The State High tennis team scored a victory over the St. Joe tennis squad on April 13 in the first match of the year for the Cubs.

Larry Littig and Gil Seeley won their singles matches and George Peelan and John Simcox, George Brown and Woody Boudeman won their doubles matches to give State High a close 4-3 victory over the St. Joseph team. The State High players who lost were Jon Scott and David Bair in singles play and Ed Gemrich and Kim Sebaly in doubles play.

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good facilities, including a uniform closet, library, and warm up rooms. We ate our lunch there, and then went on to East Lansing.

East Lansing has an outstanding band. At this time they were having difficulties on a place to practice, because their own band room was under construction. We talked with the officers of their band, again discussing problems and ways to solve them.

After this we went over to the Michigan State University campus. We had free time for two hours. Then at 5:00 sharp, we were to be in our seats in their band room. The M.S.U. band was really tremendous. They played a few selections for us, including "Bugler's Holiday."

Bringing our interesting and enjoyable day to a close, was a lovely dinner at the State Room on campus. We had learned a lot about the other bands around the state.



## And Then There Was One

Ten little hotrods were feeling bright and fine;  
One missed a stop light and then there were nine.  
Nine little hotrods were playing at a great rate;  
One turned over and then there were eight.  
Eight little hotrods were dreaming of heaven;  
One really got there and then there were seven.  
Seven little hotrods were doing fancy tricks;  
One didn't signal and there were just six.  
Six little hotrods were glad to be alive;  
One hit a curb and then there were five.  
Five little hotrods were having fun galore;  
One lost a wheel and then there were four.  
Four little hotrods were out on a spree;  
One had too many and then there were three.  
Three little hotrods were driving straight and true;  
One took a second look and then there were two.  
Two little hotrods were brim full of fun;  
One fell asleep and then there was one.  
One little hotrod was still safe and sound;  
He drives safely and he's still around.  
—Dig Magazine, March 1956

## Ads And Doodads

Sherry Wilson—An "A" in Spanish.  
Saundra Hybels—A German (Pete maybe?)  
Sherry Koons—A passing mark in algebra.  
Sandy Rex—A kitten.  
Margaret Borton—\$1,000 added to my savings account.  
Harriet Persons—A certain guy at Central.  
Ken Hartman—A dancing instructor.  
Any volunteers?

## Committee Chairmen

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**Robin Limpus**, Pep Committee:

I want to thank the student body for voting for me and I would like to say I'll do the best I can. Next year I hope to keep up the good standards that Larry Littig has established. With the help of the committee and students I would like to promote school spirit and to coordinate the cheerleaders, pep band, etc.

## Tops of T.V. Pops

"It's Always Jan"—Jan Correll  
"Conquest of Space"—Gene Bombich  
"Mr. Peepers"—Jim Rock???  
"Superman"—Bob Miles  
"Juvenile Jury"—Student Council  
"Range Riders"—Ken Hartman and Company  
"Mama"—Mary Roberts  
"The Guiding Light"—Mary Jane LaPlante  
"Mickey Mouse Club"—"S" Club  
"Line Up"—Rod W., Henry G., Gary V., George S., Tom C.  
"Ed Sullivan"—Smiley Kohrman  
"Super Circus"—Girl's gym classes  
"Alfred Hitchcock"—Pete Parker  
"Highway Patrol"—Penny Lyon  
"Captain Kangaroo"—Nate Taylor

## Roving Reporter

What would you do if someone gave you a zygmemataceae?

**Joy Gaylord**—I would cut it up and use it as flavoring in Home Ec. class.

**Carole Shepherd**—I'd take a bath with it.

**Cherrill Wilcox**—I'd take it on a picnic.

**Lynda Hawkins**—I would hide it from my mother.

**Danee Taylor**—I would wear it for a costume in my roller skating act

**Polly Greiner**—I'd tell it a story.

**Sharon Gildea**—I would put it in my locker and keep it for good luck.

**Priscilla Todd**—I'd drink it.

**Tom Brown**—I'll kiss it.

A zygmemataceae is a family of common fresh-water algae that form into pond scum.

## Write Me One Sweet Letter

Dear "Eddie, My Love"

"I'll Never Know" why "Fools Fall in Love," will you?

I've been shopping and I'm at the "Heartbreak Hotel" in "Lisbon Antiqua." I bought some "Blue Suede Shoes," a "Band of Gold," and "My First Formal Gown." "Are You Satisfied" with your "Juke Box Baby," "Mr. Wonderful?"

Please tell "The Man With The Golden Arm" to "Go On With The Wedding" "Because" "I'll Be Home" too late. No, I'm just the "Great Pretender."

Well, "It's Almost Tomorrow" so I'd better catch the "Rock Island Line" or there well be "Slaughter on Tenth Avenue."

"Sincerely" yours,  
"Forever Darling,"

"P.S. I Love You"

## a little this A LOTTA THAT

Well, here we are back to school again after our short vacation. Just in case you'd be interested, we came back with loads of gossip. Well, here goes:

Congratulations to **Dave Vande-Walker** and **Suna Tiefenthal** on the swell job of entertaining they did during the intermission of the Inter-school dance.

Quite a few from State High turned out at the dance. A few of the couples were: **Larry Littig** and **Mary Jane LaPlante**, **Ted Garneau** and **Jan Correll**, **Gary Forsleff** and **Linda Shand**, and of course, the old stand bys.

**Judi Schenkel** has been having a terrific time, what with going to Western's R.O.T.C. Ball and Alleghan's Junior-Senior Prom. Must Be Tough!!!

**Burlene Gildea** also has turned to another school. What about those IRISH Hmmmmmmm?????

Well, a lot of kids got busy and the result is quite a few new couples. Namely: **Don Simmons** and **Sandy Taylor**, **Denny Sabo** and **Pat Anderson**, **Bo Van Peelen** and **Nancy Brown**, **Jim Woodruff** and **Cherry Standish**, **Eric Brown** and **Sue Hodgeman**, and **John Bowen** and **Alice Osterberg**. Sound pretty good.

On the other hand, things must be getting pretty bad around here since many are going with kids from other schools. **Bert Hybels** is going steady with someone down Central way; **Tom Bell** is still keeping that flame burning at Portage; **Ken Morgan** is also a K. Central fan, and **Robin Limpus** has been havin a ball with a big athlete from Schoolcraft.

Those Sophomore twins really have it neat. Three boys between them. Let us in on it, **Judy** and **Sally**.

We hear that **Larry Johnson** would like to go out with a certain someone if she would drive. How 'bout that?????

It appears the **Bob Beisel** and **Katie Johnson** are now going steady again. Congrats, kids.

Some of the fellows from Central and Paw Paw have been rushing **Pat Borgman**. Tell us your secret charm, Pat.

Another senior has done it. **Mary Joy Sawyer** is now going steady. Way to go, Pudge.

A little birdie told us that **Nate Taylor** has been taking out a certain junior girl, **Jim Kemerling** has been working in that direction too! What about it, **Alice Mabie**???

Well, now that spring is here and the prom isn't too far away, you girls had better be on your good behavior and you boys on the stick, so this column will be a humdinger next time.