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# State Highlights

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## Staff Honors Two Seniors For Service



Anne Doyle

As the outstanding senior girl this year, the Highlights is happy to nominate Anne Doyle. Anne is a friendly, quiet, pleasant girl who has served State High unstintingly and unostentatiously.

Anne has served on the Social and Friendship Committees, and as chairman of the Service Committee. She has worked on both the **Highlander** and **Highlights** staffs, as a monitor, and as a member of the Student Council. She has splashed around in the Fin-ettes Club for four years, serving successfully as treasurer and president.

Anne doesn't mind too much being called "Annie" or "Annabelle" in fun, but her pet peeve is having people leave the "e" off her name. Like this, huh, Ann?

Outside of school Anne is a regular member of the Youth Fellowship of her church and has been a counselor at Pretty Lake Camp. Her main interests, besides men, are swimming, reading, and sewing.

For a long time Anne has been interested in journalism as a career. She plans to attend Albion, Michigan, or DePauw to prepare for that career.

We'll miss you, Annie, but our loss will be Albion, Michigan, or DePauw's gain.

### Calendar

- May 11—Blue and Gold Revue
- 18—Recognition Dinner
- 21—Monitor - Highlights - Highlander-Student Council luncheon
- 22—Assembly 9:15
- 24—School Picnic
- 26—Spring Sports Banquet
- 30—Memorial Day
- 31—Honors Day

### Date Set for Annual School Picnic

The annual State High school picnic will be held on Thursday, May 24, at Long Lake.

According to custom we will be released from school at 2:10 in order to get an early start on the fun. Contrary to tradition, there will be no pre-picnic game and the roller rink won't be open, but there will soft ball, volley ball, and possibly badminton at the picnic grounds. For those heartier souls there is always swimming and diving in the lake. As usual, the provender will consist of hot dogs, relishes, potato chips and ice cream.

### Service Luncheon Planned

Plans are underway for State High's annual luncheon honoring those who have paid services to our school. The people attending will be from **Highlights**, **Highlander**, Student Council, Library Assistants and Monitors.

This event will take place in the Walwood Ballroom on May 21 at 12:40. The main speaker will be Mrs. Mildred Beisel, head of the Teen Column, and Representatives from Monitors, **Highlights**, and **Highlander** will have a chance to say a few words. They will follow out the theme, "Future and Progress."

Linda Scott and her committee of Sandy Burke, Fran Miller, Sue Hodgman, Gary Forsleff, Beth Garneau, Lou Allen and Sandy Taylor announce that the menu will consist of fruit juice, chicken salad, shoestring potatoes, rolls, relishes, milk and pie. 119 students are planning to attend this event.

### Vocal Festival Held

Wednesday, the 25th of April, the curtain went up once again on the Eighteenth Annual South-Western High School and College Vocal Festival. Each year all these schools along with Western's Choral Groups gather in the Women's Gym for an entire day's rehearsal on the songs scheduled to be performed the following evening. Every year they have a guest conductor, and this year we had the honor of having Mr. Kenneth Jewell of Pershing High School, Detroit, Michigan. He is also a conductor at the famed music camp at Interlochen, Michigan. It was a beautiful program and our State High Choir enjoyed taking part in it.



Tim Otis

If ever in your wandering around the elementary halls after school you should find a friendly senior boy behind a cloud of dust that his vigorous sweeping has produced, the boy will probably be Tim Otis. Tim is an up-and-coming member of Western's maintenance staff and the student the **Highlights** is proud to honor as their choice for the outstanding senior boy.

State High can be proud of the fine representation Tim has made in his college class at Western and of his work as president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Tim also has served as treasurer of the Monitors this year, and in past years has been a member of the Assembly and Friendship Committees and a member of the Chess and Spanish Clubs. In athletics Tim earned his "S" as a member of the cross-country team.

Tim has some fine qualities which should go a long way toward insuring him a bright future. His attendance record is enviable; he is a hard worker, dependable, friendly, cooperative, and an independent thinker.

One of Tim's main interests has been church work, and besides being president of the M.Y.F. this year, he has held other offices in the past. He plans to study for the ministry, and he will spend some of his years of preparation at Western.

Tim's years at State High have been memorable. State High will miss him, but when he leaves he will take with him the best wishes of his classmates, the faculty, and the administration, all of whom are confident that whatever Tim does he will do well.



## Cub Senseless

In chemistry class LARRY LITTIG and HENRY GAYLORD not only learned that acid eats clothes and should not be dropped, but they also learned how to wash their shirts.

Would Mrs. Monroe please inform Mr. Vuicich that the Eiffel Tower is still in France, and was not taken to Germany by the Germans after World War I.

It seems that Corrells have a new object in their recreation room. Lanterns do look nice in windows, don't they, Jan?

We hear that the girls of the Junior class particularly have been picking on DON BISCEGLIA. You know that no one means it, don't you, Don ? ? ?

Chemistry class always proves to be informing, especially to the student teachers, who seem to have trouble with experiments blowing up!

While demonstrating a polio treatment for the legs in 1:15 Biology class, LINDA BARAK rather embarrassed KATIE JOHNSON, while she was lying on the table. What were you doing up there ? ? ?

Between HENRY's sandwich and RANDY'S poem, the 12:30 history class has had some riots.

The senior class really faked you out didn't they, MERT NORMAN? Seemed like the MOB almost got you ! ! !

Latest report from girls' gym classes: The 11:15 class is now being instructed in modern dancing. And say, with those new gym suits all the classes look pretty neat.

Congratulations to Coach Walters and his track team who put on a wonderful performance winning the Portage Relays. Understand Coach Chance felt he was left out by not being in the picture.

## Ads And Doodads

Don Pyne: An early birthday and a driver's license

Sandy Riley: A boy with neat clothes D. P.

Astride Jakobson: A body-shrinker to remove two inches

Rick Light: An assembly that goes as it should

Carole Lemon: A black jag with cherokee red wheels

Beth Garneau: A better bowling score

Wendy Locke: Can't be printed 'Hm

## Who Really Suffers?

There is a disease that strikes most school students along about this time, if not earlier, every year. It is nothing new. It has been striking every year for centuries. Relief only seems to come when school closes for the summer. By now everyone knows that I am talking about the dislike of doing homework. This is something that there seems to be no way of avoiding and for the most part, excluding teachers, it is accepted. But, the fact of the matter is that this common ailment can be and is very disastrous to many pupils' marks. I am not proposing any sure-fire system that will remedy this disease and insure everyone of good marks, because to my knowledge there is no such system. But, I do say that you should redouble your efforts to do your studying. Once you start letting your work slip by and get behind on your daily assignments, you are in for trouble. I have found that if you let your work slip by once it is just that much easier to do it the next time. It is easy to yield to temptation and next to impossible to work on your algebra or write a theme when it is a beautiful day outside. There will be hundreds of times when the last thing in the world you want to do is anything at all resembling homework, but if you can make yourself sit down and do it you will be doing yourself much more good than the fact that you have completed your assignment. You will be instilling the quality of self discipline in yourself, a quality that if you have you will be grateful for innumerable times, but if you don't have it there will be many times during your life when you will regret it.

If reasoning power fails and you are about to forget the homework and go out with the gang, just sit down and think of what dad is going to say when he sees those D's. If this too fails, then go ahead and go out, but be prepared to face the consequences when you get your report card.

Tim Otis

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## Hit Parade

HOT DIGGITY—the freshman hayride is coming.  
 DEVIL OR ANGEL—Dave F.  
 BLUE SUEDE SHOES—Arnie N.  
 99 YEARS—in Miss Kraft's Latin class.  
 MR. WONDERFUL—Craig Babcock,  
 YOU CAN'T BE TRUE TO TWO—Sallie S.  
 EDDIE MY LOVE—Kenwyn G.  
 WHY DO FOOLS FALL IN LOVE—Cathy V. R. and Tim. S.  
 LIPSTICK, CANDY AND RUBBER-SOLED SHOES—Katie J.

## Just For a Day

Who would you be and what would you do if you could be anyone you wanted for a day?

Jan Correll—I'd be Mr. McKee giving the test instead of me taking it.

Judy Dekema—I'd be Dr. Bryan and give everyone a nine month vacation and a three month school year.

Bob Kohrman—I'd just be a spaceman and play hookey in my rocket ship.

Randy Crockett—"Don't bother me now, I'm on my way to typing!"



## Call Me Splinters

by Ted Garneau

Well, my little adversaries, here is that conceited column again (borrowed from the senior girls). Don't weep too much, but this is the next to last of Uncle Splinters' views of the athletic setup at State High. This might be the last column I'll write since my scouts have informed me that the senior girls are planning to assassinate the last great American, Splinters. I guess I'll have to go into exile for a couple of weeks.

The track team has given the most to write about by winning the Portage Optimist Relays and the Wolverine Conference championship for the third year in a row. Pete Parker and Nate Taylor have led the squad for these two meets. A pleasant surprise came when Larry Johnson ran to a second, behind Parker, in the century run during the Wolverine meet.

The baseball team is in the thick of the race in the Wolverine League also. Only a poor showing against South Haven has kept the cubs from being in first place. Larry Johnson pitched one of his worst games and then against Portage, turned around and chucked his finest game in a one hit effort. It seems to Splinters that Mr. Johnson holds the key to the baseball team's success. The Cubs can't afford to lose another game if they expect to win the championship.

The golf and tennis teams have been running true to form. Our tremendous golf team is undefeated so far with their biggest tests yet to come. The tennis team has lost only twice, both to class A powers. Plainwell will be their biggest test.

By next issue we'll all know how successful the Spring Sports will be. The outlook right now is bright, but there is plenty of hard work ahead.

For all of the seniors, Splinters has purchased several tickets for use after the graduation parties. These tickets are free passes to any June Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.

And now since I can't use any profane language, which handicaps me greatly, I'll sign off by saying that if all sabotage efforts fail, I'll be back again, you lucky little devotees.

Amen.

## Fore Foursome Sews Six

State High's golf team added six more victories to its total in the last two weeks. The victims were Plainwell, Portage, Holland, Jackson St. Johns and Jackson St. Marys.

The big one was with Jackson St. Marys who was Class C champ last year. The score was 312-367. Jack DeKreek led the winners with a 75 and Mike Hill led the losers with 76.

## Cubs Win Conference Crown

Last Saturday night at Angell Field State High won its third straight Wolverine League track championship. The Cubs had to go all out to do it as the meet proved to be the closest in the history of the league.

The Cubs put on a great comeback effort to win the meet. With three events to go they found themselves trailing Portage by seven points and Allegan by six. Then Pete Parker won the 220 yard dash, Nate Taylor won the 880, and the half-mile relay team of Chuck Warfield, Bob Miles, Larry Johnson and Pete Parker won to close out the evening. Nate Taylor and Pete Parker also won the high jump and the 100 yard dash to give State High its other first places. State High set two new conference records with Nate Taylor's jump of 5 ft. 9½ in the high jump and the 1:35.6 time turned in by the 880 relay team.

### WOLVERINE MEET

State High	40
Allegan	36½
Portage	35
Otsego	35
Plainwell	25
South Haven	13
Vicksburg	10½

## Repeat Relay Win

On April 30 State High won its second championship in the two-year history of the Portage Optimist Relays. The meet proved to be a walk-away for the Cubs. It had been thought that it would be very close. At the end of the meet State had 52 points while its nearest competitor had 34.

The Cubs picked up their points on a fifth in the shot put relay, a fifth in the broad jump relay, a fourth in the sprint medley relay, a third in the high jump relay, a second in the low hurdle relay, a first in the mile relay, a first in the 440 relay, and a first in the 880 relay.

The meet was very well organized and it was run off in exceptionally fast time for a meet that big. The Portage Optimists worked hard and were rewarded by the knowledge they put on a meet that is deserving only of praise.

## Win Ball Game

State High won its fourth out of five conference games last Friday. The team beat a good Portage squad 5-0 behind the one hit pitching of Larry Johnson. The Cubs didn't exactly have a field day at the plate either as they only got four hits. State High scored three runs in the fourth inning and added two more in the fifth to give them their margin of victory.

## Stevens' Nine Take 2, Lose 1

On Friday, April 20, the State High Cubs dropped their first game of the season to the Wayland Wildcats, 12-7. State High was out-hit only 13-12, the highest single game hit production for the young session; they literally booted away the game with eight errors. Every infielder except one made at least two errors. Tom Malbone started the game and pitched the first three innings, leaving the game on the short end of a 7-3 score. Larry Johnson went the rest of the way. Ted Garneau, Bob Miles, Jim Kemerling, Bob Beisel, and Johnson all had two or more hits in the losing cause.

The Cubs boosted their Wolverine record to 2-0 with a 7-0 win over Plainwell on Tuesday, April 24. Aided by 12 walks and three-hit-batsmen, State High jumped off to a lead and remained ahead behind the four hit pitching of Larry Johnson, who went the route for the Cubs. Johnson, who struck out 12, pitched good ball when the pressure was on, as the Trojans left 15 runners stranded. Centerfielder, Pete Parker led the five-hit attack with 2 hits including a double.

Three days later State High jumped off to a 9-0 first inning lead and coasted the rest of the way to a 13-2 victory over their old rivals from Allegan. Ted Garneau, and Bob Bomersbach, who moved into right field, each collected two hits in the 10 hit victory over the Tigers. For the second game in a row, sophomore Larry Johnson went the route allowing only eight scattered hits, fanning eight, and giving up only one walk. Ron Clair, who last year pitched a no hit game against State High, was the losing pitcher.

## Up Beat

The band is very busy practicing for the Blue and Gold Revue. It was a big disappointment when we had to postpone the show, but now we're looking forward to a wonderful performance in the second-half of the show. A few pieces we will play are: "Song of the Bayou," "St. Julian," and "Royal Fireworks," which will feature Gary Forsleff on the organ. There will be some other special features played too.

After the Blue and Gold the Farewell Concert is our next performance. This will come at the end of May. Because it is a concert dedicated to all the Seniors, we hope to see all of them there. I will tell you some of the numbers that will be played at this concert in the next paper.

This is just about all the news from SE. at this time, so we'll see you at the Blue and Gold Revue Friday night.



# BLUE AND GOLD BLUE AND GOLD BLUE AND GOLD BLU

The 1956 Blue and Gold Revue will be presented at Central's auditorium on Friday, May 11.

Dr. E. R. Belooof, the band's director, is in charge of the show for the ninth year.

Paul DeKorte, vice president of the band, is the student director of the Revue. There are many committees which are helping Paul make the show a successful one. These committees and their chairmen are:

The executive committee, with Paul DeKorte as chairman, and Gary Forsleff, Tim Light, and Mary Lou Allen, his assistants.

Tim Squires and Cathy Van Riper head the staging and costume committee with Bob Tracy, Doug Dougherty, Judi Schenkel, and Peggy Belooof assisting them.

Carol Sutton, ticket chairman, has been assisted by a number of band members, parents, and choir members who helped her push the ticket sales.

Pat Anderson heads the advertising committee. Jean Buelke, Dennis Sabo, Linda Chojnowski, David An-

derson, James Neal, Robert Peterson, and Peggy Belooof all are helping her.

Julie denBleyker and Margaret Borton, choir representatives to the executive committee, are providing refreshments during the intermission at the performance. The theme of the Blue and Gold Revue this year is "International Bazaar." Tim Light and Mary Jane LaPlante are the authors of the script, and will be given credit at the performance.

The members of this year's cast will be dressed in costumes representing different countries. Some of the students who will be doing an act in the production are: Frank Ell playing a clarinet solo, Patti Paull singing a solo, Barbara Stewart and Paul DeKorte who will sing a duet, and Pat Anderson and Julie denBleyker playing a piano duet, Dave VanDeWalker doing a pantomime, and many other unusual acts. The swing band will provide accompaniment for many of the acts. Probably the newest addition to the Blue and Gold Revue is the Girl's Chorus Line.



A part of the Blue and Gold Review band is pictured during a rehearsal. Shown, front row, are Kathy Kersjes, Peggy Belooof, Caroline Kaercher, Linda Chojnowski, Frank Ell; rear row, Wally Kent, Ron Van Horn, Susan Van Riper, Paul DeKorte, and Dr. Belooof.

## Whatzit?

While searching through the dictionary, the roving reporter came across this word—"harquebus." When he asked the following people what they would do with a "harquebus," this is what they replied.

Beth Garneau: I would put it under my pillow and sleep with it.

Allen Elias: I would toast it, put jam on it and then eat it.

Terese Skinner: I'd send it to Joanne Quiring.

a little this

## A LOTTA THAT

Well Cubs—

With spring supposedly here, you certainly aren't on the stick. Spring Fever has struck a few though, so here goes !!!

Central fever seems to have struck **Peggy Baker** and **Dick Tyler** while **Jim Rock's** is coming from Portage once again. Is there a doctor in the house ???

Seems that **Garry Birch** is finding May baskets on his front steps. My, guess spring really is here — eh, Garry?

**Mary Roberts** has been hiding something from us. Hear tell that she and **Marcia Sugg** had a good time bowling Sunday. Yaaaa?

**Gail Buchanan** has been dating Gil Seeley's brother. Those blind dates certainly pay off, don't they, Gail!

Some people riding in a convertible got a little wet the other night. Oh well, a little water never hurts anyone, does it, **Francis Miller** and **Tom Brown**?

A new school has been added to our collection. **Vern Wade** and **Don Alguire** are dating girls from Christian. Ummmm !!!

**Larry Littig** is a real Prince Charming. Some secret admirer is leaving, or should I say was leaving, flowers in his locker. Better watch out, Larry, those things are catching!

Heard that several guys from State High and Central went bushwacking and really whooped it up. Some girls also tried it and got caught by a little black and white car. Oh kids, this will never do.

What's this about some rowdy girls driving by other girls' houses and honking horns at night. Now, is that the thing to be doing? The girls you bother think it's their boy friends.

**Pete Parker** would like to date a certain girl at Nazareth. Another senior is showing him the place.

Congrats to **George** and **Sue** who celebrated their 11th anniversary the other weekend. Have fun, kids ???

Two senior girls have made repeat performances. **Julie** and **Bev** are back with their guys and are going steady again. Way to go !!!

**Priscilla Todd** has returned from Central and is now dating **Dick Howson** and **Bert Cooper** again. Say, her brother **John** has been seeing quite a bit of **Stephanie Wenner**. Something new?

Those freshmen are really in the news. For instance: **Suna Tiefenthal** is going steady with a certain senior; **George Roberts** has been seen with a cute eighth grader; and last but not least, we hear that all the freshmen girls are chasing **Tom Fleckenstein**. Tom, why don't you give them a break.

Guess this is it for now, kids. With only one more issue of the **Highlights** coming out and the junior-senior prom almost here, let's go-go-go !!!