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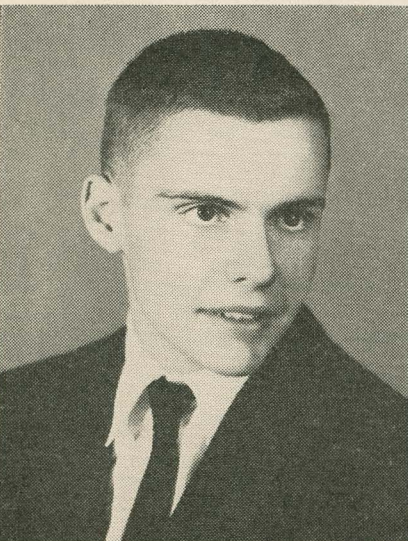
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## Two Seniors Net Honors For Service Roth, Schroeder Cited For Award



Martha Roth



David Schroeder

It is customary for the **Highlights** staff to honor an outstanding senior boy and girl on the basis of their contributions to the school. This year the staff has chosen Martha Roth and David Schroeder to receive this recognition because of all the behind-the-scenes, unrewarded work they have accomplished while at State High.

The newspaper staff was really buzzin'. Who would it be? Which one should we vote for? What do you know about ———; has she done anything "servicely" outstanding?

Question, votes, more questions. We wanted to be sure we'd choose the girl who'd served her school quietly, willingly and well, without any publicity. She'd have to be the kind of girl who could get along with everybody, be sort of a "jack of all trades." Who should it be?? Would we ever find a girl who could fit into all these categories?

We did in Martha Roth. Do you know her? If you've gone into the library at noon, you must have seen her and you all know her work in the form of keeping up the bulletin board in the study hall every day.

Have you ever wondered how our actors always get that bit of added color? Martha does it. She's been chairman of the make-up committee for plays, Blue and Gold and the operettas for three years. Martha even managed to fill the job of student director during her sophomore, junior and senior years.

Martha has been interested in "serving" for quite a while and has been active with Girl Scouting for years. She also likes canoeing and horseback riding, but would like to enter professional scouting. Good luck, Martha! And thanks for giving your time and talents to better our school!

Service is his pleasure and where credit is due, there has often been little. Dave Schroeder's photographic abilities have been both a credit and a blessing to his school and himself. The **Highlights** staff is sincerely appreciative of his fine, pleasant spirit of cooperation. The pictorial work in the **Highlander** is under his direction, too.

Dave's love for sports is deep. He spends most of his vacations boating, hunting or fishing. While he has not been able to serve his school on the field, ask any basketball or football player about his outstanding contributions as manager of both teams.

Always willing to try something for the prestige of his school and for his own betterment, Dave entered the speech contests this year in the extemporaneous division. He won the district and ranked third in the tough regional orations.

Mathematically and scientifically inclined, Dave has been a member of both the math and science clubs and this year was voted treasurer of the former. He is also interested in travel and is planning to go on the European trip next year.

Religion has long been a major part of Dave and his actions. As an active member of his Youth Fellowship at the First Methodist Church, he has had the satisfaction of helping many worthwhile activities.

All of his hard work and helpful consideration has not been without return. Dave has been awarded a four-year scholarship to the Michigan School of Mining Technology because of his excellent grades and his ability for leadership.

tatory honors this year are John Boyd and Rosemary Burnett, respectively. Additional speakers for the program are Mary Lou Allen, James Betke, and guest Dr. Robert Limpus. They will speak on "And Miles To Go Before I Sleep."

Wed., June 5—Farewell Concert,  
8:00 P.M.

Wed., June 12 — Junior-Senior  
Prom, 9:00-12:00, Walwood

Thurs., June 13—Commencement,  
8:00 P.M., Women's Gym

### Graduation on June 13

With June upon us the minds of most students, especially seniors, turn to graduation. The commencement committee has been working hard to prepare this year's program.

"Pomp and Circumstance," played by Gary Forsleff, will begin the commencement exercises in the Women's gym, Thursday, June 13, at 8:00 p.m.

Following the invocation by Rabbi Herman Grossman, the State High Choir will sing "Oh Sing Your Songs." Other musical selections will be offered later in the evening by Frank Ell, Sandra Burke, Patti Paul, James Betke, and Paul DeKorte.

Capturing the valedictory and salu-

#### EXAM SCHEDULE

Date	Class	Exam Hrs.
Fri., June 7	12:40	8:15-10:15
	2:15	10:30-12:30
Mon., June 10	8:15	8:15-10:15
	11:15	10:30-12:30
Tues., June 11	10:15	8:15-10:15
	9:15	10:30-12:30

At 8:00, Wednesday, June 5, the band and choir will present their annual Senior Farewell Concert in the Women's Gymnasium.

## Bit o' Wit

Mr. Reuschlein was showing slides to illustrate camera lighting. When he came to a picture of the Moulin Rouge, he exclaimed, "This one is a little OVEREXPOSED!"

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While visitors were observing our monitors, they wanted a State High student's opinion of the system. Randy Crockett volunteered, "Well, I've had EXPERIENCE WITH THE MONITORS!"

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During a grammar test in 1:15 senior English: Jack Pearson: "What is a verbal anyway?"

Don Alguire: "Oh, you know those a, e, i, o, u, things."

Joe Passafiume: "Oh, shut up, those are THE PARTS OF SPEECH."

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"Hey! Today's fine-free day at the library, isn't it? I have tons of overdue books to take back," chattered Sallie Spaulding happily.

"That was yesterday," corrected Linda Chojnowski calmly.

NEED A FACE-LIFTING, SALLIE?

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The student body offers sincere appreciation to MARY SMITH for having worked so hard as editor of this year's **Highlander**. She wasn't always working alone, though, for there was a helping hand from a Western friend.

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After the dinner which the band gave for Dr. Belooof, he exclaimed, "You get so used to pushing people around that when somebody does something nice like this for you, IT BREAKS YOU ALL UP." Aw, we love you, Doc.

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Mr. Engels is experimenting with his 8:15 chemistry class. He has taken away all the books from half the class, who must learn through class discussion only. "If the experiment is a success," laughed Mr. Engels, "we may be able to THROW AWAY ALL TEXT BOOKS." Great!

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Ed Gemrich's mind is at work AGAIN. He is now trying to figure out ways to start a tornado.

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Recently when a student teacher drew a hexagon on the board, Jerry Van Tassel came up with, "Rembrandt the second." To which Janet Sheets added, "A SELF PORTRAIT!"

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When asked what the United States should do with its obsolete air-craft carriers, Astride Jakobson blurted out, "Why, make SWIMMING POOLS out of them!"

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The **Highlights** staff kindly thanks Ward Riley for the many TRIPS he has taken to the PRINT SHOP this year. That's what happens when you're in the sponsor's class.

## We, The Seniors, Leave

I, **Mary Lou Allen**, leave a large gap in the student administration for some sturdy junior to fill.

I, **Craig Babcock**, vacate my chair in band for Don Pyne to fill. Remember, Don, throw in as many wrong notes as you can; this will spice up the music, and the director will appreciate it.

I, **Joan Blanchette**, leave my excellent specimen of a pony-tail to one Sue Hodgman in hopes she can put it to use.

I, **Robert Bommersbach**, willingly bequeath the parallel bars to any boy who thinks he has the stamina to stand it.

I, **Richard Born**, leave my French II harem to Rick Light—as if he needed it.

I, **Marilyn Brink**, will the band librarianship to anyone who wants to tackle a desk piled a foot high with music.

I, **James Brown**, will my roving eye to my brother Tom, but not to be used on Jo.

I, **Nancy Brown**, leave my "ceiling" friends to anyone who wants to chase them.

I, **Barbara Burling**, will my distinction of being State High's only "bear" girl to anyone who wants the title.

I, **Douglas Daugherty**, leave, wishing I could take Linda with me.

I, **Dan Davidson**, will my noisy classroom manners to Tim Estes.

I, **Nancy Hotneier**, will my book **How to Sweep Floors** to anyone interested in next year's janitors.

I, **Win Howard**, leave while the going is still good.

I, **Dexter Jennings**, will Bernanne to all of next year's hustling seniors.

I, **Alice Mable**, bequeath my "drawing" power to the 1958 **Highlander** artist.

I, **William Noyes**, leave so the teachers will no longer have any "Noyes" in their classes.

I, **Jack Pearson**, am not sure I am leaving yet.

We, **Nan and Jan Perry**, leave never again to confuse our teachers and fellow students.

I, **Henry Roodbergen**, sail away in my little boat.

I, **Don Simmons**, would leave **John Thomasma**, but I want to take him along.

I, **Mary Smith**, leave my dress pattern to anyone with a married sister and my **Highlander** materials, deadlines and headaches to Linda Scott.

I, **Catherine Van Riper**, abandon Tim to all the girls on a laissezfaire policy.

I, **Gail Wruble**, leave my unique position of part-time high school, full-time college student to anyone who can bear the work. (Forty-five foot long biology charts, indeed!)

I, **Jim Wise**, leave my excellent job as basketball manager to Gerry Randall.

## Grave Words These

Tony Scott's body lies here in line;  
He failed to see the red stop sign.

Here lies curious Randy Crockett,  
Stuck his finger in a light-bulb socket.

Rich Howson died wandering in a hall  
After he got hit with a basketball.

Lying here are Libby and Judy,  
Died in the line of hospital duty.

Roger Clarke, while fishing in a lake,  
Died from the poison of a water snake.

Petite and dainty was our Jan Correll,  
'Til she busted wide open while lead-  
a yell.

When "Gab" for a musician sent out  
a searcher,  
He looked down the list and picked  
Carolyn Kaercher.

Dianna Anderson lies in this camp;  
She was the victim of writer's cramp.

Don Bisceglia drowned in sweat,  
Trying to escape the policemen's net.

Now weep, all ye mourners, for dear  
Carol Sutton;  
She started for heaven and pushed  
the wrong button.

Vern Wade, professional water boy  
carrier,  
Died from the bite of the mascot  
terrier.

A very fine athlete was Gary Ver-  
meulen  
'Til he got taken out of play—no  
foolin'.

Mary Carney passed in pain—  
Used her hair to flag a train.

St. Peter said he could afford  
To put his trust in H. Gaylord.

Throw wide the gates for old Mike  
Weaver;  
He paid the price, that gay deceiver.

How will the heavenly angels take 'er.  
That line of Rodney Wagonmaker?

Ronald Smith, here neatly laid,  
Swallowed his trombone in a parade.

# Reach Peaks In Tourney, State Finals

## Reminiscences

My years at State High have been fun,  
I'd like to reminisce,  
And tell you in poetic form  
The people I shall miss.

Mr. Weber taught me math,  
Like two and two are four,  
And when I got that through my head,  
He tried to teach me more.

You know the "Story of the Maud?"  
Take typing and you'll learn it  
'Cause Barney makes you pound it out  
With every key—gol darn it.

The leaves, trees, birds and bees  
Were taught by Mr. Deur,  
Who always has a patient way  
With students immature.

in english i learnt many things  
to read and right and spel  
do you agree with mr sak  
that i dun gud

Miss Gaylor taught me, God bless her,  
The things that make me able,  
To sew a button on a shirt  
And set a darn good table.

To add some humor to the day,  
Budd Norris told us stories.  
He mixed up civics with his past  
Of parachuting glories.

I thought that all the problems social,  
Pertained to cars and furs,  
But, now I know that there are others,  
Thanks to Mr. Jerse.

Amo, amas, amamus, amant,  
I learned in Latin class.  
Kraft, then Giedeman taught me this  
In hopes that it would last.

Dr. Bryan, Crisman, Jarman  
In the office stayed,  
And helped with problems big and  
small;  
This memory will not fade.

In lines iambic I have mentioned  
Those who guided me.  
For teaching me there's rhythmic  
meter,  
I thank Joe McKee.

—Jan Correll

## Future Champs Develop

The reserve baseball team under the able leadership of Jack Verduin and Will Sureris has been molded into a future varsity ball club this spring. Their devoted time and help has given the boys an all-over better developed set of fundamentals.

The Cublets have thus far compiled a 4-4 season record. They split with Otsego and beat St. A., Wayland and Plainwell while losing to Vicksburg, South Haven and Portage.

## Linksters Are Second In Close Match

In the State meet held on the lengthy Currie Municipal course, the Cubs braved high winds and cold weather to score an excellent 325.

This total would have won both Class A and Class C but was only good enough for 2nd in Class B, for Mt. Pleasant shot a record breaking 315. Cullen Henshaw and Bill Yates were low for State with 80's.

State High then closed out the season, first by whipping Portage and last by edging Jackson St. Marys, 324 to 327. Cullen Henshaw was medalist against Portage with a 78, and Bert Cooper and Bill Yates won honors against St. Mary's with 80's.

The linksters finished this year with a very fine 11 and 1 record. Their best total was a 318 at Holland's American Legion course. The team loses only one member, Jon Garside, by graduation. Others who were on the team are Tom Hayward, John Todd, Bob Hartman and Phil Roekle.

## Two Records Broken, One Tied By Cindermen

The State High thinclads, weary from a regular season of injuries and bad weather, looked hesitantly toward the conference and extra meets, but came out better than the predictors' forecast.

Given no better than an outside chance to retain the Wolverine Conference track championship, the Cubs opened eyes by finishing a strong second to South Haven. Individual performances were good, but depth was lacking.

In the John Bos Relays, the Cubs placed well. Dick Jackson took first in the broad jump with a leap of 20' 1½". Larry Johnson was third. He also ran second and third in the 100 and 220 yard dashes. Clarke Godfrey was third in the high hurdles and fourth in the lows. Tom Brown's second place throw in the shot put led the four man team to another second.

Two records were broken and another tied by this year's team. They were Clarke Godfrey's lowering of both hurdle marks and Larry Johnson's equaling of Pete Parker's 100 yard dash record.

## 1957-58 Captains Selected

The captains for the winter and spring sports were announced at the Spring Sports Banquet: Cullen Henshaw, basketball; Mike Decker, track; Dave Potts, baseball; Ed Gemrich, tennis; and Bill Yates, golf.

## Colby, Hodgman, Scott Rate High

The State High tennis team captured the Regional title at Kalamazoo. Jon Scott and Brad Hodgman walked over Vicksburg's doubles finalists 6-0, 6-2. Dick Colby had won the first set 7-5 when the rain came and halted play. All of these boys represented the team in the State tournament on Friday and Saturday, May 31 and June 1. In the Regionals Tom Wierman made an excellent showing by winning three matches before he dropped a three set match in the semi-finals.

The Cubs earlier suffered their second defeat of the year with powerful Holland 6-1. Dick Colby was the only State player to win.

Coach Carl Engels won his third Wolverine Conference title by trouncing the Mustangs 7-0 without the use of top men Jon Scott and Tom Wierman who were finishing a match with Holland.

## Baseballers Still In Conference Race

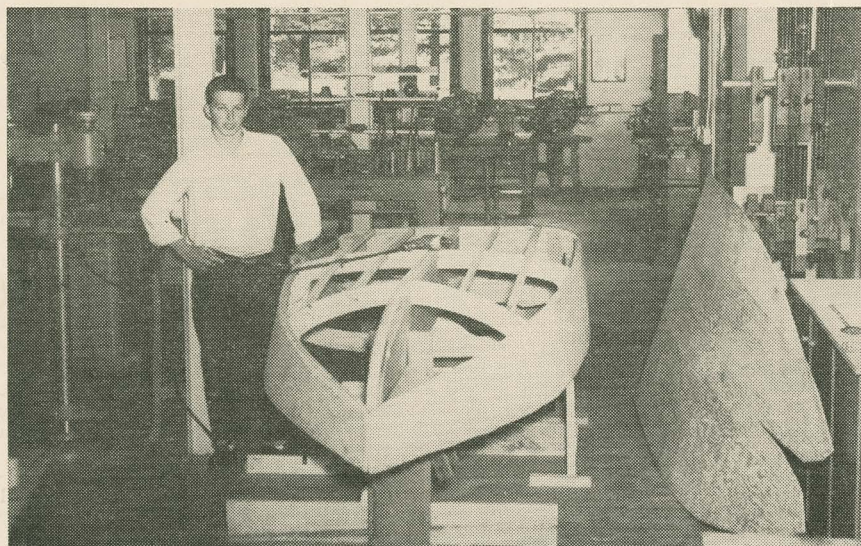
State High kept alive their chances for the Wolverine Conference Championship by victories over Vicksburg and Plainwell in their last two games preceding the Invitational Tourney at Battle Creek. Larry Johnson pitched and batted the Cubs to a 3-2 win over Vicksburg. Johnson also came through with a masterful four hit performance against arch-rival Plainwell three days later. Jim Kemerling earned batting honors with a towering triple. The final score was 3-1.

Memorial Day found the Cubs traveling to Battle Creek to participate in an invitational tourney. State opened against Marshall, one of eight teams in a strong class B field, and won 7-3. Later, however, the Cubs lost to Ecorse 10-3.

## Passin' It Around

Congratulations to the golf team for the newly won trophy. Perhaps it was earned because of all the exercise the night before, a pillow fight in which Cullen Henshaw valiantly, but vainly, fought to overcome far superior odds.

The track team was eager to compete in the Grand Rapids Relays on May 25, but Larry Johnson was so afraid he would have to miss the farewell dance for the Seniors . . . A pat on the ankle has been the order of the week lately after tiny shot-putter Mike Decker tried to split the board in front of the ring with his foot and missed . . . While they didn't place, a tip of the hat to Larry Johnson and Clarke Godfrey for going to the state track meet.



On almost any bright afternoon, as soon as the 3:05 bell rings, one may find Henry "Bud" Roodbergen in the industrial arts department shop working painstakingly on his boat. Bud, a senior, is finishing his high school shop training with a full year's project. The boat, a 12 foot runabout, is a final combination of the skills Bud has mastered in his course at State High. Under the watchful eyes of Mr. Neil Schoenhals, who terms the project as "difficult and challenging," the runabout has taken shape and has turned out to be worthwhile for Bud's final year at State.

## News Of You In '72

"1972 Dooms Cancer!" blasts the well-known television announcer, David Platt.

Karen Wilkins and Mary Thorpe wheel from their dinner table and quickly settle down to view the scintillating television benefit.

It has been announced that Ph.D's Siwik, Osterberg, and Bowen have formulated the long-sought cure for cancer, while Dave Herman has designed the necessary equipment for the cure.

"Tonight," continues Platt, "we have assembled a galaxy of celebrities all intent upon aiding this cause. First, let's give a hand to noted Chef Tom Cook who has prepared this exotic banquet.

"Carol Schutz, Marilyn Wilsey, Sharon Gildea, Suzanne Lennartson, Penny Lyon and Priscilla Todd, featured dancers of the Rockettes, are here to entertain us.

"Frank Ell, soloist with the New York Philharmonic Symphony, will command his clarinet to **Concertino**.

"Ken Hartman, the funny man who is on the tip of the nation's tongue, will comment on our next guest. 'Well' chokes Hartman, 'meet Win Howard, champion of the 1971 Indianapolis 500.' 'Friends,' says Howard, 'you can all help win the race for curing cancer by telephoning your contributions to Judy Grote, Pat Baker, Cathy Van Riper, and Sandy Burke, our special telephone operators.'

"Our next guests, Patti Paull and Jim Betke, stars in their own right, have teamed for a medley of old song favorites from **My Fair Lady**.

"That song reflects memories on the faces of our honored guests, Governor Boyd and First Lady Rosemary.

"Now it's time for Nan and Jan, the twins with the sweet look, to demonstrate the cars with the forward look.' Remember, folks, tonight look at the cars, but buy a life from cancer.

"Mary Smith and Clarke Godfrey are here to do a scene from their latest film, **Rocket Rides**.

"James Kemerling, star first baseman with the New York Yankees, will demonstrate some batting techniques to the youngsters who are looking in.

"Now Mr. Roger Ludwig, president of the safety council of greater Detroit, is going to present an award for the safety features on Chrysler's dream car to Miss Sue Ashley, Chrysler Corporation executive and Joseph Passafume, head designer of this exceptional car.

"Our next entertainer is Mr. Ronald VanHorn, jazz trombonist at New York's famed Birdland. He will play a Tommeey Dorsey favorite.

"Now we take pleasure in introducing some of the outstanding members of our Olympic team. They are Pat Borgman-diving star, Robin Limpus and Jon Scott-noted netters, and Andy Lenderink, winner of the 100 yard dash.

"We would like you to meet two more distinguished guests in our audience. They are the main stalk in the 'celery city,' Mayor David Fuller of Kalamazoo, and James Coleman, president of the University of Michigan.

## Ear to Ear

The "New Couples Club" has been saved. 'Savers' are **Jon E.** and **Sharon T.** Way to go !!!

**Bob A.** and **Carol S.** have become a couple of experts in the field of cooking. But, aren't fried grasshoppers going a little too far, kids?

**Arnie N.** sure knows how to keep the girls guessing. Our students don't know if he is still on the "hook."

**Patti P.** must be psychic: She dreamed one night her glasses broke; the next day they did break!

Revealing stories were released on a return trip from St. Joe **Sallie S.** has nothing to worry about, though; **George B.** won't even admit going out with her.

Attention: **Ruthie B.** has been seen cruising around in a 1957 black and white Cadillac. Can't tell who the owner is; he wears dark glasses!

The 'sneak preview' brought many State High couples to the theatre. Among them were **Dave W.** and **Jean C.**, **Tom F.** and **Kathy K.**, and **Bill D.** with **Brenda F.**

**Denny Brown** is just finding out that it's spring. He bumped into his first robin last week and hasn't lost sight of her yet. Chirp! Chirp!

**Bill Y.** just can't leave those blondes alone. "Gentlemen still prefer them," says Bill.

**Ron S.** and **Bill N.**, do you have anyone special in mind for those lovely cedar chests?

If all the boys have been panting lately, it's for a good reason. **Sue Hodgman's** on the loose again.

**Gail Baker**, who is the new boy from Mattawan?

Rumor went around that **Terese S.** only came back to school to celebrate her birthday. But we know differently, don't we, Tee?

**Kim Sebaly's** hand is receiving quite the treatment. He was having it fixed 'til one in the morning over at Dr. Wenner's house.

**Jim Betke** was quite an amusing jokester at the Senior dinner. But how did he know that **John Bowen** told **Alice O.** on one of their earlier dates, that "so help him" he would kiss her and she agreed to help him?

"Before signing off, we want to give a special thanks to our Producer-Bo Van Peenan, Director-Denny Sabo, Cameraman-Dave Schroeder, Artist-Donald Alguire, and Make-up-chairman-Martha Roth.

"We have just been informed that Mr. James Malone and Mr. John Gar-side have phoned in large contributions. Wonderful!

"Our very appropriate closing features Metropolitan Opera star Paul DeKorte, singing a song written especially for this occasion by popular song-writer Saundra Hybels."