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# State Highlights

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## Party Scheduled by I.S. Council

The Inter-School Council will sponsor a roller skating party at the Ideal Roller Rink on Wednesday, February 4th from 7 to 10 o'clock. Because of the limitations of the rink, each of the four schools participating in the affair will be limited to 80 tickets. The tickets will be on sale in the offices, and the only other cost will be 25 cents for skates. The officers of the Council are in charge of the party and the Friendship Committee will help with the publicity for State High and Central.

## Bulletin

Just recently, the cafeteria committee along with the Student Council has started to get under way with their plan to better the Cafeteria situation. They intend to send a menu around to all the students asking them what their preferences are in food. Since the committee has at last begun functioning, many students hope that the situation will be immediately bettered.

College advisors from various colleges and universities throughout the middlewest have started coming to State High in order to give the students who are planning on going to college a better idea of what college life is like. So far two advisors have visited our school, a man from Carleton College in Minnesota, and a man from Northwestern in Illinois.

We on the Highlight's staff who are seniors feel that it would be advantageous for the underclassmen of the school to attend the discussions, for it gives you some idea of what you want in a college, and makes your final choice much easier.

Students who are interested in these discussions should leave their names with the advisors.

## Exam Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Class
Tuesday	27	8:30-10:00	8:00
		1:00-3:00	11:00
Wednesday	28	8:30-10:30	1:00
		1:00-3:00	10:00
Thursday	29	8:30-10:30	9:00
		1:00-5:00	2:00

## Miriam Leimer and Ed Sutton Reign in '53 Literary Board Is Completed

The new literary magazine is now on its way. Last week the final ballots were counted and the literary board consists of Ann Mahoney for the seniors, Donna Endsley for the Juniors, Darlene Chapen for the Sophomores, and Libby Davis representing the Freshmen.

The first meeting of the board was held on January 13 and these things were decided. The board will sponsor a contest which will be open to all people in State High. The contest will be for the name of the magazine. There will be a notice sent around concerning any other important information.

Any student in State High is welcome and urged to write any composition and enter it for the magazine. These may include poems, short stories, essays and humorous articles. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to get started writing material for magazines.

## Committees Chosen

With commencement approaching, the various senior committees organized to plan the gala affair have been chosen. Janet Snow, and Nancy Magas are co-chairmen of the commencement and will be in charge of planning the seniors final exit from State High. Glenna Behl is chairman of the senior dinner and the committee to plan the annual senior Skip-day is headed by Carol Neff and Kay Peelen.

Marianne Schau is in charge of the announcements, and Dick Tough and Charlene Pellowe will choose the senior's gift to the school. Ann Mahoney and Lyn Cassady are in charge of the senior assembly. We hope to see this year's senior class come through on this project. Good Luck seniors! and may you exit in style.

## S. H. Debates Tomorrow

S. H. debaters, Janet Snow and Gloria Weiss affirmative, Lyn Cassady and Nan Slavin negative will meet the squad from Buchanan there tomorrow. The team won two decisions over Ottawa Hills in Grand Rapids last week, and will be eligible for the regional tournaments if successful at Buchanan.

The 1953 Basketball King and Queen, Ed Sutton and Miriam Leimer, have been crowned. The royal coronation took place during the half-time of the State High-Plainwell basketball game last Friday night.

As the captain of the basketball team, Ed Sutton was automatically in line for the honor of being king.

The team selected the nominees for queen but the whole student body was given the final selection. Voting took place last Tuesday through the homerooms.

The girls nominated were: Senior, Sue Anderson, State High's Football Queen; juniors, Gail Hubbell, Donna Endsley, Miriam Leimer, Diane Pullan, and Julie Davis; sophomore, Lois Fuller.

The three next highest girls were on the queen's court. They were Julie Davis, Sue Anderson and Lois Fuller.

This project was under the sponsorship of the Pep committee. Patt Sprouse White was in charge of the coronation ceremony. Gail Hubbell handled advertising and decorations. Peggy Yntema and Carol Hackman took care of the corsages.

## PTSO Questionnaire To Be Issued Soon

The PTSO is going to send out a questionnaire to all teachers, students, and parents to fill out. The questionnaire is concerned with many aspects of State High; such as the social, sports, and educational programs. For example one question is "Do you think State High prepares the students for vocations?"

The purpose is to help the school correct any things that according to the questionnaires needs revision. All students will be asked to return their parent's questionnaire as well as their own to their homerooms.

Another thing that the PTSO would like to do is to have a visitation day for any parents who would like to visit school.

It has not been decided whether any entertainment will be put on or whether the parents will be invited just to visit classes. No date has been set for this function.

## Beat Dowagiac

Vocational Preview

# Varied Fields Found in Law

In choosing law for the profession in this issue, your reporter visited Attorney Thomas Stearns, with offices at 126 W. Cedar St. He pointed out the many varied opportunities law offers for the student with a fairly high scholastic average. He stated, however, that good grades are not the only prerequisites for a person considering the law profession. In studying its possibilities, one should decide early in high school if he has the certain "knack" or interest in law and all its associated lines of work.

Mr. Stearns recommended the University of Michigan Law School most highly as offering good law courses and standing high in the nation. Other very good possibilities are the Detroit College of Law or the Wayne University Law School. In most cases students take a pre-law course of four years (which may be taken at any accredited college) and then a three year law course to earn the Bachelor of Law degree.

He emphasized Latin, history and economics, and any business courses as a good high school preparation. Also activities such as debate, speech, Masquers, and any form of public speaking aid greatly.

Mr. Stearns said one should decide before graduating from law school if he plans to go into private practice, join a large law firm, or be employed by a large corporation in its legal department. After receiving the law degree, a bar exam is taken in the state in which you plan to practice.

He pointed out the many different lines a lawyer may go into, such as politics, state management, prosecuting attorney, circuit and probate court officials and judges. Mr. Stearns is City Director of the Civilian Defense Ground Observer Corps.

He again emphasized that certain "knack"—that "feel for law" one must attain. Also a loud clear voice is necessary to become a good lawyer. If you are interested in law see Mr. Stauffer or write directly to the University of Michigan Law School for its catalog.

The Social Committee has decided to give one of its two remaining dance dates to the Sophomore class. The dance is scheduled to take place sometime in February.

With only one dance left in the spring the committee is undecided as to what type of dance it will be.

These social committee plans have yet to be approved by the Student Council.

# The Question of Hawaiian Statehood

The question of Hawaiian statehood is being widely discussed here in the mainland with the assumption that the Hawaiians themselves desire statehood. However, this is not true. Not all Hawaiians want to become a state.

Most of us are familiar with the arguments for statehood . . . the cry "Taxation without Representation" is a familiar one, and most of us have heard expressed how very strategic Hawaii is to us, and what tremendous commercial potential exists there. Thus we have assumed that there are no arguments opposing statehood. Unfortunately, this is not true.

An important faction in the statehood question are corporations which own all of the pineapple and sugar plantations and also control the majority of industries located there. In the event of statehood these companies would be forced to liquidate many of their holdings, and they are pitting all of their power and influence against statehood.

Other arguments against the proposition are less selfish. They include the obvious geographical obstacles — the islands are located over 2,000 miles from the California coast, and it is an expensive and long trip. Many do not want their islands to become commercialized, and many are simply not ready.

A step toward statehood would have to be favored in the islands first. At this such a vote may not be forthcoming.

N. S.

## Dance to Double Dip

Saturday night, January 17, couples from St. A and State High danced to the music of Pat Ankey and her all girl band, as once again the schools of Kalamazoo joined forces to plan a party, share ideas, and improve school relations. The chairman from school, Ann Frey and Nancy Tascola from St. A. were assisted by Chuck Oversick and Polly Allen who had refreshments; Judie Lyon,

publicity; Peg Yntema, entertainment, Joan Stiles chaperones; Judy Scott and Judy Bree, decorations; Martha Braden, tickets; and Fred Waterson had charge of the clean up.

The theme "Double Dip" was carried out with the use of large double dip ice cream cones, sundaes, lollypops and all the delights of a sweetshop. School clothes was the attire and the guests came both stag and drag.

## Plans Ahead for Band

A remarkably full season is ahead for Dr. Belooof and the band.

The traditional Tri-City Concert, which includes State High, Paw Paw, and Allegan, is to be held on the 30th and 31st of this month.

Our band is playing three numbers alone. One of these, "Western One Step," is a very modern rhythm. It is the most difficult piece that a State High Band, directed by Dr. Belooof, has ever attempted. With Paw Paw as hosts, there is the opportunity of a party, a bowling alley open to the kids and even staying overnight.

Their other plans include an assembly Feb. 3rd in which the band's popular Dixieland group will join them for the entertainment.

After this the band will rest with the Blue and Gold Review Concert, two more Tri-Cities, one of which is in Kalamazoo, and the Recognition Concert for the graduating Seniors of '53'.

## Disc Jockey Gives 'Top Tune Review'

To discover what platters were spinning the most on our disk jockey's "Hit Parade" your ever-roving reporter traveled down to the WKZO radio station to interview Mr. Spinner Sanctum himself, Ed Lasko.

Mr. Lasko seems to be most interested in orchestrations and cites the Sauter-Finnegan band as his favorite. However, he does have two definite vocal favorites—Sarah Vaughn and Herb Jefferies—and he feels that Rosemary Clooney's "Tenderly" is one of the 'greatest'.

He thinks that the present trend toward dance band music will be continuing for some time, that Joni James ("Why Don't You Believe Me") will soon be a standard star, and that Ray Anthony's "Street Scene" will soon be tops in the nation.

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## Changes Discussed

In the first few months of this school year there has been quite a bit of discussion about changing some of State High's symbols. Among the present symbols that are being discussed are: the school nickname (Cubs); the school song (Hilltoppers), and the school colors (blue and gold).

When discussion of this type comes out, the reason for it is usually just the novelty of a change. However, conversation on this topic has been carried on since the beginning of the year. This, we believe, warrants some consideration.

The first thing brought up was a change in school colors. The reason for the objection seemed to be that blue and gold is used by too many schools in this district. For example, Portage, Otsego, St. Joe, Niles, and State High. Upon further consideration though, the matter of finance

would be quite high. For if the colors were changed, a complete change in uniforms would be necessary. Our suggestion for a change of this type is over a period of time. Like changing the colors of the baseball uniforms one year, and the next year changing the basketball uniforms or something of that nature.

The second thing brought into discussion was the school song. The only objection to the present music is apparently it just isn't liked. Among the new ones suggested to replace the present song are Michigan State's fight song or the Minnesota Rouser. Another suggestion was made that if the students feel the need for a new song, why not have a group of students and the music department write a new one.

The third and last topic under discussion is changing the school name from "Cubs" to "Warriors," "Huskies," "Bears," "Lions," or "Hurricanes". The main bone of contention over this subject is a feeling of in-

feriority in the name "Cubs." Although we sometimes wonder about the value of a nickname as an emotional asset, they represent the school on athletic programs and in newspapers. The feeling of smallness in the name comes out most when we are playing a team like St. Joe. If we check their nickname you'll find it's the "Bears." Also the St. Joe reserve team is often referred to as the "Cubs." As we said before this nickname business does not weigh too heavily on the team's mind, but in print it is linked with State High in identifying our school.

Before a change in any of these suggestions could be made a poll of the student body would have to be made and administration approval would have to be obtained.

On the other hand those that would like to leave things as they are, certainly have one thing in their favor, tradition. After all, if others liked and could get along with these symbols, why can't we? J. S.

## Cubs to Face Chiefs and Tigers in Important Tilts

The two top teams in the Wolverine League fight out first place this Friday, when the Cubs meet the strong Allegan Tigers at Allegan. Allegan, like State High, has been undefeated so far in the league, and presents a tough contending team. But if our Cubs can display the same brand of ball they played in each of their four wins, Allegan will have something to think about. They are determined to erase last year's record of three losses to Allegan, and "go out and get 'em a Tiger."

Coach Detert commented on the game and said, "With all the boys keyed up for the game, I feel we can come out on top. It will be tough, especially on their floor—but so far as ability is concerned, we've got a team that can win."

## Lair and Seb's Column

Say, the basketball team is really going great guns. It sure puts a lot of pride in your heart when your school's team can come through, like ours has. Really, boys, the whole school is in back of you in your quest for State High's first Wolverine Conference title. — Roses to Coach Detert for his splendid coaching—State High students are taking up a new sport en masse. Two or three weeks ago the first of many probable unchaperoned ice-skating parties were held. — Congratulations to Fred Stevens and his reserve team for having the best season in recent years. — It's really good that State High has a player that is leading the whole city in average points

Sutton Scores Again



Ed Sutton, city scoring leader hits another one.

per game. Our hats off to you Ed Sutton.

Prediction: State High - 54 Dowagiac - 58.

Our big 4 cousins are a little too good. Don't be surprised if our Cubs make a fight of it though. State High - 55 Allegan - 45.

We can't see the Cubs losing in the conference this year. If our prediction is right here, let us be the first to herald our choice for Conference champs, The State High Cubs!

State High will play host to a strong Dowagiac five tonight. The Chieftons are made up of some fine ball players. The players that bear watching are big 6' 1" Milt Lingle and Dave St. Aubin. They also have fleeting Bruce Springsteen and Jim Gebhard. These men will be tough contenders.

The Dowagiac team this year is in its newly formed big four. They aren't doing as well as early predictions indicated they would. The team has a record of four wins and two losses; Dowagiac having a slight edge over State High in this field. Although this isn't a conference game, the State High cagers want this one more than ever, especially to make up for the defeat they handed us in football this fall.

## Sport Spotlight

In this, his fourth year at State High, Don Gill can look back with pride upon his sporting career in high school.

During all four years he has participated in baseball, football, and basketball. In his freshman year, he was on the reserves in both football and basketball. Also in his freshman year, he made varsity baseball — not a bad first year! The next year, sophomore Gill made the varsity in all three sports. The past two years have been a repeat performance. Oh, yes, while he was a junior he was made captain of the varsity basketball squad.

When asked what his outstanding sports thrill has been, he said that it occurred not too long ago during the football season. It happened at the Fremont game. "Our first three plays were touchdowns," he stated simply.



### Just 'Horsin' Around

Howdy all you cow punchers, cattle rustlers and jest plain common folk. How'd you ornery critters like to ride along the Sante Fe trail with me while I fill ya's up on some mighty good 'lisnen talk' concerning the goins on of certain 'padnahs' at State High.

Yep, seems padnah Jud Scott had an all night rodeo a while back. I swear the entire West has there and nobody rolled in 'til sun-up.

Brother, "Willing as a weasel Weisman" shore has growd up these days 'hain't' he? He use ta' blush when the women folk looked at him. I reckon he don't no mo' though.

Po' "buried in the brush Burger" has been a docterin up with sassafras, hadacal, and last Spring formals - punch, tryin' to forget his cold, which he done had since he fell in ta old "Gull River Gulch." He shoulda knowed that the ice don't stick very hard in them 'thar' parts.

That thar' fella, "keep'um after the bell rings, Stauffer," was shore lookin' purty in his new red and white ten gallon hat, which he sported on the stage coach to the Otsego 'hog yellin' contest.

We saw "purty Polly Allen," "Barb wire Rock" and "the Coyote Reverend Maloney" riding by the other night (of which I might menshun was horrible cold) with the lid off' that city fella "Daring Dave Schriber's yeller convertably. Gussed 'thtt' they wanted everybody to know it could come off ifn' it took a mind to.

### The Good and Bad

Orchids to the kids who made the St. Joe sign for the upper hall.

Onions to those guys and girls who don't take part in the pep assemblies. Orchids to the Masquers for their two plays, "Little Women", and "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals".

Orchids to the Debate Team for winning two debates.

Orchids to the Freshman class for making the Chirstmas decoration for the library.

Orchids to King Ed and Queen Miriam and the court Lois, Sue and Julie.

Some delinquent dudes, namely "Swing it Sherla," "Curvy Cathy" "Sepsy Stroub," and "Not Normal Neal" (I apologize for the names, It's only the truth.) done snuc' into a show instead a goin' ta their Sunday meetin.' Yo mamma's will tan yo hides ifn' this sitchashun keeps comensin.'

Wer'e comin' to Ox-Yoke Cowpath, and I hear "Laughin' Hyena Yntema" busy scarin' away rattlers with Keyser's corn whiskey.

This here coyote's a wantin' to rest his levis so here's ta Roy Rogers from the Bar Rag and Bar Maid Ranch.

The Tremendous Tenderfoot from TEXAS  
Ria De Generator

### 'My Favorite Song'

As I was walking down our hail with my ear tuned in for latest juicely bits, I found many of State High scholars humming bits of favorite tunes.

Connie Fricke was wondering "Why Don't You Believe Me" and Don Gill was asking for a "String of Pearls". Georgia Miles was saying to everyone "Wish You Were Here" and Lyn Cassidy wanted to know "How High the Moon." Ed Morseau was "In the Mood" and Sally Reeves said "I'm Yours". Al Howard will "See You in My Dream" and Kay Peelen was telling everybody about the "St. Louis Blues". I was told I could "Be Anything" by Barb Oakland and Dick McCumb was "Crying". Joan Biljum was wandering around looking for "Bill" and then I bumped into Dick Tough who was softly humming "99 Bottles of Beer On the Wall" while all the time Paul Keck gave out with "Huggin' and a Chalkin". Nancy Magas said "I'll Walk Alone" and Debbie Parker is "Trying". About this time I bumped into Patt Sprouse White who told me "Everybody Out, It's the End of the Line".

### Comparatively Speaking . . .

Does your living room have an erie glow on most nights? If so, then your house undoubtedly has one of those "one-eyed monsters" known as Television.

The fact that you have television is probably shown by your eyes. If your eyelids drop, and our eyes are glassey, then you are undoubtedly the owner of a new set. As you gaze at this menace-to-sanity, perhaps you will see some characters which remind you of your friends. Now, these people might seem like this:

Captainn Video .....	Paul Keck
Doug Edwards .....	Don Kilgore
Jane Froman .....	Bernadine Paull
Abbott & Costello ..	Jim Elsmann and Jiggs Harbour
Gabby Hayes .....	Jon Sebaly
Wild Bill Hickock .....	Skip Miller
Learn to Dance .. the Freshmaan boys	
Milton Berle .....	Jim Berger
Weatherman .....	John Gibson
Arthur Godfrey .....	Bill McConachie
Bride & Groom .....	Sue Anderson & John Keyser
Gary Moore .....	Hap Atherton
Kate Smith .....	Sally Reeves
IBC Boxing .....	Bob Beisel vs. Joel Sheppard
Martin Kane .....	Tom Pattison
Who. What, Where,	
When .....	HIGHLIGHTS STAFF
Welcome Travelers .....	Mrs. Jarman
The Names The Same ..	Bill Andrus
Hopalong Cassidy .....	Joe Scott
Dangerous Assignment ..	Lois Fuller
Howdy Doody .....	Don Deuries
Faye Emerson .....	Carol Neff
The Heart Line .....	Miss Crisman
Sports on Parade .....	Paul Keck,
	Dick Tough & Dick Defreeze
Julius LaRosa .....	Ken Fricke
What's My Line? .....	Tom Johnson
Broadway Openhouse .....	Jud Scott
Burns and Allen .....	Wayne Carr
	Rosie Buckingham
Where Was I? .....	Don Moss
Mr. Anthony .....	Dick Fork

## The Hobby Lobby Here at S. H.

Everyone has a hobby that he likes to do in his spare time, and State High sudenters are no exception. Skip Miller has the longest list of hobbies; he likes drawing, cars, collecting coins, money, postcards, and stamps. Jean Hoag collects dog statues, while Diane Doubleday prefers to collect fraternity pins. Bill Govier is a stamp collector, while Fritz La Crane delights in playing the piano "barroom" style.

For the rugged outdoor type we find Vern Verhage and ardent fan of hunting, fishing, and hockey. Tom Harding is another oodooman. Bob Gibson is a rifle sharpshooter but he has no comment whether or not he hunts — with his guns. The joy of Jim Burger's life is outboard motors.

There are always a few people with one track minds. Chuck Koons prefers "Girls and cars," and along the same line it's boys "period" with Bonnie Peterson.

Dick Street's biggest interest lies in aviation. He's learning to fly now, and is an officer in the Civil Air Patrol.

Bryce Forester makes sample handbills and tickets on a printing press (Hint to Social Committee, Masquers, etc.) and Ben Allgor is a photography bug. In the field of art, Henry George is quite a cartoonist, while Janyce Babcock likes to experiment with modern art.

That's all from hobby-lobby now. The only problem is to find the spare time for them.