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Seniors Speakers Compete

Tryouts for senior graduation speeches were held the 31st of March for the purpose of selecting a boy and a girl to participate in the graduation program. The contenders presented original compositions on the subject of an "educated man." Judges of the contest were Dr. Bryan, Miss Crisman, Mr. Stauffer, Miss Cleveland, Miss Ebert, and Mrs. Rogers. Their decisions are not yet known.

Yearbook Completed

Beverly Swoap and Suzanne Sawyer, editor and assistant editor respectively, of the 1951-1952 Highlander, announce that the year book is at Ann Arbor ready for printing. The whole staff and Mrs. Ellen Collins, advisor, finished the final copy on March 28.

Juniors Receive Class Rings

Last Tuesday, March 25, the Juniors got their class rings which were ordered last fall.

The students chose their rings from a wide selection. The Terryberry Company offered rings in pearl, onyx, white gold, gold, sapphire and ruby. Students could have their initials inscribed on the inside of the ring.

Seniors Attend Government Day Program

Wednesday, March 19th, the annual Senior Government Day, sponsored by the Kalamazoo Junior Chamber of Commerce, was held in Central High School Auditorium. Seniors from all the high schools in this area attended.

The morning was spent in a general meeting where the students had an opportunity to ask the resource people any questions concerning city, county, and state government. In the afternoon the group was divided into 14 groups where one particular topic was discussed. The groups were: Finance, Roads, Welfare, Law Enforcement, Courts, Political Parties, Education, Agriculture and Conservation, Health, City-County Relationship Legislation, Duties and Responsibilities of Citizens, Penal and Mental Institutions, and Public Utilities.

The day ended with another general meeting in the auditorium. In this meeting the discussion leaders each made a summary of their group discussion.

Next Assembly, 'Jobs in Kalamazoo'

Miss Steketeer has made plans for an assembly "Jobs in Kalamazoo." The Michigan Employment Security Commission is the agency which made the assembly possible. Their interest helped to bring from Detroit the State Counselor who will speak to us at the assembly. The assembly will be on April 4, Friday.

Forensic Contest Winners

On March 14 at 12:30 a Forensic Contest was held in room 219A. The winners will go to the district contest. The contest was divided into groups; humorous reading, declamations, interpretative reading and extemporaneous reading.

In the humorous reading group, the winners were Jerry Harwood and Penny Farr with Eva Aube as an alternate. Sally Reeves and Gloria Weiss won the declamations. In interpretative readings Dona Endsly and John Plantefaber with Janet Hughes as alternate were the winners. In extemporaneous reading Bob Herman was the winner.

Sweethearts Elected

Jackie Andrus and Maynard Neiboer received many nice gifts for being elected Sweethearts of '52.

Together, they were presented with two dinners at the Harris Hotel and tickets to the Polack Bros. Circus. Jackie got wool sweaters, a bracelet, and a corsage. Maynard received a shirt, bow tie, cuff links and tie clasp set, and a boutonniere. They both were honored with a bar of Sweetheart Soap and and the traditional loving cups.

Quite a Haul!

Annual Luncheon Planned

Plans for the annual Monitor-Highlights-Highlander Luncheon are starting to formulate. These plans, being young, are still tentative, but as far as is now known, it will be held at the First Presbyterian Church on May fifth.

109 students and 7 faculty members will be invited to attend. This includes the HIGHLIGHTS and HIGHLANDER staffs as well as the Monitors and members of the Student Council.

Julie Davis is general chairman and the chairmen of the various committees are as follows: Invitations-Polly Allen; Decorations-Dona Endsly; Entertainment-Jerry Post; Menus-Nancy Strome; Programs-Red Gemrich.

'January Thaw' Presents a Competent Cast

The Spring Play, "January Thaw," was presented by the Masquers Club last Friday and Saturday night. The play presented many outstanding features one of which was the scenery

The room in which the entire play took place, was extremely difficult to decorate, because it had to be designed in an Early American style. Many of the objects in the room were almost impossible to find. Especially such articles as an old Ox-yoke which was hanging above the mantle, and a picture of Calvin Coolidge. Another object, acquired only after much searching, was an old buter churn. The colonial atmosphere was added to by the pine paneling and the hooked rugs.

Miss Cleveland, who supervised the play, and the properties committee spent many long hours scouring the nooks and crannies of all the antique shops in this vicinity, hunting down the necessary properties for the play. Along with the entire cast, the scenery helped to make this year's production of the Spring Play a success.

Teachers Convene

College Field Day, held on March 19, 1952, at Walwood, from 8:30 to 3:30, was sponsored by the A.A.U.W. and the Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority. The purpose of the meeting was to open the field for all prospective teachers.

Seniors from fourteen of the Kalamazoo Area high schools attended. Visitations were made to the three local colleges, and to the Harold Upjohn School. Entertainment for the morning was furnished by the sixth grade of the Training School and by State High's Band.

Spring Vacation!

Thursday April 10th, will be the first day of spring vacation! This is the day we have all looked forward to. It is so much more welcome than other vacations as it seems to be the perfect solution to spring fever. There are no school activities going on during vacation, so let's all get rid of the "old fever" by going out on some hikes, and getting some much needed exercise.

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Students Voice Political Views

Politics are in the air, and surprisingly enough a good many State Highers feel very strongly about the presidential nominees.

Now take Jerry Hawkins, for instance—when asked his opinion on the presidential campaign, he handed us an "I Like Ike" button, patted us on the shoulder and beamingly said, "Ike's our man!"

Fred Dilno is of the same opinion; however, John Littig strenuously disagrees with his: "Wanting Eisenhower is practically equivalent to being a Democrat, and everyone can see what that leads to! I want Taft," was his enraged comment. We left them fighting it out and went on to discover that Jigs Harbour prefers Truman. It seems he was the only one in his class during the las election who supported HST.

Of course there are some of who aren't up to date. Take Kay Loughead—last seen she was campaigning loudly for Washington (Gen'l George, that is.) Practically as behind the times is Duke Peterson, who loudly proclaims the virtues of Dewey and Bricker. Bonnie Peterson says that she would like to see Miss Steketee get the nomination so that the Democrats could never win. (A slur, perhaps?) Her sister, Sandra, says that Arthur Godfrey is the man. Corby announced that he doesn't care who runs on the ticket, but he always votes Prohibitionist.

Jim Boylan complacently smiled and said, "Hawkins." No further comment. Brooks tapped us on the shoulder and, in a bookie-like confidential manner, informed me, "Truman's gonna win."

Judy Scott professed a liking for Frank Costello so he could reform the government. Interested in reform also is Ann Dilno, who wants Kefauver for President "so Pete won't drink any more." Then there were a few startling comments such as Bobby Carver's who without hesitation said, "Me!" And Lyn Cassidy replied, "Donnie."

The Sebaly family is interested in Politics, too. Little Sebaly said, "Stassen, definitely; he's my man." Dr. Sebaly professed that he has never voted for a man that has won.

Take all this for what it's worth!

Meet 'Mr. Olympic'

Every student enrolled in State High has at one time or another, come in contact with Mr. Hackney. Perhaps you know that he teaches math, but do you also know what a versatile and interesting person he is?

Western and the U. of M. were the sites of his college and graduate work. He obtained his first teaching job at Paw Paw and remained there for twelve years. This year will mark his fourth at the Hilltop School. However; he cannot exclusively devote all his time to math problems, as he has three "little problems" at his home in Paw Paw. Seriously he thinks the world of his son and two daughters.

His summers are not composed of rest and leisure. He has for nine previous summers, been employed as a Swimming Instructor and life guard at Maple Isle. Last Summer and this summer he has switched professions and became an orchard inspector, employed by the Department of Agriculture.

However, this might leave our dear mentor a few spare moments so he gets out his clubs and plays a few rounds of golf. When asked what he shoots he quickly replied "middle eighties," but after a minute of thought said, "better say middle ninetys." (I think he thought they might sign him up for State High's team!) Mr. Hackney also enjoys archery, and especially so since he made his own set. He rather chuckled at the mention of tennis, but admitted that he indulged in that game too. Not to be outdone, he vigorously enjoys pitching horseshoes.

Just as I was beginning to think of him as Mr. Olympiac himself, he admitted that he enjoyed less strenuous activities, such as bird study, photography, and gardening. He sponsors the chess club here at school and all-enjoys eating pie. We certainly are glad to know you, Mr. Hackney.

Three Dances Scheduled

Three extra-special dances are scheduled soon, by the Social committee. The Spring Formal will be on May 16 in Walwood Ballroom. There will be a Farewell dance honoring the departing Seniors on June 6 in the Women's Gym, and of course, the final touch of the year will be the Junior-Senior Prom in the Ballroom on the evening of June 11.

The Sophomores are planning a dance in the Women's gym on April 19, Saturday.

The Music Shelf

Besides the visual activities, the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra has a performance soon which should be of interest to many State Highites. The Symphony next month is featuring Martha Braden and Doris Martin in a duet on two pianos. These two girls are said to be the best in the state in this field of music.

On April 5, State High's band is sponsoring a band-dance; that is, there will be a band concert first and a dance later, with the music furnished by the band.

Last but not least is the Pollack Brothers Circus—good for laughs, thrills, and chills, unquote. With all these things to do, everybody should find something of interest to keep them busy.

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The time is drawing near when the third in this year's series of Tri-City Concerts will be held in Kalamazoo. Dr. Elmer Belooof has obtained the services of Frederic Fennell as guest conductor. Mr. Fennell will come to our city from Eastman Music College, one of the three foremost music colleges in the country. He has distinguished himself throughout the country as one of the youngest and best conductors, according to Dr. Belooof.

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A select group of high school musicians from the State High and Paw Paw Bands will take a three-day concert tour in Northern Michigan, April 15, 16, and 17. The group will give one performance in the afternoon at Hart, Michigan on April 15. They will also give a night performance on that date at Scottsville, Michigan. They will then travel to Manistee where they will give two performances on the 16th of April. They will take the last full day to travel back from Manistee. The directors of the two high school bands will alternate the duties of directing the group.

Library Annexes New Rules, Books, and Names

The library has announced some new rules, books, and names.

From the rule division we receive the news that from now on, student assistants have the authority to keep order in the library and also that the conference room is now for committee work only.

Two new and reportedly good books in our library are "Geordie" a Scotch novel by the Scotch author, Walker, and "Fire Hunter," a boys adventure story by Kjelgaard.

In order to abolish any curiosity on your part about the three student librarians, they are Miss Dun, Miss Roncayollo, and Mrs. La Luzerne. Since this article is written without benefit of descriptive adjectives, this gives you three choices per girl.

Shower Room Harmonizers Organized

At long last, State High has a group of boys who are willing to sing in public. The Showerroom Harmonizers, originally a group of 20 to 25 boys, were organized by Mr. Weber, who thought they sounded pretty good in the locker room. They sang at both the Hi-Y assembly and carnival.

Mr. Fry, choir director, has taken an interest in these male voices and will encourage them to go on singing under his direction.

Congratulations

Jackie and Maynard for being Sweethearts of State High.

Lyall Bartlett for managing the Shower Room Harmonizers.

Highlander Staff for meeting their deadline. Everyone did a tremendous amount of work to make the book a success.

Ken Fricke next year's football captain.

Miss Borden (English student teacher) for enduring a flood of book reports.

Pete Platt for doing such a good job as M.C. at the Hi-Y Carnival.

Play-cast for putting on a good performance.

Globe Trotters at Western's Gym

The Harlem Globe Trotters played the College All-Star on Friday, March 28, and the profits went to the school Childrens Milk Fund. The game was a sell-out 10 days before the game.

The Globe Trotters met the College All-Stars at 8:00 p.m. but there also was an exciting preliminary game at 6:45 between Fort Custer and KVP.

There was quite a scramble for seats; the 490 reserve seats were sold out in 30 mins. and the 200 general admission tickets were gone in 24 hrs.

Coming Up

Calendar

- April 2—Administrative Assembly-12:30
- April 4—Assembly 10:00
- April 5—Band Dance
- April 9—School Closes
- April 17—School Reopens
- April 19—Sophomore Dance
- April 21—Student Council of Southern Michigan
- April 29—Election Assembly 8:00
- April 30—Administration Assembly-12:30

Western's Baseball Season



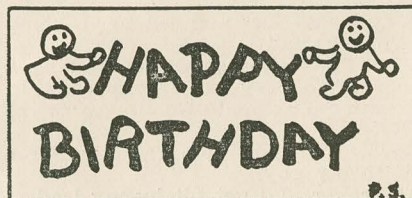
This year the Western Michigan College baseball team is starting the season under Coach Matt Pataneli, due to coach Charles Maher's absence while in Japan conducting baseball clinics.

With last year's record of 16 wins and 3 losses to live up to, the Bronco baseball team has been working out for more than two months. Coach Maher was able to see the baseball prospects work out before he left.

Returning regulars from last year's team are: Bill Hayes-first base, Len Johnston-outfield, Dave Gottschalk-second base, Stan Malec-outfield, Jack Baldwin-outfield, All Horn-catcher, Chuck Mikulas-third base, Bob Urda, Tom Cole, Chuck Atkocunis Pitchers.

The two big weaknesses of the team at this time seem to be at shortstop and on the pitching staff. Likely prospects for the shortstop are Ron Heaviland, Ned Johnson, and Hal Stacy, Juane Emaar, Paul Schartman, and Bob Whitney are due to share the mound duties with the three regulars.

April 11 marks the opening of the Broncos season when they meet Ohio State at Columbus.



- April 1—Blaine Burlington
- April 2—Sally Clark, Dick Kremer
- April 3—Mary Jane Rodgers, David Schreiber, Don Moss, Sharon West
- April 11—Norma Wheater
- April 5—Larry Keyes, Donna Burlington
- April 6—Bill Govier, Dave Powell, Joan Stiles
- April 7—Bruce Berg
- April 10—Shirley Van Valkenberg
- April 14—Ken Cobb
- April 17—Dave Sacket
- April 19—Sue Sawyer, Al Horn, Bill McConachie
- April 23—Betty Karnes
- April 25—Bob Britigan, Ed Enz, Joan Survilla
- April 26—Stephanie Malone
- April 28—Chuck Dornbos, Ron West-afar
- April 30—Sandy Buck, Nanette Slav-in

Woodworth Distinuishd Alumnus

Tom Woodworth, now a junior at Northwestern University in Evanston, is a graduate of State High. Tom participated in many school activities, such as Monitors, of which he was vice president his Senior year, the "S" club, Hunters Club and he was also vice president of his junior class.

However, Tom didn't devote all of his time to indoor activities as the above listed might imply. On the contrary, he was very active in football, baseball, and basketball. His senior year he was chosen for the All-City All-Conference team in football, and during his junior year he was the only Cub put on the Gazette All-City basketball team.

Now that Tom is at N.U., he is proving that his versatility didn't end in high school. As a freshman, he made the baseball team, and led all other catchers in batting in the Big Ten. He also led his school in batting by averaging .376. That same year, he was selected as the most outstanding baseball player to enter Northwestern and in a poll he was chosen to lead his college to greater heights in this sport.

Right now, the team is on tour in Florida, where they will play several games. Tom is their number one Catcher.

Included in his varied activities, is the Marine Reserves. Last summer he trained at Paris Island for six weeks. Again this year he will spend 10 weeks in training as a platoon leader.

Sports Banquet To Be Held

The Annual Sports Banquet Awards Assembly will be May 13 from 9 to 9:50, in the Little Theater. Awards will be presented and announcements in regard to future sports will be made. Complying with tradition, the coaches will give short speeches.

1968 To Be a Good Year

In 1968, State Hi will be sporting a championship football team. Just ask the coach about the credibility of this statement. Yes, Coach Walters has finally signed a powerful fullback to a contract, although he's not available 'till '68.

The name on the contract reads: Patrick Allen Walters presently weighing in at 8 lbs 2 oz. and is 21 inches long. The coach is very proud of his son and wants it known that Pat's head measures 13 inches. He doesn't know how the 13 inches is measured, but it sounds good anyway. We'll be looking forward to meeting you on the gridiron, Pat.

Mr. Tezalius

Our pertainality this issue is a blonde, blue-eyed cheerleader. Whoa, you guys! He's the only male of the bunch—a most versatile kid. Fritz LaCrone. (His alias is Tezalius.)

By virtue of his gymnastics before the sports crowds, Fritz is a hard worker on Pep committee. But, besides carrying out his studies as a sophomore, which include his favorite, Mr. Deur's Biology class; he is an active member of the Travel Club.

Mr. LaCrone, like every known human, has his likes and dislikes. He strongly favors 'anything with whipped cream topping' and lemon-meringue pie. His pet peeve is a common one—conceited people. As far as the political situation is concerned, Fritz's comment was simply "I like Ike!"

Our boy likes State High—he says he gets along "so-so." As far as the present conflict over guest slips—he has "no comment!"



Under The Wire

A few days after the Hi-Y carnival, while we were idly gazing at the typewriter trying to write a column for the paper, we got to counting up and came to the startling conclusion that six out of eight sweethearts that we remember since we have been at State High have been from the class of '52. The first two were Judy Bills and Joe Zitney, who was an upper classman. The following year Nancie Strome and Bobby Dale Smith, who also was an upper classman, took the honors. The last year the sweethearts were Addie Anne and Ted. And this year as you know, Maynard and Jackie received the titles. All of which proves something or other but I'm not sure what.

Incidentally, we approve of the carnival immensely; for the first time in our life we won a door prize.

Well, it's spring again. Perhaps none of you will remember this season as we do as being the one in which Mel falls in love. And this season he's true to form. As per usual, it's a girl from Central. Also following spring-like inclinations are Polly Allen and Jerry Neal. Peggy Yntema, too, seems to have a new spring flame, Kenny Dennis from Central. Another special announcement: Tink and Charlene are going steady.

—Nearer, Spring

With padded feet approaching;
coming nearer, nearer still;
Bringing brilliant beauty
as it has and always will.
It's gifts—a glorious heaven—
shining buds on every tree—
Flowers stemming from earth,
like slaves, but yet so free.
The feathered come—the rush, wren,
the starling, and the dove.
Rusty dead gives way to green,
as white clouds glow above.
The bush, the brook, the basking buds,
each sings a haunting song.
Reminding each and everyone—
Spring's here with all its throng.

Lazy Ambitions

Just about this time of year it seems we always get a touch of spring fever. That ultimately leads to the statement, "I wish I could quit school." These are some the answers received, when individuals were asked just what they'd do if they could quit school right now.

Peg Yntema—Write a love-lorn column.

Corby Lewis—Be a chauffeur for someone driving to Florida.

Ann Mahoney—Get married and raise my own baseball team.

Ann Frey—Same thing I have been doing, only more so with Dack in Alaska.

Eva Aube—Learn how to milk acow.
Barbara Oakland—Go back to Florida.

Glenna Behl—Go along with Barbara.
Nadine Stace—Marry Frank.

Kate Randall—Sleep for two months and then get married.

Joan Stiles—Be the house mother for the Delta Sigma Phi House.

Wayne Carr—Sleep everyday until 12:00.

Judy Lyon—Get married to go along with the fad.

Dick Fork—Go to Alaska and be a hermit so Frey won't bother me.

Dorothy Cartland—Go to work at Kresges.

Dawn Williams—Join the Air Force with my guy.

Al Seaver—I'd get hit by my Dad.
Connie White—I'd be sent right back.

Quite a few of the senior girls had a rather hilarious time after the carnival. They entered with enthusiasm into the sport that is generally reserved for policemen. We get quite a laugh out of Mary. Every time we see her she has a hoard of buddies from St. A. following her around. And speaking of buddies, we think the completely platonic friendship between Ann Frey and Maynard Neiber deserves some recognition.

Also from the correspondent in charge of band bus trips we hear that there is "quite a Romeo in the Trombone section."

Question that was submitted to us: 'What do some of the senior boys like to do in the balconies of our movie theatres?'

(Ed. note: Eat popcorn?)

Spinnersanctum

Perhaps the singer who has risen the fastest to the top of the recording field in recent months is Johnny Ray. With "Cry" topping them all and other records like "Little White Cloud That Cried" and "Please Mr. Sun," he has become one of the best recording artists in the country.

His unusual way of delivering a song has also made him a hit in supper clubs and on television as well as on records.

Another young artist, who has come to the foreground of the record field, is Eddie Fisher, now of the United States Army. Before he was inducted Eddie made some recordings such as "Tell Me Why" and "Anytime," two of the top songs around nowadays.

Robert Q's Waxworks broadcast over WKZO Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights is perhaps the best program on the air of the disc jockey type. In case you haven't heard it, here is how it works. Robert Q. Lewis interviews guest stars such as: Margaret Whiting, Johnny Ray, Lena Horne and many others. He plays new records along with this and old ones on his Collectors Corner. One of the most famous performers on the Collectors Corner is Madame Florence Foster Jenkins, whose voice, after you've once heard it, you will never forget.

April Overhaul

Strange things were a-foot at State High a few days ago—almost unbelievable things, at that! In order to let you in on the latest scoop, we will give some examples of these recent unusual occurrences.

First of all, from the office territory, Mr. Stauffer announced that he intended to tear up all monitor reports which were turned in, while Mrs. Jarman threatened to destroy the student records.

The study hall area also experienced an astonishing reverse of the normal. The monitors had actually ceased conversing with each other, and several students were erasing the drawings and phrases from the walls of 211A!

We detected another revolution of policy when Mr. Leonardelli ventured to assume something! (Incidentally, his assumption that with the probability of doing away with social problems notebooks.)

The students themselves were not unaffected by this surprising metamorphosis. Kathryn Wood stated that she would have dyed her hair a nice ordinary brown, but she feared it might not look natural. The final blow fell when Ted announced that he was through with Addie-Anne!

This was too much for your reporters—we had to find out the cause of all these paradoxes, and we finally succeeded. In case you haven't guessed already—APRIL FOOL!