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# State Highlights 

## Four Seek Presidential Office



This year there are four candidates for president. They are Sandy Hackman, Frank Maher, John Gelder, and Frank Nugent. Here is a little bit about them and their campaign promises.

Sandy has been our cheerleader for three years. She came to State High from Oakwood. At present she is president of the junior class and vicepresident of her homeroom. She has another presidency and vice presidency of homerooms on the record for previous years. Her campaign manager is Joe Zitney. She's willing to give all her time and effort to do her job well.

Next is Frank Maher. He also came from Oakwood. In his freshman year he was class president. Last year he was a homeroom secretary. Now he's on the decorating committee for the Junior-Senior Prom. Don Cain may be seen trailing him around, because he's campaign manager. Frank is in favor of the "noon deal" and would like to have a bigger place for noon recreation.

John Gelder is active in golf, and played football and basketball. According to his manager, Jerry Knowlton, all his promises are being kept secret, but he did reveal that John was president of the training school.

Frank Nugent hails from Cleveland, Ohio. He came to State High last semester and has already participated in many activities. He may have been seen on the basketball floor or dashing around the track. He is also president of 13A. Social functions are his objective and Al Ryan is his manager.

## Five Receive Awards

Announcement has been made that five members of the Senior class have been awarded the scholarships for which they applied last fall. A complete list of scholarships has not been compiled because the awards from Kalamazoo and Western Michigan Colleges have not been reported yet, but the following five have already been notified of the results of their competitions.

Hadley Osborn and Herta Payson were each awarded a Regents-Alumni Scholarship, which pays for the tuition to the University of Michigan and is renewable if the high standard of marks is kept.

Dick Curry won $\$ 100$ in the Elks competition for boys and will attend the University of Michigan on the Naval Reserve Officer's Training Corps plan, which provides for a complete payment of all tuition and fees for four years plus $\$ 600$ for living expenses annually.

Elizabeth Brenner won the Northern Baptist Convention Scholarship, which had nationwide competition, for $\$ 500$ guaranteed for four years. She plans to attend Kalamazoo College.

Winston Wessels received a scholarship to Michigan State which provides for his tuition. It is an honorary award and is renewable if the specified standards are upheld.

## 'Over the Rainbow' Journey Planned

Under the direction of general chairman, Jill Gannaway, plans are being completed by the Social Committee for the Spring Formal, "Over the Rainbow."

The long-planned-for event should be a success with a probable large attendance.

The "Enchanted Evening" has been scheduled for May 20th in the Women's Gym. Ted Klinger and his Swingcapators have promised to create the necessary atmosphere for dancing. Promoting the ticket sales is the fact that the formal has been thrown open to other schools. Tickets may be obtained from any Social Committee mmber just for the asking, and of course the nominal fee is $\$ 1.20$.

The people in charge of the plans for the big night are Kate Randall and Sue Sawyer who are taking care of the punch and cookies (refreshments), Mary Kuizenga who can be seen covered with various brilliant shades of poster paint, carefully adjusting posters on walls and bulletin boards (publicity), and Jane Williams and Lynn Tuberty who are planning to fix up the gym with rainbows, and big pots of gold (decorations)

Also working with Jill on the affair is Addie Anne Tolhurst who is in charge of hunting capable people who are to make sure that everyone acts like ladies and gentlemen (chaperones), Beverly Swoap and Frances Frey who are constantly presenting the query, "May I sell you a ticket to the formal?" (tickets), and Mary Joyce Maltby who has kindly consented to print the programs.

The formal is one of the big events of the social year here on the hilltop, so, fellas, hurry up and ask that gal while you've still got the chance.

## Council Invites Monitors and Highlights to Luncheon

The annual Monitor-Highlights luncheon will take place May 25, at the First Presbyterian Church House. Members of the Highlights, Highlander, Monitors and Student Council staffs are invited.

The speaker will be Mr. Garneau from the speech dept. at Western Michigan College. His topic is unknown as yet.

The food will be prepared by the ladies of the church and will consist of Tomato Juice as a starter, a Main course of Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Butter and a desert of Apple pie and Ice Cream.

## D. Carter, J. Dollahan Seek Vice Presidency

Duncan Carter and Jim Dollahan are the two candidates this year seeking the office of vice-president of Student Council.

Duncan Carter, whose campaign manager is Jim Nichols, has several proposals that he hopes to carry out, and he is building his campaign around these plans.
Duncan wants to continue the good work of the Student Council, improve various projects where improvements are needed, support the citizenship committee and improve conditions in the halls, improve the luncheon problem and work on some other types of recreation during the noon hour.
Duncan has served on the Student Council and he held the office of vicepresident of Training School student council. He is also on the track team.

His opponent, Jim Dollahan, whose campaign manager is Pete Linquist, bases his campaign on these proposals. He would like to improve lunch room conditions, better the outside campus to some extent, carry out a new plan for the citizenship committee, and also do something about the noon recreation period.

Jim has served on the Student Council for the past year as vicepresident of his homeroom and is associated with the Citizenship Committee. He has been active in the noon recreational program. He states, "He is well acquainted with the various problems concerning these activities."

## Three Girls Campaigning

This year three junior girls are running for the office of Student Council secretary-Lynn Tuberty, Mary Joyce Maltby, and Sally Kurtz. They have all worked on the social committee. Sally Kurtz has also had experience on the finance committee of the junior class; as a monitor, and as chairman of the invitation committee for the Junior-Senior Prom. She would like to get more co-operation between students and faculty. Margaret Burns is her campaign manager.

Lynn Tuberty hopes to do as well as Jill has. She thinks the dances we've been having are just fine, especially square dances. But she'd like to see more kids at the dances. She has been on the social committee all three years and is managed by Ruth Pionke.
Mary Joyce Maltby thinks two or three dances a month, as we've been having, is fine. She too likes square dances. She has been on the monitor staff as well as the social committee and has helped Jill a great deal. She is managed by Joan Bauierla.

## Seniors Purchase Athletic Frames

There's going to be something new in the halls of State High next year. The senior class is giving the school folding picture frames like those now in the Men's Gym. They will be put in the hall between the training school and the high school and will house pictures of State High's sports teams of this and future years.

The senior class chose these from a list of possible gift which included a record collection books for the library, and black curtains for the dances in the Gym. The picture frames were chosen because the athletic department has felt a need for them for a long time, and because they will have a lasting value and interest.

If possible, the seniors will also give money to the United Nations Educational, Social, and Cultural Organization to be used for school aid in Europe.

Thank you, Senior Class!

## Calendar

May 17 Tennis-Holland-Here Election Assembly Elections
Tennis-Dowagiac-Here
May 18 Regional-Track-Here Regional-Tennis-Here Regional-Golf-Here Spring Formal
May 24 Golf-St. Joseph-There
May 25 Tennis-Holland-There Golf-Holland-There Monitor-Highlights Luncheon
May 26 Baseball-St. Joseph There
May 27 State Track-Lansing State Golf
May 30 Memorial Day-School Closed
June 1-2
State Tennis All-Sports Banquet

## Off to the Polls

## Treasurer's Job Popular

Two boys and three girls are in the race for the office of treasuer. Among the candidates this year is Marshall Brenner. Marshall was chairman of the Highlights food booth and has had experience in handling money on his paper route. Jim Russel will be Marshall's manager.
Another candidate for this office is Dick Hawkins. Dick was treasurer of his class in eighth and ninth grade at Milwood School and was elected president of his homeroom during his sophomore year.

If Kay Malotte is elected, she would like to see more money-raising projects in which every one would want to take part. Kay has also been treasurer of her class at Milwood during the ninth grade. She was also responsible for raising the money and keeping records for the senior class trip there.

Pat Pahalek, another candidate, has had experience handling large sums of money as junior class treas urer. She is also chairman of the finance committee for the JuniorSenior Prom and was elected president of her freshman class. Pat has served as secretary and treasurer of Youth Group and she does clerking in a downtown store. Pat promises if she is elected, she will devote all her time and energy to doing a good job.

On May 17th, Jackie Taylor will introduce another one of our candidates, Marlene Smith. Marlene was treasurer of her class in the eighth grade and served as treasurer and secretary of Masquers Club last year. Marlene would also like to see more projects in which the students would take an active part.

Rumors have it that "Men from Mars" are emerging from Miss Smutz's 11:00 art class. 'Seems that "the artists" are making balloon masks to resemble men from another planet.

This is a pretty important time in the school year. Perhaps it is more important than any other time. At any rate, with elections, term papers, graduation committees, spring sports book reports, final exams, and proms, these are by far the busiest weeks of the year.

Right now the school activity that is on most everyone's mind is the election of Student Council officers. And that is exactly where it should bequite seriously on the mind of each student. Choosing the proper candidate has an obvious significance for those who are coming back next year. These officers are the people who will represent you in other schools as well as in your own. It will be required of them to work closely with other students and the faculty to iron out the inevitable problems that will arise and plan the projects that fill up high school days with fun.

And for Seniors, casting your vote in the right direction is one of the last things you can do for what is about to become your ole Alma Mater. If we are going to have a good and strong student government next year, we must have good and strong Council officers.

On this page are some of the ideas and plans of the various candidates. Read and consider them. Listen to their campaign speeches today, and think over the records they have made during the last three years. And when you have made your choice, forget how the person next to you is going to vote. Stick to your decision and cast your ballot tomorrow in a way which will further prove that Democracy can and does work.

## Cubs Drop Tilt To Niles Nine

State High's loss to Niles dropped them from first place in the big seven conference. We had attained this posiwith three wins and no losses.

The Cubs won the lid-lifter from South Haven thanks to the blue chips player, Fred Hubbell, who doubled home the winning run. They walked away from Three Rivers by a ten to two verdict. At Buchanan, the Cubs practically wore out the bases, swamping the Bucks twenty-six to six.
Then came the fateful day when the Cubs bowed to Niles, seven to one, collecting only two hits. The one bright spot was Lefty Smith's pitching. He pitched three no-hitter innings. Smith will probably start against Allegan or Marshall this week.

If some one knocks off Niles and State High wins the remaining two conference games with Dowagaic and St. Joe, there is a possibility of a tie for the championship.

Thus far in the present season, Paul DeRyke is leading the hit parade with a phenomenal 582 batting average. Three players batting 300 or more are Fred Meek, Bob Smith and Dale Crawford. The rest of the players' averages are just a couple of points too low to qualify them in the three hundred circle
"Kirk" Kirkpatrick has three victories and one loss to his credit.

## All Sports Potluck To Be Held June 7

This year the "S" Club has voted that the annual Annual All-Sports Banquet be dropped in favor of an All-Sports Potluck Picnic. The picnic is to be held June 7th at 6:30 in honor of all State High athletes. A site for the picnic has not yet been selected but, a location will be chosen at the next meeting of the "S" Club.

Bob Dalm is chairman for the event; assisting him are Pat Coffield, Larry Smith and Jack Mindeman.

## Short Sport Quiz

1. How many of you remember when State High last took the Conference All-Sports Trophey?
2. Do you know who the captains of golf and tennis are?
3. Think way back to last spring and try and remember where the cub baseball team placed in the Conference last year.





## Regional Meets Saturday

## Spring Sports Teams

 Hold Good RecordThe results of spring sports thus far this season have improved a great deal over the football and basketball records of the fall and winter.

Coach Bush's fast improving track squad is more than doing all right. There wasn't much expected of the inexperienced team, but plenty of had work has been rewarded with some some very good early season times. State is especially strong in the dashes and relay teams. With a little more balance, the Cubs might be the "dark horse" team in the regionals.

The Cub tennis team has a perfect record so far this season. They will go into the conference meet undefeated, and should $b$ favored to win the trophy. The biggest scare the netters had was against Holland. State won 4-3, but some of the matches were extended to quite a length.

On the links, State has chalked up 3 wins in 4 starts. The loss being to a fine East Grand Rapids outfit. The Cub scores have been good despite poor weather conditions, and it will be a hopeful quartet that enters the conference meet on May 12.

The best of luck to the track, tennis, and golf squads in the regionals.


## Cub Captains Maintain Fine Records in State

Five of the six sports team captains are seniors this year, and will be sorely missed when next year rolls around.

Dale Crawford, football captain, has been playing varsity football since his sophomore year. He has been a bulwark in the middle of the line. Coach Stevens will have a job on his hands filling Dales shoes. Fred Hubbell and Jack Mindeman take over next year. You've got a big job, boys.

Jerry Knowlton leads the list of varsity basketballers who are leaving this year. J. K. turned in some very good nights this year as captain of

## Tennis and Track Here, Golf Team in Battle Creek

Saturday the tennis, track, and golf teams begin what they hope will bring them a State Crown. That's the day for the Regionals. Those who qualify in golf and track will be in the State meet a week later. The State tennis tournament is June first and second.

In tennis the outlook is bright. Last year our netters came in second in Class A and are favored to gallop off with the Class B honors this year. The regionals in tennis will be played right here in Kalamazoo at Stowe Stadium. The winners and runnersup in both singles and doubles are automatically in the State meet, to be played here.

In golf prospects look good. The Cub linksmen took the State trophy last year and should be just as strong: this year. Hill, Gelder, Zitney, and Nieboer make a tough team to beat. They'll be playing out at the Battle Creek course Saturday, and if they come through they go over to Port Huron for the State Meet the next week.

The track team is going to have something to say about who goes to Lansing May 27, for the State. They're also going to put in a strong bid to bring home the trophies from the capital city. The regional is at Waldo Stadium, the State at Lansing.

While on the subject of State meets why not have one for baseball? I can't see that there are any good reasons against such a project. It would probably take three weekends to play, but that's not bad. All the players would like it. How about it?

Remember, everybody come to at least one of the meets Saturday. That includes you.
the hoopsters and ought to make a good college player. He turns the reins over to Fred Hubbell, next year's captain-elect.

Mel Copeland, Jack Hill, and Steve Fast are the captains for this year's track, golf, and tennis teams, respectively. Mel is the track team's best miler and one of the hardest workers on the squad. Jack has been shooting fine golf for the last three years, and was on last year's Class B State Championship team.

Last, but not least, Steve Fast is tennis captain this year and the team should go all the way to the Class B championship. The captains for the spring sports for next year have not been chosen yet, but will have a good sized job filling in the places deserted by this year's captains.


With the Spring Formal only three days away, some people are getting rather nervous as to whether or not they will secure a last minute date to the affair while others are busily preparing the last minute details and fixing formals. Everyone is talking: about dates or something to that effect, so your inquiring reporters asked a few of the beings that help make up the population of State High what they would do if they were railroaded into getting two dates to the formal.
Fred Hubbell " would take them both, and make them pay of course."
Dick Hawkins "I'd be up a creek without a paddle."
Pete Linquist "Would give 'em both a thrill."
Chuck Moran "It all depends on who they are."
Don Gill "I'm not at all worried about that."
Sandy Beebe "Come with one and go home with the other."
Kaye Loughead "I'd give up all ideas of joining a convent."
Maxine Bondhouse censored.
Nancy Strome "I'd drown one of them."
Joanie Harbour "Take them both."
Frank Spitters "I'd be happy if I could get one date."
Corby Lewis "Take them to a movie."
Mary Maltby "No such luck."
Larry Smith "Choose the best lookin gal."
Bruce Brown "I'd give one to Pettit, he's hard up."
Biil Hoyt "Then I'd have a mellow time."
Anne Wise "Keep ,one for myself and give on to Lynda."

## Seasonal Fashions Noted

The wool shirts and sweaters can be tucked into hybernation for King and Queen Cotton now reign over the summer fashion throne.

The fellows have taken to new new white saddles and one-half-inch haircuts. Full, gay, cotton prints serve as skirts for the gals, but the highlight of madam's ensemble is her cool crisp blouse.

Bright colors can take a rest, for the new colors are as fresh as the flowers. If you look cool and comfortable you are not far from the fashion plate. Lots more washing and ironing, though!

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| $12: 30$ | $2: 00-3: 50$ |
| $9: 00$ | $8: 00-9: 50$ |
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## Snoop to Conquer

Fred Dilno will be host to couples from the sophomore class at a dinner party to be held before the spring formal.

Jane Smith organized a Progressive dinner for last Saturday night, and those in attendance were Fred Meek. Marilyn Carlson, Dale Crawford,Junie Worden, Bill Page, Mary Lou Woodworth, Frank Spitters, Jackie Slaughter, Jack Hill, Eva Aube, Dick Seelye, Sandy Beebe, and "Kirk" Kirkpatrick. In case you're wondering what a progressive dinner is, it's like this. All the girls brought food and it was eaten in courses. The appetizer was taken at Sandy's house then the crowd moved to Marilyn's for the main course, and they ended up at Janie's for dessert and a gay evening of dancing, ping pong, etc.

Carole Smith, Ann Wise, Steve Fast, and Al Ryan attended Central's annual J-Hop with their dates.

Carol Sheldon traveled to Ann Arbor on May 12th to attend the InterFraternity Council Ball.

Members of the State High Choir and guests spent the day in Chicago May 13th. The group visited museums, shopped, etc., and attended the matinee performance of "Aida".

Mary Fopeano, Dick Curry, Hadley Osborn, Herta Payson, and Winston Wessels recently were participants in a rather informal opening of the Gull Lake Swimming Season.

Notice to members of State Hi's newest secret society - President Joan Stiles will be calling a meeting to discuss methods of defense.

## 'Picnics Puzzled'

Every year, as the thermometer registers increasingly humid temperatures and the month of June lurks tantalizingly just beneath a fluttering page of the calendar, an annual state of chaos and confusion settles over State High. This puzzling situation is caused by the inevitable problem of selecting a convenient date and location for the individual class picnics.

Numerous difficulties are bound to arise in making such plans. First, you have to find a day on which the large majority of the people involved are able to come, have it approved by the faculty, solve transportation problems, organize an efficient "feeding system", etc. Then what happens? The weatherman pops up with a forecast of rain, snow, sleet, hail, flood, drought, or some other opportune climatic condition. In case all danger of these hazards has been reliably eliminated, the picnic proceeds with hilarious success until, on arriving at the chosen spot, the gay crowd is greeted by a hoard of hungry insects practically drooling with eager anticipation. Unless you happen to be equipped with a special DDT circulatory system, you find yourself wishing for the serene, cool, boredom of the classroom.

## At Last It Is Spring

## By DOROTHY CARTLAND

'Twas the night before May Day, (The CALENDAR told),
But you wouldn't have guessed it, Because of the cold!

Empty May baskets
All over the room
Sat waiting for flowers
Not yet in bloom.
The robins sent messages
By word of mouth
For all birds to vacate
And head for the South.
The weathermen fretted And pondered in vain, Yet they always were safe In predicting more rain!
This night as I peered Through the cold window pane, I spied old Jack Frost
Making mischief again.
I tore open the shutter And threw up the sash. "Come 'ere, you! I hollered. (He came like a flash.)
"Now listen," I lectured, "Please give us a break-
"It's supposed to be spring! "You've made some mistake!"
"No mistake has been made," He explained with a grin.
"I did it on purpose --
"I just hate to give in.
"I can only have fun
"About four months a year,
"But I'll leave right away,
"If it'll bring you some cheer!"
I thanked him profusely And went back to bed.
Next morning the sunshine
Beamed in on my head.
Little blue crocuses
Peeped through the ground,
Bluebirds were whistling - -
A glorius sound!
I laughed right out loud,
(Even started to sing!)
"Cold weather is gone,
At last it is spring!'

At this season the seniors must face an even more disturbing ele-ment-Senior Skip Day. They spend many idle hours in futile speculation concerning this gala event-when it will occur, where they will go, and what they think they're going to get away with. Under classmen certainly have no cause to envy those poor creatures with their brains in a complicated turmoil.

I don't mean to discourage any brewing plans for class picnics; I believe in them completely and heartily approve. Go ahead and proceed with your brilliant ideas-Luck might be with you!

