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State High Debaters Will Enter Finals

As a result of the victories of both State High debate teams, at Muskegon Heights, Friday, January 10, State High debaters composed of Carol Morris and Jim Osborne, negative; and Marguerite Klein and Herb Smith, affirmative, are now eligible to enter the elimination contest for the state championship.

Mr. George E. Mills and Roger Williams accompanied the Kalamazoo debaters, while Eugene Gillespie coached the Muskegon Heights' teams. Judges were Benjamin Fisman, veteran administrator in Grand Rapids, and Lester DeKoster, debate coach at Grand Rapids Junior College.

The District Elimination Tournament, to be held in the week of February 2-8 at State High, is open to all schools who have won five out of eight debates. Schools qualifying for this tournament are Hudsonville, last year's runnerup for the state title, Muskegon Heights, Galesburg, and State High. Also participating will be two schools from the Twin Valley League, composed of Battle Creek Lakeview, Marshall, Albion, Sturgis, and Coldwater.

The debate will be run in three rounds. Teams are to keep on debating just as long as they win. Winners of this district debate will be sent to the state quarter finals. Last year, State High was defeated in the finals by Lansing Sexton, the present state champions.

Another activity in which members of the debate team participated on Monday, January 13, was a fifteen minute radio discussion of the current debate question. Resolved that the Federal Government should provide a system of complete medical care available to all citizens at public expense. Marguerite Klein and Carol Morris represented State High, against three students from Lansing Eastern High School. They were accompanied by Mr. Therman Harris, Lansing Eastern debate coach, who led the discussion.

Masquers Start Activities

The annual State High spring play will be presented on May 1 and 2. As yet the play has not been chosen and depends entirely upon the number of able people in masquers and advanced speech class. Mr. George E. Mills, the director of the spring play, is not planning to do a comedy, since State High has done comedies the last three years. Available talent will decide whether this year's play is to be a tragedy, melodrama, farce, mystery, fantasy, or a comedy.

Homeroom Officers Elected

The following people were elected homeroom officers for the second semester of this year.

President	Vice President	Secretary
1A Roger Bennett	Tom Holdship	Lorraine Hope
10A Jim Pore	Roger Mills	Shirley Louhead
11A Tom Murray	John Smith	Julia Strome
13A Bill Glennon	Mollie Clancy	John Pionke
15A Bob Russel	Don Hendricks	Peggy Cooley
206 Marian Cook	Mary Jane McCarthy	
210 Bill Smith	Bob Fisher	Beth Moore
211 Ray Doornbos	Roger Schultz	Virginia Mitchel
219 Ronald Selner	John Post	Lorraine Smith

Future Assemblies Outlined

In order that State High students may have their quota of assemblies this year, the assembly committee, under the leadership of Ralph Miller with Mr. George E. Mills as faculty advisor, has brought forth some of their scheduled and "hoped for" programs.

A movie, "The Gladiator" sponsored by the Student Council will be shown in the Little Theater at 8:00 Thursday morning, Jan. 23. All students are to report to 9:00 class at the end of the film. Those not attending the movie report to 211A as there is no gym. Roll will be taken.

On February 5, a movie which is taken from the "Know Your Hemisphere" series will be shown. Among future assemblies now being planned are the junior assembly on April 23, a band program, and an interschool assembly with Kalamazoo Central High.

Annual Turnabout On Way

Hey, girls, here's your chance to let that mellow man of your dreams know you're around! Yep, it's State High's annual Turnabout, "Cupid's Caper" by name, to be held in the Women's Gym, February 8, from 9:00 to 12:00 P. M. and tickets are only \$1.00 per couple. Jack Jerome will provide the rhythm for this dance which promises to have some smooth decorations with Maryellen Ward in charge. Walter Storey is planning the refreshments.

Betty Carver has tickets, and Judy Ogden is in charge of publicity. Others helping are Louis VanderLinde, Ronald Selner, Nancy Upjohn, and Herb Smith with Carol Morris general chairman.

Debates Battle Creek

The Forum Club, which has been meeting for the first time this semester, is planning to conclude its activities with a trip to Battle Creek Lakeview, Friday, January 24, to debate the current high school debating question with the Lakeview Forum Club.

The Forum Club will meet again the first semester next year.

Speech Students on WKZO

C. B. S. American School of the Air, Opinion Please, will present from the studios of W. K. Z. O. on January 31 four State High speech class students at 4:45, discussing a topic concerning many graduating seniors this year, "Should Eighteen year olds vote?", under the direction of Mr. George E. Mills, who serves as moderator during the program. Members of the speech class have presented twice monthly through the past year various timely topics of controversy and will continue to do so this coming spring with the help of other selected State students. Some of the questions that will be presented are as follows: "So Young people have too much leisure," February 7; "Should school fraternities be abolished?" February 21; and "When should parental authority end?" March 6.

Club Members Chosen

It has been customary every second semester here at State High to have a journalism club made of prospective members of the coming year's staff.

It is impossible to take into this club all who would like to attend, because the Highlights staff should not exceed twenty-five members. For this reason choices have been restricted to the following:

Tom Murray, Jack Gibbs, Frank and George Kirby, Howard Morrison, Arlen Winther, Crawford Owen, Mary Fopeano, Ann Eldridge, Jackie Slaughter, Elizabeth Brenner, Mary Tinkham, Alice Tough, Jackie King-scott, John Avery, Sue Pullon.

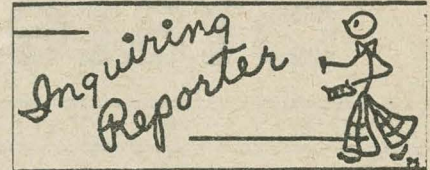
CALENDAR

- Jan. 24—Basketball at Niles, 7:00.
- Jan. 27-2—Exam week.
- Jan. 31—Semester ends—no classes.
- Feb. 1—Band concert.
- Feb. 3—School held—report cards issued.
- Feb. 4—School held—game with Holland Christian here at 7:00.
- Feb. 5—No school.
- Feb. 6—No school—Faculty meeting all day starting at 8:30 a.m.
- Feb. 7—Game at Dowagiac, 7:00.
- Feb. 8—Turnabout.
- Feb. 11—Game with Three Rivers here at 7:00 p.m.

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

The STATE HIGHLIGHTS is published bi-weekly by the students of Western State High School.

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Ambling around the halls of State High, we find, much to our surprise, that a majority of the students do not know what a "Zythepsary" is. How stupid of them. Why anyone knows that "Zythepsary" is every man's paradise. Hoping to better acquaint them with its meaning, we asked a few of our renowned students, "If you were given a position in a zythepsary, what is the first thing you would do?" The answers we got!! Listed below we find a few of the choice remarks received:

Phil Avery—I would get fed up and go home.

Garth Smith—I'd become president of the outfit.

Martin Friedmann—I'd strike up a hoe-down.

Roger Schultz—I would go home and go to bed.

Jim Bigelow—Nothing.

Russell Bush—I would get my wife and live there all the time.

Jack Herr—I'd drink up all the profits.

Jackie Bowman—I would buy some new shoes.

Mr. Greenlee—I'd quit teaching school.

Bob Smith—I'd reform.

Mollie Boylan—I'd put on some weight.

Jim Orwin—I'd try to work myself up as high as possible.

Martha McKinley — I'd throw a party.

Larry Okun—I would hire a blonde secretary.

June Schuhardt—I'd retire (too strenuous).

Pauline Karling—I'd eat, drink, and be merry.

Bob Houts—No statement (causes embarrassment.)

For those still puzzled, we close with this little statement from Webster: "A zythepsary is a brewery."

Exam Schedule

Day	Class	Time
Jan. 27	Monday	2:00 8:00-9:50
Jan. 28	Tuesday	9:00 8:00-9:50 1:00 2:00-3:50
Jan. 29	Wednesday	10:00 8:00-9:50
Jan. 30	Thursday	3:00 8:00-9:50 11:00 2:00-3:50

Pertinalities

This issue finds the Senior "shorties" in the spotlight. Who are they? You poor unenlightened people must have heard of a "Flea" who invades the office every other day. "Flea," otherwise known as Marcia Foster, has finally attained the height of 4-feet 10-inches, has blue eyes, and may be found at the "Oak" if nowhere else.

She enjoys dancing, lists tennis as her favorite sport, and speech as her favorite subject. She plans to take a secretarial course when she attends college. (Her hope is to go to St. Mary's at Notre Dame). "Flea" wishes to tell all students who have not already been informed, that she has a cocker spaniel puppy who answers to the name of "Teco". By the way, she acquired the nickname during her Freshman year when "Flea on a Spree" was published in Highlights as her themsong.

ANDY'S NEXT

And now to the masculine side of "Pertinalities". 'Tis only logical to pick on "Andy" (alias Dave Anderson) He is the taller of the subjects, since he has arrived at 5-feet 5-inches.

Funny thing, he couldn't think of any ambition though he likes printing and plans to attend Western. Must like this place! He enjoys most sports but says swimming and ice skating are his favorites. "Andy" also has a dog which is a Chesapeake Bay Retriever by the name of "Taffy."

Just a passing note—both "Flea" and "Andy" have birthdays on the 29th (in August and March respectively).

Magazine Rack In 211A

A magazine rack, complete with subscriptions to a large number of magazines, was presented to the school by last year's Student Council whose officers were Burton Upjohn, president; Herb Smith, vice president; Carolyn Mitchell, secretary; and Miss Pearl Ford, faculty advisor.

The new rack is to be placed in study 211A, and the magazines are to be used in study 211A only.

Storey Reports On Lockers

Walt Storey, head of the citizenship committee, reports that the results of the first locker inspection were excellent. He added, however, a little cleaning out of old papers which now adorn lockers would be welcomed.

"Cupids' Caper" Will Be Night of Knights

Girls, are you feeling different lately? Have you lost that unwanted feeling and exchanged it for one of superiority? You'll be sorry if you have any idea of what slave-drivers are. Those fellows can find more odds and ends for nice healthy girls to do, such as opening doors, holding and checking coats, and going back again and again for refreshments.

Speaking of food, make sure you have all your past six allowances with you, for those nice, well-mannered young men you're considering for the evening can certainly put away the food. If they don't order a steak dinner for their "after the dance" snack, you'll be lucky. After all, millionaires are few and far between.

Those dear mama's angels also expect to use someone else's gas for the evening, so brace yourself, take a deep breath, cross your fingers and pop the question—

"May I have the car next Saturday night?" said very meekly, of course.

"What! Where is the age of chivalry? What will this younger generation think of next?"

And so begins that lecture you know from memory. Knowing father, though, you hold your peace, look properly crushed, and finally, as you expected, he gives in with many admonitions as to where you may go, what time you are to be in, and how many ride with you.

Now your only worry is to find the proper dress to dazzle your date. Don't worry too much, but throw a little something together on the machine. Hope you do as well as one Senior whose dress matches the theme—it has cupids on it which were just made for the "Cupids Caper."

All in all, make hay while the sun shines, and we'll see you on February 8 with the "BIG MOMENT" of your life.

Happy Birthday

Feb. 1—Clare Poloms
Feb. 3—Fred Hoyt
Feb. 4—Minnie Myland
Feb. 7—Loretta Pyne
Feb. 7—Jim Orwin
Feb. 7—Bob Stelle
Feb. 8—Don Parsons
Feb. 9—Bob Smith
Feb. 9—Lou VanderLinde
Feb. 10—Lyll Nordall
Feb. 12—Jack Rowe

Cubs In Action



Cub Quintet Attacks Niles Vikings Feb. 24

The State High Cubs, fresh from their fifth conference victory in six starts at the expense of the Buchanan Bucks will be out to continue along the winning ways when they take the floor against the Niles Vikings down at Niles next Friday evening.

In this quest for their first Big Seven Championship in many years, the Cubs have beaten back every opponent except St. Joseph which has already suffered one loss. The Cubs will go into the game supporting a record of five won and two lost. This includes their victory over Niles in the season opener in which the Cubs eked out a 35-33 victory.

The Cubs will be handicapped greatly by the loss of their 6' 3" center, Jerry Hagan, who suffered a badly sprained ankle in the Buchanan game.

The Cubs' line up is unknown, but Jim Orwin and Tommy Woodworth will battle it out for the starting position vacated by Hagan.

State High Cagers Lose To St. Joseph

Coach Harry Lee's St. Joseph Bears, 1946 State Champions, kept their fine form to whip the State High Cagers 50-36 on Friday, Jan. 10. This means that the Bears have taken over the Big Seven lead in the Cubs' first league defeat of the season.

Starke and Zitta, two fine ball hawks, led the way for the visitors with 32 points, Zitta making 18 and Starke dropping in 7 buckets.

St. Joe got away to a fast beginning with Cerecke, Starke, and Gast each hitting the hoop to pile up a 6-0 lead. Hagan scored on two tip-ins to make it 6-4 at the end of the first quarter, but costly fumbles and wild passes prevented the home quintet from catching up.

Early in the second period Starke again hit the hoop to send the Bears into an 8-4 lead, followed with accurate shots by Ward, Starke, and Zitta, to throw the visitors out ahead 14-4. West then sent one through but Zitta followed with a long tom to

CONT. IN COL. 3

Cagers Win 46-34

State High won its fifth game Friday night at Buchanan with a score of 46-34. The Cubs have won five of their first seven starts.

Coach Freddie Steven's Cubs were hitting the hoop from all angles of the floor while they held the Bucks to 10 points during the first half.

Early in the third, Jerry Hagan was taken out with a badly sprained ankle, but State continued its rapid pace. Gene West was the high scorer of the evening with 16 points; Hagan was second with 8.

Stevens substituted freely during the second half, causing the Bucks to ring the basket for 24 points.

The Cubs' tight defense was effective, holding Buchanan to five field goals during the first three periods.

The Blue and Gold's next game will be January 24, at Niles.

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make it 16-6. Dunbar was fouled and made good his charity toss but again Zitta came back to sink two buckets and a free throw to send the Bears into a commanding 21-7 lead.

As the second half started Zitta swished a set shot, and Olney dropped one through the netting to put the St. Joe cagers out in front 25-9. Orwin scored on a foul shot, and Cerecke made good a pivot shot to make it 27-10. At that point State's passes began to show improvement as Smith dropped through two foul shots. Zitta followed with a long tom and West came back with a push shot to put the score at 29-14. Starke then dropped one through the netting followed by a tip-in by Hagan and a foul shot by Zitta to put the score at 32-16.

A charity toss by Smith and buckets by Hagan and Dunbar put the score at 32-21. Ward then put one through but Hagan and Woodworth came back with baskets and Dunbar scored on a free throw to put the game at 34-26 as the final period got under way.

After the final quarter started, St. Joe shook men loose under the basket to send them into a lead of 41-26. West, Woodworth, and Dunbar then scored with baskets, and Smith dropped in a free throw to put the Cubs back into the ball game 41-32. Zitta and Starke sealed up the ball game with three baskets, and the Bears glided on to a 50-36 victory.

State High (36)	B	F	P
Smith	1	4	1
West	3	1	1
Hagan	5	0	0
Dunbar	3	2	4
Cain	0	0	0
Substitutions			
Woodworth	2	0	2
Orwin	0	1	0
St. Joseph (50)			
Gast	1	0	1
Starke	7	0	2
Cerecke	2	1	3
Zitta	8	2	2
Ward	2	0	2
Substitutions			
Olney	2	0	3
Gonser	2	0	3
Burandt	1	0	0

Somebody Else Is Taking Your Place

Remember the day school opened? Remember the feeling you had as the doors bolted themselves after you strolled in? You don't? Well then, try to imagine those lonely, empty halls the first few months.

First there followed that happy period of readjustment. It was remarkable how well the students adjusted themselves so beautifully; no unexcused absences, no tardiness, no low marks, as a matter of fact the students did nothing for a time.

Then State High won the big seven conference in football and the school had a week off for celebrating. The Co-op store started the practice of handing out free frostbites and potato chips in November. Oh yes, and in the first marking period the whole school made the first honor roll. As a reward our hours were regulated from ten to two. Such happy, happy memories.

Remember how Vaughan Monroe and Harry James fought for the honor of playing at the Christmas Formal? Free orchids and buttonhole carnations were given to each couple at this same event. (Compliments of the Student Council.)

Christmas vacation finally staggered around and as an extra Christmas gift the faculty decided on no semester exams. We argued, threatened, pleaded, but the horrible fact was settled; no semester exams.

Everyone tripped back to school after a calm, peaceful New Year's and now January is almost done for. Our first semester is coming to a close and I finish my reminiscence with but one remark, "I dream too much."

Slug In Land Of Mikado

State Highites of last year will be interested to know that "Slug" Rafferty (PRIVATE Rafferty to you now) is now 8,000 miles away in Sen Dai, Japan. In a letter to Mr. Avis Sebaly, he states that he is quite happy, though it is not like the states. After docking in Yokohama Dec. 27, he spent fourteen hours covering 200 miles. He explained that the reason for this was the fact that the Japanese trains "stop about every twenty miles." At present he is stationed in a small camp learning to operate in seven and one-half ton wrecker. The biggest problem, apparently, is that it takes three full days to clean it. His job, he says, is to supervise the work of Japanese laborers.

After wishing the basketball team best of luck, he closed by asking all his friends to write to him (especially girls.)

The address he gave is printed below:

Pvt. Paul L. Rafferty
Ra. 16232314
54th Engineers Maintenance Co.
A. P. O. 547
% Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

Ed. Note—How about starting a chain letter?

Judy's Jingle

The annual Turnabout, the only dance of the year that the girls ask the boys—straightout, that is. It seems that some fellows are in popular demand. Maybe some of the fellows will get an idea of how the girls would like them to act on a date for other dances. (grrrrr!)

Hear say Jim "Wolf" Osborn is madly chasing some doll from Central. Good luck, Prof.

Who is this gal from Roosevelt School that has a crush on Tom Rosenbaum?

Herb complains Ellen hasn't written for four days. Tuf.

Betty Carver walked around for about two weeks before someone had the courage to tell her to go see her doctor about B. B. (Broken back that is). It seems that tobogganning New Year's Day was the time of the tragedy.

Joannie Winkelman's answer to that little quip in Lowlights is: "Don't mind talking to parents but she'd like to get to that last minute smooching, too."

Who's wearing Bruce Kitchen's ring? Huh?

Classy Chatter On Chuck

We now turn the spotlight of State High on a strange figure, skimming across the ice with a football in one hand and a baseball bat in the other. Upon closer observation we find that it's the latest member of our sophomore class, Charles Lilly. A former Kalamazooan is Chuck, who after drifting to Dowagiac for awhile, became so forlorn that he finally had to return to this fair metropolis.

His foreign travel has been limited to the "Windy City" (Chicago), St. Louis, Los Angeles, and countless other such burgs (did I say limited?) to say nothing of a little jaunt through the Rocky Mountains.

Seems as if Chuck (lucky boy) has seen quite a few of the big football games (one of his favorite sports), including the contest between Southern California and Notre Dame. All of his "Rah, Rah's" went for Notre Dame.

Would any lonely females like to know the direct route to Charles's heart. Just whip up a sizzling steak and you've got him.

Our man of the columns this week has worked at the Southerland Paper Co. If we let it slip that he labored in the printing department, the Highights staff would try to hire him (we'll keep the secret, Chuck).

Hear tell that he likes all popular songs but doesn't care too much for dancing. That's perfectly proper though. He can use his music for ice skating.

Loiture, Look, Listen For Lost Resolutions

Greetings State Highites (no, this is not your local draft board). This is the Land of New Years Resolutions. No! No! No! Don't step there. That, that is the grave of poor 1946. Please remove your bonnets and hats and face east for three seconds. Thank you.

Ahead, down the path of promises, we can see Cathedral of Resolutions, built entirely of New Year's Resolutions. There are some empty spaces in the walls because many people merely think their resolutions instead of writing them. By the way, have any of you State Highites broken your resolution? No? Well then, you're safe, because if you had, you never could leave the building after once entering it. Shall we go in?

Dark and gloomy isn't it? Inside we will find all the broken resolutions. Screams? Music? Broken talking? Those are the radios people resolved not to waste time listening to.

Notice the empty book covers running around the halls? Those are resolutions for studying. It must have been Centralites that broke those.

See those big fat figures, made of cream puffs and fudge? Broken diets. Poor things.

What was that? Oh, those thin things? The ones with the big black, puffy eyes? Those are sleep resolutions. Broken that is.

To your left you see piles of broken needles, tools, and empty brief cases. To the right, empty banks and broken hearts. How did THEY get in here?

Now friends, we must be breaking away from this nightmare paradise. Please follow me through this crack in the wall.

That's strange! Not one of those State Highites came out!

S.H.S. Casualty Revealed

Tobogganning is fun and healthful, that is for most people. One senior girl doesn't think so!

January first found Betty Carver among a group of kids tobogganning on some of the hills at the Kalamazoo Country Club. After a series of thrills and spills they headed for home. Betty had hurt her back, and she thought it was strained. That was New Year's Day.

A few days later Betty visited a doctor about her back. Here's what the "doc" prescribed. Betty was to stay in bed for a week, flat on her back. She's up by now, but this unfortunate senior has to wear a back brace for five months. What will Bill do?

The Highlights staff, in behalf of the entire student body, expresses its good wish for Betty and hopes that she will be back soon.