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Robert Fuller, Joan Reed, and Norman Rabbers, left to right, newly elected officers of the Student Council.

Election Closes Campaigns
Bob Fuller, Norman Rabbers, and Joan Reed were the successful candidates for president, vice president, and secretary respectively in the Student Council election held April 28.

The election followed a week of very spirited campaigning. The high point in the political fray was the assembly on the morning of the election. The candidates together with their managers publicly declared their platforms and made their official promises. One aspirant in his enthusiasm kissed the babies and passed out lollipops.

Cub Forensic Contests Win District Laurels
In the past few weeks, State High students have been participating in speech contests in Paw Paw and Sturgis.

In the contest held in Paw Paw, April 18, June Albertson won first place in the oratorical declamation division, and Kendrick Myer came in third. Other participants in this contest were Karl Hopenmiller, dramatic declamation; Dayle Martin and Don Guffith, oratorical declamation; and Donald Husser, Jane Pratt, and Shirley Upjohn, humorous declamation.

In the contest at Sturgis, April 17, first place awards were won by Barbara Glendenning and Lois Sneider, oratorical declamation; Peggy Van Hauften, dramatic declamation; and Dean Hudnutt, extemporaneous speech. Two other record place winners were Edward Hising, oratorical declamation; and Joan Carter, extemporaneous speech.

State High Artists Will Give Musicales
The State High Choir and Orchestra will present a Spring Festival of Music for parents and friends on Friday evening May 15 at eight o'clock in Western's New Theater. Letters of invitation will go to the parents this week. When parents have received all tickets which they want, the high school students may secure their tickets by contacting Mrs. Britton. The tickets are free. The following program will be heard:

Adagio in E
Palestrina
Cherubin Song No. 6
Techalovsky
Tenebrae Factae Sunt
Engelberger-Collinge
Choir, Mrs. Britton, directing
Selections from "High Jinks" Fryd Pizzicato Thome Orchestra, Granville Cutter, conducting

Through the Silent Night
Rachmaninoff-Cain
I'm Only Nineteen arr. by Winter
Girls' Chorus Mary-Jo Hayley, directing
To a Wild Rose
MacDowell
An April Morning
Tri-Go-Spitters, Elaine Arnett, and Adele Kuespel, Mary Jeannette
Pendew at the piano, Marjorie Hunzinger, directing
Down the Open Road
Huntington
Stout Hearted Men
Romberg
Boys' Chorus, Ko Schultz, directing
In the Time of Roses
Harp
All Love but a Day
Cain
Way over Jordan
O'Susanna
Choir
America My Own
Cain
Choir and Orchestra
The Star Spangled Banner
Smith

Seven State Hi Seniors Elected to Honor Society
Friday, May 1 when the office announced the result of the Faculty's vote, five girls and two boys of the Senior Class achieved the coveted honor of being elected to membership in the National Honor Society. The following seniors will receive pins: Charles Dean, Virginia Hodgson, Dean Hudnutt, Mary Caryn Martin, Phyllis Ralston, Marilyn Roe, and Kathryn Stimson.

In accordance with the rules of this organization only those seniors whose scholastic standings are in the upper one third of the class receive the Faculty's consideration. From this list, the Faculty may elect fifteen percent of the class whose character, leadership, and service to the school have been outstanding. The following seniors were elected to membership in this organization when they were juniors: Betty Caldwell, Joan Carter, Mary Eldridge, and Ruth Koff.

Dance in Stardust
This evening from nine to twelve o'clock under a canopy of stars, State High will have its annual Spring Formal at Walworth Hall. At the "Stardust Formal" the guests will dance to the music of George King's orchestra.

The formal this evening will contribute to a good cause for the password is "no corrigens." The boys will buy defense stamps at the door with the money they would otherwise use for flowers. These purchases will count in the defense stamps contest between the classes.

A' Honor Roll Discloses Ten Top Students
Homeroot 218 Draws Top Honors with Eighteen Places;
At the close of the mid-semester seventy-eight students, fifty-seven girls and twenty-one boys, had secured for them berths on the scholarship honor roll.

Homeroot 219A drew top honors with 15 students; 1A and 11A tied for third place with eleven students; 201A fell into fourth with eight students; 8A had six students; 208A, five; and 210A and 206A, two students respectively.

The following ten students, seven girls and three boys made an all "A" record:

Goldstein, Lise; Griffith, Don; Keville, Jesse; Lawrence, Ted; McLaughlin, Barbara; Meglinger, Glen; Miller, Betty; Morton, Ruth; Blusser, Richard; Smith, Phyllis.

Individuals entitled to third honors earned between 8 and 14 A's, secured no grade less than B.

Berry, Chrisie Lou; Bingham, Rose; Bowmerman, Barbara; Carter, Joan; Cornhill, Olivia; Crum, Mary; Foley, Elizabeth; Frey, Emma; Gatesen, Norcen; Gilmore, Martha; Hanseman, Ada; Helen; Hilliard, Allen; Hubbell, Dorothy; Illing, Edward; Jesson, Doris; Kistler, Robert; Kite, Audrey; Knaus, James; Krueger, Audrey; Kuespel, Adele; Leander, Ann; Mattheus, Joy; Norris, James; Orwin, Richard, Phyllis; Readie, Joan; Richardson, Caroline; Roe, Marilyn; Rogers, Ann; Rosenbaum, Judy; Scharer, Barbara; Stimson, Kathy; Thesius, Hope; Toorman, John; Watson, Bill; Weston, Harold; Field, Janes; Pogerty, Janet.

Calendar of Events
May 8—Regional Forensic Contest
May 8—Spring Formal
May 12—Vocalistic Movie Assembly
May 13—Council Movie—Dramatic Art Building at 8:00 A.M.
May 14—Tennis—Eklhart here
May 15—Musical—Dramatic Art Building at 8:00 P.M.
May 15—Baseball—Dowagiac here
May 19—Senior Assembly
May 19—Baseball—Dowagiac, here
State Highlights

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Responsibility Great for Council Officers

Now that our new officers have been chosen, let's stop and think for a moment. Just why does State High have officers? What is their function?

A few years ago, student government was introduced into our school. By this innovation, the students had a chance to express their ideas and opinions through representatives from the homerooms on everything which has to do with themselves. Every Monday, the Student Council meets to hear what the students have to say.

The President directs these meetings. What qualifications does such a position demand? There isn't any one trait which will make an officer outstanding; it is a combination of qualities. The executives who are remembered longest are those who are natural leaders, good speakers, good students, and fine citizens who cooperate with both the faculty and the students. This may seem like a great deal to ask from anyone, but it really isn't so much. Nearly everyone has, at least, a few of these requirements.

We want our officers to be an example to the other students. If our president is habitually late, if he throws paper on the floor, and makes noise in the halls, how can he expect the student body not to do the same? Students naturally look up to those whom they have chosen as officers in the Student Council.

We're sure our new council executives are going to live up to the high standards already set up by their predecessors. Let's give them our heartiest congratulations!

Will James Writes New Western Novel

Will James a man who knows his cowboys and horses has written another book in the same vein as his other 21 stories. It is a history of the cowboy in fiction form and in a style that's all his own. The story is about three Bills from the first born in 1820 down to his grandson.

The first Bill was just a boy when the Apaches killed his parents and tried to escape that boy later returned this court-room which was blessed. Adrian Klepper, class of '38, is now a well-known athlete and left him stranded in Texas. When he grew a little older he went into the business of roping wild cattle. When he took the first of these herd to market he blazed a trail that was later known as the Chisholm Trail. He was a very good speaker and had a wife on the way and a while later was blessed with the second Bill.

This Bill narrowly escaped being captured and weighed down with books and learning. He, too, had wanderlust and roused all around the West and into Mexico. He went to Hollywood and worked as a stand-in.

Alumna Narrates College Experiences; Describes Wheaton's Beautiful Grounds

Says College "A Big Jump From High School, But Fun"

Hello, State High-ites and the High Lights Staff;

We are well into the second semester now and everyone is settling down to the old routine. We miss the cookouts, picnics, and hockey, but we got every night during exams, but the worrying is over until May.

College is really a big jump from high school but it's loads of fun. Who was a small school, only about a hundred, but five hundred students. These girls are from all over the country, so one comes to know a lot of girls. The first few days are a jumble of Boston, Southern, and Middle-Western accents.

Wheaton is very beautiful. It is set in a small New England town, but easily accessible to Providence and Boston. The buildings are ranged in a square with the Auditorium and "Thee" looking at each other at the opposite ends. One side contains the two big dining halls and the dorms. Across the Dimple are the Science Hall, gym, two other class buildings, and the new Student-Athletic Building, which includes Pilmore, Hall. The Science buildings have just opened new modern wings which are very comfortable and good-looking.

Numerous Opportunities for Trips

As I have said, Wheaton is near Providence and Boston, so groups are always going in town to attend concerts and plays, and of course, dances. Movies we can see in the little neighboring towns every Friday or Saturday night there are movies at school.

As for academic work, classes are interesting. They are small, the teachers are all very scholarly, and willing to give individual help to those who need it. College work isn't too hard. It's merely the same old story of getting out of class just what you need and contrary to what one usually thinks, the background which one gets in high school or prep is very important. You can be surprised what a wonderful background some of the students have in English, science and especially in languages. And though, I didn't appreciate it at the time, Mr. Yntema's drilling on note-taking is invaluable today.

Many Prominent Traditions

There are many traditions, as at any school, for the incoming freshmen to learn and there are many traditional functions which fill up the few weeks of school. Every freshman has a "junior sister" with whom she lives the weeks before school opens and who shows her the ropes after the sad freshmen arrive. There is a "Bacon Bat" and the two sister takes her charge to breakfast Sunday morning and then to church.

Many traditions continue this courtesy by taking her sister to dinner. The freshman also gets one dance with her sister's date at the Junior prom. Many freshmen seem to be blessed with sisters, for not only do they have a junior sister, but also a sophomore sister, whose function it is to escort the freshman to the Sophomore-Freshman party, and to help her with her traditional songbooks.

After a formal initiation week of wearing placard and reciting songs at the slightest provocation, the freshman emerges as a full fledged member of Wheaton College and her status is definitely raised. For this point on she may mingle freely with upper classmen, smoking and playing bridge with them in the game rooms. Since there is no one room reserved only for freshmen, the newcomers have a chance to know all the upper classmen. This is a truly democratic system.

Hummer Plays Follows Banquet

Just before Christmas vacation, the Hummer Plays follows an enormous formal banquet, another event of the year is annual vaudeville show which is written and produced entirely by the students. This year, the theme, the fictitious founding of Wheaton, was a huge success. For this show, the music was composed by the students some of them are such hits that they become traditional Wheaton songs.

Chapel is an almost daily function which is part of college life. Members of the faculty of President Park give appropriate talks and once a week there is a special musical presentation, by an excellent choir or individual musicians. Church speakers include guests from numerous colleges and other churches.

College is a wonderful experience, something, we don't know what we have missed for anything, and something, which I'll remember all my life. It's really worth the effort, time and money, to get there.

Sincerely, Mary Stanley

Land North of Trolley Offers Possibility for Park

Have you ever noticed the beautiful piece of land on the north side of the trolley? It belongs to the school, and consider what a beautiful park that land would make. A few benches and some good homemade roast with a rake would do the trick.

This place would be an ideal spot where students might spend extra time and rest during their lunch period. Just think of the luxury of sitting on soft, velvety grass and back in the Spring sun! How much more pleasant this picture is to the eye than that of one student shoveling up in groups by the windows trying to catch the balmy spring breezes.

Why can't we have a picnic up there and have everyone do his share of the work? Let's see if we can make an all out effort to gain this desirable spot and to transform it into a place of beauty and rest for us State High Gerpheide Ranks First

According to a official report received by the office from the Dean of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, George Delano Gerpheide of the class of 1941 has ranked highest in the class of 1945. The term rankings for this rank are 4.50-5.00.
State Baseball Team Breaks Jinx; Whips Martin Nine 12-3

Cubs Lose Two Previous Games

April 21, State High’s baseball team met South Haven’s on the State Hospital diamond. Arnold’s nine suffered a defeat by the score of 4-3 in the first Conference Game of the season.

Both nine tallied two earned runs. State High had the advantage of a chance hit on top-notch pitching by Hank Griffroen, but his effort was spoiled in the sixth innings when a walk, two hits, and an error gave the visitors a 2 to 3 lead.

South Haven added another run in the seventh on a walk, another hit, and an error to provide the winning margin. The Cubs filled the bases for the second time in the contest in the final frame but managed to cross the plate only once. This run fell short of the score.

Box scores:

State High
AB R PO A E
Lee, cf 2 2 1 0
Vandergib, 2b 1 1 0 1
Tessen, rf 1 1 0 0
Smith, cf 1 1 1 0
Seyye, ss 2 0 0 2 1
Neeb, 1b 1 0 0 0
Adams, 3b 3 1 1 2
Eicher, c 2 0 0 0
Griffroen, p 2 0 0 0
Roe x 1 0 0 0

South Haven
AB R PO A E
Knap, e 1 0 1 0 0
Brady, 2b 1 0 0 0 0
Anderson, cf 0 0 1 0 0
Baggett, 1b 2 1 0 0
Muske, if 2 0 0 0 1
Peterson, 3b 1 1 1 0 0
Deeker, ss 3 0 1 0 0
Niles, cf 3 0 0 0 0
Courtier, p 1 0 0 0 0

Score by innings:
South Haven 0 0 2 2 0 4 1 - 0 -
State High 0 0 0 0 1 2 2 - 4 -

What’s Your Score On Baseball Quiz?

Because of the long winter lapse, many a baseball fan’s mind has become rusty on this sport. The following eight questions will help you to collect a few of your bearings on the game.

1. Who played the “hot corner” position?
2. What is a pitch out and its use?
3. What is a “Texas Leaguer”?
4. What is meant by a “sacrifice”?
5. What player holds the “hot corner” position?
6. Identify the following baseball players who have at one time played in the Major Leagues: a. the king of swat; b. the iron man; c. the boy wonder; d. the great negro sprinter.

Netmen Win as Season Opens

Tennis Team Wins Over South Haven and Sturgis

The Cub netmen defeated the South Haven tennis team by a 3-2 score on Tuesday, April 21, at the Tappan field in South Haven. This game was the opening match of the 1942 season for State High tennis team. The Cubs dropped their number one singles and double matches, but came back strong to take the number two and three singles and the number two double match. The final score was 3-2.

The results are as follows:
Singles: eske (SH) d Espe (S) 6-4 6-2; Johnson (S) d Mendelson (SH) 6-2 6-2; Barnes (S) d Fashin (SH) 6-4 6-2;
Doubles: Dickinson and Radcliff (SH) d Dick and Milt Johnson 6-1 6-0; (S) d Roger and Daggs (SH) 10-8 7-6 7-2.

Sturgis Second Victim

The Cubs won their 2nd straight tennis match by defeating Sturgis by a 3-2 score on Tuesday, April 21 at the Tappan field. The Cubs defeated Sturgis by taking all three singles matches and losing the two doubles matches.

The state high baseball team was defeated by Vicksburg, April 28 by a three-hit ball game.

State Golfers Get First Game Lead

State High golfers began a favorable spring season April 17 by taking all the matches from the South Haven High, which has 109 yard dash record is equal to the college and world’s record on the 100 yard dash. He defeated the national college track records in the 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, and the 400 yard dash.

Owen, Track Idol

The members of State high’s track squad reported for duty, coming near the records made by Jesse Owens, the great negro sprinter, whose 109 yard dash record is equal to the college and world’s record on the 100 yard dash. He defeated the national college track records in the 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, and the 400 yard dash.

Happy Birthday

May 14 — Peggy Van Haften
May 15 — Jack Van Der Berg
May 11 — James Thayer
May 9 — Joan Spitters
May 24 — Barbara Schaffer
May 19 — Roufe Power
May 9 — John Aube
May 26 — Frank McNutt
May 28 — Paul Kersten
May 18 — Richard Sturgis
May 15 — Robert Gleason
May 21 — David Foeay
May 26 — Teenie White
May 9 — Jeanne Kema
May 17 — Virginia Bourner
May 27 — Barbara Bals
May 5 — John Aube
May 15 — Jackie Anderson

It takes a half pound of sugar every everything singles and doubles matches. Five scores worth of cane sugar is used everytime one of the large guns on a battleship is fired.
State High Students Present 'Tom Sawyer'

Tom Sawyer was presented last week by State High students. Left to right they are: Larry Lags as Joe Harper; Bill Shinnacker as Tom Sawyer; Bud Hamselma as Huckleberry Finn; Hendrick Meyer as Judge Thatcher. In the background: Eugene Grashorn as Mr. Harper; Myron Hillerman as Mrs. Harper; and Barbara Bowman as the Widow Douglas.

Be war Vocations': Prepare for the Future

Choosing a vocation has always been a serious problem; with the world situation as it is today, the choice has become more serious and difficult to make than ever before. This question is especially pertinent for high-school students for it is in their years of training that they will make important decisions for the future. It is evident that the surplus workers, employed during war-time to make defense material, will be laid off. Consider an airplane factory, greatly expanded for war. It employs many times the number of people that it did in peace time. When peace comes again, it will no longer make the surplus material, therefore, it will lay off the extra workers. What is true of a trade is equally true of a profession. If too many people prepare for a profession which is necessary only a wartime activity, a great many of them will be idle when peace comes.

Announce Contest Winners

Bud Keverle and Paula Harrington, placed first and second as district winners in the National Essay Contests sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars. The two State High students received prizes of $20 and $10 respectively.

Grads Serve in Armed Forces

Alumni Representative in Branches of Military Life

John Baumann, a graduate of State High, is now in the Medical Corp of the army. He was drafted January 26 and sent to Fort Custer. Later, he was transferred to Camp Grant, Illinois. At present, no word has been received of his whereabouts. While at State High, John was a member of the Masquer's Club, for four years. He was also a member of the Student Council in his senior year. He graduated from the State High in June, 1938.

Bud McGowan of Caledonia is now a gymnastics instructor in the junior school in Norfolk, Virginia. Robert attended State High for three years. He left in his senior year when his parents moved to Caledonia, but returned to Western and received his A.B. degree in June 1939. After three months' training at Northwestern University, he was assigned to the U.S. Naval Reserve, for active duty and was assigned to USS Arkansas where he served as turret officer until November 28, 1941. When his gunnery training is finished he will again see active duty, this time in the real thing.

Douglas Van Ert of Topeka, Kansas, a graduate of the State High is in the Air Corps, in off-duty time. Robert is the son of a graduate of State High in the Air Corps and is stationed in the 34th school squadron Ellville, Illinois. Robert was assigned to the 43rd school squadron Ellville, Illinois. He will be transferred from there in about one week.

Ry C Miller is in platoon 4 of company the coast guard, Brookline, N. Y. He will be moved in about one month.

Leonard Feltes is one of the many State High graduates who has received his training in the armed service two weeks ago and is now in a private Battery D 31st Battalion at Camp Walker, Missouri. Leonard is in Company E, 7th in the airplane mechanics division.

Robert Dibble, graduated from State High in 1936. He is now a cadet in the air force and is stationed at Jacksonville, Florida. He will receive his commission in the latter part of May at Miami.

Students' Paintings Shown

At the Seventh Annual Exhibition of "Young America Paints" held in the American Museum of Natural History, New York City between April 2 and 10, three State High students, Norman Carver, Joan Read, and Gordon Young had water colors shown. As a result of their success, they now belong to a large group of American painters of the future.

Masquers and Speech Class Produce Hit; Tom Sawyer Enthusiastically Received

Students Plan and Make Colorful Stage Sets

When Masquers gives a play its bound to be a hit; witness such spring annuals as "Growing Pains" and "Little Women." The advanced speech class also established a good dramatic reputation in last year's "Outward Bound."

This year, a combination of the two organizations produced the logical result—an exceptionally fine "Tom Sawyer" under direction of Albert Becker. Although a large cast is usually considered a disadvantage, the supporting characters for "Tom" proved a definite advantage by providing the play with warmth and spontaneity of atmosphere necessary for this popular classic. Those characters which were double casts were given equal dramatic opportunities in matinee and evening performances.

Because the work on the part of the actors as a whole good it is not easy to pick out specific stars. However, we feel special recognition should be given to both Martha Gilmore and Connie Sargent in afternoons and evening roles of Aunt Polly. Bud Hamselma as a happy go lucky Huck Finn, Clyde Myard as the mischievous Ben Rogers, and Myron Hillerman as Mrs. Harper also won top audience approval.

Also to be commended is the work of cast and crew on the scenery which was completed entirely under efforts of the students with the assistance of Mr. Becker.

Not without humor were the five weeks of rehearsal and production. The Highlights would be lucky if it could review pictorially the antics of stage hero Clyde Myard as he rode a scenery drop into the peak of the theatre; Huck's dainty disdain of the biology lab cat during dress rehearsal and Mr. Becker's pose with raincoat after the presentation of his gift lawn chairs.

No doubt mystifying photochrome series might be built around the "case of the missing pigtail."

The proceeds from the productions will be used to buy war saving bonds.

Cottons Take Lead in Fashion Parade

The new spring cotton dresses are being shown on all the fashion plates. Pale pinks, blues, and lavenders in checks, polka dots, and stripes are the latest in these dresses. You see them in many styles—strictly sporty, jumpers and full-skirted affairs.

The southerners and freshmen are well represented in these well-dressed colors. As a result the full skirt will continue to be in favor. Cottons take the lead on the runways of old and new, and will be in vogue throughout the country. As a result the full skirt will continue to be in favor. Cottons take the lead on the runways of old and new, and will be in vogue throughout the country.