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Council Election To Be Staged April 25

Boys Beat Girls On Honor Roll

Of the 70 students at State High who received no Cs or incompletes in the third marking period, 26 were Juniors, 17 of the Sophomore class, 24 Seniors, and 13 were Freshmen. Homeroom 210, the monitor homeroom, had the largest percentage of Jack's students on the Honor Roll, while 219, the Highlights Staff, placed second with 15A. Juniors, earning third place. The boys beat the girls by 2 places, 34-32. Mary Buckholz, Dorothy Meyer, and Alice Ihling, Glen Melling, Jim O'sborn, Herbert Smith, Harold Upjohn, and Jack Van Boven.

First Honor Roll

Henry Berry, Martha De Lano, Gail Gutt, Don Griffith, Paul Harrington, Alice Ihling, Glen Melling, Jim O'sborn, Herbert Smith, Harold Upjohn, Jack Van Boven.

Second Honor Roll

Jim Amos, Dick Barnes, Frederick Buckham, Rose Bingham, Janet Crum, Margery Davis, Franklin Fulton, Lisel Goldstein, Francis Hamel, Gesela Keck, Charles Klein, Jim Knauss, Ted Lawrence, Audrey Marr, Larry Mayer, Margaret Mehaffie, Ruth Morton, John Overley, Robert Palmater, 17 of the Sophomore class, 24 Seniors, and 13 were Freshmen.

Third Honor Roll

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Club Sponsors Drive

The Red Cross club, under the direction of Miss Sophie Reed, is sponsoring a Red Cross drive for the collection of hangers, comic books and old records. Boxes are to be placed in the home rooms to aid in the collection of the articles. The committee in charge consists of Jean Ekema, chairman, Mary Buckholz, Dorothy Boehm and Mary Brodie.

Student cartoons dealing with the Napoleonic era are to be on display this week and next in room 209A.

Affirmative Team Debates in Finals

Members of the debate squad will make the trip to Ann Arbor on Friday, April 21 for the State Championship Debate to be held in the Horace Rackham Auditorium at the University of Michigan. State High's affirmative team will debate against the negative team from Hazel Park High School, Detroit in the annual event. The question for debate is: Resolved: the United States should join in a reconstituted League of Nations.

Don Griffith and Bill Shumaker will participate in the championship debate. The negative team, Bill Gilbert and Paul Harrington, which won the semi-final debate at Ludington on March 24, will accompany the team along with Mr. George Mills, debate coach. There is a possibility that a school bus will make the trip, in which case other interested students could go to Ann Arbor also.

The judges for the debate will be Professors Dunsmore and Brandt of the University of Michigan and Dr. Franklin H. Knowler of the University of Iowa.

Dance Nets $85.00

Approximately $85 was taken in at the Red Cross benefit dance on March 31 at Walwood Hall. Everyone who attended the party agreed that it was the most successful that State High has had in a long time.

The V-12 Orchestra furnished music for dancing in the ballroom and the Men's Union was open for students who preferred to play cards, ping pong, or billiards.

There was a record attendance at the party which proves what State High students can do when they really get behind a thing. The committee, headed by Phyllis Smith, did a fine job in arranging the party and decorating the ballroom.

The Spring Formal is just around the corner, so let's keep it up and show that we can do as well at future school dances.

Five Juniors To Seek Presidency

As the time nears for the annual election of Student Council officers for the next school year, it is foreseen that a good fight will be held for each office with several candidates contesting for each of the three important jobs, President, Vice-President, and Secretary. The election will take place on Tuesday, April 25, following an assembly in which each candidate will appear before the student body. The election is being managed by the Council's election committee, headed by Bill Watson. This committee makes the rules and takes charge of the voting.

Presidential Candidates

Although petitions, which are being circulated at the present time, do not have to be turned in to the committee until this Friday, from the latest reports there are five Juniors vying for the important position of president. For the first time in many years, there is a girl running for this job as well as four boys. The candidates are: Martha Delano, John Dunham, Bob Heath, Glen Melling, and Jim Stephenson.

Other Offices

Candidates for Vice-President, who can come from either the Junior or the lower classes, are Bill Ryan, present president of the Sophomore class, and Bob Kistler, a Junior.

Three Junior girls are contesting for the office of secretary. They are Sally Benton, Pat Fisher, and Joanne Ogan.

This election is a very important part of State High's student government system and it is hoped by all that the students will take part of the responsibility in electing the most capable candidates for all offices.

Play Date Changed

Rehearsals for the play, "Youth Takes Over," which will be presented by Masquers Club and the Advanced Speech Class May 12-13 in the Little Theater are progressing according to schedule.

Chairman of the various committees associated with the production are as follows: publicity, Sally Benton; costumes, Mary Lou Harvey; stage crew, Hendrick Meyer; tickets, Mary Bigelow; sound effects, Margaret Klein; and properties, Joan Reeds.

CALENDAR

April 10—Local Forensic Debate Contest.
April 11—District Contest.
April 16—Sophomores assembly.
April 21—State Debate Contest at Ann Arbor.
April 25—Elections assembly.
May 12-13—Spring Play.

APRIL

10—Local Forensic Debate Contest.
11—District Contest.
16—Sophomores assembly.
21—State Debate Contest at Ann Arbor.
25—Election assembly.
12-13—Spring Play.
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School Pep Perks Up

Congratulations, students! That salutation is directed to all of you who made up the extra large attendance at the Student Party. Come on! Just keep it up and you can make a good school of State High. It all comes under the heading of "Pep," and if "Ya ain't got that, ya ain't got a school worth a dang!"

Now that State High has been given a push on school spirit, suppose you keep it that way. You're the only ones in the world who can do it; if you fail, the spirit of the school will fail right along with it. You probably say, "Well, what can I do?" The council is supposed to plan school activities for us, etc. Plan, yes, but they are only human, they can't think up all the ideas in the world. That funny-looking president that conducts home room meetings on Fridays will be in Student Council on Wednesday, so tell him what you would like to see State High do. He'll take it back to council and if there is merit in your plan and enthusiasm for it shown by the students, the council members will do everything they can to put it over.

If, after reading this far, you're griping and saying, "Yes, but the council wouldn't do anything about it," all we can say is, "Have you had a good idea and tried to do something about it and put it through its right channels?"

Suppose we all get busy and think up some new ideas. Put any suggestions or criticisms in the Highlights box or else say what you think in homeroom.

Ideal Freshman Boy and Girl Poll

Boy Girl
Intelligence .......... Jim Osborn ................. Alison Clark
Personality .......... Jack Herr ...................... Carol Morris
Popularity .......... Jack Herr ...................... Judy Ogden
School Spirit ........ Jack Herr ...................... Alon Clark
Artistic Ability ...... Bill Smith .................... Marilee Fonner
Musical Ability ...... Jim Amos ...................... Carol Morris
Dancing Ability ...... Jim Rosenbaum ........... Judy Ogden
Humor ............... Bob Bills ...................... Beck Fuller
Hair .................. Herb Smith ..................... Alon Clark
Eyes .................. Bill Tuberty ................. Margaret Mehaffle
Nose .................. Herb Smith ..................... Alice Ihling
Smile .................. Gene West .................... Eleanor McCane
Complextion ........ Jim Rosenbaum ............ Beck Fuller
Mouth ................ Jim Rosenbaum ............ Judy Ogden
Noise ................ Jack Herr ...................... Marguerite Klein
Legs ................. Gene West .................... Joan Winkleman
Figure ............... Gene West .................... Ellen Bodd
Clothes ............. Jim Rosenbaum! ............... Margaret Mehaffle

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of articles which the Highlights has been able to obtain for its exclusive use. George has consented to deal with various phases and angles of our school activities.)

Thank you, thank you and thank you again. As it has been so ably pointed out by your gracious and charming editor, I have been commissioned to write upon the doings of this institution. Be that as it may and we sincerely hope that May doesn't mind, for remember that there are only 24 shopping days left until May, I should like to deal with a very vivid experience I had last week.

I was in search of a bottle of carbolic acid (I personally dote upon carbolic acid) and had wandered into the chemistry laboratory. My impressions were distinctly on the surprising side. It is my firm belief that from these observations it might were stated that the people who inhabit chemistry labs are not strictly human in the fullest sense of the world. The first of these creatures I saw was emerging from a cloud of green smoke. He was spluttering and coughing and was armed with two test tubes which, I imagine, he must have used as feelers. Then he was followed by a distracted looking individual tearing his hair and armed with a bottle of iodine and smelling salts.

This creature, a bystander told me, was of the species, instructor-canis. Then another student of the hive rushed up and handed me a foaming bottle and says "Quick, look, a reaction! What do you know!" And what do you know, it turned pink and then blue and then blew up directly in my face, singeing two of my spots. Another person soon following who must have been some type of an insect eater, for he waved a long hose rubber tube in front of him, with the intent to catch bugs, no doubt. So I left being somewhat of a bug; but the moral of all of this is: Never go into a chemistry lab looking for a bottle of carbolic acid to drink.
What Say!

By BILL COX

As you may have noticed, the "What Say" has had a complete turnover in management. We think that the change will bring a new and brighter aspect to the ideas put forth in this column. So much for the introduction—now for the business of the day.

Due to the oversight of our illustrious guest writer, R. M. Suankxoc, Esq., it is now our duty to print a retraction on his article. The other day as we were merrily wending our way through the halls, we were waylaid and menaced with a trip-hammer by none other than the sprightly Ted Lawrence, who declared that he had not beat a Curtis in the 220 but in the 160. And so the man did not graduate, poor fellow, but has gone to serve in the Navy. Well, who are we to go against the tide of such a powerful argument?

Then, just when we got to thinking things would brighten up a little, we approached our locker which, at the time, was tempe-laid and menaced with a trip-hammer by no little repute. There he stood over our prune body, a .45 in one hand and a bloody knife raised high in the other. His face looked like something out of Frankenstein, for the murderer-gleam had distorted his features till they were almost unrecognizable. As he stood there glaring in our face, he screamed in a voice (awful to hear) that he had not been second in the state junior tennis tournament but had been ranked first in the state.

After living with our lives in danger for the last week, we have made all the necessary arrangements to print this correction. All we have to say now is "Boys, we hope this is good enough." We would also appreciate any information you may give us regarding the whereabouts of Mr. R. M. Suankxoc. All the boys on the sports page would like to get their hands on him for a little while. Please place all remarks of this nature in the Highlights box.

Scribe Withdraws

"The time has come," the walrus said, "to talk of many things, of ships and seas and sealing wax and cabbages and kings." And so the time has come for me to talk of several things of marks and time, and sports and things and whether a D will do. As they say in the Marking Department, that's another story. But before I leave, I should like to answer that answer that was given to our Sports Quiz, the thing boxed in at the bottom in little print—particularly if you are asking me. Anyway, the question was to name 5 sports played without the use of a ball. They think they have stumped us. First they gave cross-country sprints (ha!). How do you sprint? On the balls of your feet; so there's two. Next they gave shell racing. This sport consists of two shells moving like two shells together and what have you got? A ball. Then horse racing—you bet at horse races. What do you do at races when you lose? You guessed it, you give up. They've got no words you bawl. Same way with matching pennies. Matching pennies is a racket. What is a racket? The first cousin to tennis. And any girls interested should come to the gym Friday at 3:30. Which reminds us, we notice that the fact that Gilbert is withdrawing from his What Say. We wonder what the trouble is. Has Mr. Gilbert run out of ideas, or is the competition too much for him? We suspect the latter.

Tracksters Have Busy Card Ahead

By BOB KISTLER

Track prospects this year look promising, but Coach Quiring comes out with the traditional if not proverbial "not too optimistic" ball last year.

This season there are three veterans at the dashes, Ted Lawrence, "Little Boomer" and John Toorman. Burguis, a soph and Vander Linde, a freshman, show good time and may be valuable.

At the 440 we have Mark Thompson, not too optimistic, but in the region last year.

Bob Anderson, another twinkle toes veteran. John Dunn, a junior, really picks them up and lays them down, too.

Jack Dorgan and Chuck Klein fill out the half mile pretty well.

Burt Uphoff is holding up the mile with Bill Gilbert pounding the cinders, also.

Hurdles this season will have vets Williams and McKinney with Chuck Peterson and his match out for his first season.

The pole vault is represented by Jack Dorgan, a vet and Karl Homaninger.

Ryan and Williams, familiar names, will carry the high jump and junior, Fran Hamel, and frost, Gordy White, are getting some hefty heaves at the shot.

Jim Raslon, a good baseball prospect, and Harold Williams are holding down the broad jump.

The relay will be chosen from Anderson, Lawrence, Ryan, Toornman, Dunn, Burguis, Vander Linde and last but not least, Thompson.

The track schedule will be almost doubled this year, making it likely there'll be a lively season.


(Continued from Column 1)

Cubette News

In spite of snow, rain, hail, spring fever, mid-semester and Bill Gilbert, Cubette News once more graces the Sports page.

The only bulletin from the Calathensics Corps is that the track auditorium has disappeared!—with Miss McRoberts following them! I guess the girl's concentration powers just weren't up to par—too much attention wandering from the drill to the sports pages.

The main issue in the Women's Gym at the moment is a controversy over inter-mural sports. During the volleyball season, there were some very good teams among the girls and some of them think that it would be fun to reorganize a couple of these teams to take on some of the schools around.

Late Bulletin: Only seniors in the Monday-Wednesday class and sophomores in the Tuesday-Thursday class will be allowed to take tennis this year. Looks like the baseball team will be very well filled.

Tennis team is still being organized and any girls interested should come to the gym Friday at 3:30.

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Handball Continued: Finals Reached

By JIM KNAUSS

To follow up the article on the Lowlows, the sports staff intends to tell a little more about the fascinating pastime of handball. For the benefit of the girls and the boys who are not familiar with the game, handball, which is played in a four-walled court, has as its sole object the hitting of a small, hard rubber ball. This may sound simple, but players will tell you it's anything but. Handball is ranked first on the list of physically-demanding sports.

In the State High handball tournament, things are now moving at a rapid clip. In the first round Charles Klein beat last year's tournament winner, Bob Jones, by a score of 21-10, 22-20. Also in the first round Dave Foy beat Jerry McKinney; Harry Parker, Dick Husted; Bill Gilbert, Dave Kendeeling; and Bill Miller, Paul Grofert. In the second set Klein defeated Parker 21-10, 19-21, 21-13, bringing Klein up to the finals; also Knauss defeated Gilbert. In the only third round set played Knauss defeated Miller, bringing the former up to the finals with Klein. On Tuesday night the contest was closed by the playing of finals. In a thrilling set Klein defeated Knauss, 21-17, 21-19, to become singles handball champ of State High.
Stuff 'N' Things

Clubs seem to be quite the fad now. The B. H. Club is the latest. Phil Cady and "Pinky" DeLano formed it and have quite a number of members already. Their theme songs are: "Don't Get Around Much Any More"; "Disappointed in Love"; "They'd Be So Nice to Come Home To"; and "Paper Doll."

What goes on? First a message comes in that John Toormann is going to be very upset over "Betty and Donna's" reactions to the subject of Amy Lou. Then someone says that Don Carlson is the one who gets excited when those names are mentioned. "Betty and Donna" must really be something—but the question is—what?

Slogan for a blood-donor: If you can't be a private, be a corpuscle.

Open note to "Betty the Social Butterfly"—Come, come now, you dear child. Let's not be catty! Jealous, or something? Overheard in a group of girls talking: N. C.: "I like N. S.; I think he is very nice. But how can I let him know I do?"

At the other end of the hall, a group of boys were talking—N. S.: "I like N. C.; but I don't think she's interested in me."

All of which certainly proves that love is definitely blind.

Definition of a kiss—Contraction of the mouth due to an enlargement of the heart.

It looks like a lot of girls from S. H. will be looking over Central's interests since Peg Elliot had such good luck down there. Nice goin', Peggy!

Montana ranchers are alarmed because wolves are over-running their land. That's nothing! They ought to see State High!!!

Hear tell that Glen Mellinger has a little harem all his own in the 1:30 French class. (He should have. He's the only guy in the thing!).

Who is the certain person who is in every election as revenge. How about that, B. G.?

Poor Hope! Chicken pox, of all things! You have our sympathy, Cuddles, and we hope to see you back soon.

Come on, "Mac." You're not boshful. You know you can get her back.

Here are some mighty expressive nicknames: "Dead-eye," "Swayback," and "Chicken-legs."

Lowlights

THEME SONGS

Joan Walton—"Will I Ever Find the Boy on My Mind?"
Franklin Fulton—"A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody."
Suzanne Hart—"Sweet Sue."
Hope Thezelius—"Sunny."
Mary Lou Kline—"Night and Day."
Pat Silperry—"My Ideal."
Viola and Chuck—"He Said No, I Said Yes."
Loretta Fyne—"Don't Sweetheart Me."
Margot LaCrone—"You'll Never Know."
Mary Lou Kline—"Why Don't You Fall in Love with Me?"
Pat Herr—"Nobody Loves Me."
Dale Patterson—"I'm An Old Cow-hand."
Jack Herr—"Blues in the Night."
Bob Gleason—"Without a Horse."
Gerry Kline—"I Get Along Without You Very Well." (J. L.)
Bill Ryan—"The Man I Love."
Harriet Beerstecher—"The Wind Blows Free."
Pat Kaisery—"I Said No."
Cameron Clark—"This Is No Laughing Matter."
Bill Dekaoning—"This Love of Mine."
Ed Campbell—"Dancing on a Dime."
Jack Dorgan—"Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'"
June and Bill—"People Will Say We're in Love."
Ann Holdship—"My Man."
Lorraine Donoghue—"Pretty Baby."
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Inseparables

Pat Fisher and Bill DeKoning.
Gail Gibb and Bill Cox.
Bob Kistler and pitching (baseball, of course).
Paula Harrington and her violin.
Jane Britton and the Sophomores.
Peg Elliot and Caroline Welp.
Harold Williams, Chuck Peterson and their red suspenders.
Joanne Schrier and the boys in 208A Study.
Ruth Morton and Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Ya know, I wonder if this Bil Gilbert ever knows quite what he's saying? Why, you flatter him by ever wondering.

That was a horse roaming the halls last week and it was initialed N. C.; because it belonged to me.

N. C.

Say, if we could throw a party like the Red Cross Dance every now and then, it could become a fine institution.

The 2:30 history class is wondering why John Aube wants to know on which hand an engagement ring is kept. Have you asked her yet, John?

Now here's something that sounds awfully silly to us—"Who has been running around with whom and who's getting mighty sick of it?"

Mrs. Anthony Gets Plea

Dear Madam:

I am beginning to feel like a tired old dishrag; I am so downhearted Bob has left me for another and Glenny doesn't seem to care. And here I am sitting at home every Friday and Saturday—here just waiting to be asked. Won't someone hear my plea and take a chance on me, "Because I'm Nobody's Baby Now."

Innocent.