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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 C's or incompletes in the third marking period, 26 were Juniors, 25 were Seniors, and 19 were Freshmen. Homeroom 210, the monitor homeroom, had the largest percentage of its students on the Honor Roll, while Homeroom 219, the Highlights Staff, placed second with 13A. Juniors, earning third place. The boys beat the girls by two places, 26-24, representatives, while the girls had 34.

First Honor Roll

Henry Berry, Martha De Lano, Gall Gage, Don Griffin, Tom Homstrom, Alice Ihling, Glen Mellingier, Jim Osborn, Herbert Smith, Harold Upjohn, Jack Van Boven.

Second Honor Roll


Third Honor Roll


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 homerooms to aid in the collection of the articles. The committee in charge consists of Jean Ekena, chairman, Mary Buckholz, Dorothy Bohm and Mary Brodie.

Student cartoons dealing with the Napolenean 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: that the United States should join in reconquering the 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 at 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 clear 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 DeLan, John Dunham, Bob Heath, Glen Mellingier, and Jim Stephenson.

Other Officers

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 Keller, a Freshman.

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

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 their 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 Reads.

CALENDAR

April 10—Local Forensic Debate Contest.
April 18—District Contest.
April 21—Sophomore assembly.
April 21—State Debate Contest at Ann Arbor.
April 25—Election assembly.
May 12-13—Spring Play.
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 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 think in homeroom.

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

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(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 there were distinctly on the surprising side. It is my firm belief that from these observations it might be 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-cani. 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 followed who must have been some type of an insect eater, for he waved a long hollow 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 "Sports" 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 reprint his article on his 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 440. And so the 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 forceful argument?

Then, just when we got to thinking things would brighten up a little, we approached our locker which, at the time, was emmargined by a trap. Upon opening it, much to our dismay, out sprang Bob Espie. It was an awful sight. There he stood over our prone body, a bloody knife raised high in the air. The 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 440. And so the 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 forceful argument?

As he stood there glaring in our face, our team was in its final form, and Bob Anderson, another twinkle toes veteran. John Dunn, a junior, really picks them up and lays them down, too.

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

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**Trackster 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" all last year.

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

At the 440 we have Mark Thompson, not too optimistic all last year, and Bob Anderson, another twinkle toes veteran. John Dunn, a junior, really picks them up and lays them down, too.

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played without the use of a ball. They think they have stumped us. First they gave cross country sprints (has!).

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 towards two shells together and what have you got? A ball. Then horse racing—you bet at horses. What do you do at races when you lose? You guessed it, you bet on the next race. Then they gave us a game of matching pennies, which is a racket. What is a racket? The first cousin to tennis. The second is a four-walled court, has as its 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-stirring 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 DeKoning; 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 Krauss defeated Gilbert. In the only third round set played Krauss 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 Krauss, 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 "Pinkie" 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 Toornman 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 bashful. 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."
Marilyn and "Howie"—"Night and Day."
Pat Siippery—"My Ideal."
Viola and Chuck—"He Said No, I Said Yes."
Loreta Pyne—"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 Coward."
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 Kaiser—"I Said No."
Cameron Clark—"This Is No Laughing Matter."
Bill DeKoning—"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."
Bob Bills—"Coach Quirin's Made a Man Out of Me."
Most of S. H. after the week-end—"Ain't Got a Dime to My Name."
Joanne Schrier and the boys in 208A—"I've Got Plenty of Nothin'."
Marilyn Kinney—"No Love, No Nothin'" (until her baby comes home).
Ethel Richardson—"Down the Gypsy Trail."
Bob Stelle—"My Sister and I."
Karl Hokenmaier—"I Know Why."
Gene West—"Why Cry, Baby."
Pat Fisher—"Somebody Loves Me."
Jack Lawrence—"How Come You Do Me Like You Do?"
Joy Van Haften—"I Never Mention Your Name."

Judy Ogden: Just call me Ungentine.

Ignorant Soph: Why?
Judy: "Cause I'm for "Burns."

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL

11—Betty Fraker
   George Lum
12—Bob Bills
   Jack Thompson
   Mary Lou Klune
13—Bob Berghuis
   Marilyn Schultz
18—Kenneth Claflin
19—Suzanne Hart
22—Walter Layne
   Beverly West.
23—Alison Clark.

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 Elliott 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 Bill 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.