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Dolan Furnishes College Advice

Any students of State High who plan to attend college are urged to contact Mr. Donald Dolan, faculty advisor on colleges, well in advance of the time of their entering college. Mr. Dolan has information on some 200 colleges and universities throughout the country and can obtain material about any others that might interest particular students.

For the seniors particularly, it is vital that they act immediately for admission or scholarships to colleges to be attended next fall. Competitive scholarships are offered by both Western Michigan College and Kalamazoo College, and tests for these scholarships will be given in April. Any student with approximately a B average or better should investigate these possibilities. Virtually every college offers some sort of awards to high ranking students and it is usually important that applications for these awards be made early.

Mr. Dolan would like to emphasize the need for the underclassman, especially, so that they may be advised as to desirable courses and extra-curricular activities which might aid them in getting what they want in the way of a college. Many cases occur in which the students do not think about college until their senior year at which time they discover that they lack the required number of entrance credits for the college of their choice. If the students are guided early, this may be avoided. Mr. Dolan is eager to talk to students about their colleges early in their high school careers.

Speakers Begin Preparing Spring Forensics Program

The spring program for the Michigan Forensic League will consist of a series of contests which will enable interested students to make use of their skills or interests in several different fields of speech work. The contests consist of Extempore Speaking, Dramatic Declamation and Oratory, open to any junior or senior. Oratorical Declamation will be open to any sophomore or freshman. There will be a series of tournaments involving participants from several different schools and ending in the regional tournament.

Anyone interested in entering these contests should contact Mr. George Mills, who will have charge of these activities in State High.

News Briefs

Mr. Leonard C. Gernant, boys' advisor of State High for the past two years, is to leave the high school next year. Mr. Gernant has been named assistant registrar of Western Michigan College, and will assume his new duties on September 1, 1945. Mr. Gernant taught United States History at State High and has been here since February, 1943. His successor has not been announced as yet.

Mr. Gernant expresses regret at losing his contact with the high school and says, "It has been a fine bunch to work with." The student body is also expressing regret losing this very popular teacher and advisor.

State High's debate team ended it's fine record this year by losing in the Eliminations Contest to Lansing Eastern. Margery Davis and Bill Gilbert, upholding the negative side, lost by a 3 to 0 vote at Battle Creek on Thursday, February 15. This ends the debating season until next year, since one loss automatically eliminates a team.

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Bootless Jivers Admitted Free

Remember way back when senior homeroom 15A challenged every other homeroom to a war stamp contest? The winner of this contest was not to be required to pay admission into a dance which the loser was to give. The contest is now over and here are the results:

The losers, 10A, 208A, 209A, and 211A, are getting together to give the quietest dance State High students have ever experienced under the name of "The Bootless Jive." and what have you—for the winners 2A, 13A, 15A, 219A, and 219A. Students, on entering the Women's gym after the game with Buchanan is over, are expected to shed their shoes and jump and jive, in their stocking feet, to the tunes of the jukebox. Cokes may be bought during the evening, and, to top it all, everybody will be admitted free!

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Pat Fisher D.A.R. Pilgrim

State High's student council secretary, Pat Fisher, has been further honored by the student body in being named State's D. A. R. Pilgrim and consequently representative to the annual Kalamazoo County D. A. R. luncheon held on February 14 at the Civic Theater. Pat was elected by the senior class on the basis of leadership, citizenship, dependability, and patriotism and was the only Pilgrim in the city.
Two New Faces

Ritsema and Toornman

Pass Navy's Radar Test

Two of State High's senior boys have distinguished themselves highly in the past few weeks by passing the Navy's Radar test and being sworn in with ratings of Seamen first class. Dave Ritsema is on inactive duty until he completes high school while Jim Toornman enters the service. Andrew Jako, a senior, was drafted into the army and will go to Fort Clifton in the navy. Many of the seniors are becoming eighteen and taking physical examinations prior to being drafted.

New Teacher Active

In State's Projects

Although one of the newer members of the faculty, Mr. Ernest Weber, has participated in many activities since coming here and has been back of State High to fullest extent in all its projects.

Mr. Weber came to State High last year after serving 20 years as principal of Richland High School. He entered Western in 1915 but when the United States entered the World War, he entered the navy in which he served for three years. In 1923 he returned to Western and in that, his senior year, served as editor of the Brown and Gold, the college annual. After graduating from Western, he accepted the principal's post at Richland and then in 1944, came to State High as math instructor.

Mr. Weber said that he has no hobbies but finally confessed that he liked to tinker around in the field of photography and has produced quite a few home movies.

Mr. Weber is also an ardent sports fan and often drives to out-of-town games as well as attending all home games. Anyone who has been in one of his Math classes will be quick to admit that Mr. Weber has a good sense of humor.

For several years the Rotary Club has made it its policy to invite from each of the high schools of Kalama-zoo a senior boy to attend the club luncheon. These boys are thus enabled to hear the guest speaker for that meeting and are permitted to attend twice.

Already John Aube, Bob Kistler, Jim Knauss, Dick Morton, Jack Moss, and Jim Stephenson of State High have been thus honored by the Rotary Club.
Hoopsters After Conference Title

By chalking up two more important conference wins, the State High Cubs have fought their way back into the Big Seven title chase. On February 9, the Cubs journeyed to Dowagiac to upset the high flying Chiefs by a 33-30 count. The standouts for State were Bob Burns, who hit the hoop for eight points, and Gene West, whose fine rebound and defensive work stood out. Although stopped by the Cub defense, Andy Moses and Ed Faster, the Dowagiac king pins, managed to score 16 points between them to lead the Chiefs.

The following Tuesday marked the invasion of the Three Rivers Wildcats who chalked up a surprising 41-30 win over the Cubs. Three Rivers grabbed an early lead and kept it throughout the contest. Bob Burns and Dave Auxter each scored nine points to lead the Cub attacks, while the work of Dick Lakey and Fred Snell stood out for the well-balanced Three Rivers offense.

Taking a "do or die" attitude, the Cubs went to St. Joseph last Friday to hand the league leaders a 41-37 shellacking. Bob Burns, Dave Auxter, and Jim Ralston scored 39 points between them to lead the Kalamazoo attack while Arno Mack's eight markers led the losers.

The victory over St. Joseph put the Cubs only half a game out of first place, and if they could beat Buchanan on an Friday night, the Cubs could take their first Big Seven basketball championship since entering the conference in 1938. A victory over Buchanan will not be achieved early because the "Battling Bucks" won over State earlier in the season by a 27-26 count. The big gun for Buchanan is J. B. Anderson, the conference scoring leader, and is the big problem for the Cub defense.

This game means the championship so everyone should be there to help the team to victory.

BIG SEVEN STANDINGS

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Cubs' Tourney Hopes Promising

On March 1, 2, and 3, the hard-fighting Cubs will invade Sturgis for the M.H.S.A.A. district basketball tournament. Four teams are entered in the Sturgis tournament. They are State High, Three Rivers, Coldwater, and Sturgis.

Not much is known about the Coldwater quintet, but the Redskins will undoubtedly turn out to be a very formidable foe. If the Cubs emerge victorious at Sturgis, they will move on to play a regional tourney at St. Joseph where they will meet the St. Joseph district champion teams of Niles, St. Joseph, South Haven, Buchanan, and Dowagiac. If the Kalamazooans also win at St. Joseph, they will move on to Lansing where they will compete with 16 other teams for the State Class B championships.

State High's fighting "B" team was handed its fourth defeat of the season last Friday as the St. Joseph Reserves chalked up their 23rd straight win by a 46-30 count.

High man for the Cub seconds was Jim Mateer, who hit the hoop for two baskets and eight free throws for a 12-point total. The Reserves close a very successful season Friday night against Buchanan, a team they defeated earlier this season by a 27-21 score.
**Classy Chatter**

On The Classes

A freshman is one who doesn't know and doesn't know that he doesn't know.

A sophomore is one who doesn't know and knows that he doesn't know.

A junior is one who knows and doesn't know that he knows.

A senior is one who knows and knows that he knows.

A poem stolen from "The Little Hawk, Iowa City High School.

I want to be a senior
And with the seniors stand,
A notebook in my hand.

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"The Feet,"
"The Head."
"The Shape"
"The Nose"

**Slush and More Slush**

This column is for pessimists only. Come, let us gripe together. You know—"laugh at the rain together"?

Well, fellow pessimists, we know now this stuff the scientists call preliminary spring is no laughing matter. It is extremely obnoxious. In other words, I'm tired of going home at night to face a laundry hamper full of socks with cuffs as black as the ace of spades. Just wonder what the so-called "humans" think who gaily splash my poor ankle protectors in this murky weather. Do they polish off their dirty work with unrestrained glee? Do they commit their crimes "premeditatedly"? I'm sure the Navy does.

Several of its representatives walking behind me the other day presented me with a particularly vicious splash, marking the back of what I laughingly call "my" hat with horizontal stripes. A sort of zebra effect was produced. (I'm informed this sort of splashing takes a certain amount of effort. Thereupon, adding insult to injury, he actually had what is known as the "noive" to call attention to his handiwork.

That was an awful purty bracelet that Rosie Hagan purchased. That's a lucky boy who is flashing it around now?

About 15 to 20 people have been aroused by now either to buy a new one or tear to shreds, Bob Bills' blue and gold hat to which he is so affectionately attached.

I have often wondered what the girls at the north end of the hall would do if it wasn't for the mirror in Locker 62.

We wonder also who that college man is who owns that little coupe we see our editor chasing around . . .

**Morning Mourning**

I woke up in the morning
Before the break of day.
With the moon shining as brightly
As when I had hit the hay.
"Ye Gods!" I cried in anguish,
"This is too much to bear!"
Another day of drudgery.
I tore my tousled hair,
And looking up with blood-shot eyes,
I caught sight of the clock.
"Twas seven thirty-five A. M.!
For me the awful shock
Was just too much; and so I fell
And lit upon my head.
That's what I call the hard way
Of getting out of bed.
Then suddenly an inspiration
Came into the situation,
Raising me from my frustration,
Filling me with new elation:
"It is the first day of vacation!"

**STATE HIGHLIGHTS**

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By JUDY OGDEN

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