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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 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 his importance 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 find that they have 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 Mellen, who will have charge of these activities in State High.

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An addition has been made to State High's Choir by the purchase of eighty blue and gold robes to be used for special performances. Plus these, the choir has a robe room in the basement of the high school where the robes are filed alphabetically. Master of the robe room is Peter Junker.

The choir members voted for these robes mainly because they could be obtained in school colors and by so doing showed their loyalty to the school. Because the robes cost $500, the choir has a five year contract with Cotrell, Leonard and Company of Albany, New York, from whom the purchases were made. By putting on operettas, the choir will meet the cost. The gold stole were made here in Kalamazoo by the Ihling, Everard and Company. These robes are not only a great asset to the present choir, but also the future ones.

Calendar of Events

February 23—Basketball, Buchanan, here.
February 23—War Stamp Dance, Women's gym.
February 23—SCHOOL'S OUT at 3:30.
February 26—Turnabout, 9:00 p.m., Walwood.
March 7—School again!

State High's debate team ended its 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.

Fulton Wins Auditions

Franklin Fulton, one of State High's "jolly juniors," has really proved that teenagers not only specialize in "jumping jive," but classical works as well. Frank recently won the auditions sponsored by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, receiving the honor of playing a solo with them on the next concert. He will perform the third movement, Concerto C minor by Rachmaninoff, which is a concert favorite, being a brilliant composition with general appeal.

Mr. Glenn Henderson has been his instructor for 4 years, during which time he has appeared locally with the Little Symphony and other musical organizations. Frank has been active in the music department of State High, playing with the band, orchestra, and choir.

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 Jivers." 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!

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
Seen in Halls

Unkind, and I sincerely hope untrue, remarks from the State High lads regarding the allure of State High lasses have often drifted my way and have, needless to say, grated harshly upon my ears. I, therefore, have good news to report to these desolate dandies — namely, two new gals who join our happy little group this semester. A new soph, in the person of Martha McKinley, has only the best to say about State High so far. Helpful teachers and friendliness on the part of the students were given, to my eager questioning, as the reasons for this state of affairs. Martha, a formed Woodwardite, says that dancing, reading, and sports rank high on her list of favorite activities, while her greatest weakness is for nice, polite boys. There, fellows, how’s that for a challenge?

The Schuhardt family, evidently a great believer in the cultural, etc., advantages offered by State High, have sent a fourth member to our own halls — June, a frosh. Also hail- ing from Woodward, this little red-head enjoys music, bowling, and all kinds of sports. When queried about her opinion of the well-known class High Hop (a mis-title if I ever saw one), she replied that her answer wouldn’t look well in print, but the one who initiated her into its mysteries was definitely “okay.” Chewing gum and eating everything within sight were given as her worst habits.

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By Carol Morris

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 to the armed forces services. Dave Ritsema is on inactive duty until he completes high school while John Toornman will report to Chicago on February 26 for a month’s boot training before his Radar schooling.

John was given his diploma at the end of his first semester as he had sufficient credits to graduate.

State High is feeling the drawing power of the armed forces services more and more as these and two other boys have entered the service. Andrew Jako, a senior, was drafted into the army and John Toornman will be stationed in the navy. Many of the seniors are becoming eighteen and taking physical examinations prior to being drafted.

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Two New Faces

When the Albert Buckholz family go in for something, they go in hundred per cent. Four boys and two girls have been or are attending State High. Two are in the navy, one in the army, and the other in the merchant marines.

Representing the army from the Buckholz family is 1st Lt. Charles Buckholz, a grad of 1938, who was in the Philippines and was reported missing at the time of the fall of corregidor in 1942. Recently a report came to his family that he had been in hiding for 27 months. Later he escaped after being captured by the Japs. The report went on to say that he is fighting with a guerrilla regiment in the Philippines.

BM2/C Albert Buckholz, Jr., and RM2/C Robert Buckholz are the boys in the navy. A 1940 graduate, Albert is at Great Lakes Naval Hospital, a veteran of Pearl Harbor where he in- jured his knee, Attu, Normandy, Cherbourg, and Toulon. His brother, Enmanier, otherwise known as "Hokie," is in the merchant marines and is now stationed at Hoffman Island, New York, where he is in radio school. In March he will graduate and become a Warrant Officer.

Mary Buckholz, who is a sophomore in State High, has a sister, Dorothy, graduated in 1937.

Army Air Cadet Bill Watson is home from Huntington, Michigan, where he has been in school. Soon he will leave for Keesler Field, Mississippi, where he will be stationed in the Pacific Ocean on an aircraft carrier.

The last of the boys, S2/C Arthur Buckholz, is in the merchant marines and is now stationed at Hoffman Island, New York, where he is in radio school. With his enlistment in March he will graduate and become a Warrant Officer.

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 1925 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 arder 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 en- abled 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.

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Hoopsters After Conference Title

By chalk ing up two more important conference wins, the State High Cubs have fought their way back into the Big Seven title chase. On February 2 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 Best, 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 in a narrow loss.

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 Aukter each scored nine points to lead the Cubs, while the work of Dick Lakey and Fred Snell stood out for the well-balanced Wildcats.

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 Aukter, and Jim Ralston scored 39 points between them to lead the Cubs attacks, while the work of Dick Lakey and Fred Snell stood out for the well-balanced Three Rivers offense.

The victory over St. Joseph put the Cubs only half a game out of first place, and if they could beat Buchanan on Friday night, the Cubs could take their first Big Seven basketball championship since entering the conference in 1933. 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 to everyone 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 St. Joseph, Three Rivers, Coldwater, and Sturgis State High. The Cubs will undoubtedly have a tough time in the tournament because both Three Rivers and Sturgis have scored victories over the Cubs. Sturgis, however, won by a 25-29 count. Three Rivers won over the Cubs by 41-30, but State High won over Three Rivers, 43-25 in a nip and tuck contest earlier in the season.

Not much is known about the Coldwater quintet, but the Reds will undoubtedly turn out to be a very formidable foe. If the Cubs emerge victorious at Sturgis, they will move on to the regional tourny at St. Joseph where they will meet the St. Joseph district champion teams in the St. Joseph district, including 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.

BEAT BUCHANAN'S

BATTLING BUCKS

Champs (?) in Action

This week the sports spotlight turns to the "forgotten man" of the basketball team, Dick Burkhardt, who serves as manager for the fighting Cubs. "Burt" is a frosh, having entered State this fall from Brucker School, where he starred as an all-around athlete. Dick first displayed his athletic ability as a member of the Reserve football squad this fall, but an early season injury put him out of action for most of the games. Coach Quiring believes that Burk will help out the team quite a lot next year, as he has plenty of weight and is still growing.

When basketball season started, Dick was named manager. He has done a fine job thus far and no doubt will continue to do so. Some of his duties are: treating players' injuries, handing out clean equipment, washing laundry, and cleaning balls, and taking care of the laundry service. "Burt" is popular among the players because of his fine sense of humor and has proved to be a very humorous fellow despite all his duties.

In his spare time Dick likes to follow wrestling and can be found at the Armory every Thursday watching the weekly matches.
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 fountain pen behind my ear,
A notebook in my hand.

I wouldn't be a president,
I wouldn't be a king,
I just want to be a senior
And never do a thing.

(Of course, the State High seniors are different—hmm?).

Also from the above-mentioned paper comes this little gem entitled: PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION

Freshman: "I don't know."
Sophomore: "I'm not prepared."
Junior: "I can't recall just now."
Senior: "I don't believe I can add anything to what has already been stated."

And last on the files for the classes is the following little ditty:

You can always tell a senior
By his stately gait;
You can always tell a junior
By his rapid rate.

You can always tell a freshman
By his worried looks and such;
You can always tell a sophomore
—But you can't tell him much.

(F.S. "Sophomore" means wise fool. Yep, the Greeks sure had a word for it!).

Happy Birthday

February 25—Emily Milham
February 25—Joan Winkelman
February 26—Kenneth Harder
February 26—Don Stace
February 26—Glen Melling
February 27—Crawford Owen
February 28—Roger Ekeka
March 1—Mary Monroe
March 1—Joan Mulder
March 1—Anna Porter
March 1—Don Sherman
March 3—Cameron Clark
March 7—Barbara Coleman
March 11—Richard Koloff
March 12—Anne Corbus
March 13—Joanne Scougale
March 14—Janet Crum
March 17—Barbara Carl
March 19—Betty Bond
Bob Vander Weele
March 21—Leon First

This column is for pessimists only. Come, let us grin 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. I 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 horse" with horizontal stripes. A sort of zebra effect was produced. (I'm informed this sort of splashing takes a certain amount of practice. Thereupon, adding insult to injury, he actually had what is known as the "noive" to call attention to his handicap.

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 bloodshot 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 up the laughter
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!"

The Nose
By JUDY OGDEN

That was an awful purty bracelet that Rosie Hagan purchased. That's a lucky boy who is flashing it around night Bowling Club. This new fad has Miss DeKoning as sponsor and is gaining members by the dozens. So, fellow students, if any of the members are seen cheerfully swinging down the corridors on crutches, we may draw the conclusion that this club has had another of those somewhat back-breaking escapes down at the Y.M.C.A.

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Slush and More Slush

Then there is Galloping Guiseppe, the one who is always in a hurry. Galloping Guiseppe is the most devastating effect. He rushes downward full steam below, water enveloping him, bystanders, and me. You can hear this species descend and you naturally think he'll stop before he gets into your vicinity; but no, oh no, he passes you in a flood, leaving you wondering from where such a maniac came.

There is also a monster named Maurice Moron who creeps up behind his unsuspecting victim in an effort to surprise him. It usually is, too! Instead of a mad, flying thing rushing by, you hear these slow, deliberate (utterly false, utterly) steps and think: "Well, here's one with the milk of human kindness flowing through his unhardened arteries." Boy, what a sucker you are! One of those deliberate steps catches your knee caps halfway up before he screams "fore!"

Such is human nature, so take my advice and retire ten or fifteen yards if you see enemy advancing.

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