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Burt Upjohn Elected to Presidency

Local Colleges Offer Awards

Those seniors eligible for the scholarships' being offered by Western Michigan and Kalamazoo College have been contacted and either have taken the examinations or will do so in the near future, the one for Western coming on May 5 and the date for Kalamazoo's having been April 21.

The awarding of scholarships is placed on a competitive basis and those expressing a desire to try for them are as follows: Mary DeHaan and Joy Van Haaften taking exams for both Kalamazoo and Western while Jimmie Lou Pierce and Ida Schuhardt are interested only in the latter.

The winners of the "K" College scholarships will be informed before May 10, but the date has not been announced on which the results of the Western examinations will be made known. Nor has this information been received as to the Michigan University scholarship which was contested for by Martha DeLano, Ruth Morton, Francis Hamel, Jim Knauss, and Gail Gibbs.

Annual Visitation Day Coming Up Friday

With the advice of Dr. Bryan, Ida Schuhardt and Jim Carl have been busy making plans for the annual Student Visitation Day which is to be held on Friday, April 27. These prospective State High students are to be taken on a tour of the campus at 1:30 P.M. on that day. At 2:45, after sight-seeing, they will convene in the Little Theater where they will enjoy a comedy film after which they are to be addressed by Dr. Bryan, principal, Miss Helen Howery, girl's advisor, Mr. Leonard Gernant, Boy's advisor, and Mr. Robert Quiring, Boy's physical education instructor.

Glen Mellinger and the new Student Council president are also to speak.

This procedure is followed for the purpose of acquainting new students with the functions of our school.

News Briefs

Another of State High's seniors, Bil Gilbert, has recently passed the Navy's Radar Test. This brings to total of State High students going into Radar to five. This is quite a distinction to the school since all the boys who have taken the test have passed it. The boys will be on inactive duty until June 15 or 18.

The senior rummage sale will be held on May 5 at the Presbyterian church. Ruth Morton is the chairman of the committee, and would like the seniors to remember that this is mostly a "white elephant" sale in order not to conflict with the current clothing drives. The purpose of this sale is to raise money for the annual senior gift to the school.

The name of Mary DeHaan, a senior from the Monitor Homeroom, was omitted from the first honor roll in the last Highlights. Mary received four A's and one B to give her highest honors.

Missing from State High last week was Mr. Julian Greenlee, Physics and Chemistry teacher, who spent his week in Borgess Hospital recovering from an operation on his knee. This operation was necessitated by an old injury. Faculty and students alike were glad to see him return.

Calendar

April 26—Tennis meet at Elkhart.
April 27—Visitation Day.
April 27—Dance Women's gym, 8:30 p. m.
April 30—Track meet, Hastings, here.
April 30—Golf, Jackson, here.
May 1—Baseball, at South Haven.
May 2—Tennis, Lakeview, here.
May 4—Track meet, Paw Paw, here.
May 5—Tennis, Dowagiac, here.
May 8—Baseball, Dowagiac, there.
May 10—Golf, Paw Paw, here.
May 11—Conference track meet, Dowagiac.

Revote Names Herb Smith

Carolyn Mitchell wins Race for Secretary

State High elected yesterday and today Burt Upjohn, Herb Smith, and Carolyn Mitchell as Student Council officers for the coming school year, 1945-46. There was a close decision in every office and a re-vote was necessary in the offices of vice-president, and secretary, since no majority was gained in the first vote.

In the presidency, Burt Upjohn defeated Warren "Stub" Louis. Burt was managed by Bob Kistler.

Herb Smith, Dale Pattison, and Bob Dunham competed for the office of vice-president. The re-vote between Smith and Pattison gave the office to Smith, who was managed by Jack Herr.

Another re-vote was necessary in the secretarial race. In the first ballot, Carolyn Mitchell, Martha Schuhardt, and Pat Herr competed, with the re-vote between Pat and Carolyn giving Carolyn the job. Ida Schuhardt, the only girl manager, helped Carolyn.

Girls Keep Bryan, Gernant Busy

The girls of State High are now telling their problems and difficulties to Dr. Bryan and Mr. Gernant assisted by Miss Florence Troy and Miss Jean Truckenmiller, who are acting as girls advisors until the return of Miss Howery who left last Wednesday for Christiansburg, Virginia.

It seems that her family has decided to move out of the house in which they have been living for the past twenty-one years, and since each member of the family including Miss Howery, has accumulated quite a collection of articles during that period of time, each one is going to see to it that none of his possessions are injured in the process of moving. Hence, the girls' advisor's two week vacation (?) from her much envied position.

Note: Any similarity between the opinion above and that of a girl's advisor is purely co-incidental.

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A Tribute

Flags flying at half mast, silent prayers, sailors and soldiers with bowed heads, people mourning — What does it mean? It means that Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our great leader and president, is dead. The tombstone will read: Born 1882; Died 1945. But to us, it will mean more than that. When we think of him, we will remember all the good he has done, helping the poor and sick, and giving of his time and effort to carrying out our American policies. His faith, leadership, and sacrifice will long be remembered and revered.

Yes, he had enemies and was severely criticized — but what great men aren't? He made many mistakes, and some might have been avoided. But, in the last election, he won out, proving the majority wanted him, and in America the majority still rules.

Roosevelt will probably take his place in history along with our other great presidents, Washington and Lincoln. He will live long in the hearts and minds of Americans.

His death was a loss to the nation and it's too bad he couldn't have lived to finish his task and see a peaceful world, but I think he wanted to die while he was still active and resourceful.

Instead of mourning his death and shedding tears over him, he would want us to go on doing our jobs, fighting for the right, and striving for a world of peace and brotherhood.

Ed. note: This editorial was received in the Highlights Box as a student contribution.

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The election is over; the posters are down; the managers have stopped passing out signs for their candidates; the contestants have spent a sleepless night and are now relieved that it's over, whatever may have been the results.

But what of the student body? There must naturally be some who are disappointed in the results. All the candidates could not win and therefore every voter could not be pleased. What is the attitude of those displeased voters?

Co-operation! This should be the key idea in every student's attitude toward the newly elected council officers. The losing candidates are going to give their fullest co-operation. Are you?

Private First Class Edward Campbell, a grad of 1944, who is somewhere in the Philippines, writes home:

"Speaking of food, we get a good deal of our fresh food from the other side of the island where there are mostly Chinese. A fellow I know drove over there with our mess officer to get some food. He said that the house where they stayed contained ten rooms and was entirely spotless. The government paid a rent of 3 pesos a month for it. (\$1.50 in U. S. money) At dinner they had a twelve course meal and four Chinese girls waited on six of them. They ate off China so thin that they could see

through it.

The shops over there are fine. You can buy prewar Big Ben Alarm clocks for six pesos or \$3.00, because during the Japanese occupation all that could possibly be hidden was done so.

The Chinese people are very well educated over there as in comparison to most of the Philippine natives.

The fellows go over once a week and some day I hope to catch a ride with them.

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Could It Have Been We ???

How many seniors remember our freshmen "daze" when. . . Doris Krudener was president of the class, Bill Cox was vice president, and Martha De Lano was secretary . . .

Officers of freshmen homeroom 8A were Bruce Cowie, president, Dave Ritsema, vice-president, Bob Heath, committee representative, and Gladys Bowersox, homeroom reporter? "Ritz" was one of the hardest persons in the school to collect money from? .

The other homeroom 201A had as its president, Bil Gilbert, Bill Cox, as its vice-president, and Paul Nibbelink as secretary? . . .

Dick Barnes was the best dressed freshman, Bil Gilbert had the best personality, Dave Auxter was the best athlete, Pat Fisher and Dick Barnes were the best looking, Janet Gauss and Dick Barnes were the best dancers, Martha De Lano and Dick Morton were the best musicians, Janet Crum and Jim Knauss were the best scholars, Marty Miller and Bil Gilbert were the cutest couple, Pat Fisher and Bil Gilbert were the most popular, Betty Fuller and Bill Cox were the best singers, Martha De Lano and Bil Gilbert were the best all-round, and Betty Fuller and Glen Mellinger were the best actors? . . .

The odd happenings—such as "Moe" and "Orky" being thrown out of Biology class for cheating on a test?—How could you do such a thing, Mr. Greenlee? . . . Rita Wooden running after Johnny Dunham . . . Ann Leander was dating Dick Morton . . . Martha De Lano chasing Glen Mellinger . . . Pat Fisher with her bait out to hook Bob Anderson . . . Glen Mellinger always saying, "Incidentally" . . . Rita Wooden always saying, "Have you got a pin? I was never so embarrassed"? . . .

Bob Kistler's ideal girl was one having any color hair and eyes, real beautiful, nice figure, lots of fun and not too intellectual.—Have you met her yet, Bob? . . . Ruth Morton's ("Queen"). Ideal boy was one having a good personality, "tall", good-looking, brunette preferred, but a blonde would do?

(Editor's note: Could be she's found him in D. K. . . . How about it, Queeny?) Bil Gilbert's ideal girl was one having the looks of Hedy LaMaar plus two pounds of coffee . . . And Martha De Lano's ideal boy was just plain "tall"? . . .

Those were the "daze"!

Choir Enjoys Dinner

45 members of State Choir, accompanied by Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, its director, and Dr. and Mrs. Roy C. Bryan, enjoyed dinner at the Pioneer Tea Room and later attended the performance of "Carmen" at Central High School last Thursday evening.

Tracksters Split First Two Meets

The State sprintsters opened their track season on April 17, only to meet defeat at the hands of a strong Allegan aggregation, 53 1-3 to 50 2-3. But the fighting speedsters landed in the win column the following Thursday by defeating their conference rivals, the Three Rivers Wildcats, 78 to 26.

In the Allegan meet, Bill Ryan and Louis VanderLinde showed their stuff by taking the 100 yard dash and the 220 yard dash running one, two in both dashes and running on the winning relay team. John Dunn and Jim Carl also placed first in the 440 yard dash and the shot put respectively. State's 880 yard relay team, composed of Dunn, Auxter, VanderLinde, and Ryan won, with Ryan making a fine finish.

For Allegan, Stidel took first place in the broad jump and high jump. Flynn helped by taking both hurdles events and Webb took the 880 yard run. The "Cubs" showed their weakness in the high jump, pole vault, and the hurdles.

In the Three Rivers meet, State looked like an improved track team. Ryan and VanderLinde paced the 100 yard dash while the former and "Slug" Rafferty came in one and two respectively in the 220 yard dash. State slammed the 440 yard run with Dunn, Winther, and Auxter coming in one, two, and three respectively. Ralston and Mateer paced the half-mile run while Smith and Upjohn took the mile run. State High was strengthened with "Buddy" Dorgan tying for first place in the pole vault in making his first appearance of the season. In the field events, Carl took the shot put followed by Crane, while Winther, Ralston, and Dunn took one, two, and three in the broad jump. The 880 yard relay team took the Wildcats' quartet with Rafferty helping to strengthen the relay team.

ORCHIDS AND ONIONS

Orchids to Bob Kistler for his fine work on the mound this spring. Onions to Muskegon's mighty big Reds, who cancelled a game with State. (Maybe they want to preserve that 51-game win streak).

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

(Contributed by "Jim" of the Burdick)

Why doesn't State High have a pool team?

Netters Defeat B. C. In Season's Opener

State High's tennis squad opened its "45" season last Wednesday, April 18, by whipping Battle Creek Lakeview 5 to 0. The Cub netters were led to victory by three "frosh" stars, Dick Cain, number one man, Ken Green, and Pete Statler.

Coach Frank Householder's boys are not as strong as last year's squad, because of the loss of Harold Upjohn, Bob Espie, and Allen Hilliard. The returning lettermen from previous years include Dick "Ike" Barnes, Hank Berry, and Jim Stephenson. These are veterans from many decisive battles and they will strengthen the squad.

The team looked very good against Lakeview, and they may pull through with a winning season.

Summaries:

SINGLES

Cain defeated Rimmel, 6-0, 6-1; Barnes defeated Yeakey, 6-1, 6-4, and Green defeated Sommen, 6-0, 6-0.

DOUBLES

Cain and Stephenson defeated Buell and Strickner, 6-0, 6-1, and Green and Statler defeated Lewis and Sommen, 6-1, 6-3.

Sportlight

This week the spotlight is turned to one of the distinguished seniors, Bob Kistler. Entering State High in the fall of '41 as a frosh, he went out for baseball as a pitcher and made the squad, although he never saw any action that season.

In the spring of 1943 he again went out for the baseball team. This time he got in some of the ball games sharing the pitching burdens with Hank Griffioen. He pitched only one game as a Soph, this being against the Plainwell nine.

Last year Bob again played varsity ball, and proved to be the backbone of the Cub's pitching staff.

Now with the 1945 baseball season newly underway, Bob is looking forward to a great year. He started it off very well on Friday the 13th when he pitched the State High batmen to a 5 to 1 victory over a strong Allegan nine.

Bob played baseball at Parchment last summer and this helped him a great deal.

Bob is also busy outside of his baseball work because he is a junior Rotarian and president of the senior class as well as a member of the famous Harrie club.

Baseball Team Struts Stuff

The strong State High baseball aggregation opened the season by chalking up two impressive victories. On "Friday the 13th" the Cubs played the strong Allegan Tigers and when the smoke of battle lifted, State was on the long end of a 5-1 score. The outstanding performer for State was pitcher Bob Kistler, who scattered 4 hits and struck out 13 Allegan batsmen. The fine backstopping of Gordie White, the hitting of Jim Powell, and fielding of Bob Burns and Dave Ritsema, were also outstanding factors in the win. Pitcher Ray Flynn looked best for Allegan, getting two safeties and allowing the Cubs only 6 hits, but poor support proved to be his downfall. State and Allegan will have a return game May 30 at Allegan.

Last Friday the Cub diamond dust-ers journeyed to Paw Paw, where they handed the Redskins a 17-3 shellacking. Throughout the game it was evident that Paw Paw just wasn't in the same class as "our boys," but the game proved to be a big help in preparing for future games, as Coach Bob Quiring got a chance to look over most of his substitutes. State grabbed a two-run advantage in the first inning and increased it as the game progressed. "Slug" Rafferty and Jim Ralston starred at bat for the Cubs while the fine defensive work of the whole infield stood out.

The Cubs are working to equal or better their record of last year — eight wins in nine starts—and with this brace of triumphs under their belts seem well on the way toward achieving that goal. Tough games ahead for the Cubs include Dowagiac, South Haven and Jackson.

Memos by Moe

You have probably heard the term "fencebuster" used a great deal in reference to baseball, but have you ever heard the term used on describing a trackster? If you haven't, just ask the esteemed Dave Auxter. "Orky" was running in the hurdle event at Allegan when suddenly he didn't jump quite enough and wham he bounced off the hurdle into what he called an "awfully hard fence."

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The freshman really have "it" at tennis, for three of the first five players are back. They are Rich Cain, number one, Ken Green, number three, and Pete Statler, number five. These frosh have worked hard, and aiming at another State Title this spring.

Hope Has Highest Ha Ha Hero Honors

The polls being conducted by the Highlights are really succeeding in finding out the unique tastes of some members of the student body. An overwhelming amount of talent seems to be present right herein ye' olde' State High School according to returns on the most recent, the comedy poll.

Jack Moss and Rich Losso both were named as favorite comedians, besides "Orky" Auxter who is well known throughout this institution for his imitations of James "Umbriago" Durante.

Frances Spitters, Jinx McCane, and Judy Ogden are the favorite comediennes of certain inhabitants of this school while "Joanne and Judy Ogden", "Moss and Louis", and "Derhammer and Losso" have been selected by others as their favorite laugh-provoking pair.

Then there was the lovely individual with the gruesome sense of humor who voted Raymond of Inner Sanctum Mysteries his favorite comedian.

Well, enough of hawing and ha-ha-ing, its time we got to the "ham" and "eggs". Bob Hope was voted the best comedian by quite a majority, although there is one damsel who is still trying to figure out why a certain man whose initials are J. C. didn't walk off with this honor.

The title of "Miss Favorite Comedienne" of State High Students has been bestowed upon Joan Davis, while the comedy team rating top most was Abbott and Costello.

The following in order of their popularity are the gagsters who were voted highest:

COMEDIANS

1. Bob Hope
2. Jack Carson
3. Danny Kaye
4. Jimmy Durante
5. Jack Benny

COMEDIENNES

1. Joan Davis
2. Gracie Allen; Fannie Brice
3. Judy Conova
4. Gracie Fields
5. Cass Daley; Billy Burke

TEAMS

1. Abbott and Costello
2. Burns and Allen
3. Fibber McGee and Molly
4. Gary Moore and Jimmy Durante
5. Marx Bros.

Ed. note: It has been suggested by some observing individuals that more care be taken in passing out ballots in future polls. It seems that a few industrious students have been stuffing the ballot box-so to speak.

Ear Beaters

By PHYL CADY

"Rings on her fingers, rings on her toe-ses, Holy Moses!" That's the latest theme song. Like it? Three junior gals, that we know of, do! Congratulations Walleo, Red and Stella on acquiring such bee-u-ti-ful hunks of jewelry.

Chasin around between "K" college and Battle Creek is the latest spring sport-and fun! Just ask Hank, Wilbur or Ike. These fellas seem to be enjoying it muchly-and we see their point!

With the election just over we've noticed the cliques (correct pronunciation, "cleeks") staging battle royals as to whom was the best and most able candidate for election. But every one sounded like a winner-and that's sumpin!

Groan of the week: The guys who take their dates home early so they can be puctual for the Harrie meeting! That's purty hard to take sometimes-but a date is a date?

A boo-kay to Cox who has a strong constitution when it comes to being influenced by his brother Harries.

HOW'S ABOUT—

—some specs for a certain gal who is being carried away by a senior's big line—and hook?

—some co-operation from the keeds on editing the Lowlights?

Just put your name, height and phone number in the Highlights Box-please!

—those rugged men from the Training School? Sandy Dunbar is tops and we think Mary will agree.

—some more dances at the Armory like the canteen benefit a week ago—more fun!

LAST MINUTE DISA AND DATA:

"Scoug" is recovering from the mumps. No remarks!

AL. CL. had a wonderful time at Culver last week-end. Hear say that date was a humdinger!

Happy Birthday

- April 27—Marilee Fonner
- April 28—Rosemary Hagan
- April 28—Frances Hamel
- April 29—Pete Statler
- April 30—Norris Sutton
- May 1—Jim Pattison
- May 1—Tom Hickmott
- May 3—Joanne Schrier
- May 5—Bette Williams
- May 7—Dick Klepper
- May 9—Jinx McCane
- May 10—Paula Richmond
- May 10—Judy Scharer
- May 11—Arlene Carlson
- May 14—Walter Storey
- May 15—Mary Roberts
- May 17—Marjorie Steen
- May 17—Barbara Aach
- May 17—Shirley Klop

Hamster's Habits Storey's Hobby

Now we bring you the answer to the question being asked by all those who have heard of the hobby of one State High Sophomore, Walt Storey. His rare hobby is the raising of hamsters. (There goes that question again "Gee, what is a hamster?")

For the benefit of those individuals who are pondering this mystery, the following facts are printed, which will prove to be highly interesting as well as educational.

A hamster, in appearance is much like a gopher. Its soft-as-silk pelt is reddish brown in color with gold tips on the ends of the hairs and gray fur next to the skin. These little animals weigh on an average of 110 grams, and have tails one-half inches long. They have only three teeth, sharp as needles, and three-eighths of an inch long. There are two on the top with the lower one fitting between them.

The hamster originated in Syria, Africa, and Asia, and some varieties are the size of a large cat. Their wild habit is to dig a hole like a gopher, eight feet under the ground with about five passages each holding a peck of grain which, together with grasshoppers, other insects, and small snakes, makes up their native diet. Those in captivity, however, are fed cabbage, laboratory feed, composed of various grains, and almost anything but meat which they refuse to eat unless you consider the occassional nip they take out of their owners fingers a part of their diet.

Unless tamed at an early age, it can be one of the most vicious animals for its size and when two hamsters fight it is a fight to the finish unless they are seperated by their owners.

Cleanliness is a favorable characteristic of the little creatures which after being handled by a person give themselves a complete bath. They are now being used in laboratories for virus work, and are priced from \$.75 to \$2.00.

They sleep during most of the day and aren't active until after 9:00 P.M. It seems that quite a few students resemble hamsters in this respect.

'Wolf's Wiggle' Welcome

The dance to be held on April 27, this Friday, by Homeroom 209 should really be one to enjoy. It has been tagged the "Wolf's Wiggle" and will cost the usual 25 cents. The committee in charge, consisting of Hildur Sangren, Joan Rood, David Peterson, and John Foster, have obtained Eddie Cornhill's orchestra to furnish the music which will be enjoyed from 8:30 to 11:30. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Householder, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quiring, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dolan will be the chaperones for the event.