State Highlights 2/19/1947

Western State High School
Seniors Sponsor Informal Dance

Yep! The seniors are at it again. This time the senior homeroom, 211A, is sponsoring the dance "School Daze" Friday, February 28, in the Women's Gym from 9-12. Under the general direction of Jinx McCane, Larry Okum and Jack Herr, the dance is expected to bring net result$. (some pun). Other committees and heads are Chaperones, A. M. Weber; Publicity, Lester Shelley; Decorations, Mary Ellen Ward; and Tickets, "Andy" Anderson, "Steve" Stevens, Bruce Kitchen, and those on the general committee.

Monday the committee met with Central's student council, and members of the latter are to sell tickets in their respective homerooms. There will be guest slips signed by State High Students stapled to the tickets, and as the Centralites come in, teachers at the door will sign their slips.

The committee plans to wax the floor Friday after school and will return to scrub Saturday morning.

For refreshments there will be the usual cokes and doughnuts. Cokes will be ten cents with no refund. And, oh yes, for music there will be Rex Smith and his ten piece orchestra. Featured are Bob Glenn singing "Open The Door Richard," Laffy singing "At The Fat Man's," Bob Simons singing "Let's Have A Party," Don Dillon playing "Man and His Drums," and many others by request.

So kids will see you a week from Friday night when Central gets together with State High at "School Daze."

Final Debates Here

On Thursday, February 13, the district final debates were held at State High, with debate opponents and sides determined by lot.

In the first round State High won from Galesburg, Battle Creek Central, from Albion, and Hudsonville, from Muskegon Heights. Battle Creek drew a bye for the second round while State High lost to Hudsonville. In the last round Hudsonville lost to Battle Creek, leaving Battle Creek the district champions and now eligible for the quarter final debates.

The panel of judges was Mr. Bernard Knittel, M. S. C.; Mr. Thurman Harris, Lansing Eastern; Dr. Floyd Moore, W. M. C. of E.; and Dr. Gifford Blyton, W. M. C. of E.

In both rounds State High drew affirmative, thus having Marguerite Klein and Herb Smith as representatives.

This marks the end of State High's debating season.

New College Librarian To Organize S. H. Library

Rumors which have been flying madly through ye olde, hallowed halls have at last been realized. Yes, we of State High are actually going to have a library of our own, and Mrs. Gertrude O'Connor is on the campus now, getting acquainted with everyone and preparing to take over as soon as the library is completed.

Mrs. O'Connor comes to Michigan from Illinois where she received her B. S. and L.S. degree from the University of Illinois and was librarian at the Champagne Jr. High School. She holds a B.A. degree from Northwestern University.

Accustomed to the broad, flat plains of the mid-west, Mrs. O'Connor claims that Michigan's hilly country sides seem wonderful—proof enough that she likes the campus.

Mrs. O'Connor is eager to make State High library a good one and says, "I will be very glad to receive any suggestions from the students and faculty alike concerning the establishment and managing of the State High library."

Scholastic Laurels Seized by Seniors

The grand total of superior scholastics who made the Honor Roll this time came to three score and five in case you've never read the Gettysburg Address, that's sixty-five.) The females seem to have the higher mentality rates as they have a thirty-nine to twenty-six supremacy over the males. Another item of fancy is that the high and mighty Seniors led the race of minds with twenty-one; second in place were the Freshmen with fifteen; the Juniors and Sophomores came in with at least two A's and fourteen respectively.

The monitor and Highlights home rooms, (210 and 206) ran neck and neck with 48 per cent among the intellectuals.

The students who made the first honor roll are as follows:

Barbara Frederick, Marilyn Kumpel, Jim Osborne, Beth Moore, Marion Coon, Elizabeth Brenner, Francis Frey, Lorraine Hope, Betty Davis, Phyllis Heldanus, Ann Hoebek, Thomas Murray, John Gary, Jacqueline Slaughter, Alice Teugh.

The second honor roll includes twenty-eight with at least two A's and the remainder B's.


Those having all B's or one A, and came upon the third honor roll number nineteen.


Election Results Told

The election results of the Inter-School Council are as follows:

President—Dick Dam, Central
Vice President—Louis Vander Linde, State High
Secretary—Martha Schuhardt, State High

Hildur Sangren is head of the committee for publicity of the council in State High and Mel Reed for Central.

Louis Vander Linde and Dick Gerster are in charge of recreation for State High and Central respectively. 

Attend the Overall Dance After the Buchanan Game

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Bermuda Welcomes Sarah McRoberts

Miss Sarah McRoberts, the girls physical education instructor, recently took a two week trip to that little island of Bermuda. Leaving Kalamazoo on Jan. 24, their flying time from New York to Bermuda was only three hours and two minutes. Miss McRoberts remarked that Bermuda was a remarkable hilly island. Everyone rides bicycles, and that is how Miss McRoberts usually traveled. Since last May, however, the small English type automobile has been introduced to the island.

The first week of her stay the weather was lovely, but it rained the second week while one day they had a 72 m.p.h. gale. The most interesting place she visited was the old town of St. Georges settled in 1604 and the church of St. Peter. Bermuda also has the smallest drawbridge in the world and Miss McRoberts enjoyed seeing this. Swimming, watching tennis matches, visiting coral caves and in general having a all-round good time composed the rest of her stay.

Happy Birthday

February 12—Lorraine Smith
February 13—Millie Schauten
February 13—Skip Sterner
February 14—Nella Swett
February 15—Jack Rowe
February 16—Dick Seely
February 18—Lorraine Frye
February 19—Louella La Roy
February 20—Tom Rosebaum
February 21—Margaret Storey
February 22—Joan Winkelman
March 1—Marilyn Morris
March 1—Joan Mulder
March 2—Dave Oakland
March 3—Mary Ann Tinkham
March 3—Jack Herr

Date Set for Formal

April 8 has been set as the big date for the annual spring formal which is to be held in the high school hall from 9:00 to 12:00 with Bobbie Davidson's orchestra.

Get busy all you fellas and start thinking about asking that certain gal. Let's really have a big turnout for what looks like a really swell dance!
STATE HIGHLIGHTS

BEARS HOLD JINX ON CUBS

Bears Win Thriller

The Big Seven Conference was a jumbled up affair this year, but with last week's games the league is pretty well decided. As in years gone by, it was the St. Joe Bears repeated as champions, but this year had to settle for a tie for the league leadership. Three teams held the lead in the Big Seven at various times during the season.

First the Dowagiac Chiefs were in the lead as they defeated the Bears from St. Joe and ran up three conference victories. At the same time our Cubs were coming along and found themselves right along with Dowagiac with two wins and no losses. The Cubs defeated their rivals on the home floor in the next game and jumped to the top in the league race. After winning over Three Rivers, the Cubs came home to defend their leadership with St. Joe. But the Bears were hot and were victorious. At this point the boys from St. Joe took the lead, but it was far from over, the Niles Vikings were coming up fast and defeated our Cubs to jump within a half game of the Bears. Then Niles acquired the help of John Wegner, an ex-G.I. who was at Great Lakes and had a chance to play with that same outfit, but declined in favor of returning to school. He was the big threat from then on.

Wegner, and the Vikings defeated the Bears and threw the race into a two-way tie between our Cubs and Coach Harry Lee's St. Joseph five. Both teams had losses and everything hinged on this recent encounter on the former's home floor. The Bears continued their jinx on the State High boys as they came from behind to win 33-28.

But with only one league game remaining, the Bears should win and take the lead but not the title. At the same time Niles a half game behind, has an extra game to play and should win both to throw the race in a tie and move our Cubs up to second place. That is the way the league stacks up and we look for the race to end this way.

Big Seven Standings:

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Cubs Edge Three Rivers

Big Gene West's two free throws gave Western State High a 34-33 defeat over Three Rivers High school Tuesday night at Western's Gymnasium. It was the Cubs eighth win in ten starts. This win kept State in the thick of the Big Seven Conference race as the Cubs remained dead-locked with St. Joseph for the league leadership.

Tommy Woodworth and John Smith paced the Kalamazooan's to victory by gathering ten points apiece. Carl Timm, was high for Three Rivers with ten points also.

The Blue and Gold jumped into a quick 4-0 lead as Hagan and Woodworth each hit the hoop, but Hagenbush, Wildcat Speedster, scored, and Weldman then put in a free tally and the quarter ended 4-3.

Midway in the second quarter State High went out in front 12-5, after a pair of field goals by Woodworth, a basket by Smith, and two free by Jimmie Orwin. However, the lead dwindled to a 16-15 margin at halftime.

As the third quarter opened Dave McKee, lanky forward, scored a dog-shot and Three Rivers took the lead. But John Smith, staging a one man attack, scored five straight points to put the Cubs in front 27-21. The Wildcats put in five points, and the third quarter ended 26-26.

The last quarter was a bitter struggle for both teams but it looked as if the Three Rivers' team was the victor for with 25 seconds to play the score was 33-32. It made no difference to Coach Steven's fighting Cubs, for with 15 seconds left Schaunaman drove the ball to the three point area and defeated the Bears out in front. Cain found the open Jimmie Orwin, and Woodworth scoring on a tip in and move the score to a close 27-26.

Owens followed up with on other foul shot to set the score at 39-33. But with only one minute left on the clock the Bears again took over first place. Cain found the open Jimmy Orwin, and Woodworth scoring on a tip in and move the score to a close 27-26. At the end of the quarter the score was 33-29.

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Meet the Staff

Someone once made the statement "To be a newspaper writer, you don't have to be nuts, but it helps a lot." Or if he didn't say it, he should have. On this assumption, I'd like to have you meet the following candidates for the Kalamazoo State Hospital.

First and foremost, Mrs. Deur, formal custodian and keeper of our asylum, can be found walking serenely around the unfortunate inmates scurrying to the four corners (never mind which corner) in vain search of lost gloves, forgotten clodhoppers, and piles of papers.

Head goon among our insane slaves of utter desolation (concerning low mentality) is that gibbering, wild eyed editor, Donna Kowalski, running madly through the halls, trying to beat a deadline.

Natural Environment

Pick up that wastebasket out there and undoubtedly Bruce (chief cleaning and moving woman) Kitchen and his sidekick, Ann Hoebke, will emerge from the rubbish, completely dusted, with mop wigs. (He dusts while she throws the furniture around.)

All is peace. The young Napoleons are resting as the soft sweet strains of "Holiday For Strings" sweep gently through the air from the delicate fingers of our mad scientist, Griffith. The mad scientists have been trying to explain the phenomena in vain. It just comes naturally!

Missing Link Found

Carl Cooper will be glad to demonstrate to any non-believer his possibilities as the monkey-perched on a table with his head between his knees. Julie Cartland was convinced beyond a shadow of a doubt. Pauline Karling's suggestions caused Carl look into a mirror and then just turn the mirror around (naturally the reflection will turn too.) Don Sherman spent hours convincing Julie of this too. She is now one of our worst cases. We ordered special straight jackets for all of them.

Come, if you dare, and see a few of our vast collection of homicidal maniac's (always getting stories killed.) If you notice three of our members missing you must realize that the most dangerous cases must be confided to strict quarters. Maniac (they hate to be called crazy) Mary Jane McCarthy imagines she is an inventor and spends her time inventing new words (she'd make a good inquiring reporter!)

Visiting hours are over now so I'll close the creaking gate, replace the bars, and invite you to visit these intelligently insane ones again in the next issue when I shall open more deep dark wards and introduce more inhabitants.

Pertinilities

"Round the world or bust," could be the motto of one of our illustrious seniors, for Beth Moore appears to have caught that wanderlust bug. Beth has meandered into at least thirty-five of the states, and from this group California beckons most brightly. It seems Beth would actually desert this Michigan weather to reside in sunny California, (might be a good idea!) This girl has even wandered south of the border, old Mexico, and up to Canada. Quite an itinerary, isn't it?

Well, let's come back to Beth's opinions concerning State High. She particularly praises our monitor system. It is felt that Beth is a wee bit prejudiced for the truth was finally revealed. Beth is secretary of the monitor homeroom.

Upon closer questioning, we learned that Beth came to State High from Millwood, and her hobbies are all types of sports and traveling. From that first account it is gathered that traveling is more of a fulltime occupation than a mere hobby.

After graduating from State High, Beth plans to attend the University of College for two years and then finish college away. Following college graduation Beth could be found visiting anywhere on this wide, wide globe.

He Travels in Style

Did you know that hitchhiking is the best way to get around? At least that is the opinion of Martin Friedman, the male half of the column this week. Martin actually claims hitchhiking is his hobby and performs this feat every weekend. He travels in style, Chicago where he has violin lessons.

In case some of you are still a little ignorant, Martin's main interest naturally lies within his violin. After graduating from State High, he plans to attend Sherwood Music School, and on this coming March 9 is going to solo with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra. Exercise your cerebrum a minute, students, and ponder back to the masters from which Martin is planning operas, Mendelssohn's Concerto for this occasion. He also has some definite views on music, and says that he has no favorite pieces for all music is relative, and it is therefore impossible to choose.

Martin also is quite an itinerant for he has traveled to Italy, Hungary, Yugoslavia, and (oh, oh, here comes that word again) has hitched south in the old U.S.A.

Besides his music Martin dabbles artistically for he enjoys drawing and his latest composition is entitled "Earth and Space."

Ah- have you even eaten palackinaks? They are something like pancakes only 100 per cent different. This is one of Martin's favorite dishes, including apple strudel with which he whets his appetite at a Hungarian restaurant.

Let's see. That's about all, Oh, yes, Martin's last remark was that he wished spring would come.

No doubt in any weather Martin can be found with his violin on each week-end thumbing it out on U.S. 12.