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Bigelow Edges Derhammer in Election

Kowalski Vice President; Kolleward New Secretary

In a very close election, with one re-vote for the first two offices and two for secretary, John Bigelow, Donna Kowalski, and Ardith Kalleward were chosen as the Student Council Officers for next year in the final balloting staged this Thursday morning.

In the second voting John Bigelow edged out John Derhammer for the presidency, while Donna Kowalski won over John Post for the vice-presidency. In the second re-vote for secretary Ardith Kalleward took honors from Hildur Sangren.

The president-elect has been active as president of his class in his freshman year, a member of the Student Council for two years, a monitor, and has served on the Social Committee and the Inter-School Council. In his campaign speech he stated that he is willing to work to serve the student body and wants to further inter-school relations.

Donna, the new vice-president, as president of her homeroom in her sophomore year was active on the Student Council. She has been a member of the Masquers Club, and the past year Editor-in-chief of the Highlights. She is hopeful that in the future the students will take a more active part in the council.

Acting as sophomore class secretary, a monitor, and prom committee chairman has given Ardith a taste of responsibility. She is in favor of preserving the customs of State High, and hopes that a larger variety of dances and school parties may be held in the future.

Herb Smith, Betty Carver, and Bob Bills acted as campaign managers for the new president, vice-president, and secretary.

Banquet Plans Made For May 27 At Y.M.C.A.

To honor those who have participated in any sport or in band, the annual "All-Sports Banquet" will be held at the Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday, May 27, at 6:30 P.M.

The athletes will receive their letters as a climax to this event, although the musicians will have to wait until Honor's Assembly for their awards.

The Y.M.C.A. will be able to accommodate two hundred people at the dinner. Since there will not be that many honored guests, one dollar tickets for the general public will be sold to the first-comers on or about May 20.

Calendar

May 17—Track Shoe Trot
May 21—Regular Track Meet
May 27—All Sports Banquet
May 29—"S" Club Formal
May 30—No School
**Bill Cox in Sapor**

A former member of State High, Bill Cox, has written home about some of his interesting experiences at a Jump School in Sapor. He told how he learned to parachute jump and about some of the training he received while at the school.

"The jump itself is just like falling out of a door; it's so simple. But it isn't that. It's the effect it has on you. You're up there in the plane and the bell rings—time to stand and hook up, and your heart feels like it's going to burst through your chest.

You go through the door so fast you don't even see it. Then you are on your own! Actually you are falling, but you're not conscious of it. You don't have time to close your eyes, and you don't have time to see anything else. All there is left with which to remember the two most thrilling seconds is a flash picture of the ground or clouds.

Bill's address is:


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mong those who will be at Monticello College in Alton, Illinois this next year are Gerrie and Marguerite Klein. Jerome Winkleman plans to be on hand at Winkleman's in Saginaw this summer.

The illustrious and honored Student Council Secretary, Carol Morris, as if you didn't know, shows off to Oberlin, Ohio next fall; this summer she will work in one of the City's stores where no doubt any eager student can learn some helpful hints from the successful secretary.

James M. Osborn's casting his lot with U. of M. where great things are expected of him. P.S. He'll work his summer, too.

Again "K" will be the scene of two more of State High grads' endeavors, those of Mary Jo Rix and Jane Solomon. Mary Jo will no doubt elect Chemistry as her major (Do I hear any protests from that corner M.J.)? Lois Solomon's plans include college at either Western or Wheaton after which she's thinking of going to a Bible Institute. This summer she'll matriculate as a clerical freshman.

Walt Storey is less definite in that his college plans aren't clear, but he'd like to work and travel, become a research chemist, get as far away from Kazoo as possible, and go through the Rocky Mts. all in that order.

Ann Weber thinks she'd like to see what college life at W.M.C. is like, and told the First National Bank in its business this summer.

While this list of seniors and their plans is far from complete due to lack of space, there will be the next edition more Senior Success Stories which will, we hope, aid some of these underclassmen in keeping track of the '47 class in the future.

"Bye now."

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**Are Your Shutters Slipping?**

Why do we have extra curricular activities? Are there any valid reasons for them?

Perhaps the best way to answer these questions is to turn our thoughts back to the Band and Orchestra assembly presented about two or three weeks ago. Do you remember that at that time Mr. Elmer Belof, the director of both organizations, asked for more cooperation from the students of State High in participating in instrumental circles here at school? And do you remember the metaphor he gave about the house with the windows? He compared the student who hides all his energy and talents to a house with shuttered windows. I think that that little play on words expresses the whole idea of extra-curricular activities and why we have them.

I'm not writing this just to give the band and orchestra a boost. I'm writing on behalf of every organization at State High or any other school—or any church, or any outside club or society for that matter. Yes, it's easy to laugh at the band because its trumpet player doesn't quite measure up to Harry James, or joke about the play because it was so much better the time you saw it in Chicago, or to ridicule the slightly off-key soloist at some assembly. But did you ever stop to think — "At least they tried."

Just going to school and studying isn't bringing out You at all. Your best way to answer these questions is to turn out our institutional circles here at school.

Betty Carver plans to go to Western. But there's a catch. It's in Ohio. This summer she plans to get rid of her brace, you know—the one that makes her look like an angel.

Mary Jo Cooper's plans include the local Western. It seems to have a busy summer ahead, too. Lake Michigan, learning to swim, working at the Public Library, and the intention of studying hard. ED. NOTE (You bet!)

Western and the U. of M. are the institutions of higher learning that will have the patronage of Carl R. Cooper. Junior—three guesses as to where he'll work. Yup-Ye Olde Campus Store. He stated on his questionnaire that his major ambition is to be a garbage collector at the south side of town. Good luck, old boy.
Cub Netters Take Conference Title

Trackmen Take Third in Conference Meet

On May 6, the State High trackmen took second place in a triangular meet between, St. Joseph, State High, and Dowagiac. The meet was held at the Comprehensive High School and decided by penalties. The score was 31-19 in favor of the Cubs, with Bill Glennon showing his strength, missing the second position and Bill Glennon third. In the quarter mile, the quarter mile race Bill Allen took second and the fighting Creek, Christ Nezamis, took fourth. Derhammer didn't run in the 880, but Mclardy gathered in first place and Simmons grabbed fourth place. Again in the mile, State High showed its strength, missing the usual first second and third places but capturing first, second, and fourth by placing Smith and Hollowell in their usual first and second positions. Roberts failed to take his third, being nosed out by some dark horse leaving him to finish fourth. In the high hurdles, Dorgan took third, and Avery got a flier. In the low hurdles, in the low medley relay made up of a quarter mile, two 220's and a half mile, State High took first place, running McKinney as the 440 man, Holman and Bills as the two 220 men, and 'Bulletman' Derhammer, as the half miler.

The half mile relay team lost to a previously beaten team, St. Joseph, and took second place, finishing the 880 yard dash. The Cubs remained the only unbeaten team in the field events. The Cubs didn't place in the hurdles. The Cubs didn't place in the hurdles. The Cubs didn't place in the hurdles. The Cub's anchor again pitched a shout out allowing only two hits, infield singles by Jack Ward. Miller again struck out three men and walked none. Getting eight hits the Hilltoppers took advantage of a three run hitter in the fourth inning to beat the St. Joe aggregation by the score of 3-0. This win gave the State High team undisputed possession of first place in the Big Seven race.

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Birthdays

May 17—Shirley Klopf
May 18—Marjorie Steen
May 20—Mary Lou Woodworth
May 23—Ingrid Van Stratton
May 24—Phil Avery
May 25—Scheletha Schumardt
May 25—Bob Dunham
May 26—Elizabeth Brenner
May 28—Ann Eldridge
May 29—John Jennings

Sports Schedule

June 7—State
May 6—Dowagiac (there)
May 9—Conference at St. Joseph
May 13—Niles (there)
May 23—Open
May 24—Regional
June 7—State

State High tennis team lived up to its name last Friday in the Big 7 conference tournament as they piled up a total of 29 points, 20 points ahead of the closest rival, St. Joe. The Cubs were materially helped by as they took every point it was possible for them to take. Jimmy Orwin poured it on hard as he went through the singles in 8 sets, winning from Tom Belts, of Dowagiac, second round 6-3, 6-3, and team-mate Bob Dunbar in the semi-annual Finals 6-3, 6-4. In the finals, Orwin dropped his rival, Dick Cain, 6-3, 8-6. Orwin copped top honors as he piled up a total of 11 points. In the doubles, little Ken Green and partner, Jimmy Pore, gained 9 points for the team as they defeated the Emmens brothers from Dowagiac in the first round and a St. Joe team in the finals.

The Cubs have a date with Niles on Tuesday and then prepare for the Regionals here on May 24. The Cubs expect to go into Class A competition, but it is not sure how coach Wilbur (Bugs) Steinke will enter his team. It is thought that the State Class B doubles Champions, Dick Cain and Jimmy Orwin, again compete in the doubles and that Bob Dunbar, Ken Green, and Jim Pore will play singles. Which ever way the Cubs play, it is possible that they will be a contender for the State Title.
Senior Class Crying
All Are Good Bye-ing

The time is 8 O'clock, September 19, 1947. The place is Ye Olde State High Halls. But something is wrong. The usually crowded, bustling corridors on the underclassmen. You see, the school has missed much since the graduation of that gay, carefree group. No more is there a Bills model "T" to make insults about, nor is there a mellow model that was contributed from the talent-ed group. No more is there a Bills to put them rolling in the aisles. How can you understand the mad impulse that to receive higher learning - (Bwaang)

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STATE HIGHLIGHTS

Sophomore Class Poll

Smoothest—Jim Orwin — Tommy Woodworth
Obliging—Shirley Hill—Pat Mitchell
Prettiest—Emily Schrier—Molly Boylan—Barbara Klop
Heppiest—Skip Bills—Sue Ralston
Optomistic—Pat Mitchell—Betsy Davis
Moodyest—Carolyn McLaughlin—John Tuberty
Original—Dawn Birch
Responsible—Ann Hobeke—Tom Murray
Enchanting—Nancy Upjohn—Barbara Klop
Careless—Janet Whaley
Likable—Bob Wood
Absent-minded—Molly Boylan—Bob VanBeck
Sophisticated—Marilyn Henning
Sharpest—Skip Bills

The Roamin' Nose

From out of the scrambled mess of seemingly unrelated items we draw forth three; A College Boy, mud, and a cornfield. Tie them up in a neat bundle, top it off with a ring, present it to Nancy Kurtz, and all unrelated items fall into place.

Eugene Toornman is one of those boys who believes in doing things right. It's nice of you, Eugene, to ask Carol to the formal, but it's also permissible to speak to her in between times.

What other boys of What class have been trying to get a blind date for What faculty member? Informative isn't it?

Sally Bradfield and Joan Winkleman spent a lovely weekend at Culver. Shall I ask the obvious? What Sophomore did Don Brown take out recently? If you don't say Peggy Cooley you're wrong.

What six beautiful models was Don Sherman busily writing letters to last week? Isn't that polygamy or something?

Amid the dim ringing of the golden bells and the odor of orange blossoms we take this chance to announce Lester Shelly's engagement to Centralite, Pat Jones.

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Ah, yes such, happy, bygone days.
Now you probably don't see much sense in this little fable. But before these two left, they made statements for posterity. The Highlights (another old radical organization) printed them.

"Prof."—It's a wonderful place, but I'm glad to graduate.
"Barb."—It's better than most schools I've attended.
Don't you see the moral? All you Kiddies were born a thousand years too late.

Present Revelation
For Past Imperfect

These last few hectic weeks of school, everyone pays constant hommage and tribute for The Highlights. One might suppose that this high minded, high idealized group never started out at the bottom. Contrary to popular belief, each and every one of these mighty upper classmen was once a green Freshie and later a half baked Soph. Investigation under the heading "Three and Four Years Ago in the Highlights," reveals the true beginning of the senior class in State High.

ANCIENT THEMESongs

These songs were a rage and each one must have meant something then. Bob Stelle's favorite sing song was "My Sister and I" and Mary Jane McCarthy hummed,"The Irish Waterwoman." Herb Smith was young and innocent with, "Don't Sweetheart Me" (I think he probably liked the second line of the song rather than the first). Osborn also went for the second line in, "No Love No Nothing," and Gene West went all out for conceit with, "Genie With The Light Brown Hair"

Bob Dunham excelled on the Bulletin Board Committee and the combined talents of Bob Stelle, Lester Selle, and Charlotte Kandler made up various Dance Committees. Charlotte Kandler formed a habit of it and hasn't recovered from it since.

The Roamin' Nose

Once upon a time in the faraway land of State High lived a girl and a boy. These two were amazingly the same height, same coloring, etc. Now in these times things were different. "Prof." Osborn, the male in our little fable, called "prof" because of his poor marks) had a secret ambition. Yes, besides playing "Blue" on the flute and summering in California and collecting stamps and belonging to Monitors (some radical organization in operation back then) and constantly downing milkshakes (a drink for one reducing) Jim alias "Prof." had an ambition.

Enough!! Auntie has been telling too much of the man. The little woman, Barbie Jordan, was a wee bit taller than "Prof." In those ancient years there were humans known as teachers. Barbara aspired to be a Kindergarten teacher and even planned to go to college, the one they are excavating now. It went by the Latin name, Western.

In those battered and bruised halls of State High, Barbie could have been found swapping tales on journeying east, or nibbling chicken dumplings or warbling "The Things We Did Last Summer," or even collecting interesting things (such as class rings).

AMBITIONS PERSONAL

Jerry Hagan thought, slept, and talked navy and Marilee Fonner had an ambition to be a blues singer. Bob Bills had a well rounded life including model, dirigible, stamps, and matchbooks. Where was the ford then Bob?

The reserve, reserve that is, football team was awakened in numbers by Bill Tuberty, Bob Stelle, Dick Van der Klok, Bill Alman and Jack Herr. Laffy Graybiel and Clare Poloms were managers of the varsity team and Gene West was on the team.

Poets of '42' were Carol Morris and Judy Ogden. Their fascinating rhymes numbering one apiece were published with bylines.

Bill Smith started out on a dramatic career in "Our Town" and Walt Storey was so impressed with "To Be Or Not To Be," that he built a miniature Shakespearean Theater which was displayed in the Highlights Office. It has taken up permanent residence on top of the book cabinet (in the English room).

Jim Bigelow, among others, became popular with Jean Parker and the freshmen girls tried in vain to find her secret.

Louie VanderLinde was President of the freshman class.

Bill Alman and Larry Okun rose to fame as President and Vice President of the Hunter's Club.