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Girls Plan Spring Athletics

The three o'clock girls gym class is staging a badminton tournament in which there will be both doubles and singles competition. Those of the 8:00 hour who have planned a schedule of tennis and softball this spring are still trying to find a day warm enough to go outside.

The G.A.A. tennis team has scheduled its first meet of the season which will be played on May 23 with Kalamazoo Central. Also in the Tennis limelight are Sue Ralston and Helen Fischer who are going to Detroit to take part in the Michigan State Girls Open Tennis Tournament held at Bloomfield Hills.

Social Committee Reports Plans For Future Dances

The next dance on the agenda of the social committee is scheduled for Saturday evening, May 17, in the Women's Gym from 8:30 to 11:30, following the Regional Track Meet held at Waldo Stadium during the day. In addition to dancing to the juke box, games will be offered to all those who pay the admission price of fifteen cents.

The "S" Club has secured Walwood Ballroom and Rex Smith's Orchestra for their annual formal planned for Thursday evening, May 28, from 9 o'clock to midnight. Although the affair is free to club members and their guests, admission for all couples will be $1.60.

Club Plays Percy Jones

Five State High "chessmen" matched wits with veterans of Percy Jones Hospital Tuesday evening, May 16. Participating were George Kirby, Frank Kirby, Carl Cooper, Jim Osborn, and Martin Friedman. The newly organized team, playing for the second time at the hospital, was outplayed eight to two in very close contests.

Mr. Sheldon S. Myers, faculty sponsor, entertained the veterans with his chess skills. The club's next opponents will be the chess enthusiasts of Battle Creek High School, whom they will meet in the next two weeks.

Wins Homeroom Contest

Under the leadership of President, Roger Bennett, and Vice-President, Tom Holdship, Homeroom 1A walked off with a first place to win the home-room contest Monday, May 11. By winning, Mrs. Britton's homeroom, consisting of thirty-nine freshmen, will be permitted to attend the annual Student Council picnic, Monday, May 26.

Calendar

May 17—Track Shoe Trot
May 21—Central Assembly
May 27—All Sports Banquet
May 29—"S" Club Formal
May 30—No School

April 30

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-president. 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 Freshman year was active on the Student Council. She has been a member of the Masquer 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 so many honored guests, one dollar tickets for the general public will be sold to the first-comers on or about May 20.
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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 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 psychological 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 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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Among those who will be at Monticello College in Alton, Illinois this next year are Gerrie and Marguerite Klein. James 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, shoves off to Oberlin, Ohio next fall; this summer she will work in one of the City's stores where no doubt any eager freshman 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 as well as 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.?

Los 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 said she'd aids 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.

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 Belofio, 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 band 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. Extra curricular activities should be thought of as the frosting on the cake—something to top everything else. Yes, there are good reasons for these activities. How about it kids—are your shutters slipping?

Super Superior Senior to Leave Fair Halls of Institution For Greener Fields

Future plans for seniors, always interesting--yes, that is right...seniors, and naturally the underclassmen. And what about these popular people? Well, in the following issues the gentle reader is to be enlightened as to the world-shaking events of this year's crop of grads.

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.

Marlan Cook's plans include the local Western campus to have a busy summer ahead, too. Lake Michigan, learning to swim, working at the Public Library, and the intention of studying shorthand, 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, Juniors. These 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.

Marcia Ann Foster's main goal in life is WMC; her future is to be taken up with "work, but not too much." Unquote. She also plans to become a member of the WPA, whether as in a secretarial capacity or the person who mixes cement wasn't stated.

WMC and Michigan State, two years at each institution respectively, are Bruce Kitchen's plans. Working, playing golf, and swimming (who said that before?) are to take up his summer-time as well as frequent trips to Martin, ED. NOTE (Why Martin?)

Barbara Jordan hopes to attend WMC, to travel, and to become a kindergarten teacher. Charlotte Kandler, or Charlie as she has been called once or twice without success, plans to see what WMC has to offer and then become a threat to the world of photography.

Kazoo College, more popularly referred to as "K" will be where Beth Moore intends to spend her college years; she also is going to Arizona for a short time this summer. We hope she doesn't get stuck by the cactus. A-
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taking second place in a triangular meet off Marshall’s pitcher while the Marshall nine collected seven hits off of Miller. Ressigue scored the only run for the Cub nine. Bob (Red) Wood had a perfect day at the plate, blasting out three hits out of three times at bat.

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In their important game with St. Joseph for the Big Seven League lead the Cub’s pitcher again pitched a shutout allowing only two hits, infield singles by Jack Ward. Miller again struck out seven and walked none. Getting eight hits the Hilltoppers took advantage of a three run rally 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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- May 17—Shirley Klop
- May 17—Marjorie Steen
- May 18—Mary Lou Woodward
- May 20—John Pionke Jr.
- May 22—Martha Schuhardt
- May 23—Bob Dunham
- May 25—Ingrid Van Stratton
- May 24—Phil Avery
- May 26—Cleora Fletcher
- May 28—Stephen Fast
- May 28—Elizabeth Brenner
- May 29—Ann Eldridge
- May 29—John Jennings

Sports Schedule

- June 7—State
- June 8—Dowagiac (there)
- June 9—Conference at St. Joseph
- June 13—Niles (there)
- June 20—Open
- June 24—Regional
- June 27—State

STATES HIGHLIGHTS

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 won by St. Mary's High by 13 points, 62-49. Slow times were turned in by both teams as a result of a muddy track. In the 100 yard dash Rannis of St. Joe edged out Van-nderLinde for first with a slow time of eleven seconds. (Slippery took third in the 220 yd. dash. Poloms, took second position and Bill Glennon third.) In the quarter mile race Bill Ailen took second and the fighting Creek. Christ Nezamis, took fourth. Derhammer didn't run in the 880, but McDurry gathered in first place and Simmanz captured fourth place. Again in the mile, State High showed its strength, missing the usual first and 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
tossed out by some dark horse leaving him to finish fourth. In the high hurdles Dorgan took third and Avery fourth. The same thing happened in the low hurdles. In the mile 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 miller. The half mile relay team lost to a previously beaten Dowagiac, and took second place, finishing way ahead of Dowagiac. In the field events the Cub eidermen placed White and Burn in first and fourth place in the shot put. John Smith, sophomore broad jumper, took the broad jump, but weakness was shown in the pole vault and the high jump where the hilltoppers didn't place.

Next meet for the thinclads was an all day affair in Wald Stadium between Niles, St. Joe, Dowagiac, Buckhan, South Haven, Three Rivers, and State High. (all the big seven schools). The Cubs trailed Niles and St. Joe to take third place in the meet. In the 100 yard dash Vander-
Linde took first and Jack Slippery took fourth. The 220 saw Bill Glennon eliminated by six inches in the preliminaries, leaving Poloms as the only State High man in the finals, taking third place. In the 440 Alman captured third place. John Derhammer was disqualified after running a fast 2:08.6 half mile, leaving him to finish third as the only Cub to place.

In the same mile Smith took first for the only individual first for the State High team. The Cubs didn't place in either hurdle events. The medley relay team, made up of Nezamis, Hol-
man, Bills, and Roberts, finished in

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| Two State High boys, James Osborn and Herb Smith, received top honors when they were awarded Michi-
gan Regents-Alumni Scholarships for 1947-48. Herb and Jim have been outstanding students and both have been members of the debate team. Herb has won letters in track, basketball, and football and is the editor of the Highland-
er. While Jim is a member of the Highland staff and has played in the orchestra and band. The winners were selected by their high scholarship marks, their leadership ability, and their desire to attend the university. Another State High student, Carol Morris, received a $225 scholarship to Oberlin College. |
Senior Class Crying
All Are Good Bye-ing

The time is 8 O’clock, September 19, 1947. The place is Ye Oide State High Halls. But something is wrong. The usually crowded, bustling corridors on the underclassmen. You see, free class, the school has missed much since the graduation of that gay, carefree class and Miss Dukette’s assignments. No more is there a Bills-Sue Schrier, as late as the period. How the class of ’47 seniors has vacated! The place is Ye Olde State High Halls. But something is wrong. The usually crowded, bustling corridors on the underclassmen. You see, since the graduation of that gay, carefree class, the school has missed much that was contributed from the talented group. No more is there a Bills model “T” to make insults about, nor is there a mellow Senior Assembly to put them rolling in the aisles. How they miss the early morning gym classes and Miss Dukette’s assignments. With an ache in their hearts they think of Mr. Sebaly and Miss Steketee, on the other side of the desk, the office slips, white, blue, and yellow. Now, they hardly can understand the mad impulse that made them tear the pages out of their books as they rap screaming down the halls after final exams.

And so, with an ache in their hearts, a throb in their voices, and their diplomas gripped gently but firmly in their teeth, they leave the pleasant surroundings of Ye Olde State High to receive higher learning—(Bwaaang).

Tall Tale, Short Story

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 tale, called “prof” because of his poor marks, had a secret ambition. Yes, besides playing “Light Brown Hair, 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.

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