State Highlights 5/4/1949

Western State High School
Petitions, Campaigns
Mark Beginning of Annual Elections

On May 18, the student body of State High School will hold the annual elections to select a student council president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer for the coming school year. Although the school has had student government for about thirty years, this will be only the second time that students will choose a treasurer. Until last year, these duties were carried on under a finance committee.

The election committee composed of Billie West, Julie Strome, and Sue Pullon, has set up the following schedule:

- May 3, the deadline for handing in petitions. From today, May 4, to election day, May 18, posters two feet by three feet may be exhibited in the halls and larger posters outside.
- An election assembly will be held in the morning of Wednesday, May 18. At this time each candidate and his manager will have an opportunity to present his platform and qualifications.
- Several interested persons would like to give the following message to State High students, "Since student government of State High is largely responsible to the efforts of the elected leaders, it is hoped that all students will give careful thought to the candidates, and then vote for those whom they believe best qualified."

Calendar

May 5—Junior Assembly
May 5—Track—Dowagic and Three Rivers—Here
May 6—Tennis—Elkhart—Here
      Base Ball—Dowagic—Here
May 7—May Festival
May 9—Baseball—Allegan—Here
May 12—Tennis—Dowagic—There
      Golf—Dowagic—There
      Baseball—Niles—Here
May 13—Conference meet—Track, Tennis, Golf—Here
May 16—Tennis—Elkhart—Here
      Baseball—Lakeview—There
May 17—Track—Allegan—Here
May 18—Tennis—Niles—Here
      Election Assembly
May 19—Monitor—Highlights Luncheon

Kleinto Conduct Annual Concert

The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Leo1t C. Britton, is preparing to join voice with the Western Michigan College Choir and other high school choirs throughout southwestern Michigan in the annual May Festival. On Saturday night, May 7, in the Men's Gym the entire group will respond to the baton of Maynard Klein, guest conductor from the University of Michigan.

Plans are also being made for the State High Spring Concert on June 10th. Auditions were held on April 11, and at present the program is tentatively featuring:
- Jackie Leach—vocalist and pianist
- Steve Davis—Vocalist
- Carolyn Fox—dancer
- Mary Ann Tinkham—vocalist
- Nelma Jean Conner—dancer
- Betsy Davis—violinist
- Elizabeth Brenner—marimba
- Dawn Birch—pianist or vocalist
- Herta Payson—vocalist
- Alene Waterworth—vocalist
- Lola Bennett—vocalist
- Dave Roth—vocalist

125 To Attend Honor Luncheon

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Council To Answer Bavaria's Plea

The State High Student Council has recently received a letter from the Bavarian Military Government asking for supplies for the recreation and reading rooms of the Refugee Camps in that country.

On Wednesday, April 26th members of the SHS student council, challenged by this plea for help, voted to set aside May sixth and seventh as special campaign days to collect such needed items as toys, books, reading material, pencils, paper, crayons, and other school supplies from State High Students.

Headed by John Smith and Tom Woodworth, a council committee is working on the problems of collecting and shipping these supplies. Everyone is urged to support this most worthy cause.

Surrounding Schools To Send Delegates

Next Monday will be association time at State High again. The Cooperative Association of South Western Michigan Student Councils will meet in Walworth Ballroom on May 9 to discuss the various phases of student council activity. State High's special contribution will be reports on its Monitor system.

In addition to the discussion and speakers, several schools are providing entertainment which will be given in the Little Theatre.

The participating schools will be South Haven, Berrien Springs, Niles, Edwardsburg, Dowagie, Vicksburg, Buchanan, and State High.

Exam Schedule Announced

In order that all the eager-beavers may plan way ahead for the exams, and so that the rest of us can plan picnics around them, the following schedule for examinations is announced.

Eight o'clock classes—Monday, June 13, from two to three-fifteen.

Ten o'clock classes—Monday, June 13, from ten-thirty to twelve-twenty.

Nine o'clock classes from ten-thirty to twelve-twenty on Tuesday, June 14. Regular class time must be used on June 9 or 10, or both for exams in all other classes.

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State High Students Debate World Federal Government at Rotary

State High's debate team, heatedly debating the topic "World Government Now," entertained members and guests of the Kalamazoo Rotary Club on Tuesday, April 26th, at the Columbia Hotel.

Marilyn Morris and Betsy Davis, believing that the present United Nations organization is not strong enough to cope with the problem of aggression in the world, cited many cases where aggression has occurred with the United Nations unable to prevent it. They argued that the United Nations has failed to prevent aggression, and consequently peace-loving nations must band together under a government to achieve this end.

Tom Murray and Hadley Osborn, attacking this proposal, attempted to point out to the Rotarians that the best solution to the problems evident in the world today is to stick with the United Nations since that organization is already set up and operating. They also quoted Andrei Gromyko of Russia, as not being in favor of world government.

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One of the points around which the debate finally revolved was whether the plan suggested by Marilyn and Betsy was practical. Tom and Hadley cited the obstacles, a plan of this nature would have to hurdle, and the girls countered by declaring that "their plan was more practical than the United Nations, since it recognized the conditions as they are."

The Rotarians indicated they enjoyed the debate and thanked debate coach William Sack for bringing the debaters to them.

Mr. Sack expects to give the debaters their awards in assembly May 18.

Two debaters, Marilyn Morris and Tom Murray, went to Ann Arbor, April 20, to attend a program incident to the State Championship Debate. The program consisted of a banquet, award of honors, and several addresses by various speakers.

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Juniors Busy With Annual Assembly and Prom

See those busy students scurrying around the State High halls with important looking papers in their hands and sharpened pencils perched precariously behind their ears? No, they aren't ambitious scholars, they're members of the Junior class working on the many projects they are sponsoring this year. The two biggest problems they are responsible for solving occur in this merry month of May.

The Junior assembly consists largely of talent of which there is a large amount in the eleventh grade. (As you may guess, Yours Truly is a proud Junior). Singing, different kinds of instrument playing, and acting are all included in the program, which is to be presented by the Master of Ceremonies, Joe Zitney. This all takes place at 12:30 o'clock on Thursday, May 5.

When the last echo of the assembly has floated away on the breeze, the Juniors will probably be "up in the air" too, so to speak, for they will be polishing up the plans for the Junior-Senior Prom, appropriately titled "Heavenly Daze." Couples will have star dust in their eyes and be dancing on clouds to the tune of Bobby Davidson's orchestra. This celestial shindig will take place on Saturday, May 28th, from 9 to 12 o'clock. General Chairman, Fred Hoyt, has appointed these Juniors to see that the Prom is just "heavenly:" Marilyn Carlson, refreshments; Ann Eldridge, Decorations; Jill Gannaway, Programs; Gaylord Kitchen, Tickets; Jerry Knowlton, Chaperones; and Joe Zitney, Orchestra.

Outside Lunches Given Probation

In the past, with the coming of the first warm breezes of spring, it has been the tradition for students to eat their lunches scattered around the campus and annually there accompanies the problem of refuse cluttering up the hill sides.

This year the Student Council has decided to set up some rules concerning "clean-up." But for the present this plan has not been decided upon.

For a two week period those who desire to, may eat lunches and take milk out of doors. If at the end of this period the papers and bottles are adequately taken care of, the privileges will be extended indefinitely.

Homeroom 201 S has volunteered to report on the situation at the end of two weeks.
2 years ago—
The Cub netters took all possible titles in the conference meet and won by 20 points. Jim Orwin took the singles crown by defeating Dick Cain while Ken Green and Jim Pore took the doubles titles.

The State High baseball team held undisputed possession of first place in the Big Seven race after beating St. Joe, 3-0.

3 years ago—
The undefeated Cub baseball team beat Buchanan to retain first place in the conference standings. Ralph Miller the State High mound ace allowed only four hits and struck out fourteen.

State High placed third in the conference track meet.

7 years ago—
The State High golf team got off to a flying start by winning its first two matches. Dick Hanna of the Cubs was low man both times.

The Cubs' diamond crew remained undefeated as they trounced Class A Grand Rapids Central 4-1 at Bigelow Field in the furniture city. Russ Elliott held the Grand Rapids team to three hits.

Bob Dunbar is the Cub's leading hitter thus far this season with six hits in seven times at bat.

Clair (Kirk) Kirkpatrick and Len VandenBerg share the spotlight this week for their combined no-hit performance at Otsego.

Little Mel Copeland will bear watching this spring in the mile, from early indications he is going to help the Cub's track team a good deal.

Coach Stevens is happy to report that Barney Fowler's foot has healed and that Fowler is ready for action!

Gardenias and Garlic: Gardenias to State High's golf team which trounced St. Joe's class B champions 11 1/2 to ½. Phil Fast had 74, Jack Hill had 85 and Jack Rowe and Joe Zitney both had 90's. Garlic to State officials who only provide one umpire for the Cub games. This makes it awful hard on one umpire to call everything correctly. Last year this situation cost the Cub's a game.

Glancing Back

Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the fans is? Corny isn't it gang—well so is the support the students give to the spring sports.

We know that all of you gave the football and basketball teams good support, and the fellows that played on those teams appreciate it very much, but don't let them down now. I know from past year's experience that the State High students seem to lose interest in their spring teams. Don't let that happen this year!

State High really has an excellent golf team this year and they have proved by defeating the strong St. Joe Bears that they are going to do great things. It seems that you could give the teams that are going some place a little support. Last year the baseball team lost the championship by one game and they received terrible support from the students. It was the same with the tennis teams and they won the class A championship.

This year State's track team is going to need more support than ever because they have practically a whole new team and the going will be tough.

I am speaking for myself and all the rest of the fellows that play on the teams, gang. You didn't let the teams down last fall when the going was tough, don't let them down now. You get out there and do the yelling and I'm sure the fellows will bring home some trophies for the school.

"Redeye"

Tennis Squad Downs Bears

The State High tennis team caught fire and swept its match with the St. Joe Bears. The Cubs coached by Hilt Foster won all seven matches with ease without dropping a single set. In an extra match that did not count, Paul Deal also won making it eight wins.

Jim Orwin, Captain and top man led the way with a sparkling 6-0, 6-0 win over Ed Smith. Other fine performances were made by Conrad Fisher who allowed his opponent only six points in winning 6-0, 6-0, and by Bob Russel who gave up only nine points in winning by a similar love and love score.

Cubs Slated To Play On Home Diamond Soon

State High's baseball squad takes on two opponents in the next few days, Dowagiac, May 6, and Allegan, May 9.

The Cubs will be seeking their third straight win against their conference opponents Dowagiac. The Chiefs shut South Haven 12-0, in their Big Seven opener, behind the four hit pitching of Bill Taggart, and the 18 safe blows of his teammates. Dowagiac also has a good record to date and also has shown well in the field.

On Monday the Cubs will entertain a non-conference foe, Allegan, at Ver Slius diamond. State will be after its second victory of the season over the Chieftains winning the previous game this year by a 6-5 margin. Mainstay of the Allegan team is Wayne Burton, last year's catcher now on the throw-in end of the battery. The State High line-up is expected to stay the same with either Clair Kirkpatrick or Len VandenBerg handling the pitching chores.

Both of these games will be played in Kalamazoo, so let's get EVERY ONE out and support the boys.

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A Little Support, Please

St. Joe ROUTED BY CUB GOLFERS

The State High golf team showed plenty of strength in routing St. Joe's defending State Champs by a score of 11 1/2-½ in the season opener at the Gateway course. The Cubs coached by Gordie Hunsburger give promise of winning the state championship this year.

Phil Fast paced players from both schools with a brilliant early season round of 74. Jack Hill was next with 85. Ace Dorow led the Bears with 96.

Bronco Athlete New Golf Coach

The golf coach this year is Gordon Hunsburger, an all around athlete from Grand Rapids. In high school he starred in basketball and football. He came up to Western in the spring of 1946 where he has won three letters in football.

Mr. Hunsburger thinks he has a good team which is capable of winning the conference championship and possibly the state title. Mr. Hunsburger says, "The fellows look pretty good to me. We'll need some more practice, but we should go a long way."

The team is sparked by Phil Fast who had a brilliant round of 74 in the meet with St. Joe. He has also racked up the first "hole in one" of the season in Kalamazoo.
Dear Lovesick...

Seriously speaking, my dear, young lady, you are fortunate to have such fine student teachers. Always keeping in mind that your best interests come before their unimportant lives, these young gentlemen have made feeble but valiant efforts to remedy the situation which causes you such consternation.

Not wishing to cause you or these shapers of tomorrow's world any more embarrassment, I shall not elaborate on the steps they have taken to make themselves less attractive and less fascinating. Rest assured your troubles will be alleviated.

Signed,
Helping Friend

Happy Birthday

May 5—Mary Kuizenga
May 6—Roger Burns
       Lynn Shoemaker
May 7—Shirley Hill
       Dorothy
May 9—Carole Smith
May 10—Bob Horstmann
May 11—Ilyne Weisman
May 12—Boyd Dewey
       Frank Spitters
       Sue Pullon
May 17—Mary Lou Woodworth
May 19—Carol Cessna

Chicago was the haunt this vacation. Practically every State Highite saw his locker mate somewhere in the "windy city." Probably the most popular spot was the theater where Jane Russell was appearing in person. Wonder why?? * * *

Speaking of Chicago, Ilyne, Lynn, and Maxine did the old town up red or should it be navy blue. Ah! yes there's something about a sailor! Even today the halls are ringing with the girl's rendition of "Bell Bottom Trousers." * * *

Hear say that the Student Council was a wee bit worried concerning that annual "girl trap boy" Turnabout. Might be that the Senior girls are getting slow on the uptake, or maybe they have given up the chase.

The old saying "opposites attract" must be the basis for the flicker between "Red" Loughead and "Red" Knowlton. * * *

The reopened auto theatre is attracting quite a crowd. The only complaints so far seem to be the weather. Ever see a torrid love scene through windshield-wipers?

It also was said that Julia Strome had quite a trip to Chicago. Must have gotten terribly hot in the car but it was found necessary by some jokers to "skirt and button".

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Mrs. McKinney will no doubt organize a police force soon. The other day, she did some scouting and found two eminent senior boys, "Face" and T.W. diligently copying their homework. Oh, well, they are an exception to the general rule of honesty at State.

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Quite a bus excursion to Chicago Thursday!! Seems typically State Highish though—wonder if Mr. Ray Deur and his group enjoyed "holo-land." Besides the attractions of Chicago, the buses offered quite a show. These freshmen certainly get around.

Intellectual conversations flourished with Sally Schrier and Bill Persons, Shirley Smith and Dave Roth, and Beverly Swoop and Ted Emerson. However it was a little cold all the way for J. J. McCarthy. Wonder if smoking stunts Jack Mindeman and little Toormen's growth. Enough said for Chicago. It was a success.

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Two senior girls upheld the honor of the old school over at U. of M. Perhaps State Highies don't appeal to them any more. At any rate, Sue Pullon dated Michigan's football captain, and Sue Rabston was with a varsity letterwinner also.

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That Woodworth clan plays the field. Another new couple seen about the lockers is Mary Lou and one of the Smith boys!

The 8:00 Economics class has been puzzled that Lyle Northfield, usually so punctual, has been late very morning for the past few weeks. The mystery has been solved "cherchez la femme." How about that Alberta?

Chuckles

"Positive" means being mistaken at the top of one's voice. Some college girls pursue learning, while others learn pursuing.

Kissing a girl is just like opening a bottle of olive-the first may come hard, but it's a cinch to get the rest.

She called her husband "Theory" because he seldom worked.

Walking to reduce or are you reduced to walking.

Adam and Eve were the first bookkeepers. They invented the looseleaf system.

Pertinalities

Billie West—
The Red Cross Remembers

Anyone who has come in contact with the Red Cross, in any way, during the last three years has worked with our girl of the week; brown-eyed blond-haired Billie West.

For the past two years Billie has been in charge of the Christmas stockings that are now a familiar sight to the student body at that season. Also during this lapse of time, Billie has had the tremendous task of making all (not just one or two, but all) the Red Cross dances held at State High a success, the last dance being the unforgettable "Windy City." This year Billie has served as Chairman of the Red Cross committee.

If ever you have ideas of blackmail, Billie is the one to see, as she has the hobby of collecting snap shots. She also writes letters to people she has never met, a rather unusual past time. In her spare time last year, Billie played left field on the Oakwood Softball team which won first place in the minor league.

As for future plans, Billie will be found working next year at the Bell Telephone Company.

Tom Woodworth—
Tops On Any Team

Our boy for the week is someone whom you all know because of his athletic abilities—Tom Woodworth.

Tom has received two letters from the football team, where he played quarterback, three letters from basketball, where he played forward, three letters from baseball, where he plays at the catching position. Tom had the unusual honor of being elected for two All-City teams this year. He has served as captain for basketball and co-captain of the baseball team.

Athletics is not the only thing that occupies Tom's mind. He was the junior class vice-president last year, has been on the Student Council for the last four years, and has been on the monitor staff also.

As for next year, Tom plans to enter the School of Commerce at Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois. After completing his education, Tom has also two jobs in mind; if he gets a good offer, he would like to play pro baseball. If not, he will go into business with his father.

Hup-by-gee, time to go. So, we say god-bye to Tom. See you in the halls!