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Choir To Present Annual Concert

The date for graduation this year has been set for Thursday, June 16, and will be held at 8:00 in the Women's Gym.

Faculty members assigned to the job of making the evening a success are: Chairman, Miss Kraft; Miss Pad- den, decorations; Mrs. Britton, music; and Mrs. McKinney, reception. Assistant students are: ushers—Jerry Knowlton, chairman; Joe Zitney, Steve Fast, Alan Ryan, Jim McCrumb, Jack Hill, and Robert D. Smith, who are serving at the reception held in the hall after the exercises are over. Alice Teugh; Billie Forbes Alberta Rembarger, Joan Harbor, Mary Ann Thakham, and Margaret Storey.

As the seniors walk down the aisle, boys in gray caps and gowns, girls in white, the High School Orchestra, directed by Joe Williams, will play "Pomp and Circumstance" by Elgar. During the evening, Ruth Ann Emerson will play a piccolo solo, accompanied by the orchestra. Also in the line of music. Dawn Birch will sing the "Italian Street Song" by Victor Hubert. Then the choir will sing "The Voice of Freedom" by Cailliet.

Rev. Sutcliffe, of the Stockbridge Methodist Church, will give the invocation. The speaker for this year is Dr. Willis Dunbar whose topic will be, "Between Now and 2001."

As Mr. M. R. Deur read off the names, the Seniors will walk across the stage, where Dr. Bryan will hand them their diplomas, and their high school career will be one of memories.

Industrial Arts Department Plans Future Improvements

The State High Industrial Arts shop has been crowded into very inadequate quarters for the past few years. All this will be changed this summer. The department is moving into the east half of the first floor of the temporary building, where over twice the floor space we have now will be available. All areas of the shop will be expanded.

Much new equipment is being added. For example, the machine woodworking unit will be complete with all machines necessary to do expert cabinet making. Along with the new freedom in space, there are added facilities in wood working, machine shop, plastics, art metal, electricity, and mechanical drawing. Full credit will be given in all shop and mechanical drawing courses.

Seniors To Say Final Goodbyes June 16th

The choir will present their annual spring concert under the direction of Miss Letti C. Britton, Friday, June 10, at 8:00 in the Little Theatre. The program will be divided into three groups. In the first the choir will appear in their robes. The others will be given in all shop and mechanical drawing courses.

The choir also will feature soloists from the choir. The program is as follows: In the first group will be "Ave Verum Corpus," "Jesus Sittin' on the Water Side," "Deep River," and "Marches of Peace." Jackie Leach will play Chopin's "Polonaise" on the piano.

"Come to the Fair" starts the second scene. Then comes "O! What a Beautiful Morning," sung by Steve Davis, then a ballet by Carolyn Fox, "June Is Bustin' Out All Over," sung by the whole group, and "Country Style" and "Get the road." Between acts Elizabeth Brenner will play "Dark Eyes" on the marimba.

The third act will open with "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" sung by the choir with a dance by Nels and Jean Connor. The choir will then give its rendition of "It's a Grand Night for Singing." Dawn Birch will sing "Love is Where You Find It." Jackie Leach will sing "At Dawning," and the choir and Alene Watterworth will close the program with "With a Song in My Heart."

Council Ends Year

The Student Council is finishing up its business for the school year and planning for next year at the same time. This is not as easy as it might sound. In spite of the nearness to summer vacation, they have several problems to cope with at this time. They have asked student cooperation on these problems, because they can only be solved in this way.

The most serious problem at the present is that of the milk and coke bottle situation. They have been losing money on the sale of milk for some time because the students fail to return the bottles. The same is true with the coke sales.

On the more pleasant side, the Student Council gift has been bought. It is a card duplicator for the office, purchased at the price of $13.00. A committee from the Student Council and Mrs. Jarman gave the approval of the machine after a trial run.

In reference to next year, the treasurer, Sally Wykkel, announces that there will be approximately $30.00 left over in the treasury for next year's Student Council.
Seniors Announce Future Plans

The plans for the coming year involve eighteen different schools for our graduating seniors. Those who plan to work next year also will enter varied fields. Those working are: Eddie Bennett, Marlin Bradeen, Bob Pyne, Nelman Jean Conner, Peggy Cooley, Virginia Crain, Ben First, Marilyn Henning, Eugene Keck, Jackie Kingscott, Nancy Mateer, Larry Moran, Lyall Nordahl, Jack Rowe, Bob Smith, Eugene Toornman.

Elizabeth Tyler, Len Vandenberg, Anna Mae Vanderhoff, and Billie West. The people attending Western are: Dawn Birch, Glen Bishop, Joan Bixby, Stephen Davis, Duane Gilger, Bob Gunnett, Shirley Hill, Jackie Leach, Peggy Maandag, Phyl Mannesse, Pat Mitchell, Howard Morrison, Jeanne Scamehorn, Lynn Shoenemaker, John Smith, Stan Stroobos, Bob Struble, Jack Tozer, Janet Whaley and Arlen Winther.

Entering Kalamazoo College in the fall are: Roger Burns, Barbara Hughes, Ken Lous, Carolyn McLoughlin, Chuck Maltby, Sue Ralston, and Doug Wendell.

At the University of Michigan will be Nancy Cummie, Bob Dunbar, Tom Murray, Sue Pullon, and Bob Russel. Tom Woodworth, Sally Wykkel, and John DeGroat will go to Northwestern.

Barbara Kloep, Skip Bills, Bob Wood and Julia Strome will attend Michigan State.

Luella La Roy and Marilyn Newton plan to enter nurses training.

Mollie Boylan will enter Stephens, Julie Carland and Ann Hoheke are going to Denison University, Betsy Davis to Carleton, Boyd Dewey at Lawrenceville School, Mary Dorgan at Parsons Business School, Ruth Emerson at Alma College, Phil Fust, at Dartmouth, Bette French at the Vague School, Phyllis Heidanus at Hope, Emily Schier at Wooster, Harry Strong at Dunwood Trade School, John Tubert at Notre Dame, and Bob Van Beck at Purdue University.

Barney Fowler and Doug McGinnis will go into the service, while Jim Orwin, Barbara Weiss, and Doris Burnett are still undecided.

Our Appreciation

On Tuesday, May 17, Mr. William Sack, was taken to Fairmont Hospital with tuberculosis. At that time State High lost its speech teacher, debate and dramatic coach, assembly committee advisor, and its dramatic advisor and technician for all State High productions. With all his duties, it seemed as if he always was willing to give his students as much extra help as they wanted. At State, he always had time for a joke or a smile, but now the positions are reversed. It is we, his students who can cheer him up and help the time pass more easily. With this in mind, the speech classes and choir have collected enough money to buy him a radio for his hospital room. However, we realize that no material gift we are able to give can possibly repay anyone for time given from his own life; the best we can do is to show him through our visits and letters our appreciation and heartfelt gratitude.

The Highlights recently received the following letter from Mr. Sack with the request that is be printed for all State High students to read.

An Open Letter To State High Students

Fairmont Hospital
May 29, 1949

Dear Students,

Collectively and individually I miss you tremendously. I miss seeing the Juniors and Senior promenading, the Seniors skipping, the honoraries being honored, the Freshman being refreshing, and the Seniors Commencement. I miss you!

Here, life is dull and routine—quite a change indeed! There is sunshine outside, but I'm inside. There are movies here, but I can't go. There are pretty nurses here, but not on this floor. The one redeeming feature is that your visits bring the sunshine and the pretty faces. Your letters are like movies of State High and you.

I'm quite restricted now, so can write but a little. I do want to thank you for being so very nice to me. Your visits and letters, especially the "progressive" kind, are the things that brighten the day, shorten the hours, and hasten my return.

Gratefully,
W.A. Sack

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A likeable boy who has risen to the heights of president of the graduating class is Chuck Maltby. Since entering State High from the training school in the ninth grade, Chuck has majored in math, science, and of course, English. Besides his scholastic interests, versatile Chuck has gone out for sports, having participated in football, baseball, and baseball. At present, he is serving as president of the monitor homeroom, and consequently a member of the student council. Before his elevation to the top class officer, Chuck served as class treasurer in his junior year. He has sampled many clubs, the Chess Club, the Hi-Y, and was a staff member of this year's Highlander.

Chuck's plans for the future include a job somewhere this summer and entering Kalamazoo College with a scholarship this fall for a liberal arts course.

When asked his opinion of the senior class achievements, the president replied that he felt they had not done too well. He then made these suggestions for the benefit of class officers-to-be in State High: "Get things done as soon as possible. You can do almost anything with a dependable class."
Lettermen Honored At Awards Assembly

Contrast to past years, State High did not have an all sports banquet this year. Instead the two original procedures of a banquet were separated, the awards being presented at the All Sports Awards Assembly and the food at the Varsity Sports Dinner.

During the All Sports Awards Assembly held Tuesday, June 7 at the Walwood Hall, with Mary Lou Woodworth presiding, ten honors were paid to those participating in the various sports and also in the band. Among the speakers were Lloyd Hartman speaking on "Sports at State High," Mr. Sebaly, Miss Steketee, John Gill talking on "The Letter Winner," and as guest speaker, Dean John C. Hoekje.

Special music was furnished by the State High band which later in the program received recognition from Mr. Wells.

The athletic awards were presented to students taking part in football, basketball, tennis, track, baseball, and golf by Coach Fred Stevens.

Sports Awards. June 7 was brought to a contented close by the Varsity Sports Dinner held that night in the State High cafeteria.

Hamtramck Takes Class A Tennis Title

Hamtramck took State High's Class A State tennis trophy away from them and also carried with them both the singles and doubles title. The Cub's hopes for the title rested on the two doubles teams. Their chances looked slim when Bob Dunbar and Bob Russel lost to Ken Anhyal and John Zoski the eventual winners in a very close match. The Cub chances went flying when top seeded Conrad Fischer and Steve Fast were upset winners over the top seeded team of Bob Russel and Bob Dunbar. Jim Orwin of State also won the title with an upset defeat of Mario Peltz of Battle Creek. The standout performer for the afternoon was Dave Hill who set new state marks in the broad jump and in both hurdle events.

Regional Tennis Title Falls to Cubs

State High Class "B" netters again copped the Class "A" regional tennis tournament. The Cub's team of Conrad Fischer and Steve Fast were upset winners over the top seeded team of Bob Russel and Bob Dunbar. Jim Orwin of State also won the title with an upset defeat of Mario Peltz of Battle Creek to take home the trophy. Peltz was seeded first having beaten Orwin in a dual match earlier this year.

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Spring Sports Summary Reports Flying Colors On Most Finish Lines

The spring sports schedule for this year has been completed, and the State High teams turned in a better than average record.

The track team had only an average season. We tied for third in the conference meet and lost meets to St. Jo, Three Rivers, Niles, and Allegan while winning from Dowagiac. In the regionals we came in sixth. The big gun in the Cub attack has been John Smith. Several times John won four events in one meet. He was supported by Bill Page, Hank DeHaan, and other top men.

The baseball team had a pretty fair year winning seven and losing three. The Cubs chalked up wins against Allegan twice, Dowagiac twice, St. Joe, Hastings, and Otsego, while losing to Battle Creek Lakeview, Niles, and Buchanan. Poor fielding was partly responsible for these losses. The Cub nine also suffered from injuries to key players, Tommy Woodworth and Barney Fowler being laid up for long stretches of time.

The golf team climaxed a good year by taking the State title. The Cubs took matches from St. Joe, Dowagiac, while dropping matches with Lakeview and Dowagiac. They also placed second in the conference and third in the regionals. The team was led by co-captains Phil Fast and Jack Hill.

The Cubs' tennis team had another fine season though not nearly so good as those of previous years. They took the conference and regional crowns and took matches from St. Joe, Elkhart twice, Dowagiac, and Niles while losing to Battle Creek, Holland, and Hamtramck. The Battle Creek loss was later avenged in the regionals.

In all an, we had a pretty good year. However, let's hope we can do a little bit better next year.

Smith State Finalist

State High's track team qualified only one man for the state finals from the Class B regional track and field meet. John B. Smith was the lone Cub to rate a trip to Lansing, placing in the high and low hurdles, the high jump and breaking an eighteen year old record in the broad jump by leaping 21 feet 7 inches.

The rest of the track team did not finish quite as strongly. Barney Fowler, Bill Page, Milburn Copeland, Rog- er, Burns and the relay team were the only one's to pick up points.
Mr. Haaby Plans Further Education

Mr. Lawrence Haaby, familiar to high school and college students alike as "the teacher who really teaches and a guy can get it," has recently been granted a one year leave-of-absence. He plans to use this time to study at Columbia Teacher's College and to work as a Student Teacher Coordinator for New York City.

Mr. Haaby's students are almost universally agreed that his classes have a verve and vitality which makes work as a Student Teacher Coordinator a pleasure. One of Mr. Haaby's particular classroom trade-marks is the project method which allows the students to select their own goals and to follow their own lines of interest. In addition, he has championed the problem solving approach to school work which he believes better prepares students for the problems of life.

Since coming to Western in the fall of 1946, Mr. Haaby has attempted through wise and purposeful guidance practices to instill in students an "interest in things around them. The teacher must assume leadership," Mr. Haaby believes, "in changing attitudes for better human relations.

Looking back over his three years at State High, Mr. Haaby believes there are things he would have done differently if he had had it to do over again, but that the whole, he has enjoyed them very much. "I have seen good growth and development in students," he stated. "I have seen the interest, especially of my two year students, go from shallow to wide."

The Highlights wishes to extend congratulations and appreciation to a most outstanding teacher whose return will be eagerly anticipated.

**Staff Elects 'Fopi' Editor**

**Twelve New Members To Replace Retiring Seniors Next Year**

The editorship of your Highlights is a position of great importance for the editor is responsible for putting in writing a record of your activities and opinions as Students of State High. The Highlights staff has democratically elected an editor for the year 49 to 50 whom we feel will fully continue with the high standards set up by this year's editor, Julie Cartland. An outstanding junior student, Mary Fopeano, has been a member of the Highlights staff for the past two years. "Fopi hopes for a paper truly representative of the school as a whole. She hopes to achieve this by working closely with the English classes and by using worthwhile contributions from the Highlights box.

New staff members, taking the place of retiring seniors, have been chosen from participants in the Highlights journalistic club, on their merits of faithfulness, high scholarship, individuality in writing, and earnest desire to work on the "Highlights." Pat Mable will take Howard Morrisons place as Art editor, Fred Dilno, Jack Brenner and Hadley Osborne will be additions to the sports staff; Suzanne Sawyer, Dorothy Jabeen, Mary Kuizenen, Dorothy Cartland, Cleo Fletcher, Linda Spaulding, Joyce Perry and Carol Cesena will fill in as general reporters.

**Annual Picnics Mark Close of Year**

Once again, picnic time rolls around to all of State High's students. Juniors, Seniors, Freshmen, and Sophomores, all head for sandy beaches with the old bathing suit wrapped up in a towel. Yankee Springs will be the destination of the Junior Class this year, on Wednesday, June 15th. They leave at the early hour of 10:00 in the morning and the time they start for home is yet undecided. Besides swimming and soft ball, different contests and races will be added to the recreation. Everyone will bring their own food, but cokes and individual ice cream will be served to all. Laurence Smith planned the recreation, with Margaret Storey in charge of the food and Frances Frey the asking of chap-erones.

June 14th is the date scheduled for the Student Council picnic at Gun Lake. Mary Lou Woodworth heads the whole thing as chairman and has Suzie Pullon and Sandy Beebe assisting her. They also, will bring their own lunches. In the line of recreation besides swimming, different wheel barrel and sack races will be held. The Monitor picnic this year will be held at Gull Lake. The time of depart-
Arrival of '49 Annual Announced

'50 Staff, Editors Chosen

Under the direction of Miss Golda Crisman, the 1950 "Highlander" staff has recently been selected. The editorships will be transferred from Barbara Klop and Ann Hoebeke, editors of the 1949 annual, to Alice Teugh and Elizabeth Brenner.

Alice Teugh, has been a member of both the Monitor and Highlight's organizations. She also served as secretary of the sophomore class. Alice has formulated many ideas for the next year's book. She would like new and different picture set-ups, and she does want a complete staff meeting before the termination of the school year.

Elizabeth Brenner, is a member of Highlights, Choir, Debate Club, and played an active part in the Spring Play, "Life With Father." Elizabeth is interested in feature play up and fully supports Alice in favor of better picture arrangement and organization.

In addition to the editors, the staff next year will consist of Ann Eldridge, Mary Ann Tinkham, and Herta Payson, features; Ann Solomon and Dorothy Tucker, organization; Hadly Osborn and Winston Wessels, business managers; Jim Hoekje and Winifred Craig, subscriptions; Dick Curry and Billie Forbes, photographs; Pat Mable, art; and Bob Dale Smith, sports editor.

Barbara Klop, editor of this year's Highlander, is to be congratulated for the 1949 year book. Among the many changes which have been made this year, is the altering of the style of printing from set type plates to lithoprinting. This was an attempt to cut the cost of the book and at the same time allow more pictures. As a result, several new features have been added, making use of the additional pictures.

There has also been a change in the cover which the raise in price has helped to pay for.

The staff, under the direction of Miss Golda Crisman, faculty sponsor, has worked hard to produce a book which they can well be proud of. Barbara Klop, as editor, has supervised the work and done the compiling and editing of the Highlander with the help of Ann Hoebeke.

Bob Smith and Doug Wendzell set a new record in collecting advertisements to pay the cost of most of the book. Both Marilyn Henning and Phyllis Heidanus have worked on the organizations, with Emily Schrier and Nelma Jean Connor selling subscriptions. Sue Pullon, Sue Ralston, and Carolyn McLaughlin should be congratulated for their excellent features, while Howard Morrison did all the art work for the book. Chuck Maltby worked as sports editor; and Dick McCallum was photography editor until he joined the navy when Dick Curry took over his job.

Congratulations to the staff on their 1949 Highlander!
"The Things We'll Do This Summer"

After scouring the halls for the past several days, I find that many of us including yours truly, don't have a very clear picture of what we are going to do this summer. There are a few hearty souls who have looked to the future, and I have recorded their answers as follows:

Mary Lou Woodworth plans to jerk sodas in one of the many drug stores and Bob Van Beck will be seen underneath new Cadillacs and Pontiacs taking the part of a grease monkey. Sounds of children's voices will be heard coming from tents, when Barbara Hughes becomes a camp counselor for part of the summer.

If any time you are downtown shopping for groceries, you probably will see Paul Deal sweeping the floor at Krogers Market. Ann Hoekbe plans to broaden her mind by traveling through the East in June and up North in August.

Long Lake will occupy the time of Gaylord Kitchen for part of the summer, and Doug Wendzell hastens to the old farm to pull a few weeds out of the garden. Chuck Maltby's skin and clothes will probably change color when he begins to paint his house, hope the color is suitable.

The green lawns and gardens of K. V. B., need tender care and patience, so Frank Spitters is preparing to keep them that way. In Kalamazoo proper, Marilyn Carlson has decided to try her luck at selling various goods advertised in Snow's Pharmacy. In one of the many suburbs of Kalamazoo, namely Oakwood, Jack Tozer will try his skill at pulling hot pans of cookies and cakes out of the oven at Strong's Bakery.

It seems that Miss Steketee and Bob Lorenz have decided that Kalamazoo is just too civilized for their adventurous souls, so Eagle Harbor and Northport Point will become the destination of Miss Steketee and Bob Lorenz and his dad will be seen driving through the wilds of Canada.

All of June, July, and August is the amount of time that Harriet Logan is going to spend taking care of children at Otsego Lake way up in the north country. Stanley Stroik isn't exactly going to be lazy this summer, not with two jobs lined up, one at K. V. P. and the other at Gull Lake.

Speaking of lakes, both Phil and Steve Fast plan to spend two weeks out at Portage Lake.

Skyscrapers and fifth avenue will call Ann Eldridge East, as once again she will journey to that famed city of New York for part of the summer.

If you ever stop in at Malnight's Bakery around July, you will probably see Nancy Matzer slicing bread or wrapping up pies and cakes. In the business district of Kalamazoo, Shirley Hill will work in the new building of the telephone company and Clair Michie hopes to check books in and out of the public library. Billie Forbes will walk in a different direction until she reaches Grants.

To bring this little survey to a close, I guess you can readily see that throughout the whole summer State High students will be in practically every corner of the United States. Let's hope that they make it back safely to old Kalamazoo before the next school term starts and that no one becomes exhausted by over work.

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"Some weeks ago it seems as if our tennis team obtained a new mascot--a teddy bear."

How did John Gelder and Dick Hawkins enjoy their early morning swim?

Mr. Woodworth, we hope your insurance holds out!!


Well! If this isn't the cat's meow! Heresay the Dunbar household has been augmented by the arrival of three little pussy cats.

The 10:00 English class has discovered that "actions speak louder than words," or to coin another well-known phrase . . . "Oh wad some Power the giftie gie us, To see oursels as ither see us!"

Who is Linda's friend from Central?? And what about Jim Bartoo's new admirer?? A freshie!!

What's this we hear about Steve Davis and Mary Lou Goertzka. Interested in the Green, Steve??

Three Rivers isn't too far, is it, Ruth??

What seems to have happened to all Fred Hubble's freshman admirers? However, there still appears to be one interested.

Hear tell that Ena Marie's slumber party was quite a success! Somebody brought her Dad's red flannels. Rather large!

A borrowed camera proved very interesting.

Five freshies almost landed in Nazareth at 12:00.

Average sleep—three hours. WHO is "Mam Schmoo"?? Who's ring is Joe wearing??? RMP are nice initials.

We wonder: Has any one seen Conrad Fischer smile??? (Reports have it that this, so-seemed unusual occurrence happens quite often).

We're still hearing reports on the trip some sophs made to Chicago.