State Highlights 6/10/1949

Western State High School
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. Assisting students are: ushers—Jerry Knowlton, chairman; Joe Zitney, Steve Fast, Alan Ryan, Jim McCrumb, Jack Hill, and Robert D. Smith. They are all in grades 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 Tinkham, 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. Shuttlesworth 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 Miss Steketee and Mr. 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 wood-working 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 Lauti 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. Full credit will be given in all shop and mechanical drawing.

Au Revoir Mr. Fliess

Among the several teachers that State High students will be saying goodbye to for the last time this year, is Mr. Frank Fliess, who has been teaching German and French here for the past two years. Mr. Fliess came to State High in the fall of 1947 from Philadelphia, where he had taught mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania. He and his wife are both originally from Germany, and as a result we had a little trouble understanding them at first. However, this situation was soon remedied, and, before the end of the year, Mr. Fliess was a familiar and well-liked person among both the students and faculty.

Again last fall he returned to sponsor the chess club, of which he was co-sponsor the year before with Mr. Meyers, as well as to continue his French and German classes. Also this year, Mr. Fliess has been in charge of the 211A lunchroom.

The first and second year French and German classes have combined to get a farewell gift for Mr. Fliess as a token of their friendship; and all of us who have known and worked with him would like to wish Mr. Fliess "Good luck, and the best of everything in the future."

Calendar

Friday, June 10—State High Choir Concert.
Thursday, June 16—Commencement.
Friday, June 17—School out.

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 at 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, Nelma Jean Conner, Peggy Cooley, Virginia Crane, Ben First, Marilyn Henning, Eugene Keck, Jackie Kingscote, Nancy Mateer, Larry Moran, Lyall Nordahl, Jack Rowe, Bob Smith, Eugene Toorman.

Elizabeth Tyler, Len Vanden Berg, 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 Mannes, Pat Mitchell, Howard Morrison, Jeane Scamehorn, Lynn Shoemaker, John Smith, Stan Stroebel, Bob Struble, Jack Tozer, Janet Whaley and Arlen Winther.

Entering Kalamazoo College in the fall are: Roger Burns, Barbara Hughes, Ken Louis, Carolyn McLaughlin, Chuck Maltby, Sue Kalston, and Doug Wendzell.

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

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

Luella LaRoy and Marilyn Newton plan to enter nurses training.

Mollie Boylan will enter Stephens, Julie Carland and Ann Hoebeke 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 Fast at Dartmouth, Bette French at the Voge School, Phyllis Heidanus at Hope, Emily Schrier at Wooster, Harry Strong at Dunwoody Trade School, John Tuberty 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 Burns 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 realized 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 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 freshmen being refreshing, and the Seniors Commencing. 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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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 defeating Mario Pelta of Battle Creek (6-4, 6-2) to take home the trophy. Peltas was seeded first having beaten Orwin in a dual match earlier this year.

Golf Team Wins State Championship

The State High golf team won the State Class B golf title in a surprising upset win over such teams as Battle Creek Lakeview, Dowagiac, and other strong teams. The Cubs had finished third behind Lakeview and the Chiefs in the Regionals. Midland won the Class A title and in Class C the Ann Arbor University School came out on top.

R. Myles of East Lansing was the medalist in Class B with a 76, Phil Fast and Jack Hill of the Cubs were second and third with an 80 and an 81 respectively. Jack Rowe with an 80 and Joe Zitney with a 90 formed the rest of State High's team.

In track the Cubs made sixteenth place due mainly to the efforts of John Smith, State High's star trackman. Cactus came in second in the broad jump just behind Ypsilanti's star Dave Hill. John also placed sixth in the low hurdles and high jump.

In Class B Birmingham won the title. The Class A winner was Saginaw, and in Class C Dundee came out on top, while the School for the Deaf copped the Class C trophy. 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 defeating Mario Peltas of Battle Creek (6-4, 6-2) to take home the trophy. Peltas was seeded first having beaten Orwin in a dual match earlier this year.

State High Golfers Third in Regionals

The State High linksters qualified for a chance at state honors finishing third in their regional at the Marywood golf course in Battle Creek. The Cubs barely squeezed past Buchanan by one stroke to qualify with a 333 to 334 for the Bucks.

Jack Hill was medalist for State with an 82-41 83 score. Phil Fast, Joe Zitney and Jack Rowe had 91, 91 and an 85 respectively. The Battle Creek Lakeview crick squad finished with 327 to take the team honors.

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 defeats. 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, Elkhardt twice, Dowagiac, and Niles while losing to Battle Creek, Holland, and Hamtramck. The Battle Creek loss was later avenged in the regionals.

All in all, 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 finalists 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 thinclads did not finish quite as strongly. Barney Fowler, Bill Page, Milburn Copeland, Roger, Burns and the relay team were the only one's to pick up points.
Mr. Haaby Plans Further Education

Twelve New Members To Replace Retiring Seniors Next Year

Annual Picnics Mark Close of Year

Staff Elects 'Fopi' Editor
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 Hciekje 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 Marilynn 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!

Seniors Leave Last Remembrance

If the Senior classes plans "pan out" our present bulletin board can be put out to pasture, (or in the school office). Seniors elected to leave their alma mater a new and bigger bulletin board.

Charles Maltby and Tom Murray, in charge of securing the bulletin board, have compiled information, and with Miss Steketee and Mr. Sebaly, are in the process of choosing a bulletin board which fits the school's needs and falls within the Senior class's budget—something like our present bulletin board on the trophy case only larger.

One of the new features anticipated in the bulletin board is a glass door which can be locked to prevent "gallopin" alpha's and beta's.

Thanks For The Memories

It has been over a week now since the Junior-Senior Prom. The tingle of excitement has faded, the blisters have healed and by now the Eldridge house must have settled back on its foundation after witnessing the production of fifty some angels and no one knows how many stars.

But memories of "Heavenly Daze" are still alive. Perhaps for some, a certain song blaring from a radio in the house next door recalls a now almost vague impression soft blue lights reflected on silver angel wings, filmy skirts billowing around white slippers and the dark suits, white shirts, and ties that together make a picture that in itself is one definition of the word Prom.

Others remember the successful feeling of a magazine sale, the pinch of class dues, the sticky feeling of paint, and scotch tape and the fun of working with a bunch of kids, in an attempt to create a few hours of heaven on earth.

The Prom of '49 has come and gone. Soon the flurry of graduation will be over and the Seniors will be gone. The Juniors suddenly find themselves nearing the top of the ladder.

How different it will be without this class that has been always just one step ahead!

This is not a new feeling, for with each graduation when our friends go on to new and bigger things, there is always a temporary sense of loss by those who are left behind. But next fall, another class will start out in the big business making preparations for June in the hope that the magical noun, "Prom" will bring happy memories for all.
"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 Beek 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 Kroger 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 Malthy'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. P. need tender care and patience, so Frank Sitters 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 Lorentz 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 Lorentz 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 Strokis 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 Mather 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 Clar Michele 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.

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

"Happy Birthday"

June 1—Dorothy Cardand
Jorryn Baldwin
June 2—Jim Nichols
Don Cain
June 4—Carole Lage
Dick Curry
Marilyn Henning
June 10—Ann Hoekbe
June 12—Bob Wood
June 13—Bruce Brown
June 14—Douglas Owen
June 16—Billie Forbes
June 17—Billie Forbes

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 oursews as ither see us!”

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

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 Fisher 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.