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State Highlights

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Seniors Don Caps and Gowns on June 10

Outstanding Students Honored Yesterday

The seventeenth annual Honors Assembly was held yesterday in Walwood Ballroom.

Alfred Gemrich, retiring Council president, introduced the speakers for the occasion and conducted the induction of the new Student Council officers. Dr. Roy C. Bryan made the following presentations:

Special Awards

Award to Valedictorian — Pauline Allen

Award to Salutatorian — Penny Farr
W.M.C. Honor Trophy (Leadership, Scholarship, Personality, and Service) — Penny Farr

U. of M. Honor Trophy for Boys (Leadership, Scholarship, and Athletics) — Donald Kilgore

Alpha Beta — Julie Davis

Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award — Alan Howard

D. A. R. Pilgrim — Pauline Allen

Danforth Award for Boys — James Elsmann

Latin Awards — Darlene Chapin, Phyllis Kievit

Regents Honorary Awards, U. of M. — Donald Kilgore, Linnea Taylor

Forensic Awards

Regional Contest — Nancy Wagner, Tim Light, Nancy Watterworth, Peter Platt

District Contest — Tim Light, Peter Platt, Mary Louise Spitters, Michael Squires, Nancy Wagner, Nancy Watterworth.

Scholastic Honor Roll Awards

Seniors—Pauline Allen, Martha Braden, Julie Davis, James Elsmann, Penny Farr, Roberta Gleason, Brooks Godfrey, Alan Howard
Juniors—Darlene Chapin, Thomas Elias, Lois Fuller, Phyllis Kievit, Michael Palmer, Alfred Snow, David Swoap, Ronald Tanis, Nancy Watterworth

Sophomores—Margaret Borton, David Britigan, Dean Griffith, Mary Luise Kaercher, Merton Norman, John John Simcox, Sharon Spann, Victoria Wenner

Freshmen — Mary Louise Allen, Clarke Godfrey, Alice Osterberg, Mary Smith, Robert VanPeenan, Karen Wilkins, Gail Wruble

Seniors—Three Year Average—Pauline Allen, Martha Braden, Julie Davis, Penny Farr, Roberta Gleason, Alan Howard, Stephanie Malone, Cathy Myers, Carole Rice.



Dr. Willis F. Dunbar

'Shangri-La' Theme Of Prom Next Week

That oriental paradise, Shangri-La, from which so many fables of adventure have been derived through the ages, will set the scene for State High's annual Junior-Senior Prom. This long anticipated event will take place June 9 from 9:00 to 12:00 at Walwood. Bobby Davidson will provide the music. The decorations will bring out the mythical beauty of Shangri-La.

Committee chairmen include; General: Lois Fuller, Decorations: Ann Malotte, Invitations: Nancy Woodworth, Publicity: Annette Douglas, Program and Tickets: Mary Lou Spitters, Chaperones: Joan Peelen, Refreshments: Dianne Sabo, Entertainment: Barbara Born.

Committee Chairmen Elected for 1954-55

The new chairmen of State High's various committees were elected by the student body in a recent election. They are as follows; Pep Committee —Julie DenBleyker, Social Committee—Ann Malotte, Citizenship Committee — Barbara Born, Assembly Committee — Nancy Watterworth, Friendship Committee—Peter Platt, and Service Committee—Ann Burgerfer.

Dr. Dunbar to Speak At Commencement

Climaxing four years of high school life for the members of the senior class will be the annual commencement ceremonies, to be held this year on June 10 at 8 p.m. in the Women's Gym. In addition to the presentation of diplomas, speeches will be given by the guest speaker, Dr. Willis Dunbar, and members of the graduating class. Both Dr. Dunbar and the class speakers will follow the topic selected for the evening, "Tomorrow is Yours."

The traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" will open the program with Gary Forsleff at the organ. The processional will be followed by the invocation to be given by Rev. Bernis Warfield, Sr. Next will be another musical number by the State High Choir, "Salutation to the Dawn."

Salutatorian Penelope Farr will speak on "Tomorrow is Yours," as will Jean Hoag and Christopher Light. The latter two were selected from 14 persons that tried out for the honor of being class speakers. Dr. Dunbar will follow the above class speakers.

Once more a musical number will be heard. Martha Braden, pianist, will play "Two Rondos on Folk Tunes" (Bartok).

The crowning event of the ceremonies will arrive as Dr. Roy C. Bryan will present the diplomas to the respective students, assisted by Advisors William Jerse and Golda Crisman.

The piano and flute quintette composed of Jean Morris, Catherine Myers, Carole Rice, Zoe Gideon, and Sherla Jennings will play a piece for the last student musical item of the evening.

In addition to the guest speaker, class speakers, and Salutatorian, the featured speech of the ceremonies is that of the Valedictorian. Polly Allen will deliver this farewell speech as the final one on the program.

A reception for all in attendance will be held immediately after the ceremonies.

EXAM SCHEDULE

Fri., June 4	9:00	8:00-10:00
	12:30	10:30-12:30
Mon., June 7	10:00	8:00-10:00
	11:00	10:30-12:30
Tues., June 8	8:00	8:00-10:00
	2:00	10:30-12:30

Tidbits

by Fritz

JULIE DAVIS can't understand why minors can't vote—Mr. Jerse didn't mean the coal-digging kind, Julie!

PEEK-A-BOO—Marilyn Buder is going in for the "shortie" socks with embroidered tops—she was exhibiting some in class Monday.

The Seniors are developing a permanent clutch in their hands in preparation for those graduation gifts. A new car will do nicely, folks.

The LATEST printable example of the Jungle Jokes:

"From the deep, dark jungles of Africa comes the call of the big cat, 'Get off my suedes!'"

Thanks to The Tomahawk PHS.

WAY TO GO!—Miriam Leimer, a former State High cheerleader, was recently elected to WESTERN'S squad!

Don Alguire has taken to wearing PAPER BAGS!—Poor boy, his mind finally went BLOTTO!

After 12 years, school is finally going to turn into PARADISE at the Shangri-La Prom!

Well, watta' ya know! SKIP DAY was last Wednesday—the "BIG FAT SECRET" had a leak! And it's downright disgusting to think of how much the student teachers enjoyed our absence.

Pete Platt's car, the "Green Hornet" needed a little assist from Ed Enz & Company, lately. Guess that hornet up an' died!

SHAFT! Mr. Engles and Mr. Taylor were saturated at the All-School picnic.—Miss Crisman talked her way out of it diplomatically. There might have been a LONG LINE in the office the next morning!

For the latest idea about STUDENT DISCIPLINE, see Miss Giedeman. Exhibit No. 1: Bruce Marshall's stiff arm, frozen in the air, still holding that wad of paper.

WHO DIED? Or how can you explain that wreath on your locker door, Bob Knapp and Don Lonjohn?

Looks like another year has up and gone. It's been real neat for all of us seniors, and so good luck to next year's good lunch." Eat, drink, and make merry, for tomorrow you may graduate! (IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK.)

Tomorrow Is Ours

Tomorrow is ours. It's like standing on the door-step of a strange house. One can enter and make new friends and make the most of himself, or one can enter and sit quietly in a corner, making no move to become acquainted with the new surroundings.

Next fall, many students will be entering a college. For others, it will be a new full-time job. We would be a pretty unhappy bunch of human beings if everyone just sat tight in his own little world. How narrow and selfish one would become!

If we enter our new environments with an optimistic attitude, there's a big chance that we will be happy. If one goes out of his way to look for the bad and discouraging things about him, he can be sure to find many bad points in everything. With this attitude, a person is likely to be very unpleasant to have around. He will also feel insecure and dissatisfied with life.

On the other hand, if one is on the lookout for the good in his new surroundings, he will most likely find more good than bad; as a result he will be a happy, secure individual.

Here we are, Seniors, standing on the doorstep of an almost entirely new life. If we go in and don't sit in a corner, there's a good chance that we can make a much better world out of this mixed-up present one.

Tomorrow is ours. Let's make the most of it.

Zoe Gideon

Club Jumps With Class of '54

Last night at Matt "Roll 'em and I'll call 'em" Peelen's Red Dice Riviera, "Duke" Neal's combo featuring Walton, Straub, Burlington, and Graff played some really "hot" music. Elsmann, accompanied by the "Gone Gals" (Polly Allen, Janyce Babcock and Jean Hoag) really sent the female part of the audience into an absolute swoon.

Pat Lynch and her partner, Bob Harback, did a terrific number to the tune of "Slaughter on Tenth Avenue." To Martha Braden's "Piano Roll," the chorus line, consisting of Dorothy, Miriam, Gail, Cathy, and Sherla, did a high kicking number which sent Jerry Hawkins and Bob Britigan whistling for more.

During intermission, Jim Hawkins and John Warfield did a weight lifting act with barbells Pullan and Endsley after they had given their coats to hat check girls Nancy, Lili-ane, and Joan.

At a ringside table were the two rich, eligible bachelors, Jim Boylan and Joe Gillis, buying cigarettes from the cigarette girls. Ann Carleton and Joan Survilla.

Professional baseball players Berkousen and Harbour were found waiting at the stage door for their dates.

Famed journalist Fritz LaCrone and his personal secretary Stevie Malone were getting the scoop so they could meet their deadline.

Photographers Herman and Patmos were snapping some of the honeymooners in the audience. The Scotts (Joan and Joe) were giving a party for their fellow newly-weds, Jean and Aon White and Linnea and Larry Weisman.

Charles Maloney, campaigning for his next senatorial election, was passing out buttons to Gloria Weiss, Penny Farr and Sandy Close, who were listening intently.

"Sporty" Enz, owner of the "Flashy Men's Clothes Manufacturing Company" was giving sales talks to Bill Andrus and Adrian Vander-Linde.

Donna Burlington, chief telephone operator, took a message from Jim Dyer, President of the Hot Rod Association, to Bob Woody, Jack Cope-land, Ron Westafer, and Tom Pattison, stating that they would now buy their gas from Sandy Terry, gas station magnate.

Last act of the evening was Zoe's version of "Hot Canary" accompanied by Nancy Glidden.

Rhythm at Random

The band has elected as officers for next year Mike Palmer, president, and Howard Jennings, vice-president. The secretary and treasurer will be elected in the fall.

It looks like State High will have a really good band next year in spite of the fact that sixteen seniors are graduating. Some new members will be Helen Thorpe, flute; Mary Roberts, Mary Louise Kaercher, and Pat Baker, clarinet; and Robin Limpus, saxophone. Dr. Beloof would like to see anyone interested in playing bassoon. An experienced piano player is preferred. Incidentally, there are some trombones and baritones available for summer rental to anyone who is interested.

Tennis Team Eyes A State Championship

Warfield, Wade Outstanding

John Warfield has been chosen the most outstanding athlete of the year. It is more than an honor; it is a tribute to him, for John is the first negro ever to win this award at State High. It is a victory for him and those who elected him. There was no question that John would get it. He was a member of the all-city football squad at only 140 pounds. John captained the basketball team. He was the high scorer in track this year, winning both dashes in the conference and was a member of the record-breaking 880 relay team. The outstanding athlete is selected with more in mind than athletic prowess, though. He is selected with careful consideration of attitude and sportsmanship. John had these qualifications, too. He was a competitor down to the wire, humble in victory, cheerful in defeat. John deserved it.

Vern Wade is a husky, rugged-looking freshman about 5' 10" tall and weighing 170 pounds, a boy well deserves the honor of the most promising freshman. Vern was the only freshman starter on the unbeaten freshman squad, the only freshman to have started with the exceptional reserve basketball squad, and the leading home run hitter on the reserve baseball team. This year was a tough one for incoming freshmen because of the wealth of talent in the sophomore class, but Vern has held his own. When asked about himself in an interview Vern said, "Say something modest." That is typical of Vern. He has the essential qualities of an athlete along with humility, a must for every great. We'll be watching Vern in the next three years; we think he can do it.

As We Saw It

Congratulations to John Warfield as outstanding athlete, Vern Wade as most promising freshman, and record holding 880 relay team for being the outstanding individual performers . . . Congratulations also to every boy who helped make this year a success and the all-sports trophy State High's for the second year in a row . . . A perfect spring sports record was posted as State High won every conference title . . . Speaking of records, many have been set this year. Not all-time records, but records to be broken next year and the year after that. This year should be a challenge to each succeeding one; we hope it will be that way . . . As we close another year of sports we want to thank you all for all your letters and response to this column. We've had fun bringing it to you and learned something while doing it. So long until next year. We wish you all the luck in the world.

Relay Team Rates Second, Track Season Over

A long successful track season has finally been completed. With the 880 Relay team's second place finish in the State meet, Coach Roy Walters has put the finishing touches on a tremendous season.

Although the State meet was rather anti-climatic, the Cub thinlies performed quite abely. Larry Miller closed his high school athletics career with a fine 2.04.1 half mile. The half mile relay team composed of John Warfield, Pete Parker, Bob Miles, and Anthony Niebor, ran a 1.33.5 race; only one-half second off the school record time.

Final Games to Be Friday and Saturday

After two years of regional championship "famine" the State High netters smashed through last week to overpower all opposition. In a regional tournament, there is a possibility of coping twenty three points. To get this many points all three singles entries and all three doubles teams must get to the semi-finals. The finals must be made up two singles and two doubles, all from the same school. This is exactly the formula the Cubs used in scoring exactly twenty three points last weekend.

Top-seeded Larry Littig defeated teammate Don Neal in the singles finals. Pat Ryan and Al Wise, also top-seeded, defeated Jon Sebaly and Don Flower to round out the all State High finals. In the semi-finals Neal upset another teammate Mike Palmer in a long three set battle. Sebaly and Flower did likewise by defeating Pete Platt and Jon Scott in the semi's.

This Friday and Saturday the Cub netters with all he regional finalists competing, take their hopes to the state finals. Toughest competition for Coach Stephanie Prychitko's crew will come from Holland Christian, East Grand Rapids and Cranbrook. With good draws, though, the Cub netters could very well add the state championship to the conference and regional laurels they have already garnered.

Golf Team Fifth in State

With four out of its first five linksters being sophomores, the Hilltop golf team has culminated the season's schedule with a surprising, but well earned, 10-0 record. The golf team, which was winless in 1953, boasts a tie for first in the District and a fifth position in the State rankings this year.

A week ago last Saturday the team invaded the Port Huron Country Club for the State meet and posted a team total of 342, good enough for a fifth place. Rock's 82 and Britigan's 84 led the Cub effort.

Nieboer Chosen Captain Of Next Year's Thinclads

Next year's track captain is Anthony Nieboer, better known as Tony. This was Tony's first year out for track and he came out with the idea not of setting the world on fire but of gaining speed for football next fall. The way things turned out, Tony found his place as lead off on the record holding 880 relay team. Things should be even better next year for Tony, who might prove to be a broadjumper and the best 220 man in the conference.

Baseball Title Remains

The Wolverine League championship, a 12-4 won-loss mark, and games remaining to be played with Sturgis and Holland that is the status of Coach Steven's 1954 baseball club. "Mediocre" certainly isn't the proper adjective for the baseball Bruins, considering their last four ballgames.

One week ago the Cubs climaxed their Conference play with a 10-1 shellacking of the Otsego Bulldogs. Guy Hess went all the way for State Hi to post his fifth victory without a setback. The Cubs jumped on the scoring merry-go-round in the third frame, when Garneau, Miles, and Beisel were served free rides and Berkousen, Britigan, Harding, and Parker provided the safeties.

Ray Harbour, the "Grand-daddy" of the Cub mound corps, posted his sixth decision against half that many defeats, as the Cubs revenged Vicksburg 6-3 at the "picnic" game. Gordy Berkousen, the talented patroler of the outer-gardens and dependable slugger, clobbered out 2 hits when he counted to pace the Cub artillery Tom Manning and Guy Hess shared in the hurling responsibilities for State High.

Within four days the State High nine dealt Plainwell a double defeat, beating the Trojans, 7-2 and 6-0. In the first game Hess went the full seven frames for the Bruins, stingily permitting only six bingos while whiffing eight men. Berkousen and Britigan pitched in two singles apiece to lead the eight hit offensive.

Plainwell could muster only four hits from the "mound-wise" Ray Harbour in the second contest and bowed, 6-0.

We Leave This . . .

As the seniors were preparing to leave the hallowed halls of State High, someone discovered a dust-covered box in the rear corner of 211E. Upon inspecting the contents, it was found to contain a yellowed piece of paper titled "Last Will and Testament."

Each member of the class relinquished some valued possession to the following:

Sondra leaves her height to John Garside. — He'll be needing it in a few years.

Jon Sebaly leaves all his women to Kim. — What women?!

Judy Bree leaves her good (?) driving habits to "Donny" Moss. — Never was a wiser choice made.

Judy Scott leaves her slim hips to the junior girls in hopes that they can discard their girdles. — Good psychological thinking, Jude!

Jani and Red leave, at last, so that the faculty can settle down to a normal life insted of running around keeping a watchful eye on their hall behavior. — College faculty aren't so strict, are they, kids?

Zoe Gideon bequeaths the book on **How To Run a Band Library** to Gary Forsleff, in hopes that he can use it to better advantage than she.

Jean Morris leaves Suzy Lennartson to keep up the reputation of the flute section.

Diane leaves her knit suits to Penny Lyon. — You'd better start growing, Penny.

Brooks Godfrey refuses to relinquish Barb to anyone! So there —

Jim Van Tassel bequeaths one slightly used broad jumping marker to Dave Van De Walker and Joe Passifume with hopes that they can put it to better use than he ever has.

Pat Eliet wills her ability to antagonize Mr. Leonardelli to whoever wants it. — That's a great ability, Pat!

Sherla Jennings leaves her first place in the contest to Lois Fuller. —

Gail Hubbell bequeaths her noon trips to Dinny Lintvedt. — Must be some lunches!

Carole Rice wills her out-of-town boys to future band members. — Should prove interesting.

Dick Wilsey bequeaths his ability to get along with Mrs. Monroe to some other persecuted language student. — Pretty nice gift!

The Buders leave their ability to confuse the teachers to the Dargitz twins. — Have fun, kids!

Miriam and Cathy leave their stubborn locker to an unsuspecting freshman in hopes that she'll have more persuasive powers in the office than they had.

Bob Mindeman leaves his "straw" with the coaches to Bobby Miles.

"Edge" leaves her knack at finding out what people want kept secret to whoever can use it. — Who couldn't use it?

Ron Kilgore leaves his old (?)

Cadillac to Don DeVries (small) — Hoping for a new one for graduation, Ron?

Bobbie Gleason leaves her feet from ushering at the Civic, only to regain them climbing the mountains of Colorado at college!

Don Marshall leaves his romantic leads and greasepaint to Tom Elias.

Pat Ryan leaves, and I quote, "I Pat Ryan, last of the famous Ryan family, leave State High after twelve straight years of tremendous records in hopes that they will be able to be confirmed without Wilbur, A. R. and Mort. — Need any more be said?"

Don Flower leaves his tennis ability to Dick Howson. Does he need it?

Julie said she didn't want to leave anything behind except her citizenship grade, which she hoped would be improved upon. — Is it really that bad, Julie?

Ellie leaves the library to Miss Lowrie so she won't have to stand over her constantly reminding her not to talk to Jim Burger and Rob Graff. — Are those conversations educational?

Don Kilgore leaves his ability to get the jobs nobody else wants to Lois Fuller.

Bob Mabie leaves his ability to get along with the girls to Jim Baxter.

Natalie leaves her ability to get engaged to Judy Hayward. Some girls get all the luck!

Off to College

Next September will find this year's seniors disseminated through much of the United States. Nearly seventy-five per cent are planning to attend college, while the other quarter will find jobs or enter the armed forces.

Those students staying here on the hills at **Western** are: J. Babcock,* M. Braden,* J. Bree, A. Carleton, S. Close, C. Edgerton,* P. Farr,* D. Flower, J. Gillis, B. Harback, R. Harbour, G. Hawkins, B. Herman, J. Hughes,* J. Kohrman, M. Leimer,* P. Lynch,* C. Maloney,* L. Miller, J. Morris,* B. Patmos, Judy Scott, A. Shand, J. Survilla, A. Vander Linde, and R. White.

Across the at **Kalamazoo College** A. Gemrich, J. Warfield,* and J. Vantassel will be matriculated.

G. Hubbell, S. Jennings,* and Fritz La Crone will enter **Michigan State College**.

Seven students plan to attend the **University of Michigan**. They are J. Davis, J. Elsmann,* D. Kilgore, R. Kilgore, J. Sebaly,* L. Weisman, and L. Taylor.

Z. Gideon and M. Peelan will go to **Hope College** in Holland, and J. Hoag,* will begin at **Alma**. C. Rice* and S. Hicks will begin their studies at **Albion**.

D. Pullan will leave the state to attend **Northwestern**. D. Neal* will also be in Illinois, at **Knox College**.

EDGEin' Around

Well gang, here's my last report to you . . . about you!

Jim M. and Bob B. use Guy Hess for transportation to see M. H., L. H., A. D., and J. W. Why don't you get a car of your own?

Who are the fellas that go weekly to the Uptown Theatre (on Thursday no less) and throw peanuts?

Mary Lou Spitters got a speeding ticket coming in from Parchment. What were you hurrying from? Also heard tell that the tennis team convinced her to go back to Larry. Now . . . aren't you glad you did ? ? ?

By the way . . . have you noticed that Bob Mabie and Chuck Maloney have new watches? Just ask'em the time, they'll show you.

Joan Puotinem is going steady with one of our rivals in Allegan. The kids is this school just don't stay home for their "close" friends.

Does everybody agree with Dr. Belooof that Jean M. and Ron W. make better music together without their flute and cornet? Explain that, can you? They also played good samaritan at the school picnic. Seems they were worried about other people having a "good time."

Marilyn Wilsey has been snared by Jim Causey for the Prom. Whee! Nice goin' kids!

Seems that the girls that wore the Bermudas goofed according to Miss Crisman. Try again next time, gals!

Jan Correll and John Scott seemed to be an item. Also . . . the senior girls are teaching the freshmen boys how to dance. At the Scott household, no less!

Well kids, it's been real! All I can say is . . . take it easy on the teachers and everybody else . . . It's been fun writing for you kids . . . Good luck to whoever takes this little gem over next year.

A large group will travel to college in the South and West. B. Godfrey will be at **Rice Tech.** in Texas, P. Allen will enter **Duke University** in North Carolina, and R. Graff will attend the **University of Miami** in Florida. At the **University of Tennessee** will be Charles Straub, while B. Woody will attend the **University of Chattanooga**. G. Weiss* will enter the **University of Oklahoma**.

A. Clark, B. Gleason, and L. Malone will attend the **University of Colorado**, and A. Howard will enter **Colorado A. and M.**

P. Eliet and C. Light will go to **Carleton**, in Minnesota.

Colleges in the East will also have several State High students next year. Joe Scott will attend **Dartmouth**, D. Wilsey will begin at **Bowdoin** in Maine, C. Myers will go to **Cornell** in New York, and S. Malone will travel to Massachusetts, to attend **Wellesley College**.

*Indicates students who have received scholarships.