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June 9 Commencement Plans Completed



Premier showing of a few Seniors and that coveted diploma: Shirley VanValkenburg, Sandra Spann, Tom Howson, Annette Douglas, Bryce Forester, and Tom Manning.

The commencement exercises of the Class of 1955 will be held on Thursday, June 9, in the Women's Gymnasium. Under the direction of Miss Kraft, Mrs. Rogers, and Carol Hartman, student chairman, the program will get underway promptly at eight o'clock that evening.

The Seniors, wearing their traditional caps and gowns, will march in to processional music played by Gary Forsleff.

Invocation will be given by the Reverend E. C. Watterworth followed by the selection, "One World" sung by the State High choir. Speaking on the theme of this year's graduation, "Point of No Return", will be Mike Palmer, salutatorian, Joan Sisk and Peter Platt representing the graduating class and the main speaker, Dr. Russell Seibert from Western Michigan College.

Next on the program will be a solo by Nancy Watterworth, followed by the presentation of diplomas by Dr. Roy C. Bryan, Miss Golda Crisman, and Mr. F. W. Jerse. Scheduled next is an instrumental number, "Concerto for Oboe, First Movement", presented by an instrumental ensemble. Closing the program will be a farewell speech by the valedictorian, David Swoap, followed by the benediction and recessional.

Following the exercises will be a reception for all parents and friends of the Seniors.

Colleges Draw Seniors

As the year draws to a close, we find the Seniors preparing to go many places, but this year most of State High's graduating class is going to college.

Many of the graduates will be greeting each other on Western's campus next year. Some that will be saying hello as they pass by are: Marv Balch, Howard Jennings, Bryce Forester, Sally Clarke, Harriette Howe, and Jo Ann Moon. Barb Born and Al Glendening plan to meet each other for coffee at Arcadia next year. Ann Malotte will be seeing Tom Elias for news of her good friend, Darlene Chapin, who, by the way, will be working hard at the U. of Michigan. Dave Goudzward, Guy Hess and Fred Klinger will be around, too, along with Ray LaZotte, Tony Nieboer, Chuck Ocvirek and Lewis Owen. Joyce Owen and Diane Sabo will be drinking coffee at Arcadia while trying to study and talk at the same time and Joan Stimson and Shirley VanValkenburg will be sneaking into the music building to hear Nancy Watterworth practice. Having a bull session on the steps of Smith-Burnham Hall will be Dave Sackett, Pat Squires, Don Moss, Dallas Weybright, Jim Malbone and Dan Ward.

Also staying in town are Sandra

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EXAM SCHEDULE

Date	Class	Time of Exam.
June 3	9:00	8:00-10:00 a.m.
	12:00	10:30-12:30 p.m.
June 6	10:00	8:00-10:00 a.m.
	11:00	10:30-12:30 p.m.
June 7	8:00	8:00-10:00 a.m.
	2:00	10:30-12:30 p.m.

Honoring Don DeVries—

who has been granted a four-year athletic scholarship to Kalamazoo College by the K Club and the college itself.

Tom Elias—

who won the William Slavin-Hawthorne Paper Company Scholarship to Western Michigan College.

Ann Malotte—

who was awarded a four year honorary scholarship to Western Michigan College.

Ron Tanis—

who won the Regents-Alumni Scholarship to the University of Michigan.

Carol Vanderberg—

who has received a four year full tuition scholarship to Western Michigan College from the Delta chapter of the Alpha Beta Epsilon sorority.

Honors Assembly Tomorrow

Honoring all the students who have contributed so much in the way of scholarship, citizenship, and service will be the Eighteenth Annual Honors Assembly, tomorrow, June 2, at ten o'clock in the Walwood Ballroom.

Under the direction of Miss Cleveland, the annual tribute to deserving students will open with a short introduction of what the honor assembly really means, given by Lois Fuller. Next on the program will be a speech given by Mr. Robert Elias. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Frey, will then present a selection followed by the presentations of the awards and the induction of the new officers. Concluding the program will be the recitation of the school creed and the singing of "God Bless America."

Sugar'n Spice

by Larry'n Bryce

Mrs. Monroe is apparently a rabid boxing enthusiast. Her favorite is Bobo Olson and she dislikes Rocky Marciano because he, in her opinion, is unintelligent.

The Advanced Biology class took a trip to Notre Dame. Evidently the girls enjoyed the trip with the football team practicing at the moment!

Most of the boys 'cept Pete Lloyd and Bob Bommersbach have gone on an un-working spree down the cafeteria way. No, Danee, we're sure it isn't love.

Ted Garneau says that Chuck Ocvirek is getting light-headed, but we think Chuck's getting just plain light. That diet of his has brought him down to a meager 200 pounds. Don't blow away, Chuck.

The Choric Reading Group worked diligently in preparation for their splendid assembly yesterday. With Jim Causey, Dave Platt and the boys, rehearsals were always in an uproar.

Some of you may remember a Michigan State varsity gymnast, Dick Phillips, who performed during one of our basketball half-times. He did this out of his personal generosity and got no recognition for it. Dick has since been stricken with polio and is now in Bronson Hospital. We know he would appreciate a note or convalescent card to show your regard for him.

In Mrs. Rogers' combined class, Chuck Warfield was giving a talk about Michigan history. He came to a part about an Indian massacre where the historians said that the Indians killed the white men and ate them with relish. Chuck said he laughed aloud when he read this. How did the historians know that the Indians liked relish with their meal?

Those Juniors have done it again. The English-History Class had the best display for Michigan Week. Congrats to chairman Warfield and his group, who did a fine job.

The new rage appears to be MAD. It's quite a magazine so the educated seniors tell us.

Say, that Jim Rock fella is really eager for an education. Not too long ago he went to two English classes in one day!

Since this as our last column for the **Highlights**, we think it only right that we thank all you kids for making the news and the teachers and other staff members for showing us items our newsy noses missed.

Larry and Bryce

Senior To Freshman To...

Bright rays of morning sunlight filtered through the trees, casting odd-shaped shadows on the surrounding ground as I followed a familiar cracked sidewalk through a maze of buildings. Many thoughts were mine as I sauntered along leisurely. How I had changed in just one year at the university! From a small, meek freshman just entering a huge college up to a competent, polished veteran of the struggle for survival was my accomplishment in just eight months.

Immediately after high school graduation, I felt free from all childhood ties and thought that the world revolved just for my sake. I knew everything there was to know about everything. How wrong can one person be! Here I had ridden on a fluffy silk cloud all during the summer until I found I still had a lot to learn.

I can still vividly remember how I cautiously proceeded down this very same walk only a short while ago to register for the school year. My knees quivered at every step and my stomach turned flip flops with all the excitement. The massive structures of learning pressed in toward me until they almost smothered me. Strange, unfamiliar faces greeted me at every turn. I really was one scared little "freshie."

After those busy months of cramming for exams and spending hours in the library, my whole attitude and personality have changed somewhat. Of course, my college life hasn't been all work. I've enjoyed social activities like teas, dances, sorority meetings, and sports events. My steps are confident now and even sometimes cocky as I travel back and forth between my endless classes. Those once overpowering landmarks of the university embrace me now in a protective manner. The once forbidding faces now are much friendlier. Slowly I have become a small part of the intricate machinery of the college. No longer does an insecure feeling pursue me. To put it more bluntly, I have grown up inwardly and outwardly. I don't feel quite so bad at being away from home for a long time. I have almost severed my mother's apron strings which had bound me for over eighteen years. I have slowly put aside the familiar security of home where my parents looked out for my welfare. No one tells me now when to get up, when to go to bed, or when to study. I am completely on my own to live my life here at the university the way I want to. I am more levelheaded since I have to make all my own important decisions.

I truly feel that I have gained self-confidence, poise, tact, and most of all, maturity during my first year. I have entered a new, wonderful world of hopes and dreams.

—Darlene Chapin

On The Podium

by John Schensul

The Farewell Concert will take place on June 1. To begin, Miss Skurks will do the "Sunset Soliloquy", by Fred Walters. The choir will render several pieces: "Keys of Heaven" by Rhea and "The Lord is Calling" by Walter. The Men's Group-Boys' Club will do "No Man Is An Island" by Whitney, "The Russian Prince" by Enders, and "This Is My Father's World". The entire audience will participate in singing "The Happy Wanderer."

At the Honors Day program there will be an "Oboe Concerto" by Cimarosa, arranged by Roy Miller of Wayne University for woodwind ensemble. Members of the ensemble are: Oboe: Mike Palmer; first clarinets: Frank Ell, Mary Jane La Plante; second clarinets: Shirley Van Valkenburg, Kenyon Morgan; third clarinets:

Carol Sutton, Phyllis Kievit; bass clarinet: Ruthmary Werly; flutes: Carolyn Kaercher, Suzanne Lennartson; bass: Howard Jennings. The choir will do "America My Own" by Cain.

The Commencement program will consist of "His Honor March" by Fillmore, directed by Gerald Longjohn, "Adagio Cantabile", by Beethoven, directed by Mike Palmer, "Sandpaper Ballet" by Anderson, directed by Ellen Davis, and the "Andantino in Modo di Canzona", from the 4th Symphony by Tschai-kowsky. Also, the choir will sing "One World" by O'Hara.

Congratulations to the "Rhythm on Wheels" girls, Danee Taylor and Ruthmary Werly, who in a talent show in Muskegon were chosen among the top six performers out of 200 participants. From these six, two will be selected for a week at Walther League Conventions in New York City.

Golf State Champs: Title Lures Netters

Team Fires 318

The State High golfers came through on May 21 with flying colors when they walked off with the state Class B golf title. The Cub four man team won the title with a score of 318. Their nearest competition was East Lansing's four man team, whose score was 327. 79 was the score of Jim Rock, Dave Britigan, and Jack DeKreek, while Joel Shepherd had 81.

Medalist honors went to Dan Winterhalter of Grand Haven, who shot a 74, which is two over par.

Earlier matches included victories over Three Rivers with a 312-374 score, Shepherd leading by 75; over Battle Creek Lakeview, 305-331 with Rock having 75; and in the regional championship matches at Marywood Country Club. That day the total was 333, with Rock as medalist with 81, Britigan following with 83, DeKreek, 84, and Shepherd, 85.

Team Qualifies 3 For State Meet

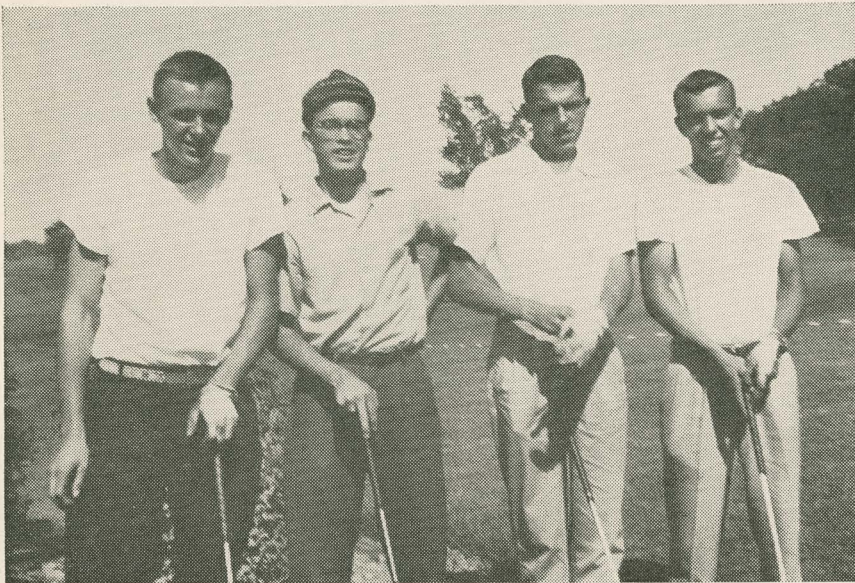
Flashing their usual tournament power, the State High Cubs won the B-2 Regional tournament at Stowe stadium, Saturday, May 21. Larry Littig won the singles title by trouncing John Fitzpatrick of St. Augustine in the finals 6-0, 6-1. Pete Platt and Al Wise whipped Doug Turnbull and Bill York of Three Rivers 6-1, 6-0. All three players will compete in the state meet to be held at Stowe Stadium this weekend.

Thursday, May 19, the Cubs traveled to Plainwell and barely nosed out a strong Trojan team 4-3. The netters won all singles matches and dropped all the doubles. The score was tied 3-3 when freshman Eddie Gemrich trimmed Bill Haffner 6-1, 6-2 in the deciding match.

Holland Christian's State champs fell before the Cubs 6-1 on May 18. As a whole the team played very well, and all the matches were good ones. The previous Monday the team had a practice meet with Central and was defeated 6-1. Only winner was Pete Platt in the number three singles.

In other matches played recently, State downed Vicksburg 7-0 and Otsego 6-1. Neither school could give the Cubs much competition and many matches were won without the loss of a game.

the entire season, but were lacking in points specifications. These boys did not receive letters, but showed great potentialities that will surely be recognized in future years.



State champs Jim Rock, Dave Britigan, Joel Shepherd, and Jack DeKreek

Call Me Splinters

by Ted Garneau

Now I've tried to get some information on this summer's sport plans. Mr. Stevens has a very important suggestion for all students who are planning on participating in a sport this summer.

"Accept nothing in the way of payment, awards, or recognition for playing in any athletic activities until the proper school authorities, Mr. Stevens or Mr. Walters, have been consulted."

Some of the sports that are most likely to appeal in the summer are baseball, golf, tennis, and racing. Joel Shepherd and Jim Rock will engage in golf; Bob Miles, Pete Parker, Randy Crockett, Al Glendening, Larry Johnson, Jim Kemerling, and yours truly will try their hand at baseball; Larry Littig and Jon Scott will participate in the tennis tournaments along with the possibilities of Al Wise and Pete Platt.

Now I wish to thank all of you for reading this little column. Until next year this is the "Old Redhead" checking out with a hearty—
STRIKE THREE!!!

Cubs Being Pressed

The State High Cubs, winners over Otsego, and Plainwell, and losers at Vicksburg and Allegan, have put themselves in a very tight spot. Portage is on top of the league two full games ahead of State, the only team to beat them.

At Vicksburg in the first game you remember how the Cubs ran away from the Bulldogs. In the second contest between the two schools, Vicksburg took advantage of the hitless State High team and won 3-0.

To win the baseball trophy the Cubs then had to win every other game they played in the league. The first real test came on May 20 at Plainwell. The game was most impressive on State's side of the picture. Fred Green, Trojan ace, who beat State High in their first meeting, found a scrapping, fighting, hitting Cub ball team playing one of its best games, just too much. State High collected 9 hits and 6 runs so that Plainwell just couldn't keep pace.

Track Season Successful

State High's Conference and Regional track and field champions brought to an end another most successful season. The Cub thinclads were defeated only twice this year, and that was at the Hastings' Relays, where they took a third, and at the State Meet, where the only points were captured by Don DeVries in the shot put.

In order to receive a varsity letter in track, a participant must earn 10 points or place in the Conference meet and he must remain out for the entire season. Twenty-one boys (9 of them seniors) filled these requirements: Don Alguire, Marv Balch, Garry Birch, John Boyd, Dave Corning, John Curren, Don DeVries (Sr.), Clark Godfrey, Ken Hartman, Ray LeZotte, Jim Malbone, Bob Miles, Tony Nieboer (Captain), Chuck Ocvirek, Jerry Olivitt, Pete Parker, John Schensul, John Simcox, Nate Taylor, Dave VanDeWalker, Chuck Warfield. Many boys stayed out for

A Rhyme in Time

Trudging to their locker go Denny
Bryan and Dave Sackett
Man, oh, man—those boys can really
make a racket;
But wait! Denny has quieted down a
lot;
Well, no wonder, here comes cute Ann
Malotte!

He's up on his soap-box!
Clear the streets!
That's Bruce Berg,
And he's going to make a speech.

Who's that gal in a cloud like a bird?
Happy and carefree Judy Hayward.
Why is she happy and ready to sing?
That gal's totin' an engagement ring!

Twirling down the hall comes Tamsin
Malone,
Many a fellow calls her on the phone.
Held in her hand, with a record of the
blues,
Are her tiny but famous ballet shoes.

A quiet young girl with a sincere
heart,
And in hard work she takes her part.
There is something Helen Alman
ought to be told,
That is, she has a heart of untarnished
gold.

"Spits" is the name we all know her
by;
You see her in the hall and she always
says, "Hi!"
Who is that with Mary Lou as she
flits by?
Oh ya, Larry Littig, the same old guy.

Colleges

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Spann, who will enter Bronson Hospital to begin her nurses training, and Joan Newton, who will start training as a practical nurse.

Although Don DeVries is at "K" College, he will probably be spending much time on Western's campus seeing Carol Vanderberg. Working hard at "K" with Don will be Tom Harding, if he decides to go there, (he may go to Valparaiso) and Jim Hightower. Robin Lohse and Bruce Berg are also continuing their studies there.

Perpetuating the rivalry between the U. of Michigan and Michigan State U. are Carol Hartman, Connie Kuizenga and Ron Tanis for the U. of M. Holding out that M.S.U. is the better school will be Phil Leach, John Schensul, Dick Schreiber, Ellen Davis, and possibly Nancy Woodworth.

Greeting Sue Locke next year at the U. of Colorado will be two of last year's graduates, Ellis Clarke and Liliane Malone.

The Middle West seems to exert quite a pull on State High Seniors this year. Dave Eaton is going to Marion College; Gerry Longjohn plans to attend Moody Bible Institute; Jim Otis is headed to the Illinois Institute of

Memorable Moments

JIM CAUSEY—"Supplying my little friends with gum."

When PHYLLIS KIEVIT was approached, she shook her head slowly and solemnly declared, "Nothin'."

JOAN NEWTON—"I think being able to work on the outside projects in Future Nurses Club."

DAVE EATON—When the article was put in the **Highlights** about his service to the school.

SHIRLEY VANVALKENBURG—Slipped us a note saying something to the effect that the Tenth Grade Physical Science was best because of all the boys.

TOM HARDING—Sounded forth with another big "Nothin'."

MIKE PALMER—Paused a moment, then exclaimed, "Graduation."

LOIS FULLER—Said her most memorable experience couldn't be put in the **Highlights**.

The State High Student Council is sending Tim Light and Dick Tyler as representatives to the National Student Council meeting June 12-16 at Ardmore, Pa., which is near Philadelphia. There will be 600 high school students there from the United States and its possessions.

Pins will be awarded by Mr. George Cooper to five members of his shorthand class for superior skill in taking 60 words per minute dictation for five minutes. The recipients of these pins will be Carol Vanderberg, Sandra Spann, Nancy Woodworth, Judy Hayward, and Sally Clarke.

Technology and after working a couple of years, Jerry Olvitt is going to Tri-State. Jo Sisk and Gerry Green are planning on going to Ohio schools: Jo to the U. of Cincinnati and Gerry to Ohio State. Phyllis Kievit will attend Wheaton College and Denny Bryan is enrolling at Carthage College. Dave Swoap and Ann Burgdfer will be journeying to Dennison U. next fall, while Tamsin Malone tries the southern Indiana climate at DePauw University.

Deciding that DePauw was not far enough south, Jim Causey picked Washington and Lee University in the deep South. In this same climate we find Lois Fuller and Joanne Puotinen at Stephens College.

Possibly going to Bowling Green are Nancy Woodworth and Joanie Peelen. If Joanie doesn't go to Bowling Green, she will join Mary Lou Spitters at Hope College.

Tom Howson is going to Albion for pre-med while Tom Manning and Fred Snow will be seeing each other on the Michigan College of Mining and Technology's campus.

Viewing their new home at Yale U. will be Pete Platt and Al Wise. Also out East will be Mike Palmer at Harvard.

But going the farthest from home will be Dinny Lintvedt, who will go to Norway to school.

Carol's Cubbyhole

And here we are! This, fellows, is it! The last issue. Thank goodness, now I can go into estivation for the summer not caring whether Sue goes with Sam or not. Actually, it has been highly educational as well as entertaining to crawl around the dust and gos—I mean, human-interest—filled halls. But enough of this trivia; I really have some ear cloggers for you.

The Junior-Senior Prom appears to be holding the majority of the attention with several couples already planning the evening.

These include JOAN SISK and BRYCE FORESTER, VICKI WENNER and CHUCK OCVIREK. Also attending the gala event will be CAROL SHUTZ and TOM HARDING, CONNIE MONROE and DEAN GRIFFITH, and ANNE DOYLE and JIM MALONE.

These kids don't mess. Others that didn't waste much time were SUE LOCKE and JIM CAUSEY and SHARON RANSLER and DAVE VANDEWALKER.

Naturally, the usual steadies will be there. While on the subject of steady, there seems to be an acute epidemic spreading. Oh I LOVE that disease.

Before we leave the prom, I can't forget to mention that MARY CARNEY and PETER PULLON, TOM MANNING and RUTHANN BRYAN, and JOANNE PUOTNEN and her man from Allegan are also attending. Guess that's about 'nuf said.

Central is stealing more of our female population. Now it is PATTI PAULL. Girls, you can't do this.

Congrats to CHARLENE SCHULTZ. She is now sporting a Sigma Chi pin belonging to her man in Albion. Way to go!

Another senior has done it. WANDA HOARE is also going steady. What is this class coming to? There sure aren't many single gals left.

DON MOSS wants it known around campus that he's "Neat." You don't have to tell us, Don; we can tell by that look in your voice.

Skip day was really a ball this year. Besides the burns, cuts, scrapes, bruises, and gaping bathing suits (how about that, Tam?), everyone came home safely in one way or another. But we'll have to watch those long walks on the beach, PAT SQUIRES; you might get a reputation.

At the lake, several female members of our little group were "up a creek without a paddle" as there were no bath houses. So, off to the woods they went with JERRY OLVITT keeping a lookout in the nearest tree. We weren't sure just who he was looking out for, but could make a guess.

Hate to go, but I must end these bits of trauma until another year. Bye, buds, and have a great summer.