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# STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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## Choir Group Sees 'Norma'

In Chicago Saturday, May 5, among the audience at the performance of "Norma", the opera by Bellini starring Zinka Milanov, was Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, accompanied by Miss Betty Silverthorne and Jane Britton, two Western Michigan College students, and the following ten members of State High's Choir: Martha DeLano, Nancy McQuigg, John Foster, Tom McKinney, Dave Peterson, Hildur Sangren, Joan Rood, Gerry Klein, Marguerite Klein, and Marcia Foster.

The group started Saturday morning bright and early by arising at the unearthly hour of 2:30, catching the 3:45 train and arriving in the windy city in time for breakfast at the Steven's Hotel. This was followed by a visit to the Art Institute by some of the group, shopping by others, and then all enjoyed lunch in the Walnut Room of Marshall Field's. After the opera in the afternoon, they went to the Edge Water Beach Hotel for dinner.

10:20 P.M. and Kalamazoo once again could boast of the presence of these thirteen who all agreed that they had "a grand time".

## Bryan's Works Published

Dr. Roy C. Bryan, principal of State High, has written two pamphlets which have just been published and which are being distributed by the Graduate Division of Western Michigan College.

"The Evaluation of Student Reactions to Teaching Procedure" deals with student's judging of teachers' abilities while a "Key To Professional Information for Teachers" provides a bibliography for teachers to use in their work. In addition to these two pamphlets, Dr. Bryan has written many other articles which have appeared in leading education magazines.

## Joanne Schrier Wins Award

When the winners of the Kalamazoo College scholarship tests were announced, Joanne Schrier received honorable mention which is worth \$250 towards her tuition for next year. This scholarship was awarded on a competitive basis. Joanne was the only student from State to receive an award from "K" College and one of two in the city to receive honorable mention.

## No Spring Dance Scheduled This Year

Due to the fact that the Social Committee cannot obtain Walwood hall, there will not be a Spring dance as planned. State High has already had its quota of dances, five for the year at Walwood. However, there are four dances already scheduled for the remaining five weeks of school. These dances are: the Hi-Y Carnival dance, May 25th in the women's gym; the "S" Club formal, May 29th at Walwood; the dance for the winners of 15 A's war stamp challenge to be held in the Women's Gym whose date is undecided; and last, the Junior-Senior Prom, June 13th at Walwood. The Social Committee expresses regret that it is unable to sponsor this dance but is sure the student body will understand and hope it will give its full support to the last four dances.

## U. of M. Honors Three

The University of Michigan has awarded three State High students, Martha DeLano, Francis Hamel, and James Knauss, with a Regents Alumni Scholarship beginning with the summer term. These students receive full tuition, or \$120 for the first school year. If they maintain a good scholastic record for that year, the scholarships are renewable for the next term.

The scholarships were awarded on the basis of competitive examination, the scholastic record which the contestants have maintained throughout high school and the school activities in which they have participated. All of these students have remained in the upper percentile of their class and have been very active in school activities.

Francis Hamel plans to enter this summer and have a year of college before Uncle Sam gets him. Martha DeLano and James Knauss will enter in the fall term.

## Calendar

- May 18—Central's J-Hop.
- May 20 — Band Concert, Little Theatre, at 4:00.
- May 25—Hi-Y Carnival
- May 29—"S" Club Formal
- May 30 (Memorial Day) — No School.

## Try Your Luck At The Carnival

Step right up, folks, step right up! Right this way for a gala evening of fun and enjoyment for all!

Naturally, that means the Hi-Y Carnival which will be rocking the halls of old S. H. S. on May 25 from 8 o'clock to eleven-thirty, occupying rooms 208, 210, 219, 108, 110, and the Women's Gym. Your twenty-five cent admission fee goes for ten cents general admission and provides you, as well, with three booth tickets at five cents each.

"Bring a friend, and a friend bring a friend" is the main theme, and the more, the merrier, for all proceeds from this event will be given to the Social Committee of the Student Council for its benefit and the benefit of all State's students.

Sponsored by Mr. Deur, the committee chairmen for this Carnival are as follows: General chairman, Dave Crawford; vice chairman, Otto Schuhardt; publicity, John Dunn; chaperones, Bob Walbers.

Each booth at the carnival is to be sponsored by some organization in the school. Some of the attractions of this unusual event will be a fun house, fortune telling, dancing, movies, shooting gallery, games of chance and penny pitching, as well as a free skit to be given by Masquers, cards, and a door prize. There will be a fish pond for those who like to "fish," and refreshments for those who — well, every one!

Sounds like a pretty good evening, what? See you all there!

## 'Athlete's Fete' Coming Up

Well, girls, it's time to "turn on the charm" and start scouting for some of those elusive males who wander through State's fair halls wearing their impressive "S" sweaters, the obvious reason being the approaching formal sponsored by the "S" club which will be appropriately called the "Athlete's Fete."

The dance is to be held on May 29 with Bud Hall's band and is restricted to "S" club members, who are allowed to bring one couple, provided the couple furnishes the required \$1.25. Dancing will be enjoyed from 9 to 12 at Walwood Hall and the entire faculty is invited.

Sally Benton is in charge of decorations while Bill Ryan and Henry Berry are collaborating to provide the ever-necessary refreshments.

# Here They Are

Do you know the newly elected council officers for next year? Most students at least know them by sight but what do they know about them? The officers have had a wide range of experience in various fields which should have equipped them to lead State's student government with the usual high degree of efficiency which has characterized the Council since its founding.

Burt Upjohn, President elect, is the boy with the camera. Burt has served as staff photographer for three years on the Highlights as well as working in the photographic department of the Kalamazoo Gazette in his spare time, which shows very clearly where his hobby interest lies. Burt entered State High as a freshman from Vine Junior High School and served as vice-president of his homeroom during the part of that year before he joined the paper staff. He has been



Upjohn

active in the Speech department of State, entering forensic contests in both his sophomore and junior years and having a part in the Spring Play this year. Burt was a member of the debating squad and hopes to attend Northwestern's Debate School this summer in preparation for next year. In sports' fields, Burt has distinguished himself as a miler on the track squad, for the past 2 years. It can easily be seen from these varied activities that Burt will take the job of council president in his stride as he has all other jobs which have confronted him.

Another miler on the track team has won the second office of next year's Student Council. Vice-President Herb Smith is a sophomore this year and entered State last year from Recreation Park where he was active in sports and academic activities. He was valedictorian of his class at Recreation Park and has maintained all A's scholastically in his two years at State High. Herb is a Monitor this year and served as president of his



Smith

freshman homeroom. Since he is nearly 17 now, his year as council vice-president will help prepare him for the experiences facing him in the service.

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# Is The War Really Over?

"The War is over!" "It's V-E Day!" "Let's Go Celebrate." These expressions and many more like them were heard in the halls of State High on that memorable day of the German Surrender. It was a day of joy, and rightly so, but mixed with that joy was a trace of thoughtfulness on the part of many.

Those who thought realized that the war isn't over. For many, it will never be over. Every student of State High knows some one of his class mates who has lost a brother or sister in this European war. For them, the war is not over. Every student of State High knows some who are serving in the Pacific theater of war. For them, the war is not over. We all know boys, our former classmates, whose lives have been completely changed by their experiences in war. Our own lives have been altered immensely and will continue to be so until we can say with joy that it is V-J Day.

Think of your classmates, Bill Milham, Karl Hokenmaier, and innumerable others in Germany. Remember Bob Palmatier, who was with the 5th Army in Italy, now reputed to be on its way to the Japanese theater. And what of the boys in the Philippines — Hank Meyer, Ed Campbell, and Harry Parker, or Bob Anderson and George Moran on that boat in the Pacific? Remember these and all the other boys when you say that the war effort is relaxed. As you remember them, redouble your personal effort to end the war for them.

The minute taker for next year's Student Council will be Carolyn Mitchell, junior from Oakwood. Carolyn entered State High last year as a sophomore and has been active in the Red Cross club for her two years here. She, at present, is serving as



Mitchell

council representative to the Red Cross Club. Carolyn is secretary of the Junior class and a study hall Monitor. Her main interest outside of school is music, since she plays both the piano and violin, the latter for the Little Symphony Orchestra. Carolyn will serve as chairman of the Social Committee for the Council next year as part of the Secretary's position.

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# In The Service

**Bob Berghuis**, who left State High this year for the navy, is now stationed at Great Lakes where he is working awfully hard but reports that he doesn't seem to mind the work even though it isn't easy. Bob, who was in his junior year at State when he became 18 and enlisted in the navy, says that all the fellows have "baldy" haircuts. It seems to be pretty hard for State High to imagine Bob without his curls. He also says that he would appreciate letters from any of his old classmates.

A/S Robert Berghuis  
Company 531  
U.S.N.T.S.  
Great Lakes, Ill.

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**Karl Hokenmaier**, vice-president of last year's Student Council, is awaiting further assignment at a replacement center in England. Karl was wounded this winter in the fighting in Belgium and was in a hospital in Paris for some time. He reports that since he hasn't been receiving his mail for a long time, the Red Cross gave him a party recently on his birthday. He also has spent a ten-day furlough enjoying himself in Scotland.

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**Bob Anderson**, who would have graduated with the present senior class had he not been drafted into the navy last summer, has been promoted to the rank of Fireman First Class. Bob has also just left the Philippines. Bob and **George Moran**, who graduated from State High last year, haven't been separated at all since they left school. They are now "in the same boat" in the Pacific.

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## Cubs Second At Big '7' Meet

The State High track squad captured second place last Friday, May 11, in the Big Seven Conference meet at Dowagiac. The St. Joe Bears outclassed the other schools by taking 75-1/3 points winning 10 first places.

Bill Ryan stole the only first place for the fighting Cubs by winning the 220 yard dash. Ryan also starred in the 100 yard by coming through with a second place, followed closely by Lou Vander Linde who claimed the third spot in that dash.

In the shot put, State took a third and fourth place, with Steve Crane and Jim Carl. Dick Klepper ranked third in the high jump. In the mile event, Herb Smith and Burt Upjohn finished fourth and fifth respectively. Jim Ralston walked off with second place honors in the broad jump and the third spot in the 880 yard dash. The Cub relay team finished second behind the speedy St. Joe sprintsters in the half mile relay. John Dunn and Larkin Winther each came through with a third in the 440 yard run, this event being run in two sections.

### RESULTS

St. Joseph .....	75 1/3
STATE HIGH .....	34 5/6
Niles .....	28 5/6
Dowagiac .....	26
Three Rivers .....	8
South Haven .....	2
Buchanan .....	2

The Kalamazoo Regional Track Tourney will take place Saturday May 19 at Waldo Stadium. Most of the stars of the Big Seven Conference will compete in this all-important meet at which State High will be out to capture the regional honors.

## Chiefs Bow to Cubs

— Fourth Straight —

State High's batsmen have come through again by defeating the Dowagiac Chiefs at Hyames Field last Tuesday, May 8, by the score of 8-2. The Cub nine has as yet not been defeated and the outlook for the rest of the season is very bright.

Coach Bob Quiring's boys had little trouble in walloping the Chiefs and although they got only three hits, these three came in the pinches. Bob Kistler worked on the mound and did a very fine job of hurling. Big Dick Klepper again came through with a powerful triple to left field, his second of the "45" campaign.

The Cubs will try for their fifth straight victory Friday, May 18, at Hyames Field when they will meet a strong Paw Paw High nine. The contest will begin at 3:30 P.M.

## Sportlight

In the fall of "42" State High was presented with a new character from the training school, Jim Ralston. "Jim" went out for football and promptly made the end position on the reserve team. As basketball season came around, Ralston played first string guard position on the freshmen outfit. Jim also won a varsity letter on the track team by broad and high jumping, while in baseball he received a reserve letter.

In his sophomore year he was a member on the varsity football squad, but an injury to his thumb kept him from playing. While in basketball he won a varsity letter as he played first string guard. "Jim" played left field on the baseball team proving to be a slugger, and when not playing baseball, he won another letter in track.

During his junior year Ralston proved himself an athlete by being a four letter man in baseball, basketball, football, and track.

When Jim's senior year rolls around he should distinguish himself as an excellent athlete and should be a valuable asset to State's teams, if the army doesn't get him first.

His favorite pastime or hobby is his gal, Betsy DeMoor; yet he finds time to play tennis and shoot some golf during the summer.

## Speakers Win Seconds

State High came home with two second places from the Invitational Forensics contest at Michigan State College Saturday, May 12. Six schools participated in this contest which was sponsored by the College.

Bil Gilbert entered the extemporaneous speaking section and won second place, speaking on the subject, "Argentina, and Hemispheric Solidarity."

Giving a part of Poe's "Telltale Heart," Bob Heath also took a second place in Dramatic Declamation.

## Art Exhibition Now On

In accordance with the Western Arts Association meeting, various members of the State High art classes are exhibiting paintings in the East and West rooms of the Union Building. This show will be displayed for a period of two weeks and students are urged to attend this exhibit.

## Pellowe To Go To Boys' State

Jim Pellowe, a junior at State High, has been selected by the faculty as the Rotary Club's representative to Boy's State, held from June 14 to 22. This is a camp held every year at Michigan State College for the purpose of giving practice in the fundamentals of government.

## Jackson Beats State Golfers

State High's golf squad opened its season April 30 at Arcadia Brook golf course. The Cub linksters were handed their first loss in three years as they bowed to the strong Jackson Vikings 345 to 396. Pulling was low for the visitors with 79 while the Cubs were led by Jack Moss' 87. Cold and windy weather were blamed for the high scores as it handicapped members of both teams.

On May 9, the Cub divot-diggers journeyed to Jackson for a return match at the Cascades course. Again battling a strong headwind, the Jackson team repeated its earlier victory by a 335-365 margin in a fairly close match. Bil Gilbert was low for State with a fine 83 while Corly and White had 77 and 79 respectively for the winners.

Scores:

### APRIL 30

<b>State</b>		
Moss .....	46	41 — 87
Gilbert .....	51	46 — 97
Amos .....	56	49 — 105
Huyser .....	54	53 — 107
		396

### Jackson

Pulling .....	40	39 — 79
White .....	45	41 — 86
Corly .....	47	40 — 87
Hart .....	47	46 — 93
		345

### MAY 9

<b>State</b>		
Gilbert .....	42	41 — 83
Moss .....	44	41 — 85
Amos .....	49	49 — 98
Auxter .....	49	50 — 99
		365

### Jackson

Corly .....	39	38 — 77
White .....	40	39 — 79
Hart .....	45	44 — 89
Pulling .....	45	45 — 90
		335

## Coming Up in Sports

### SCHEDULE

- May 16—Baseball, Dowagiac, there.
- May 18—Baseball, Paw Paw, here.
- May 19 — Regional Track Meet, here.
- May 21—Tennis, Dowagiac, there.
- May 22—Track, Hastings, there.
- May 22 — Tennis, Benton Harbor, here.
- May 24—Tennis, Elkhart, there.
- May 25 — Baseball, South Haven, here.
- May 30—Baseball, Allegan, there.
- June 1—Baseball, Sturgis, here.
- June 8—All Sports Banquet.

# The Nose

By JUDY OGDEN

Well, again we meet in this cheerful little column to find out what the gossip of the week is:

Last Saturday the choir took a trip to Chicago to see an operetta. Beforehand, while girls shopped, the boys rode Marshall Fields' escalators and the "EL." Some of the boys and Rosie (remember him?) took in a show on State Street. Tut, tut, boys!

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Austin lake residents are undoubtedly going to be moving away from the location the week before school lets out. The well-known "Harries" are holding sort of a last fling before individual "hars" leave for the service. This party at Harrie Gilbert's cottage will, no doubt, be the meeting of all meetings.

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Why is Gerry so anxious about going to Lansing for some track meet?

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Masquers club is in the process of producing some one act plays. The soph gals will undoubtedly have a tough time of it trying to portray a group of sophisticated cats. (It says here)

Marty DeLano seems to have found a new flame down at Culver. Dunny, along with all his other accomplishments seems to have acquired an instinct toward poetry. From the looks of his passionate poem, Mart seems to be the sweetheart of Company C.

Saturday was the day of the brute, and I do mean brute, senior rummage sale, but dancing, cokes, cake, hamburgers, frosted malteds, and a little pushing around was going on during the day. Of course, all of you saw the picture of the distinguished Mellinger advertising the event around town. Watch out, Glen! You'll have to be fighting off the wolves!

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Cameron Clark: "Adios."  
Gravel Gertie: "What does that mean?"  
Camey: "That means goodbye in Spanish."  
Gertie: "Well, nitric acid."  
Camey: "What does that mean?"  
Gertie: "That's goodbye in any language!"  
Trojan Trumpet

Mr. Jackson: "Well, son, did you learn anything new in Sunday School today?"

Roger: Sure, daddy. I learned all about a cross-eyed bear named "Gladly." We sang a song about him — "Gladly the Cross I'd Bear."

—The Helios.

# Freshman Class Poll

Bobby Aach	.....	Cutest	.....	Tommy Powell
Shirley Beebe	.....	Friendliest	.....	Don Brown
Hildur Sangren	.....	Best Dancer	.....	Dick Dorgan
Judy Miller	.....			
Shirley Beebe	.....	Peppiest	.....	Jerry Hollowell
Judy Miller	.....	Best Figure	.....	Don Brown
Bobby Aach	.....			
Eve DeVries	.....	Silliest	.....	Dick Lusso
Judy Miller	.....	Luckiest	.....	Dick Dorgan
Barbara Fitzgerald	.....	Best all-around	.....	Dick Dorgan
Donna Kowalski	.....	Smoothest	.....	Don Brown

# Cogitations on The Campus Conveyance

By DICK KOLLOFF

"Clang, clang, clang, goes the trolley, Ding, ding, ding, goes the bell" It seems that the traditional street-car has a bell, or else it isn't a street-car. If it doesn't have a bell, it's probably a bus. But what is it, if it doesn't have a bell, it's not a train, and it runs on a track?

You probably guessed it, at least, if you have ever ridden an'old Rattle and Bang' as our school trolley has affectionately been dubbed. This conveyance, as most of up know, has the infamous habit of jerking when you least expect it to, and, worst of all, starting away just as you are about to get on.

But, as the hunter said to his poorly trained bird dog, "Let's get to the point." The main idea of this gem of twentieth-century trash is that we have something that no other school in Kalamazoo has, and we really shouldn't abuse the privilege of using it. If you have ever been in the building from which the trolley is run, you would know the job is not easy. Also, if Al, the man that keeps the wheels rolling, didn't keep cotton in his ears to keep the noise of the machinery out, he'd go plain batty! Conclusion—let's not help him. (go batty)

# Happy Birthday

- May 19—Rosemary Porter
- May 20—Romagne Pringle  
John Pionke
- May 21—David Fooy
- May 22—Franklin Fulton  
Martha Schuhardt
- May 23—Bob Dunham
- May 24—Phil Avery  
Harriet Beerstecher
- May 25—Barbara Fitzgerald
- May 27—Gene Vandenberg
- May 28—John Aube
- May 29—John Jennings
- May 30—Nancy McQuigg
- May 31—Bill Boynton
- June 1—Howard Gilmore

# Support The Dances

Are State High's dances beginning to slump? There seems to be some speculation in that direction. It's not the fault of the Social Committee or the homeroom who sponsors the dance, now is it? The guys and gals don't come because they don't have such a hot time.

Here's a suggestion—let's mix a little more at our dances, kids. We aren't snobs so let's not act that way—Dance with everyone, get around more, maybe someone has a new dancing technique you don't know about yet. At any rate, State's dances are sure to be more successful and more fun for everyone if everybody's friendly. Come on kids, we all know everybody else in this school, so let's dance with everyone we know!

# Big Battle Blow-out

The battle was about to progress. The Jap fleet had finally decided to come out and meet the United States fleet in the climatic battle of the Pacific. The American Navy was closing in for the kill. The air was filled with shells. Ships were sinking to my right and left. The remaining Jap Navy turned tail and ran, but I ordered a sweeping attack on the remaining vessels. Victory was ours!!! The decisive battle over, I gathered the ships together and stepped out of the tub.

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Another of the would-have-been seniors of this year, **Jack Sterner**, is now back at a hospital at Great Lakes. He is an attendant in the hospital rather than a patient as he was not so long ago. Jack seems to be enjoying his job in the navy, primarily because it is so near Kalamazoo, and because he can see one of his former classmates, **John Toornman**, who is stationed at Radar school in Chicago.

Passing scenes in the chemistry lab. "Atom falls in love with Molly Cule."  
—The Latineer.

**SUPPORT YOUR TEAM AT THE TRACK AND TENNIS MEETS.**