

THE VOX

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Quill Show Is Deemed Success

The jostling, jubilant jugglers; the sensational, indispensable Rat Brothers; a stylish style show featuring the gay 20's; the stupendous, ever popular senior girls' chorus line. . .

All of this and more composed the memorable 1969 Marion High School Quill Show. Originality is the key work in describing this year's variety show as it was displayed in every aspect of the annual event. The theme of the show, "Every Now and Then," was executed with precision in the predominantly minstrel show.

The show, under the direction of Mrs.

Tour Planned

Mr. Gary Goldstein and wife are teacher-leaders for the People to People Student Ambassador Tour to Europe. This summer they will be leading a six-week bus tour of twelve European countries. Students will have the unique opportunity to experience European hospitality first hand. There are a few vacancies still remaining.

Tour information maybe obtained by contacting Mr. Goldstein at Kennedy High School.

In addition, there will be an informational meeting Tuesday Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in room 118 at Washington High School. At this time students are invited to come with their parents and learn about tour details.

Sewing Underway In Home Ec.

Mrs. Lund's Home-Ec. classes have been busy delving into the art of many of the areas of Homemaking. The Homemaking II class has been studying the world of sewing. Among other things they have learned how to alter patterns, "London Shrink" wool, straighten fabrics, and sew on bonded material. (Pam and Karen have had lots of fun matching their plaids, too.)

In Homemaking III, the girls have been concentrating on color harmonies attempting to produce the best scheme for the rooms in "their houses." They have also been searching through many different fabrics trying to select the right one for the draperies in the clothing room.

The Practical Homemaking class has similarly been working with color harmonies. In addition, they have also been studying the many different furniture styles, such as the Chippendale.

Library Obtains Spanish Material

As many of you students may have noticed, the library has obtained a new bulletin board, entitled, "Leer Y Pensar Espanol." This is intended to bring to the attention of the Spanish students that the library now has several selections written in Spanish available for their use.

The library is now subscribing to the Spanish edition of the READERS DIGEST, and also to the AMERICAS. In addition, there is also an atlas and approximately ten novels written completely in Spanish.

The library, in its attempt to increase the number of materials and information available in each area of education, now has made an excellent start in this field of foreign language. It is hoped that many of the Spanish students will take advantage of this addition of Spanish literature at their disposal.

Hulin, Mrs. Swanson, Mr. James Hanson, and Mr. Hipple, returned to past tradition by being at the Marion Theatre. In addition to the show, the movie "Texas Across the River," featuring Dean Martin, was added to the agenda. The cast of the Quill Show gave four performances this year consisting of a matinee and evening show on both January 27 and 28.

Laughter, comedy, a touch of seriousness, and just plain old-fashioned fun were the elements of this year's talent show. . . indeed, one of the best shows Marion has ever presented.

Speech Contest

The Speech department is busy preparing for the WaMaC Speech Contest, to be held February 8 at Vinton. Students from all eight of the WaMaC conference schools will attend the contest. These are the Marion participants, and the events in which they will compete:

INTERPRETIVE PROSE AND POETRY:

Marilyn Winch, Delores Donnan, Jeanine Tew, Laurie Price, and Marita Frajman.

DEBATE: Topic: Resolved: That the United States should establish a system of compulsory service by all citizens.

Affirmative: Randy Stiffen and Nick Oakley

Negative: Gary Armstrong and Ryan Tew.

Alternates: Greg Waite, Cathy Martin, and Cathy McCue.

ONE ACT PLAY: Title: "The Open Window"

Marita Frajman, Laurie Price, Phil Beeson, Greg Waite, Jean Kriegermeier, and Dennis Fish.

The Interpretive Prose and Poetry is being coached by Mrs. Wright, debate by Mrs. Pantini, and the one-act play by Miss Larson.

At Workshop

The Marion High debate team recently had the opportunity to attend a WaMac workshop in Anamosa. At the workshop the debaters attended lectures by Mark Schafer and his staff who were from the University of Iowa.

On January 21, Marion participated in a practice debate with the Tipton squad.

Those representing Marion's affirmative side were Randy Stiffen and Nick Oakley, while Gary Armstrong and Ryan Tew defended the negative side. Debating for Tipton's affirmative side were Dan Evers and Kris Clark; Cecil Slach and Ken Kemp were their negative debaters.

Operation Valentine

Do you have a secret love? If you do, the Marion High School VOX wants to help you. Take time to write a tender poem to your darling, or just a note, if you prefer. Sign with your name, with a pseudonym, or be anonymous. Fold the message in two and give it to Mrs. Studtman or if you don't quite dare, write VALENTINE on the outside and leave it on her desk. If your love isn't exactly secret, your letter is still acceptable.

The VOX will print as many valentines as possible. Get YOURS in early.

GRA Active

The girls recreation association has been quite busy the past months. The team chosen for the traditional Linn-Mar basketball contest has been practicing hard, under the direction of Mr. Boquist, for the crosstown rivalry game, hoping to extend their perfect record of 3-0.

In late December, G.R.A. hosted a combination Christmas-Going Away Party for Mrs. Thompson. The G.R.A. officers and representatives entertained the group by presenting a skit centered about the "Twelve Days of Christmas." Later Mrs. Thompson was given a gift certificate as a small remembrance of her semester at M.H.S.

Recently twelve of Marions G.R.A. members participated in an invitational volleyball tournament hosted by Linn-Mar High School. Several other schools from the Cedar Rapids district also sent teams to the tournament. The first three places went to Prairie, Linn-Mar, and Marion, in that order.

The intramurals which have been scheduled for Monday and Thursday nights this month include ping-pong, volleyball, and basketball. Other members are urged to participate in these indoor sports activities.

Office News

Many students have been wondering what that hunk of machinery is in the office, and some witty student, obviously familiar with "Space Odyssey," has nicknamed this hunk "Hal".

Actually "Hal" is the communication panel for the new addition. It is identical to the one now in use at the Junior High.

It contains AM-FM radio and is equipped to play phonograph records. Versatile "Hal" will also enable broadcasting into all rooms simultaneously or into single rooms.

Students Prepare To Teach

By Cathy Martin

Members of the future teachers organization are now in the process of making preparations to student teach during the second semester.

They will be doing their student teaching at Starry Elementary School, Vernon Junior High, and here in the High School. Under the supervision of the actual teachers, they hope to obtain ten hours of actual classroom experience which they hope will be a very valuable aid to their future careers.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE? ? ?

Jim or Cathy without Laura?
Susan Stickney with freckles?
Mary Fowler without freckles?
Pat Davis trying to lose weight?
Diane Lowry without a date?
Jody without Jerry?
Sophomore girls not talking?
Kevin without Lars?
Charm without Bob?
Bruce Gravatt with blonde hair?
Sue Ford with a sophomore 'friend'?
Larry Schmitz's knee boots?
Vickie Stick wearing the same outfit twice in the same month?
Janice Bevin adoring Andy Williams records?
Cathy Duckett not combing her hair?
Pat Davis's wart?
Danny Stickney with straight hair?

Apathy or Laziness?

Today's world is indeed a complex, ever-changing world. We exist in a society in which every sunrise may signal remarkable technological advances in all aspects of our lives. Our world is a grand showcase with many marvels on display.

Recently, a new man became President of the United States. The news media offered the public complete coverage of the entire proceedings--the pageantry, the gallantry, the solemnity in which the oath of office was taken, the renewed hope issued by our President, all the joys and sorrows which accompanied it--and yet, by many, it was viewed with only passing interest.

Furthermore, this general feeling of apathy exists not only in regard to the political arena but also toward the entire spectrum of events that touch our lives. We have only within the last decade entered into a new period of American life. Promises of dramatic exploratory ventures into space abound; we appear to be

FUTURE NURSES CLUB PLAN VALENTINE PARTY

By Cathy Martin

The future nurses club of Marion High School is busily making plans for a Valentine party. The party, which will be given for the benefit of the residents at the Linn County Nursing Home, will be held sometime next month.

Poetry Corner

WAITING FOR DAWN

By Kim Ketlesen

Sitting quietly, man makes great noises. . . tempers flare, patience is lost, death surely reaps its helpless harvest

suns explode, moons collide, the earth is not though death is always

UNTITLED POEM

You stand in a house full of houses
and you gaze down a long hall
watching pretty misses watch themselves,
hearing young men hear themselves,
seeing the very old see themselves for
the first time--
you catch the barest glimpse of heart-break,
listen to the softest sigh of acceptance,
feel the most fleeting breath of life
warm upon your neck--
you walk slowly down the corridor
and you find that it's an ever-narrowing
tunnel
squeezing the last drops of blood from
your furrowed brow--
you find yourself worrying about yourself
and worrying about worrying
and maybe, just maybe, you find yourself--

by Kim Ketelsen

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on the verge of significant changes in our American society.

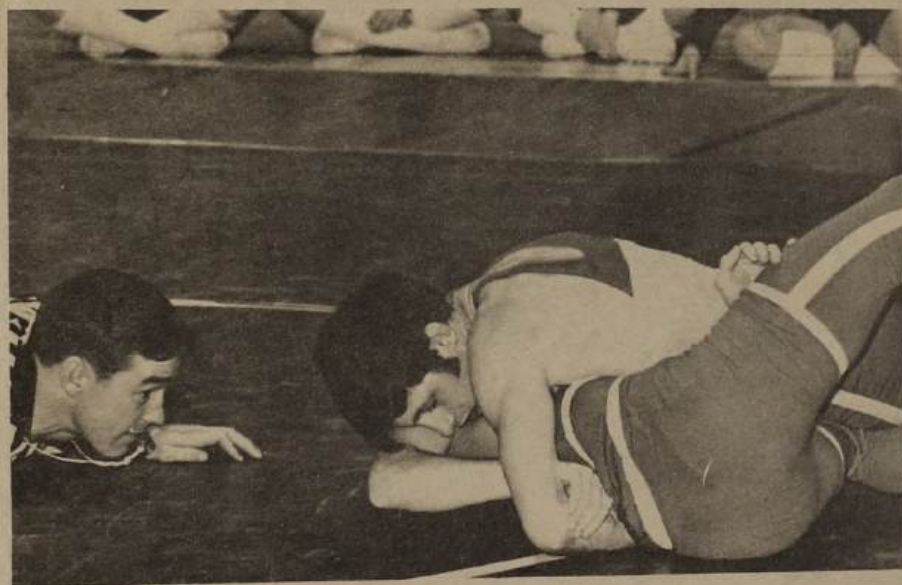
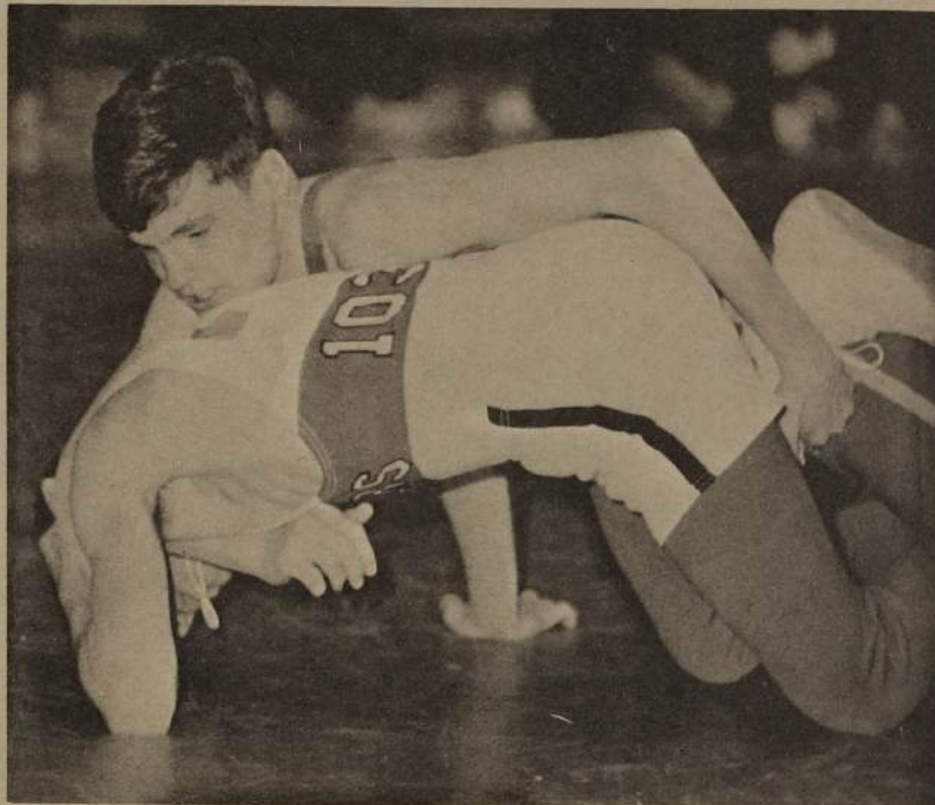
Do these events not affect our lives? Do they not relate to each and every one of us? Why then is this attitude of apathy so prevalent? Or is it a case of just plain laziness?

Continually, complaints are being registered about our way of life and the few who are in charge of everything. Well, how can it be otherwise when only a few will take the time to become more than superficially interested in anything, when only the few will assume the responsibility for any new undertaking?

The continued progress of our programs, the success or failure of our attempts to create a freer, more Utopian-like world depends upon the cooperation of many, many individuals. Are you willing to allow the opportunity for something better to evaporate simply because of a mere lack of interest?

Consider the consequences. Not only YOUR future is at stake.

Vox Sports



Letter Winner Named

Twenty-five of Marion's thirty-two varsity 1968 football players received letters at a banquet held in their honor following the close of the season. Marion closed the season with a 1-7-1 overall record. Hopes for next season seem good as the team will have thirteen returning lettermen plus twenty lettermen from the freshman-sophomore team.

The following are the Varsity Football Lettermen:

Kurt Anderson, Gary Armstrong, Veme Atwater, Leo Benischek, Stu Cih, Greg Cole, Dallas Courtney, Chuck Cropp, Bob Hope, Bruce Klink, Jim Meggers, Greg Morris, Randy Moyer, Nick Oakley, Ed Redford, Chuck Reilly, Dennis Schmucker, Kevin Schoot, Bob Schueler, Scott Skilling, Steve Smith, Mike Walker, Dave Ward, Jerry Zikmund and Carl Schuettpetz.

The Fresh-Soph letter winners include: Van Gillman, Bob McCue, Mark Witte, Steve Stone, Terry Lancaster, Kevin Collins, Paul Martin, Gary Cole, Steve Kray, Ken King, Rick Rave, Mike Olson, Gary Sands, Mike Ohrlich, Dan Borst, Ron Schultz, Ken Stalkfleet, Kurt Luedtke, Doug Wilson and Rod Jensen. Manager Awards, Mike Hess and Jim

Wolfe.

Several players also received special awards. This list includes the following: CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE Prep of the Week: Greg Morris and Bruce Klink.

First Team All-City: (CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE): Leo Benischek

Indian Award: Bruce Klink

Wrestlers

By Sam Begley

The Marion wrestling teams have been warming up for one especially important meet; namely, the Sectional Wrestling Meet to be held February 13.

Marion wrestlers go to Prairie for their elimination sectional meet and sectional champs go on to District meets at Prairie February 21 and 22 with the State finals being at Waterloo February 28 and March 1.

It is true wrestling is an individual type of athletic event, but some determination as to work together as a team is needed to produce some champions at the big WaMac meet at Anamosa. If the team members gather the desire to be best and rise above second and third place, this year's squad may be one of Marion's best yet.

Soph Squad In Slump

The sophomore basketball squad, with half the season gone, has a 3-4 record. With this many losses, hopes of a championship are distant although not unreachable. Rod Jensen has been the big man of the sophomore squad since the loss of Mark Witte to the varsity.

To regain their status of a good team, the sophomores need to get Dan Borst, Paul Martin, and Kevin Collins to score more and to cut down on so many unnecessary mistakes and turnovers. At this stage of the season the only attainable goal for the sophomores may be to play the roll of spoiler, upsetting the records of the teams higher in the standings.

Varsity:

Up & Down

The Marion varsity basketball squad has undoubtedly been having its share of problems while attempting to put everything together toward a good team. Consistency, or rather the lack of consistency, has been a key factor. Unpredictable scoring combined with poorer-than-average defensive rebounding every time has cut down on the efficiency of the squad. The number of

fouls has nearly always exceeded the number of free throws made and has given the opposition many more free opportunities at the line. The Tipton game is an excellent example. Marion came through with five more field goals than Tipton, however, the Tigers tossed in three times as many free throws. It's remarkable that Marion was even in the game, contrary to the 75-71 score which found Marion on the short end.

Things looked a little better when Marion topped a highly rated Maquoketa team (73-66) in one of the Indian's better team games of the year. The next night, however, the Indians lost to an obviously less capable Anamosa team 59-55.

With a 3-4 record it would be extremely hard to get any chunk of the championship without a lot of luck and the determination to not lose another game despite any obstacle that may develop.

JOKES. . .

"You know," said one drunk to another, "I don't really know who I am. I was left on a doorstep when I was a baby." "Great Scott?" exclaimed the second drunk. "Maybe you're a milk bottle."

Drive carefully--they're waiting for your heart.

Freshman: "I don't know."
Sophomore: "I'm not prepared."
Junior: "I don't remember."
Senior: "I don't believe I can add anything to what has already been said."