

THE VOX

MARION HIGH SCHOOL

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Penny Carnival

OLD FASHIONED FUN

Have you been in a tricycle race lately? When was the last time you tried your luck at a cake walk? Want to have a tattoo painted somewhere?

If the answer is yes to all the above questions, you have just been given the go-ahead to attend the Penny Carnival to be held at Marion High School. There, you will be able to visit the many booths sponsored by organizations of the school. A "record smash" will be held by the F.B.L.A. Go out and smash your favorite record! Future Teachers is sponsoring a pie-eating contest. Among the contestants are: Al Risk, Mrs. Fenwick, Lars, Mr. J. Hansen, Mrs. Pantini, Scott Skilling, and Mark Rinas. Support your favorite pie-eater. Persons wishing to jail their girl or boyfriends, "favorite" teacher, or anyone else who tickles your fancy, may do so for a small price. The culprits will be jailed, and bond will have to be posted in order to release them. Quill is sponsoring a fortune telling booth and a concession stand. Other booths will include: a cake walk, a juke box, tricycle racing, and tattoo painting.

The event will be held Friday, March 28 from 6:30 until 9:30 in the High School gym. The public is invited. A free dance, with the "Seven Foot Clearance" providing music will be held after the carnival. This is open only to high school students who have attended the carnival. Admission to the Penny Carnival is only ten cents.

Everyone be sure to attend and support a worthy cause, the 1968-69 Quill Year book. See you there!

Delores Donnan Contest Winner

Delores Donnan, senior at Marion High School, recently received the honor of placing in the Wamac Speech Contest.

Delores, along with the other members of MHS Speech club, traveled to Vinton in early February to participate in the all-important event. At the contest, Delores competed individually in the Interpretive Prose segment of the contest. For her prize-winning reading she chose "Whip-poorwill" by Stephen Vincent Benet. Manchester took first place in the event as a team.

Next year, Delores would like to continue to pursue her interest in the speech area by participating in dramatics as an extra curricular activity in college. At the present time, Delores plans for next year are to attend the University of the Americas in Mexico City, Mexico, where she will major in Spanish.

FBLA Prepare For Contest

Members of the Marion high school chapter of Future Business Leaders of America will be sending delegates to the 23rd Annual State Leadership Conference to be held on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa, April 11 and 12. Members from the local chapter will be competing against other Iowa chapters to represent Iowa at the National Conference in Dallas, Texas, June 15-17.

Members representing this chapter in the various competitive events are:

Spelling Relay, Mary Fowler, Diane Mangold, Carol Holub
Novice Shorthand--80, Linda Butler
Novice Shorthand--90, Sandy Sparenborg
Amateur Shorthand--100, Chris Little
Novice Typewriting, Pat Haas
Amateur Typewriting, Vicki Stick
Business Knowledge, Current Events, and General Information Contest, Eileen McDonald, Donna Christensen, Chris Little
Bookkeeping Contest, Sandy Sparenborg

Ides of March Dance

On the 15th of March, or Ides of March, as Julius Caesar was told, a dance was sponsored by the Junior Class. The dance originally planned as semi-formal, was later changed to casual in hopes of drawing a larger crowd. The dance was held in the school cafeteria, and the dancers were entertained by the 4200 South Parkway band.

Nancy Gott Is Representative

Recently Nancy Gott, of the junior class, was appointed by the Vox Staff to serve as Marion's representative to The Attic. Nancy's responsibilities will include acting as an intermediary between The Attic and the students of MHS. Thus, her main duty will be to publicize the coming events sponsored by the Attic.

MHS Students At Conference

On Wednesday, March 19, Mr. Boquist and Mrs. Pantini accompanied nine Marion students who attended the Tri-State World Affairs Conference, sponsored by Wisconsin state university at Platteville.

The conference centered its attention on Czechoslovakia and featured three authorities who spoke to the assembled students.

Marion students who attended were Nick Oakley, Lars Heikenstein, Dave Handkin, Mike Nash, John Parks, Edith Wells, Marilyn Von Behren, Geri Jewett, and Margaret Boquist.

poetry corner

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Poetry Corner
Kim Ketelsen

this apathy
is constantly
attaching me-
catastrophe
is all I see-
-hurry
-scurry
-worry
should we?

* *

Innocence is undermined
by multitudes of undefined
words of truth and underlined
by actions kind,
or so I find.

* *

Who are we?
Humanity.
Oh, I see, but
when are we?

* *

Sigh Softly

snowing gently, sweeping silently across
the sudden
knowledge of distant horizons...
deeper and deeper
the piercing particles of no
penetrate the final fortress
of a thousand times yes...
slowly now, never ever seeing
that the kiss of life
is sweeter
than the holy hope
of always maybe...
maybe it's possible,
but laugh
and laugh again
and smile within.

Marion Girl To Visit Europe

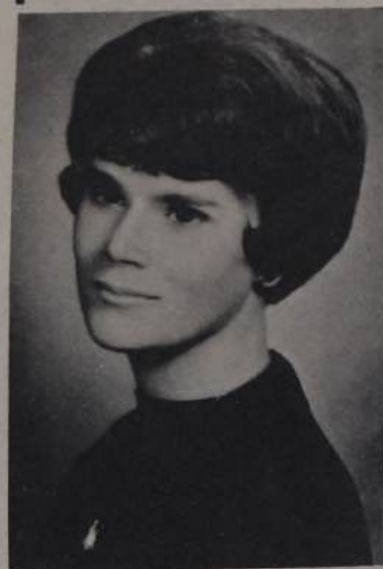
Sandi Lake, of Marion High School, will have the unusual and rewarding experience of visiting Europe this summer.

Sandi has been accepted by the International Cultural Exchange Schools, Inc. to go on a European tour as a part of an eight piece choir. The tour, which will last four weeks, lasts from July 18 till August 15.

The group's schedule of performances will lead them to such places as Vienna, and Salzburg, Austria; Milan, Italy; Lucerne, Switzerland; Paris, France; and London, England.

As a requirement for acceptance, Sandi had to audition for the choir on Saturday, March 15, at Clarion, Iowa. The audition, which lasted two hours, consisted of singing major and minor scales unaccompanied and with variations.

Congratulations and the best of luck, Sandi! ! !



SANDI LAKE

Life in Swedish Schools

BY LARS HEIKENSTEIN

I couldn't escape anymore. I've been asked again to write something for the VOX. I've decided to write a little about the life in a Swedish high school.

First, I would like to give a brief explanation of the type of system we have. Our high schools are divided into three groups. 1. Trade: Occupation Schools that offer an education for certain jobs but also, math, Swedish, English and some government. 2. Fack Schools that educate in "social areas" like nurses, social workers, etc. The courses naturally will be like government, history and world problems, but also here courses in math, Swedish, French and English are offered. The last one is the Gymnasium, which is the type I am attending. These are college preparatory. About 30% of all Swedish students attend this type. This school is divided into five lines. All subjects here are just like the other school forms having Swedish, math, some foreign languages and some social subjects. To these required subjects are added, depending on which line you take, other subject areas: science, language, business, technical and social problems. I attend the social line which is a three year line.

All courses offered in the country are basically the same. The principles and the courses are decided by the parliament, but the schools just like here are run by local boards which decide about buildings, materials, etc.

In Stockholm this local board is huge; it runs at least 600 schools on all levels. My school has about 900 students, from both the gymnasium and the fackschool. The building itself is a three floor structure. We have a lot of space for studying in the library, in separate study rooms, or in group rooms. We have one boys gym and one girls gym. We also now have a nice student lounge with a television and a tape recorder. Around the lounge area the different school clubs have their room, from which they provide different services to the students.

The Student Council plays an important part in our school, as the students voice in the administration. Many of the improvements made in our school during the last few years have resulted from council achievements, for example the TV set, the tape recorder, and the sofas in the student lounge. --The students all belong through the Student Council to SECO (Sweden Student's Central Organization). Through this organization we get money-help when needed, or advice on how to put some pressure on the administration when we want some changes. We also have a voice in the Swedish parliament through SECO. 1/20 of Sweden's population are members of SECO; this means that we have a certain influence if we just unite and back our own organization. We have used many ways, lately, to get our ideas through and to get a more democratic school. Just two weeks ago I received a letter from a friend telling that in a Student Council meeting, with all the students in the school present, they decided to write absence excuses and sign them themselves instead of having their parents sign them. This is a dangerous step because it is against the law to strike like this, but if we can prove that the absences don't go up because

of this we have won a big victory and proved that we can take care of ourselves and our studies. Earlier different actions lead to a smoking area outside the school where we can go during the lunch hour or in the 10 minute intermissions we have between each hour.

Another club we have is the so called "Cultural" club. They give out quite different and sometimes weird school papers. In these papers there can be articles about just anything, from how our principle collected perfume as a teenager to how to put in snuff in your mouth without losing your "pepso-dent" smile. Last year we also had a nice foldout of our Student Council president (30-30-30). This club also puts on a play each Christmas. The play is entirely done by the students without any teacher involvement at any level. It is full of satire and jokes about teachers as well as current events. The ideas for the play might come up under the dizzy influence of some wine a fall Saturday night.

Another club is our sport club, they handle all our schools athletic events. They organize pep-buses, buy jerseys, and help some individual athletes with entrance fees and so on. We have no conference system like here. Our school simply enters into national tournaments in all sports. Theirs are played in the same way as your state tournaments in basketball for example. There are also alot of individual sports, for example, tennis, golf, skiing, sailing, and so on.

Our schedule in school differs from day to day. We have five school days in each week, just like here. During a week we have 32 periods spread out. Each period is 40 to 45 minutes long. Some days one can start school at 10:00, for example, or some other day school can end at 2:00 for me, but an average goes from 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a one hour long lunch. --Last year I took 11 subjects, Swedish, math, French, German, English, history, World problems, Psychology, PE, art and Science. This might seem like a lot to you and it is, but of course we don't take them all each day. Some of them we might have just twice a week. What really makes school in Sweden harder is the homework. We have no study halls and we usually have about two hours homework and even longer the days before a test. Quite often we have homework in five subjects to the coming day. This of course is the reason why there are very few kids working during the school year. There just isn't any time.

Our vacations are three weeks around Christmas, one week for skiing and other winter sports in February, one week for Easter and a little more than two and half months in summer. High school students often work in the summer a month or so. A common salary would be about \$1.25 if your 16 years old and probably \$1.75 for 18 years old. Many kids like to work the first month and then use the money on a month summer course in England, France, or Germany. A month in England, for example, would probably cost \$240. I went to Hastings on course together with some friends two years ago. We all lived in families. We had three hour English in the morning and in the afternoon. We played tennis, swam and played golf. In the night we went pubing or went to some club. I have a lot of memories from these nights, some of my friends don't but I am sure they had a nice time.

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Vox Sports

Faculty Provides Entertainment

The entertainment of the year came last Tuesday night at the Senior-Faculty game.

Leading the attack for the seniors were: Mark Andersen, Joe Andrea, Gary Armstrong, Leo Benishek, Stu Ciha, Mark Clark, Ed Gollaher, Lars Heikenstein, Gerry Hopkins, Bruce Klink, Mark Rinas, Al Risk, Scott Skilling, and Jerry Zikmund.

Playing for the "might" (?) faculty were: Jim Morrow, Les Dollinger, Tom England, Lloyd Shaffer, Gerry Skilling, Bruno Rinas, Bruce Taylor, Melvin Meggers, Larry Twachtman, Ray Brainard, Vince Woodson.

The faculty coach was Charlie Boquist while the refs included John Fowler and Bob Vrbicek. There were also 15 charming cheerleaders, chosen from the senior class, getting the spirit up for the teams.

The game was sponsored by Marion's U.N. organization, and the proceeds will go to pay for their annual trip to U.N.I.

In order to meet the final deadline, the Vox went to press before the game had been played. Therefore, we regret not being able to give you the score at this time.

Marion GRA Girls Win

Marion took revenge on Mount Vernon for her loss to LaSalle by downing them 20 to 19. In so doing, Marion girls chalked up their first victory and evened their mark at one and one in tournament play. The hard fought game experienced numerous fouls before it ended. Chris Little was Marion's high scorer with 9 points.

Other scheduled events include games with Prairie, Regis and Linn-Mar plus a five team tournament play-off at Linn-Mar.

Pep Club Notes

As basketball season came to a close with Marion's game against Regis, so did Pep Club's regular activities. In addition to hanging the usual signs and posters, Pep Club also sold red and gold "Razz the royals" ribbons in an effort to boost moral for the all-important sectional game. Currently, point keepers are being kept busy as year-end point totals must be established.

Faculty Loses

The appearance of what seemed to be a nip and tuck game during the first half was betrayed in the second half as Prairie's faculty downed Marion's faculty 72 to 49. Rugged appearance and years of experience were not enough to overwhelm the Hawks as our basketball players discovered what it is like to be run to death. Perhaps, in all fairness to our faculty, it should be pointed out that the Hawks outnumbered our Indians about 15 to 7 and fresh replacements greatly aided them in their victory. So, Faculty, cheer up. Maybe next time you can win. And in the meantime, keep this in mind: "It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game."

Easter thought

In our fast moving world, we have set extremely high goals for ourselves; we have established a pace which is so fast that soon our dream of grasping the far-reaching Heavens will be fulfilled. Yet, even as we progress beyond our present status we must ask ourselves an important question: Has our purpose on earth actually changed since our ancestors were here hundreds of years ago? One gave His life for us two thousand years ago that we might live. Now it is our duty to carry on the work that He left behind. Therefore, our answer must be no. The world that lies before us must not only be one of scientific progress, but one in which we live peacefully, forgivingly with all our brothers so that His Kingdom and ours may be glorified.

SWEDISH SCHOOLS

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The three years of high school ends of course just like here with graduation. We still have a lot of 100 years old traditions surrounding the graduation. Every

Winter Sports Close Season

Marion closed out it's basketball season with a fine WaMac win over Independence and a tournament loss to Cedar Rapids Regis.

The late February win over Independence was the Indians' final regularly scheduled contest of the year. The Indians emerged with a 8-10 season mark and a 6-8 WaMac conference record good for 6th place. This game was one of the best Marion displayed this year and the eighty-plus points they scored was their top offensive binge of the season. Stu Ciha rained in a career high of 34 points while Greg Morris added 22.

The loss to Regis came in the first round of tournament action. Marion showed some terrific play in the first half, especially in the second quarter, shooting 50% from the field. The Royals started off fast in the third quarter and were not to be topped for the remainder of the contest. The loss eliminated Marion and sent winner Regis onto No. 1 ranked Washington.

Marion showed some excellent defense against the Royals. This defense reflected the great desire this year's squad had. This is a point in Marion's favor since most of this squad will be returning next year, save two great seniors Stu Ciha and Joe Andrea. The squad will miss these two inspiring team leaders, but will look forward to having more lettermen back next year.

In wrestling the big news is of course Dennis Oliphant. The 95-pound grappler made Marion history by being one of the few Indians to have gone to the state wrestling meet. Dennis had only lost two decisions in some twenty odd matches, both coming to Jeff Rosen of Waterloo. Both men survived sectionals and districts to advance to state. Oliphant lost a tough 1-0 match to the wrestler who later won the championship.

In the consolation match, Oliphant met Rosen again. This time Dennis gained his revenge by defeating him 4-1 and was on his way to pinning his opponent. And to think Dennis Oliphant is only a junior! He will undoubtedly be one of the high points of next year's squad.

student get his diploma and a white hat. This white hat is worn by the students in the future on every graduation party he goes to. All friends and relatives meet you outside the school after graduation and bring you home on some kind of vehicle. When my sister graduated last year, we had about 100 people in our house. This is quite common, and really

crowded. Everybody knows each other, and because of this there is alot of walking, (not driving) from party to party, from dance to dance, the whole night.

When the graduate wakes up the next afternoon, he has left high school and college lies ahead. The students don't need to worry anything about the costs of college because higher education is free just like high school. If he is a boy he might worry a little about the one year draft, but here he has a choice if he wants to take it before or after college. A bright future lies ahead for most of the graduates, and when they look back on their high school times, I think most of them will be able to say, "It was hard work, but it sure was fun."

It might have been

Quick now, without thinking more than thirty seconds, name three people alive today who you consider truly great.

Well? Can you do it? If not, you're in a sad state. If you can, take another thirty seconds and decide what one characteristic they have in common.

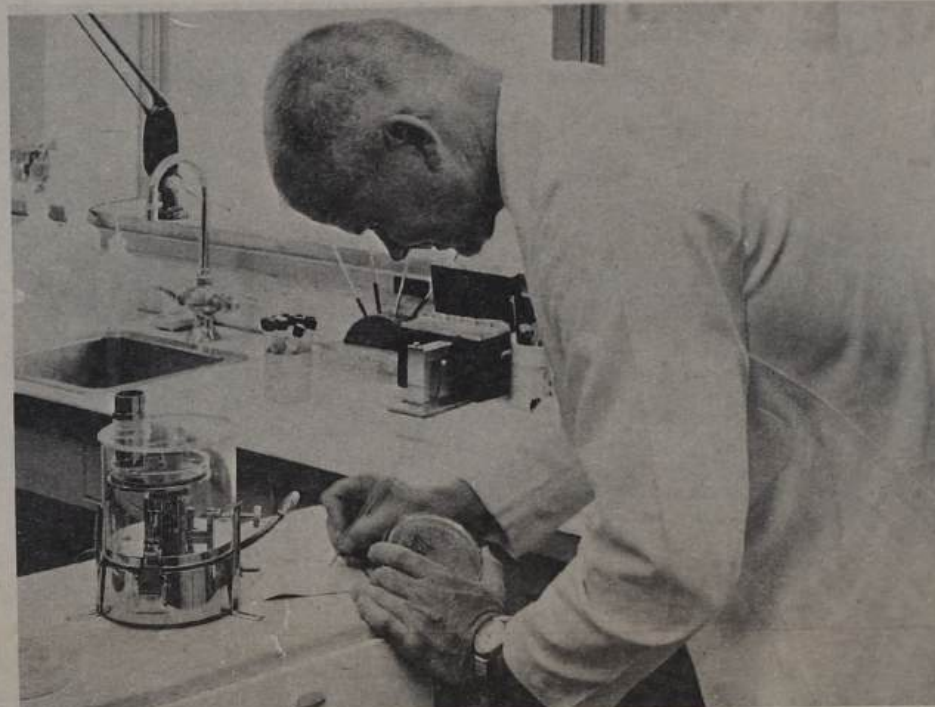
Chances are, it is their perseverance; their ability to "stick-to-it," their untiring striving. The world doesn't owe a living to anyone, and the undetermined just do not succeed.

At Marion High School, the semester break has come and gone. How much is left of that exhilarating get-up-and-go you had at the first of the year? It is buried beneath the third-quarter blues? Has it given in to spring fever?

Even if you don't know any great men, you can always be the first. What's stopping you? Things were worse for Abra-

Health Careers Day Approaching

By Mary Seng



The third annual Health Careers Day will take place April 19 at St. Luke's Methodist Hospital. The activities of this day will include guided tours of the hospital, which will expose the students to the over 100 job classifications. Whether the boys and girls are interested in engineering, nursing, electronics, business, etc., it is hoped that all will benefit. Also, every student who attends, will have a choice of three 45-minute seminars from a list of 23 career classifications.

The program will start with registration in the main lobby at 10:45. The lobby is where the tour of the hospital will begin. Next in order, is lunch in the main dining

room as guest of St. Luke's. Then the hospital auxiliary and administration will give a talk. From there the students go to the first seminar he chose, then to the second seminar, and then to the third. Person to person conferences are then scheduled. As an appropriate ending, refreshments will be served.

If a student is interested in this, he must obtain a registration form and have it in to St. Luke's no later than March 30. If you would like further information or a registration form, you should see Mrs. Studtman.

Ask TRUDY

Dear Trudy,

I've got this problem that has been bothering me for some time. I didn't know who to turn to for help so I decided to write to you. Every day after school there is a carload of boys waiting for me. They ask if I want to ride home, but I never take one. They whistle when I walk by and follow me home. What can I do?

Becky

Dear Becky,

Wait for me after school.

Dear Trudy,

Whenever I go to a dance girls always attack me; asking me to dance following me around; etc. I get so I'm so tired before the night's half over. What's my problem?

Greg

Dear Greg,

You don't have a problem--they do!

Easter is more than pretty eggs

As soon as Valentine's Day is past, and often earlier, stores begin showing their Easter merchandise. New spring fashions are a must for the whole family to wear on Easter Sunday. New hats for Mom and Sis while Dad and Brother get new suits. On Easter Sunday everyone looks his best in church. The churches are filled with smiling people. But something is wrong.

Indeed, no one is thinking about the sermon or the importance of the day, but rather, how nice everyone looks and about the wonderful dinner waiting at home.

Children receive traditional Easter baskets brought by the bunny, which they fill with brightly colored eggs symbolize the rebirth of mankind as promised in the Resurrection. Easter has become just another holiday.

The true meaning of Easter is forgotten among the parties, new clothes and gifts. Easter should be the most important Christian celebration, but the churches are filled with well-dressed visitors, not reverent worshippers. The next Sunday the churches will be half empty again, and Easter will be forgotten.

Dear Trudy,

My best friend just told me that I had bad breath. Help!

Mike

Dear Mike,

Bad breath is better than no breath at all.