

Expository Writing

Mrs. Bennett's first hour expository writing class has already had their share of fun this semester. One of the lighter moments was when Debi Snyder read the following theme.

Probably one of the most unintelligent stunts I have ever managed was that of diving into the glistening waters of the Indian Creek Country Club swimming pool, only to find myself face to face or should I say face to cement, with the pool floor. One moment I disappeared into the water, a glamorous former orthodontic patient unquestionably qualified to slide down any slide advertising MacLean's with my ivory gleaming, only to reappear seconds later, choking on pieces of unattached teeth, looking more like I had just been in a slugout with the Caped Crusader and his Wonder Boy, speaking in a tongue that would make Dick Tracy's mumbles sound like the Toastmaster General.

Upon arriving at home I met my mother, who after taking one glance at the swollen, oozing mass that was once my mouth, took no pity on me whatsoever. Flashing before her eyes were large neon money signs. "My God, my God, her braces," she cried in absolute anguish. "All those hundreds of trips to the orthodontist in blizzarding snow and driving rains in order that one seemingly insignificant wire could be adjusted a fraction of a millimeter. All that money, HIS new boat that WE paid for!" She was nearly choking on her words.

All I could do was mumble in a garbled tone. "I'll sell apples, I'll collect pop bottles. I will be eligible for Bird Calls Anonymous with this tooth out. Just think, Mom, I can entertain, be on television!" It was all in vain.

My father, who had up to this point stood in unbelieving silence, decided that I was an irresponsible kid. After all, who dives into the ten foot and lands in the shallow end, face first. My swimming activities were to be restricted to the baby wading pool, whose water had been acquiring a more distinct yellow tinge as each day passed. Little did he realize he was only making matters worse, for have you ever tried diving into a pool containing one and a half feet of water?

VOTE COURTESY

Courtesy is never out of style; never out of place;

Courtesy is contagious and is an attitude of mind.

Courtesy comes easily and naturally when you know that other people share the same common heritage as you. Whatever his color or status, whatever his creed or condition and whether he is young, middle-aged or old. He is Everyman and Everygirl and Everyboy. He has hopes and plans, ambitions, dreams, disappointments, pains, and pleasures too. He differs from you only in degree and kind. Why try to hurt a person's pride through false accusations and rumors?

Think of it this way! Courtesy is easy on your emotions. Your nervous system takes less wear and tear, than when you are grumpy. You don't have a guilty conscience about whose feelings you hurt today or who will hurt you back tomorrow. If you deliberately try to hurt someone, I think you'll find you've only hurt yourself.

Courtesy makes the boy or girl pleasant to be with; whether at home, school, at a ballgame, or on a date. Courtesy brings you closer to friends, puzzles enemies and makes other people like you better.

Therefore, I vote courtesy is worth a try.



Editorial

Dear Editors:

I feel I have to express my thoughts on the school spirit as I saw it at the boys' basketball game at home against Maquoketa on Friday, February 4th. It was great to see so many fans there for such an important game. But some of our cheers and chants weren't aimed at spurring our team on to victory, only to insult the players on the other team. A special name developed during the game for one of their better players and soon our bleachers began to ring to the sound of "Rocky is a squirrel". We have to remember that, although these guys are members of the opposing team and attend the opposing school, they are human beings with human feelings. I was especially surprised when one of their team fouled out of the game. A cheer was started from our side-not a cheer to tell him he'd played a good game, but one to mock and shame him.

We've got a lot of good fans with a lot of school spirit. I'm glad that it's beginning to show at all of the games, but, remember, we're competing for school reputations as well as athletic records. Let's try to show the other teams that no matter what the final score, we'll play fair and our stands will keep it clean and friendly.

Each of us should take a good look at our actions at all school functions and try to make it true for all that we've got PRIDE on our side. You don't have to love your school to try not to bring it down in the eyes of others.

Okay?

Jill Hunt

P.S. Please sit down when in front so WE further back don't have to stand up and be rude to the people behind US.

To the Editors:

I had the misfortune to attend the basketball game here against Monticello, Friday January 21st. I also had the misfortune to sit next to the PEP Club. (Being a member makes no difference, I was definitely not proud of being one, then.)

The sophomore game was a fantastic game-Beautiful, -but came the varsity game I was ready to scream in outrage. As the game progressed our "super Indians" became sportsmen of the lowest degree with no holds barred.

The referees became exceedingly blind for the Indians and microscopic dirt finders on the Panthers. We sure beat the dust off the other school, but the point is-how was it done?

Nothing like a good ole game of football complete with body blocks right on the ole basketball court, to liven your sense of righteousness.

It seems that everyone had to add to the game. That group of girls that stand for the cheers, the ones that start cheers on their own. . . they were there and definitely made their presence known by swinging out with a couple of their scuddy filthy slam cheers that they're famous for.

Our Pep Club out-of-town attendance is always unbeatable, but our representatives are consistently the same.

We're a good school, so why can't we leave a good impression?

By Loma Kucera



Strange Class Of Figures

The general opinion of students in Marion High School is probably that Math just isn't a whole lot of fun. But according to a few spicy bits of information that two of the math teachers have divulged, math may be one class that is a little more exciting than you would think!

In Mr. Perkins fifth hour Algebra II class, the finals in arm wrestling were just completed. Many spectators agreed that the winner cheated ('fess up Bob!) There also was a fantastic display of all shades of red and purple shown on the loser's face under the strain of the match! Mr. Perkins also commented that Mike Evans happens every day in his Algebra I class!

On a recent geometry assignment in Mr. Hansen's class, there was a question giving the dimensions of a huge pyramid in the middle of a scorchingly hot desert in Egypt. Students were to determine how many days it would take a man to climb it. One answer was, "None"-he decided not to climb it!

Mr. Hansen admitted that the student had also written the right answer down, but he would have given half credit for the first answer, for common sense, most likely!

By Teresa Danford

PEG BOWEN

NAMED HOMEMAKER

Peg Bowen has been named Marion High School's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for 1972. She was chosen on the basis of her score in a written knowledge and attitude examination taken by senior girls on Dec. 7, and will receive a specially designed award charm from General Mills, sponsor of the annual educational program. Additionally, she is now eligible for state and national honors.

The State Homemaker of Tomorrow, to be selected from all school winners in the state in judging which will center on performance in the Dec. 7 test, will be awarded a \$1,500 college scholarship. Her school will receive a complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica from Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc. A scholarship of \$500 will go to the second-ranking girl in the state.

LOVE

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February is a month of LOVE, being that Valentine's Day falls on the 14th. We did some scrounging around and came up with some valentines sent by people with whom you might be familiar. Herewith are a few. Can you find the others?

To Eeyore,

I have a tail to tell you. I like you.
Chris R.

Dear Ann,

I'll run raggedy after you until you are mine.

Love,
Andy

Tigger,

I can't bear to be without you. Please be mine.

Pooh

To Pat,

Let me make this perfectly clear. I want you for my own.

Tricky Dicky

Cal-Ida,

I have my eyes on you. You're my sweet.

Potato

IN THIS ISSUE. . .

This is the month for beginnings and ends. The wrestling team steps into the spotlight after a fantastic showing at the sectional meet. They're just beginning their long road to State. Meanwhile Marion's first girls' basketball team has completed a great season and have begun practice for next year.

Make plans to attend the spring musical which is getting under way.

Marion placed an impressive second at WAMac Speech, and Forensic Leaguers are already looking forward to next year when we will undertake the responsibilities of hosting the contest.

And, Seniors, don't forget, as graduation draws near and your high school days end, your whole life is just beginning.

Marion Takes Sectional

An underrated and underclassmen team surprised quite a few people when they walked away with the sectional title on the night of February 8, at Prairie, after drawing 10 bye matches in the first round, winning 10 weight classes in the second round and ending the tournament with 6 first place winners, 3 second place winners, and 1 third place winner.

The following are the first and second place winners in each weight division.
98-McCue*-Dvorak (Prairie)
105-Klopfenstein*-Krall (LaSalle)
112-Thomas*-Teach (Prairie)
119-Norris (Prairie)-Davison*
126-Naughton (LaSalle)-Eschen (Prairie)
132-Johnson (Linn-Mar)-Hoke*
138-Bolden*-Bouslog (Linn-Mar)
145-Bailey*-McGurk (Regina)
155-Morgan*-Colton (Linn-Mar)
167-Stark (Linn-Mar)-Richart (LaSalle)
185-Reusch (Prairie)-Meader*
Hwt-Hoffman (Linn-Mar)-Melchoir (LaSalle)

*Denotes Marion Wrestlers.

All of the people listed above will go on to district competition, Feb. 18 & 19 with Marion standing a good chance of winning that also.

Team points: Marion 94-1/2; Prairie 62; Linn-Mar 51-1/2; LaSalle 45; Regina 16-1/2; and Tipton with 1.

WHAT'S WITH EVERYONE?

So far this year I've heard so many rumors, false accusations, arguments, and have even seen a few fist fights within our school. I've seen it happen between cheerleaders and athletes, among organizations, teachers, the cheerleaders themselves and even friends. I think you'll agree it's rather sickening! Especially when everyone is always talking about peace, but yet they don't try to prevent trouble between our fellow students, parents, and teachers first.

Don't you at times get so fed up with everybody at each others throats and the gossip and so on that you just feel like telling anyone who comes near you to drop dead! But that doesn't do any good, everyone has to put forth effort in order to get along, it can't be a one-sided deal. Don't be afraid to smile or speak to someone outside your own little cliques. Try solving your problems quietly and nicely. Try to gain friends instead of participating in trouble, which can lead only to more trouble.

Read the following article and think about it! Then tomorrow be a new person, smile and be friendly. So what if they don't smile back or speak, you've tried, so that makes you a better person. Right? So, give it a try!

By Julie Klein



ASK ABOUT PHYSICS TEST. . .

Ask any of the physics students about the Drake College Physics Tests if you want to see them turn a little pale. Several of them spent over two hours one Friday afternoon attempting to score high in the competitive scholarship test sent to high schools each year by Drake's Physics Department.

If you can talk them into telling you about it, they'll probably tell you that the most interesting part was during the short break. I only hope that the test scores are higher than the scores of the basketball game played during the break.

By Jill Hunt

BAND

Passing by the bandroom, one can hear, along with the expected sound of music, anything ranging from strange tapping noises or shrieks of delight or disappointment as tryout results are posted. This tapping sound is our fearless (?) leader demonstrating to a young musician how to count a particularly hard passage. Tryouts are held an average of once every two months, their approach indicated weeks in advance by feverish practicing, or at least worrying, and their conclusion coming amid threats of challenge.

One peculiarity common to band members is a case of slippery fingers. Not only do people seem to have problems keeping their music on the stands (for that matter, keeping their stands together), but the percussion section is apparently unable to hang on to their cymbals. Mr. Wright has this affliction also, as he accidentally (on purpose?) tosses his baton at the poor, undeserving flutes during a moment of excitement.

Many strange things happen around the bandroom, some of them which I am unable to relate. One note of encouragement, however—we do get work done amid the confusion.

And, Mr. Wright, next time you need a black baton, try using black construction paper or maybe event paint, but leave the socks for your feet.

By Pam Olson

GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM WINDS UP FIRST YEAR OF PLAY

The 1971-72 Girls Basketball team wound up their first year in our own gym against cross town rival Linn-Mar, as the first half went very well with the halftime score at 21-21. Free throw shooting stopped the girls in the second half as the score showed a 55-41 defeat.

Total point leaders for the season were: Kim Skilling with 187, Diane Morrow with 106, and Darlene Collins with 104. The record for the fresh-soph team was 2-9.

The girls are now in practice for next year's season at the Junior High with Mr. Roby teaching the 8th graders the techniques of girls basketball.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 25-State wrestling meet
- 26-State wrestling meet
- District gymnastics
- 28-District basketball
- 29-Gymnastics at Kennedy
- March 2-Gymnastics at Prairie
- 3-Forensic League Districts
- 4-Forensic League Districts
- 6-Gymnastics at Marion
- 10-Band concert
- 11-State gymnastics
- 13-Girls' B.B. and gymnastics banquet
- 16-Wr. Banquet
- 17-State B.V. Tournament, State speech
- 18-WaMaC Playday at Tipton, State speech
- 20-B.B. banquet
- 23-End 3rd quarter
- 24-NO SCHOOL, Musical
- 25-Musical
- 31-NO SCHOOL



Speech Club

By Janet Gallagher

We may be No. 2, but we have more fun. The Marion speech club gained second place in the WaMaC tourney February 12, with six-time winner Manchester taking first AGAIN.

Frank York and Dale Folkers were the Indian heroes of the day, winning first place in Expository Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking, respectively. The debate team was such a sure cinch to win that only one other school bothered to send a team, and the outcome was as predicted—first place to Marion debaters, including Jill Hunt, Gary Hoag, Dale Folkers, and Michelle Klink, who won top speaker points.

"Madwoman of Chaillot" cast won second place in Readers' Theatre, while the one-act play, "Antic Spring", took third. Other individuals who placed were Gary Hoag, second in Oratorical Declamation; Dave White, second in original Oratory; Gwen Barnes, second in Prose Interpretation; Diane Ward, third in Combined Interpretation.

The other big news comes from the state contest for large groups. Four large groups—the casts of "Antic Spring", "Anastasia", "Madwoman of Chaillot" and a choral reading group—got division I ratings at districts, which entitled them to go on to state. At the state contest, held in Iowa City February 5, all four groups received I ratings. Make room in the trophy case!

FRIENDSHIP CAN BE PROVED IN SMALL WAYS

If you have helped me to collect my scattered papers when I spilled them,

If you have loaned me a pencil to use on my English test;

If you have used your "brains" to help me with my Algebra Functions;

If you have given me a few of your Cheetos so that I wouldn't starve;

If you have noticed that I looked a little depressed and offered a smile in an effort to cheer me;

If you have offered and listened to my problems and helped me work them out;

If you have looked beyond my hard, cold exterior, to see a part of me worth bringing to light;

If you have helped me to see that even I am a very special person with a place in the world that no one else can fill;

Then this is for you my Friend: THANKS!

HAIR'S NOW?

Does it hang in your eyes?

Is it covered with dyes?

Is it chewed by your molars?

Is it stringy and greasy?

Or dirty and teasy?

Does it prevent one to see,

What sex you might be?

Does it cause harm in athletics?

Should it be topics for critics?

Does it hide your look?

Or is it covered with guk?

Is it subject to treatment with a comb?

Or is it just left alone?

Does it prevent a wink?

What do you think?

Myrtle,

I may be slow but I'll get you yet.

Yours truly,

Turtle

HOME EC CLASSES

Home Ec classes are well into their new units. The second semester classes are picking up momentum slowly but surely. All classes look like they are proceeding successfully.

Home Ec I classes are now starting their food units. They already have performed four labs. On pizza, fruit foods, quick breads and then they had a breakfast or brunch lab. The girls are learning alot through their own experiences, such as covering up the garbage disposal if you don't want food flying in your face.

The Boy's Home Ec classes are also rolling on at full speed. They have been doing demonstrations in class. Gordon Howe showed the class how to make pizza without a mix. Brad Nielson and Barry Hopkins demonstrated how to make a poppyseed cake. It was very delicious. Next year this class will no longer exist. Because the class will be co-ed.

Next year a new course will be offered called Family Living this will be open to juniors and seniors.

There is still more excitement going on in the Home Ec classes. Don't be alarmed if you happen to walk by the home ec room and you see Mrs. Mentzer standing on a chair or even some of the students, standing on chairs, because they have been having a few freeloaders listening in on classes. They are small mice which have not been caught as of February 10th. That concludes the home ec news for this month.

By Debbie Lovell

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have a gripe, complaint, opinion or view you would like to express?

Write us an editorial! Let your fellow students know how you feel on a certain topic. Or maybe you have a poem or short story you'd like to share with us. If so, just write or type it up, give it to one of the editors and we'll do our best to get it publicized. We would like to hear from you or see some of your writing talents.

Your Senior Editors

"Oklahoma"

By Debby Miner

"Oklahoma" will be the next play to put on by the Vocal Music department. Tryouts for this musical were held the week of February 14th. "Oklahoma" will be presented on March 24 and 25.

HEALTH CAREERS

By Jill Hunt

This month's Tuesday night meeting of the Health Careers Club will be devoted to planning the annual trip to the Linn County Home to have a party for the residents there. It is their big service project each year and the members all agree that it's just as much fun for them as for the group they're entertaining.

They hope to have a bit of extra time to discuss their finances and the annual field trip to Rochester.

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

By Debbie Miner

Boys and Girls Glee, Mixed Chorus, and Special Choir are busy working on songs for their Spring Concert.

Small groups and soloists are at work on material for the Solo and Ensemble Contests which is in April.



Coach's Summation

Coach Roby was interviewed after his team finished their season against Linn-Mar, at home. He had this statement for VOX.

"It's been a good, successful season. We would have liked to win a few more but most of the girls hadn't seen a girls' game before. Basketball was new for them. Fundamentally the girls have advanced further than I thought they would by now.

"The girls must learn to think when to move their feet. All they need now is a little experience."

The VOX staff extends to Coach Roby and his team warm congratulations on a fine first season and continued success in the future.

Marion is Victor

Marion emerged the victor after a seesaw battle at Linn-Mar as it showed to all its team strength which has enabled the Indians throughout the season to master a 9-2 duels record and a 6-1 conference standing. The weight class results are as follows:

- 98 McCue (4-0)
- 105 Klopfenstein (6-0)
- 112 Jordan * (4-0)
- 119 Davison (6-0)
- 126 Olson (9-2)
- 132 Johnson * (5-4)
- 138 Bouslog* (10-4)
- 145 Bailey (4-3)
- 155 Morgan (7-6)
- 167 Stark * (9-4)
- 185 Meader (6-2)
- Hwt Hoffman*(9-8)

*Wrestlers from Linn-Mar
Wrestling is here to stay, with the Junior Varsity boasting a 11-0 season as they stunned fans from both communities by defeating the Lions 41-5. Falls were the frosting on the cake as they came late in the contest for Marty Carter, 5:34; Mark Olsen, 1:02; and Bob Joice, 1:01.

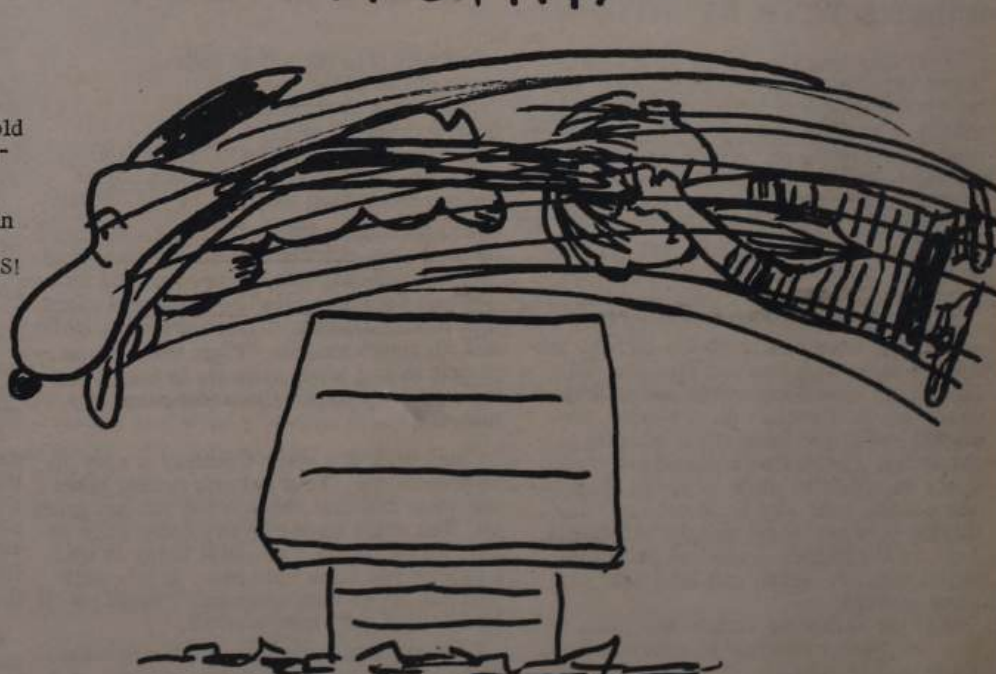
By Dan Begley

To Floppsy and Moppsy,
I have an earful for you, I want you both to be mine.

From,
Cottontail

Dear Elly,
I tusk want to ask if you'll be mine.
'Lephant

HURRY!!



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