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## In This Issue...

We tried to get away from MHS new monopoly and expanded our articles to include newsworthy happenings in our city and state. But we couldn't leave out MHS students completely so we chose to honor the seniors and note outstanding accomplishments of theirs. Besides routine club news, the big feature for the month was the production of "Oklahoma", a smashing success. Let us know how you like our new approach to school newspaper editing and some of the best ideas may be repeated next month. Read on! . . .

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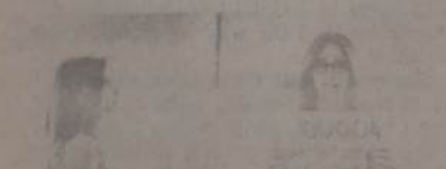
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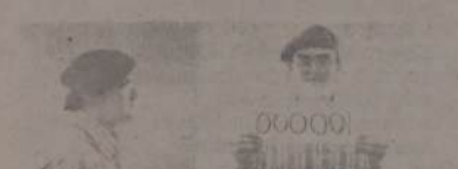
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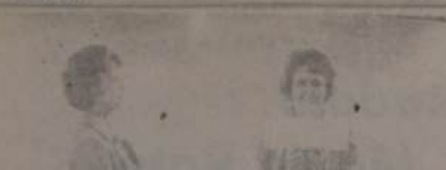
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## SURVEY ON GRADUATION

By Mark Godar and Cris McMillen

We believed that if a survey covering certain aspects of graduation were distributed among as many seniors as possible the results would indicate a marked dislike of all or most of the graduation activities covered in the survey. It was hoped that we could reach the entire senior class with the survey in order to make the results as factual as possible. Permission was gained for us to distribute the surveys during the homeroom, enabling us to question a number of students which would have been almost impossible in the time allotted us.

The survey started out with a few introductory questions giving us information about the person taking the survey. These consisted of sex, grade average, and extracurricular activities, if any, and were used to classify the results.

The next question was concerned with the ceremony of caps and gowns for graduation followed by one which asked if money was the reason for some people not wanting to go through with graduation. This question was aimed at determining whether money was a large factor in turning students away from graduation.

The next few questions dealt with senior announcements. We asked whether they bought them or not and if they did if it was because of their parents wanting to send them out. Then we asked them to rate the present method of buying announcements, which rated very low. We also asked if they were going through with graduation only because of their parents. Finally we asked them to give their opinion of graduation activities in case anyone had a complaint or grievance that was not covered by the survey. This produced some surprising results.

The attitude of the students taking the survey was generally good. Ours was not the type of survey one feels obligated to

lie about.

However, one class produced surprising results. After all the surveys were handed out, one student decided that she didn't have to take this survey, which of course she didn't, but she decided nobody else should have to take it either, which resulted in 14 other people decided of their own free wills that they didn't want to take the survey.

We surveyed 130 seniors, 61 males and 59 females. After examining several questions and their comments we judged whether the person was for or against graduation. The results weren't quite what we expected. Of the male students, 56.6% were for and 43.4% were against. Of the females, 71.5% were for and 28.5% were against. It was also interesting to note that the people with low grades and no activities tended to vote against graduation while the people with higher grades AND activities tended to vote FOR graduation. Also a larger number of girls were for it than the boys, which is as we expected. The girls commented that they liked the ceremony.

The boys and girls who were for graduation made comments to the effect that they would like to have the ceremonies shortened and have student speakers instead of the formal speaker. There were also comments to the effect of eliminating the baccalaureate and have the ceremony held outside. About 35.7% of the people said graduation was OK, or acceptable the way it was.

We did not find the large majority of people who would be against graduation that we expected, but we think that we did discover several helpful changes that could be made to make graduation more meaningful for students in years to come.

## Cornell Workshop

This year a summer workshop will be offered at Cornell College June 11 through June 17 with instruction in the fields of writing, music, dance, art and theatre, as well as biology, geology, physics chemistry, mathematics and political science.

The \$95 workshop fee includes all instructional and recreational expenses, lodging in Cornell dormitories and meals at the Cornell Commons. The fee will be adjusted for commuting students.

Further information and application forms may be obtained by writing Charles Milhauser, Registrar, Cornell College; Mt. Vernon, Iowa 52314. Applications should be made before May 1.

## 'OKLAHOMA'



## Not Too Much Longer

By Julie Klein

The day of graduation is quickly coming upon us. A little more than two months away! For most of us it is something exciting to look forward to. I know there are many seniors who feel as I do; they are excited, but yet there's a little sadness that goes along with it. Because I know for me high school has been the greatest. The hardest things to leave behind are the kids and school activities. It's hard to believe, after knowing everyone for so long and having so much fun together, that soon we'll all be going our own separate ways, possibly never seeing each other again.

There are some seniors who are anxiously waiting to "get the heck out of here," but there are others who are taking it in stride and just trying to have a fun and memorable senior year.

Some of the underclassmen may be excited about the approaching graduation exercises; in particular are the juniors who probably can't wait to take our places and be leaders. Someday be glad they're getting rid of a few big-shot seniors and they don't really care for, but many will be saying good-bye to close friends.

Seniors, if you're sad, glad, happy or whatever you may be, there's still two months till graduation. Let's make the most of it!

SENIORS: 5369500 seconds til GRADUATION!!! (as of 3-29; 3:15)

## 18 YEAR OLD ADULT RIGHTS BILL

By Wendy Hall

Some of you seniors and even some juniors are beginning to push toward the ripe old age of 18, with it coming the right to vote. It is hoped that your decision on whom to vote for this November is a wise and well thought-through one. Now, here's how to vote.

On or after your 18th birthday, go to the Marion City Hall and say you would like to register. That's all you have to do until November, when the election for President is held. Then you go to the building in your precinct and cast your vote for the candidate of your choice. The precincts in Marion are all being changed, therefore the buildings for each are being changed. Usually, votes are cast at the school in your precinct.

Any additional information may be obtained from the City Hall in Marion.

## Calendar of Events

March 31--No school  
April 3--No school  
April 13--State speech (IFL)  
April 14--State speech (IFL)  
State Music -solo and ensembles AA & A



This year we had a great, new musical and some new actors, too. The drama department gave the stage production "Oklahoma". With an elaborate yet simple set, the stage crew did a wonderful job. Check your program for their names, but especially Kerry Brackett, Mike Wood, Jon Derflinger, April Sorensen, Bill Kucera, Kathy Whitlatch, Janet Campbell, and Di'Mar Barker. The prop crew had a whee of a time finding some of the antiques, but came through in the end. And our costume and make-up crews did a wonderful job and have really gotten it together.

The actors themselves stole the show (literally). We had choruses, crowds, dancers and leads. Our main actors were Anita Jones as Laurey Williams and Randy Wade as Curley McLain; this being the first time out for Randy and Anita an old veteran, both did a beautiful job.

Diane Ward as Aunt Eller and Mike Wood as Jud had very interesting roles. . . And if you wanted to see something else, you should've watched for Kim Reynolds, Jon Ward and Lance Alexander as an intriguing triangular relationship.

There were many, many more parts and more to see. So I hope you made it to see "Oklahoma" directed by Mrs. Hulin and Mrs. Stack last Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25 in the MHS auditorium. Music was played by Mrs. Phyllis Johnson and Mrs. Jennie Balcom who also had a fine performance.

By Lorna Kucera

## HONORS

By Peg Bowen

Cornell college announces that Suzanne Jacque, 1968 graduate of Marion High, has been awarded a French Government Teaching Assistance which will enable her to teach English conversation classes to French students between the ages of 13 and 18. The grant is given by the French Government to Americans and is effective October 1 to late June 1973.

Senior Jana Grady was chosen to represent Marion in the Daughters of the American Revolution Linn County competition. A senior girl from each high school in the county was selected on the basis of leadership, patriotism, dependability and service. A luncheon at Coe College February 19 was held in honor of these girls. The district winner was awarded a \$25 bond and advanced to state competition.

Peg Bowen and Mike Wood may be having second thoughts about the Elks National Scholarship application. Numerous letters of recommendation and the academic background of the applicants were required. It was work but it paid off in a \$50 bond for school winners. Bonds were presented to both students at a dinner February 25 for area winners and their parents. Both Peg's and Mike's applications were advanced to state competition.

John Flory has been awarded a \$1,600 scholarship to attend McPherson College in Kansas. The scholarship covers four years and was awarded on basis of grades, class rank, ACT scores and a personal interview.

Congratulations, Seniors!



## We're No. 1 . . . 21 Times

Twenty-nine speech club students dragged themselves out of bed before 5 a.m. Saturday, March 18, to travel to Fairfield, Iowa, for IHSSA state speech. Twenty-one entrants received division one ratings for their performances. Those with double wins include Julie Taylor, Gwen Barnes, Janet Gallagher and Gary Hoag.

Those with single wins were Jennifer Barnes, Dave White, Diane Ward, Debbie

Melchers, Anita Jones, Michelle Klink, Dale Folkers, Kim Reynolds, Steve Mulenix, Marie Kriegermeier, Carey Orness, Kerry Brackett and Lance Alexander.

Coming home with division twos were Ken Walton, Frank York, Doug Morris, Jim Ceme (2), Kim Reynolds, Dave White and Peg Bowen.

By Peg Bowen

## 'Our Place'

By Julie Klein

Have you heard about it? Or possibly you've already been in on some of the action such as playing cards, singing, dancing, playing games like "Cat and Dog," chess, or even just sitting around talking with friends and having a coke. It's really a nice place to go and enjoy yourself.

"Our Place" is a cultural center for High School. It is run by the students themselves. There is always at least one chaperone present. The chaperones are volunteers from different churches.

"Our Place" has a draft counselor and an army recruiter. The center is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-10:30 p.m. Friday from 5-1 a.m., Saturday from noon-1 a.m. and Sunday 2-8 p.m.

During Easter vacation there will be three folk singers performing. We are also planning a Candidate night where all those running for public office will come up and give their views on different issues.

Starting soon you have to get a membership. These memberships will cost \$1 for 6 months. All Marion and Linn-Mar high school students will be guaranteed a membership. But the board of directors will review other applicants.

"Our Place" is somewhere to go and keeps you out of trouble so why not come up and join the fun?

## Recipe For A Sweetheart Queen

By Jana Grady

Take one freshman girl named Kathy. Mix in green-blue eyes, blonde-brown hair, and let rise in a 5'6" pan for 15 years. These ingredients together make a winning combination for a DeMolay Sweetheart.

Kathy Reid, bedecked with a crown and roses, found out what it is like to be a Sweetheart on March 5, at the Sweetheart Ball held at the Masonic Temple.

Previous to this, eight candidates had been interviewed by the DeMolay boys. Past Sweetheart, Bar Maier, drew questions upon which the candidates' answers were judged. Personality, among other traits important to the DeMolay guys, and the personal interviews determined the voting during the dance, for the annual Sweetheart Queen.

Kathy will now progress to compete with other district winners in May, and the lucky girl will travel to the State Finals.

Kathy's duties will include attending all DeMolay social functions.

Congratulations, Kathy!

## CLUB NEWS

HEALTH CAREERS went on their annual trip to the county home March 2. The club had a dance for the patients, after which they gave them cupcakes and punch. There is another Health Careers Day coming up April 15. There will be a meeting soon pertaining to the trip to Rochester April 28.

BAND presented a spring concert on Friday evening, March 10. Individuals in band are busy working on solos and ensembles for the state contest at Prairie April 14-15. The band will present a pre-concert contest the first part of May in preparation for the BIG state contest in May.

SPEECH received notice that as a result of the state contest for large groups, the duet-acting cast and choral reading group from Marion were awarded Outstanding Performance certificates. Six MHS'ers advanced to state in the tough Iowa Forensic League competition because of their excellent performance at districts. As a two-man debate team, Michelle Klink and Dale Folkers, along with Dave White, Diane Ward, Kim Reynolds and Debbie Melchers, will be travelling to the University of Iowa April 13-15 for this contest. Gary Hoag in T.V. speaking and eight representatives to the state student senate will attend also. There was no preliminary elimination rounds for them.

In addition to their busy schedule of contests, several speech club members have performed before civic and community groups as a public service.

## What's In A Name

As we were going through our back files the other day, we came across an article from VOX long ago which provided the student body with an interesting way of becoming acquainted with the names of classmates and teachers. Hereupon are yesteryear's ideas with today's names.

Mike not Metal  
Mike not Plastic  
Mike Wood

Shirley not Huge Bowl  
Shirley not Big Pan  
Shirley Pantini

Kyleen not Minnow  
Kyleen not Salmon  
Kyleen Trout

Jill not Seek  
Jill not Find  
Jill Hunt

Dave not Listen  
Dave not Write  
Dave Reid

Clyde not Pitcher  
Clyde not Sugar Bowl  
Clyde Kraemer

James not Dare  
James not Try  
James Risk

Connie not Kneelers  
Connie not Standers  
Connie Bowers

Di'Mar not Chirper  
Di'Mar not Meow-er  
Di'Mar Barker

Connie not Felony  
Connie not Thievery  
Connie Larson

### HAPPY ADS

Happiness is having Mrs. Hulin for a study hall teacher. D.M.  
Happiness is Jeff coming home. M.S.  
Happiness is Debi M. K.N.  
Happiness is Kim. D.M.  
Happy 17th to A.M.  
Happiness is finding a Jon all of your own. R.M.

Happiness is giving him all of your biggest cookie. D.L.

Happiness is when Monty works. J.P.  
Happiness is sharing your summer world of love with someone who shared his world with you. P.B.

I love you, if that's o.k. Signed Jesus Christ

Happiness is having Glen McCue. A sophomore

Happiness is Daddies' dogtag for protection.

Happiness is Friday afternoon anticipation of the dismissal bell.

Happiness is having a girlfriend to give you a backrub. G.E.

Happiness is being in love.

Happiness is Naughtyhead with curls. J.G.

Happiness is a good friend who will put a "Happiness" ad in the C.R. Gazette for you. J.K.

Happiness is finding a red rose in your driver's seat after organ practice at church. D.S.

Happiness is Dad getting a job after being laid off at Collins. J.G. and M.G. and many others.

Happy belated Birthday, Becky Downey, March 7.

Happiness is being forgiven when you're wrong-Sorry. D.W. to P.B.

Happiness is having a girl you forget to pick up for play practice still bring popcorn and kool-aid for you to eat.

Happiness is Heidi and Matty visiting. R.S.

Happiness is being a senior with one more quarter to go.

Happiness is a LWM, right, Mike G.?

Happiness is calling boys male chauvinist pig sexist bigots, right, Jessie?

Happiness is getting something to eat and not losing any money in the machine.

Happiness is winning a \$50 bond in order to get to go out to dinner with Mike.

Happiness is finding out what it's like to kiss a guy with a mustache.

Love. . . from #7 to #216.

## POETRY CORNER

On October 4, 1963, the VOX published a poem by John Losenicky, then a reporter on the staff. We on the VOX of 1972 wanted to share this with you as we feel it may hold significance to some of you, even today.

STUDENTS' PSALM

By John Losenicky

Professor Rinas is my instructor.  
I shall not pass.  
He maketh me to exhibit mine ignorance before the whole class.  
He leadeth me through the halls of knowledge.  
He bombardeth my head with integrations.  
He teacheth me more than I can write.  
My slide rule freezeth up.  
Surely electrons and protons will follow me all the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the hall of Marion High forever.

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The following poem was printed not too long ago in a YORK Rite bulletin; it's origin unknown. It was first seen in an English-language newspaper in Mexico.

REMEMBER WHEN

Remember when hippie  
meant big in the hips?  
And a trip involved travel  
in cars, planes and ships?  
When pot was a vessel  
for cooking things in,  
And hooked was what  
grandmother's rug may have been?  
When fix was a verb  
that meant mend or repair,  
And be-in meant merely  
existing somewhere?  
When neat meant well-organized,  
tidy and clean,  
And grass was a ground cover,  
normally green?  
When groovy meant furrowed  
with channels and hollows,  
And birds were winged creatures,  
like robins and swallows?  
When fuzz was a substance,  
real fluffy, like lint,  
And bread came from bakers  
and not from the mint?  
When roll meant a bun,  
and rock was a stone,  
And hang-up was something  
you did with a phone?  
It's groovy, man, groovy,  
but English it's not.  
Methinks that our language  
is going to pot.

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ON INSANITY

Helpless,  
homeless one.  
I wish that I had drunk  
you  
dream;  
maybe then I  
would have almost  
seen.

Green, glassy  
eyes  
desperate for the life  
they hide.  
Reaching for the love  
that cries  
deep,  
deep as your soul.

I touch the fairness there.  
The you  
that blossoms  
like the

sun.  
Knowing all but  
known

by  
none. Oh, lovely, lovely one  
Drifting dreams go  
flowing

by.

Back, back to  
those silent  
eyes.

Waiting,  
crying there.  
for what?

Your once  
flowing shape  
rigid now with  
rationality  
in effort to  
like me.

Oh, no my friend  
do not try  
what you see.

Just dream your  
soft  
and lovely  
dreams,  
Floating  
with the dawn.  
You are  
cursed with  
the Reality,  
far too beautiful  
for  
Us.

Oh, gentle, gentle one.

Helpless, homeless one.  
I wish  
that I had  
drunk  
your dream  
maybe then  
I would have almost seen.  
Oh, lovely child  
of God.

Oh, lonely child  
of  
God.

By Kim Reynolds

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COMMENTARY ON THE PROGRESS OF  
MAN. . . AND WHERE IT HAS GOTTEN  
HIM

We are like fallen leaves  
perfection's heights  
returned to dust  
in splendor borrowed  
now gone  
beautiful memories  
shared,  
forgotten. . .

By Peg Bowen

## VOTE. . .

"Talk about 'consistency'. Talk about youth respect. Talk about political wisdom." This is to talk about the legislative comedy Iowans are now listening to, which is being acted out in grand style in the state's capital. When the Adult Rights bill first came before the Iowa lawmakers, its major goal was not only to give the new voter the other rights of a legal citizen but also to unify and strengthen courts of law. With the 19 year-old enactment they have again eluded the people from taking a firm and solid stand on just one issue. It appears now that legislators don't care about the people's feelings but rather of their political futures by having the Democrats or Republicans lead the way for rights reform in Iowa.

It also seems that these lawmakers pretend to lead the people, quite skillfully it must be noted, while riding the fence. But this issue will remain a political football until the people themselves have to solve it, for it is very clear that the Iowa legislature will not stop toying with this problem before the public has completely forgotten it.

By Dan Begley

## Student Movie Rates

It seems the reason there is not a standard student rate at Marion and Cedar Rapids movie theaters is because the people have abused the privilege to an extent that it is almost impossible to allow any type of reduced rate for students in the future.

The Paramount Theater said it has tried student rates a few years back--the result--vandalism done to the theater, people trying to use other people's cards--people who were obviously not students, trying to get in on Student Rates.

The Theater manager says he sees no immediate future for student rates.

The Times and World said the same thing, but the World added that it does have student rates for certain pictures between certain times.

The Iowa has had student rates occasionally and with less trouble, apparently, than as the other Theaters mentioned. There might possibly be a place here for the student rate.

By Wendy Hall

## An Invitation

To those it may concern. The following is a note to all sophomores who are involved in the "UNDERGROUND NEWS-PAPER" in room #25.

Dear Editors,

I personally feel that your writings are cute and in the best taste, but wouldn't it be a good idea to support your school and give everyone at MHS the chance to read your wit? Is there really any reason to be selfish? Write your thoughts up, submit them. We will do everything in our power to have them printed. Make an impact on this school, a little history too!

If you are interested and apathetic our editors will listen to any suggestions you may have for the VOX at any time.

Any Freshmen, Juniors, or Seniors who have not had the chance to read this newspaper, I suggest you stop by room #25 sometime and check out the newest rage at MHS.

Sincerely

Andrea Marg, Junior Editor  
The Vox Staff