



Marion High School Speech Club Is Finishing With Success

By Dana Jeffrey

The Speech Club "troopers" have been busy finishing up a very successful year. On March 23rd everyone loaded the bus for the state speech contest in Fairfield. Mrs. Abdo was late due to a scratched eyeball and as everyone was waiting for her in the cold morning darkness the bus broke down. Finally at 5:45 the 2nd bus, loaded with speech students and Mrs. Abdo and her big sunglasses, left for Fairfield. The delayed trip paid off as 22 speech students received 1st division ratings including: Monte Pedersen, Candis Wamke, Kathy Reid, Steve Herried, Kris Walwrath, Tom Parman, Cindy Vesey, Sheryl Campbell, Jennifer Barnes, Tammy Cerney, Pat Tharp, Christy Boots, Dave Nash, Mary Timms, Kim Wilson, Diane Morrow, Cheryl Clark, Greg Lint, Jennie Balcom, Perry Anderson, John Nissen, and Greg Digney. In addition Maria Lourenco, the foreign exchange student and Chris Munson received 2nds.

Also, 10 sophomore students participated in the annual Optimist Club contest. All speeches were titled "I'm Just One." Everyone placed and received a trophy. Receiving 1st place trophies and advancing to zone competition were Tom Parman, Dave Nash, and Pat Tharp. Second place trophies went to Theresa Godar, Monte Pederson, Kim Flugga, and Bruce Hucker. 3rd place trophies went to Curt McMillan, Dana Jeffrey, and Joan Driscoll.

Monte Pedersen, Kathy Reid and Steve Herried received special recognition at the state speech contest for an "outstanding performance."

Attention Seniors

TO ALL SENIORS - IMPORTANT

The VOX is again running (in the May issue) their famous "senior Wills" and would like to spread the word. If you are interested in leaving anything to an underclassman or teacher, you'd better start getting it straight in your head so you can put it down on paper next week. Blanks will be passed out in homeroom in the very near future. REMEMBER! Keep them fairly short and be reasonable. Be the first senior class to have 100% participation and 87% fewer cavities!!!



Mr. Boquist Owns Unique Pair of Ears

There's one faculty member at Marion who has become famous for owning a unique pair of ears. These ears turn red for various reasons (you may ask his students for the list). They belong to Mr. Charles Boquist, Social Studies. When the accompanying picture was taken a cute pair of ear mittens had found their way on to the rosey, red auris of Mr. B. This great "cover-up" is a good example of a waste of energy. There's enough heat radiating from those two ears to heat the entire school. So let's keep things out in the open.



BOOK REVIEW

By Dave Nash

For months now, William Peter Blatty's novel of demonic possession -- "The Exorcist," has been topping the charts of fictional best sellers.

The narrative revolves around 12-year-old Regan MacNeal, the unfortunate victim of satanic possession. Regan's mother, Chris, a potty-mouthed young actress, desperately seeks help from a Jesuit priest, Father Damien Karras.

The murder of Chris' movie director, Burke Dennings, flings a rumpled, but thorough police detective, Lt. Kinderman, onto the scene. Kinderman reminded me of a famous NBC cop by the name of "Columbo."

Blatty writes the story from three view points: First, from the view of the Jesuit--Karras. His research of the supernatural, his guilt complex over his dead mother, his faith, and his shortcomings are all knitted together into the portrait of the priest's personality. Second, from the perspective of Chris MacNeal--. Everyone on the home-front observes the workings of the demon. Chris' faith in Karras, and in her religion is tried and tested. Her maternal concern is evident from the tension-

Vocal Students Receive 14 Division I's

By Christy Boots

The vocal music students received 14 division I ratings at the state music contest held on April 4-5, at DeWitt. They also received 16 division two ratings and two division three ratings.

Five soloists received a division I. They were Kelly Milford, Pat Swearingen, Christy Boots, Tim Burkhardt, and Tyler Salven.

The groups that received 1st were: Like Duet (Mulford and Burkhardt), a Unlike Duet (Ward and Swearingen), Boys Quartet, Boys Double Quartet, Mixed Quartets A and B, Madrigal, Sextet A and girls quartet.

Division II ratings were received by the following soloists: Brad Cihra, Kim Flugga, Doug Harford, Pam McCarl, Julie DeWoody, Diane Morrow, Natalie Jackson, Sandy Nielson and April Soreson.

The following groups received division II ratings: Like Duets B and D, Unlike Duets B and C, Mixed Double Quartets A and B, and Sextet B.

The VOX staff wishes to congratulate all those who participated in the state music contest at DeWitt.

The Exorcist

wracked aura of fear that Blatty conveys to the reader. Third, from the outlook of Lt. Kinderman. --Kinderman's story is written from a viewpoint of a homicide police officer, and from the scope of an interested bystander, observing the goings-on.

I challenge anyone to severely criticize Blatty's style of writing. I also challenge anyone to criticize his plot, his organization and his development of personality. I'm sure that Mr. Blatty has great potential as a writer. His literary future could be one of many great successes.

But, after reading "The Exorcist," I wonder. To what type of person does a story full of curses, vulgarity, and offensiveness appeal?

All of the gross details and vivid descriptions turned me off. I'm sure that an adolescent in search of schmaltzy thrills would have a hay-day thumbing through the pages of "The Exorcist."

Then again, perhaps a novel of demonic possession wouldn't be the hair-raiser it was cracked up to be if it had the degree of refinement that I like to see in a story.

Sadie Hawkins Dance Is Held

By Jane Risk

On March 29 the Sadie Hawkins Dance was held at MHS. The junior class sponsored the dance, so of course, they reaped the profits. The money will go toward making prom a success. The Sadie Hawkins dance itself was a success too. Lively music from KCRG's Tim O'Neal kept the Dancers out of breath most of the night. Door prizes of records and posters were given away at intermission. If the dancers weren't dancing, they were laughing at each other's clothes. Overall, were the most popular item of clothing which added to the hoe-down atmosphere of the night. Special thanks go to John Snyder for all his hard work, and to Mr. and Mrs. Stack, Mr. Boquist (Deputy #10) and Mr. Pantini (Deputy # 2) who were the chaperons.

Its Your VOX

May years ago in ancient Rome the latin term "vox", meaning "voice", first came into popular use. The early Roman government was very interested in representation of the people. Therefore, these people were anxious that the "vox populi", or "voice of the people", be heard. It has always been the will of our newspaper that the voice of the people, our students, be heard. It is for this reason that our newspaper is so-named the VOX.

34 Division I Ratings in State Band Contests

By Donna Novey

On April 5 and 6, a little over half of the band traveled to DeWitt, Iowa, for the State Solo and Ensemble Contest. In all, the band received 34 division I ratings, the second highest of all participating schools (North Scott was 1st with over 50). Of the total number of division I ratings, the brasses received 13 and the woodwinds received 12. The percussion section came out with 50% on their ensembles. This made a total of 26 winning ensembles. Eight soloists received 1's. Those students were: Donna Novey, cornet; Jim King, cornet; Mike Benedict, cornet; Neil Machen, percussion; Jennie Balcom, bass clarinet; Barb Hemmingsen, alto sax; Sue Ryan, flute; and Pat Swearingen, French horn.

Although they would liked to have done better, the band members are satisfied with their results. Hard work and cooperation made this contest successful one.

How To Gain Weight

I've found that the easiest way to gain weight is to first, tell all your friends you're going on a diet. They're SO green with envy thinking that you might look better than them, that they start bringing you all of these terribly fattening, but delicious dishes!

Another way is, to lie about your weight, and wear an outfit that makes you look really skinny. Then, add a bit of mascara underneath your eyes; be sure and rub in well. It works wonders for people who want horrid looking eyes!! Also be sure and slouch your shoulders and drag your feet, so that you look like you're dying of malnutrition. This always gets them, and soon all that luscious food comes pouring into your greedy little hands.

If none of the above work, then there's always plan #3: keep saying you just hate food, especially any kind of sweets. That's why you have such a good figure! Remember, use this only when desperate, because they can really be kind of mean after you've said how great your figure is!

Spring Is. . .

- . . .the beginning of the end of school
- . . .contests, one after another.
- . . .a temptation to skip class.
- . . .going to drive-ins.
- . . .getting your motorcycle out of storage
- . . .wearing cut-offs and going barefoot.
- . . .streaking!!
- . . .the countdown 'till school's out.
- . . .final tests on the way.
- . . .losing your marbles.
- . . .track practice.
- . . .rolling your windows down and your pantlegs up.
- . . .T P season again.
- . . .cruising the avenue (in a car this time).
- . . .deciding what classes to take next year.
- . . .oiling up your 10-speed (and greasing back your hair
- . . .picnics in the park
- . . .daydreaming out the window
- . . .going outside to study
- . . .leaves on trees.
- . . .buying new clothes.
- . . .SPRING!!!



Has Boys' Gymnastics Arrived?

Has Boys Gymnastics come to MHS? Judging from this shot, the VOX had taken, we say there are some enthusiastic followers. Bill Malone and Mike Mohwinkle seem to have been warming up on the parallel bars. Their only problem occurred after hanging there too long. After 30 minutes in this inverted position, they had to be taken down and straightened out in the auto mechanics room. Who knows, maybe this will replace Streaking as the latest fad. Hang in there Bill and Mike!

Girls Track Team Loses, But Sets 5 New Records

By Mike Jacobs

The Marion track team lost a narrow decision to a fine Tipton squad, but in the meet broke 5 of last year's records. Dee Hunt threw the softball 181' 6" to clip her old record of 180' 0" by one foot. Jeanne Peters broke her old high jump record with a leap of 5' 0", and Karen Folkers tossed the discus 94' 9" to break her old record. Meanwhile records were also being broken in the running events with Michelle Hall running the 100 yard dash in 12.0 seconds. The distance medley team consisting of Schneider, Collins, Sumner, and Hackert, running the race in 4:46.8.

A Trio of Young Letterwinners Boost Marion's Golf Team

By Steve Herreid

A trio of letterwinning underclassmen will bolster a young but experienced Marion team's hopes in the 1974 golf season.

Junior John Snyder and sophomores Dave Kincheloe and John Wicke are all back from the team that finished fifth in last year's Wamac tournament.

In fact, the only graduating senior on the 1973 team was Scott Nohre. And since there are no 12th graders on this year's squad, head coach Larry Perkins figures to have a lot to look forward to in the years to come.

"Basically, we have the same people back this year that we had on the team last year," Perkins commented. "So we hope to move up."

"As far as the Wamac race goes, I expect Vinton to be tough to beat. And

Manchester won it last year with all freshmen and sophomores, so they will be good too."

Two juniors and a pair of sophomores, in addition to Snyder, have been carrying the load for the Indians thus far. The juniors include Ron Lubbert, Jerry Jacque, while the sophomores are Mark Bush and Brad Ciha. It was this quintet which brought Marion a win in its first meet of the season, a triangular with Anamosa and Monticello April 15.

But altogether there are 10 and 11 golfers who are "real close", according to Perkins, and so the names in the top five could change as the season progresses.

However, regardless of who the faces are, the Marion golf team is young and bound to improve. So watch out for an excellent squad this year!

The Faculty On The Line

(TAKEN FROM "CASEY AT THE BAT")

By Stephen Stolze

It looked extremely gloomy for the Marion faculty that night, Another shot bounced off the rim on its misguided flight. So with the score 71-62 with just 3 minutes left to play, It looked as if the faculty had seen a better day.

Some began to leave the gym before the end of the game, while the rest Clung to the hope that springs eternal within each human breast. They thought, If only Bates could get on to the floor! They'd put up money even now, that Bates could even up the score.

But Bates had retired at the height of their winning streak, Leaving the team with a future that seemed all too bleak. So upon the bleachers filled with dissatisfaction, Grim Marion fans saw little chance of Bates seeing any action.

But then, Big D hit a basket and Madson did the same, And then Sloan stole the ball to score to everyone's acclaim. Two free throws dropped for Perkins as the fans began to stir, The flurry closed the gap to 1 as the ticking seconds blurred.

Then from the gladdened gathering went up a joyous roar, For Bates, mighty Bates, was stepping on to the floor. He was coming out of retirement to win another game, To do the thing that had given Bates his ever-growing fame.

He eyes his foes with a deadly glare, he gave his teammates a shove, He shook his fist and jumped around, pleased at the cheers above. Two thousand eyes were on him as he looked up at the score, A thousand tongues applauded as they watched his body soar.

He picked off an enemy rebound with just 10 seconds left to go, With time enough to get one shot to beat their hated foes. He rushes down the floor and stops at the middle of the court, As the screaming fans yelled for him to get off a shot of some sort.

Bates raised a hand to calm the crowd, his face filled with scorn, For the fans knew that Bates would score before the final horn. The gym grew silent, the players stopped, to see him shoot the ball, And watch it float down towards the rim on its descending fall.

And now all stands as the last second ticks by As their eyes suddenly open wide as the ball hits-- the wall, on the fly.

A Lot of New Faces On Marion Track Team

By Stephen Stolze

There have been a lot of new faces running for the Marion track team so far this spring, but before long the Indians hope that their opponents will be trying to forget them. The Indians have survived the cold weather and rainstorms but haven't been so lucky when it comes to the meets themselves. They haven't been able to get good team balance and scoring in the meets, but have some excellent individual talent and should do very well in the events that these runners are in.

Most of these promising performances have been by the seven Indian letterman returning from a year ago. Handyman John Barkdoll, a two-year letter winner, and former Wamac high jump record holder, has had finishes of third in both the long jump and high jump so far plus running the high and low hurdles not to mention the 440 and shuttle hurdle relays. His steady improvement hopefully will cause a lot of trouble to opponents the rest of the year. Another two-year letterman, Dave Moore, has been a big key to the Indians distance relays teams as it seems he always has Marion in the lead at the end of his run. The coaches aren't the only ones who like that closing kick! John Edwards and

Gary Fickel return to also help the distance relays as does sophomore Reed Martin. Edwards, a two-mile champion a year ago, and Fickel, who would undoubtedly win the football throw if there was such a high school track event, Martin, despite being smaller than most of his competitors has thrown the discus and has a fourth place finish to his credit. Senior Bob Wisehart also returns adding to the talented distance group running both individual and relay events.

The lettermen have not been totally carrying the load, though.

Junior Steve Mahoney, in his first season of track, set a new Wamac conference indoor record in the two-mile run--the first time he ran the event! Steve also finished second in the two-mile run in the Viking Relays, despite suffering a leg injury. Don't be surprised if he keeps on winning if his injury doesn't keep him out of action too long.

The sprints certainly didn't seem to be a bright spot after losing from last year's team that set two school records and finished 8th in the state in the 400-yard relay. But Sophomore Jeff Stolze has surprised a few people including some of his fellow track rivals. He pulled off something of an upset in the Metro Indoor meet, by finishing third in the 40-yard dash in a time of 4.7 seconds (in a field that includes two 1973 AA state finalists). He has also been sharing time with the 440, 880 and mile medley relays. Senior Gary Driscoll in his first year out for track, has added much needed help in the sprint department, and has helped get a couple of thirds in the 880 and mile relays.

The Indians won't really know how successful their season is until after the Wamac outdoor track meet May 18 at Marion, since they are setting their sights the highest on that meet and hope by then to be able to fight for the title. So if anyone hears some pistol shots and sudden cheers of excitement, don't be startled. Just come on in and watch the Marion track team in action.

Bobby Herriot MHS Guest

Bobby Herriot, known as the "Doc Severson" of Canada, was a guest at MHS on March 13. During 3rd and 4th hours, Mr. Herriot, with his tilted-bell trumpet, gave a short presentation and then opened up the session for questions and answers. Band students from the grade schools and the junior high, as well as the high school were present to visit with Mr. Herriot.

