

# They Ranked MHS' Spirit

Recently a group of students in Mrs. Klopp's Advanced Speech class took a survey to determine the student body's feelings about school spirit. The survey given to a random section of students and teachers, showed some expected, and not-so-expected, results.

The survey asked which activities the student or teacher was involved in, how they ranked M.H.S.'s school spirit, and reasons and solutions for the problem, if there was one.

Most people ranked spirit between 5 and 7 (on a 1-10 scale), but some labeled another ranking (usually a 3) as being for a losing season. Underclassmen tended to rank spirit higher than upperclassmen, while people involved in sports ranked it higher than those not involved in sports. Predictably, people wanted more attention for the activities they were involved.

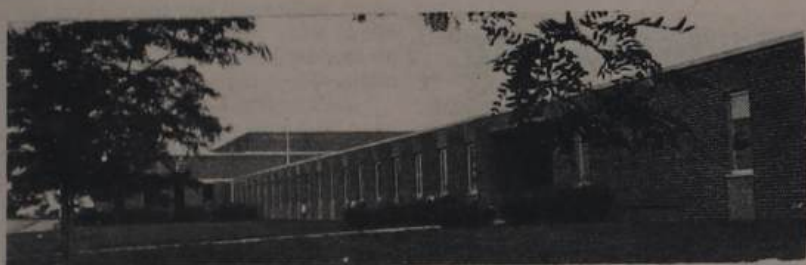
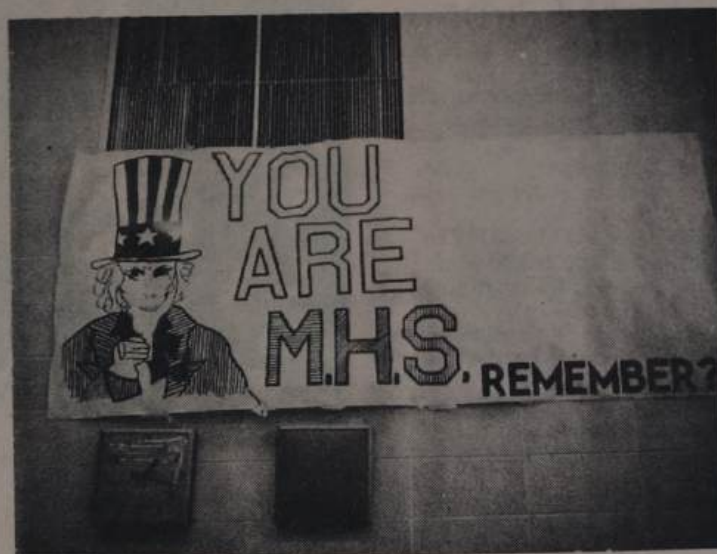
Many people felt that there is a problem, and gave many interesting causes of the problem. Some felt that sponsors

of activities were responsible; others felt that the number of outside activities was a major factor. Lack of publicity was an oft-cited reason for lack of involvement and/or support of activities.

While many solutions to the problem were offered, these are some of the best: The cheerleaders should take a look at their title. They are cheerleaders, not cheerers. More pep assemblies would also be appreciated.

An advertising committee should be set up consisting of one representative and one sponsor from each activity sponsored by M.H.S. This committee could work towards a non-conflicting schedule of meetings, promote support of each other between activities, and publicize what's happening at M.H.S.

A freshman orientation assembly should be held every fall to show freshmen just what activities are available to them.



## THE VOX

Marion High School

## Get Involved... How Much?

By Dave Nash

As students, how many times have we heard the line, "get involved in all that you can! Broaden your horizons!" I'm sure that many well-meaning teachers have uttered these familiar lines.

As a freshman, I took the advice of one of my instructors, and being the naive highly suggestible young man that I was, became involved in many school activities, such as vocal music, student government, speech, newspaper and S.E.S.

Now, as a junior reflecting upon the past two-and-one-half years at Marion High, I realize that I made a mistake in becoming involved to the extent that I am. If you have a highly developed sense of responsibility as I do, you'll undoubtedly realize that attempting to divide your time fairly and equally among many different activities, while at the same time trying to maintain high grades, can lead to something short of a nervous breakdown!

I believe that high school should be a time of learning new things, growing as

a person, and achieving some measure of individuality. A young person should also have ample time for having fun, goofing around, free reading, watching T.V. and the like. Being wrapped up in so many things to the extent that your home turns in to nothing more than a boarding house which provides a meal and a bed is not good at all--you have no time to yourself.

Whose fault was it that I became involved in too much? That freshman instructor of two-and-one-half years ago...? No. I can put the blame upon no one but myself. It's your own fault if you're climbing the walls with responsibility.

The point that I'm trying to make is this --plan your time wisely! In developing your extra-curricular program, consider the amount of work that is involved in being a member of a certain group. How much studying do you need every day? How many courses are you taking? What are you sincerely interested in? But, most importantly, make sure that you have time to yourself.

## Vocal Music Department Has Busy Month

The Vocal Music department was also very busy this month. On March 17, the choir held a Pancake Supper to help raise money for the trip to Saint Louis. Also on March 22, the Swing Choir competed in a contest at Kennedy for the first time ever. The choir also is preparing for their Pre-Iowa Concert on April 21 at 7:30. All the music for the tour will be sung by the Swing and Special chor-us and some of the groups from the state solo and ensemble contest will perform. There will be no admission charge, but a free will donation will be taken to help pay some of the costs of the tour.

But the main focus this month, besides the tour, is the musical. This year it's called "Sugar" and will be given on April 11 and 12. It's based on "Some Like It Hot" and is about two broken-down musicians (Brad Ciha and Dave Nash), who inadvertently see the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. In order to get out of Chicago they dress up like girls and join an all girl band. The comedy of errors they then go through is what makes it so hilarious. It's a musical I'm sure everyone will enjoy.

## High School Stage Band Places Second

By Denise Hunt

In band this month, the big emphasis is on forming and practicing the groups for the solo and ensemble contest on April 4 and 5. This is a statewide contest, so

these groups will be up against some pretty stiff competition. Most groups are diligently working to reach some type of perfection before the last approaching date arrives. Good luck to all involved in this contest.

Even though the band has been busy with this, there are a few other things they have accomplished this month. One happened at the Quill Show. Out of all the entries that night, the High School Stage Band placed second. Congratulations for a job well done.

The band also held a concert on March 13. The sixth grade band first played several numbers. The stage band then the concert band played about seven of their pieces. It was well received and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

## Foot In Mouth

By Jennie Balcom

Since the  
Purpose of  
Ranting and raving  
Is to  
Note  
Grouchiness, the

Fires of  
Earth  
Verify that  
Everyone is  
Ready for Spring.

Dear Mr. Groundhog: Six weeks have passed since February 2, whether you saw your shadow or not. Spring fever generates energy, but that energy can stagnate if not used within a certain amount of time (i.e., 7 wks.). Please take this into consideration and send a robin or two our way. The warmth will be appreciated.



## Quill Staff Meets Deadline On Schedule

By Dana Jeffrey

Quill - The Quill staff recently met its first big deadline of the year-more than 40 pages were sent into the company as of March 14. Several members of the staff spent one day to decorate Quim-bly's chambers-complete with a coach from an unknown origin. The Quill staff has also been selling the book for the past few weeks in the homerooms. As part of their fund raising campaign, they sponsored a slave sale and the "Spring Hoedown" on March 21.

S.E.S. - All Juniors and seniors in this group are required to work at least one semester as a teacher's helper or associate. S.E.S. is now in the process of preparing for their annual field trip this year to U.N.I.

If anyone has any club news they feel should be made public in this column, please contact Dana Jeffrey or Sandy Nielsen.

### - SPECIAL NOTICE -

All clubs should be prepared to have their mug (group photo) taken within the near future. A member of the Quill staff will be contacting you soon as to the exact date and time.



"Here, take your dumb old head back.  
I still flunked the test."



## Nicknames Given High School Clubs

By Sandy Nielsen

I have made up some names for different clubs, and no offense is intended! S.E.S. - S.O.S.: A group that needs help. They're in grief, agony, anguish, misery, sorrow, trouble, and great pain. I guess that about sums it up.

HEALTH CAREERS - JUNIOR MORTICIANS: They take the life out of you!

VOX - WORDS ANONYMOUS: A club that never has anything to say.

QUILL - PORCUPINES: The hollow spine of your schools writing staff for the yearbook - now don't get prickley.

CHEERLEADERS - WHISPERING WANDERERS: You can't hear them and they seem to wander off in the middle of a cheer.

U.N. - THE UN-UNITED: They just can't seem to get together - un-united they stand.

DEBATE - THE QUARRELER'S: They are constantly arguing-their meetings are a real scream.

LETTERMANS - ABC'S CLUB: Apes, Baboons, and Cougars - they're a bunch of animals. "The big strong heroes of our school who can't bend over and pick up their own socks at home" - a direct quote from one of their moms.

## Speech Club Earns 19 First Places

By Christy Boots

The Speech Club has been very busy lately. On March 1, 28 people went to the district speech contest at Monticello. They brought back 19 firsts. The people with those firsts were Connie Panek (two firsts), Candis Wamke, Jennie Balcom, Harry Carson (two firsts), Edith Maxey, Christy Boots (two firsts), Jennifer Barnes, Charles Vernon (two firsts), Elizabeth Maxey, Cindy Vesey (two firsts), Beth Edwards, Martin McClure, Terry Carter, and Diane Morrow.

On March 15, eight people went to the Central City Invitational. Five made it into the finals, and Liz Maxey and Perry Anderson both took first place in the events.

March 22 is the state speech contest at Ottumwa. All those who received firsts at districts will be eligible to go. It's going to be a busy day, and the Vox staff wishes all "speaker's" the best of luck!

## Watch For "Sugar" April 11-12 Weekend

Have you heard about what's going on around MHS on the weekend of April 11 and 12? That's when the best-most hilarious-show that ever hit our stage opens. What's the show? It's called "Sugar" and it's wacky, wild, and wonderful! (If you'll pardon the expression).

For the past month or so, the cast has been practicing nearly every week night and all day Saturdays to get the thing rolling. Crews have been building, painting, and refinishing sets and so far, everyone is having a great time.

Does this interest you? It should, because if you're not familiar with the story, I think I can safely say that you'll laugh 'til you cry, and get a chance to see some of you're fellow classmates perform in slightly (1) out-of-character roles.

Remember - "Sugar" - on April 11 and 12.

BE THERE ! ! ! ! !

## '75 QUILL SHOW

## Is Cultural Smash For Year

Call it what you like--Talent Show, Variety Show, or by its proper given name, "Quill Show," but no matter how you say it, the 1975 Quill Show was the cultural smash of the year.

Artfully emceed by Mike Morgan and Ron Crouse, the show had something for everyone. Led off by Marion High's own boogie band, the "Pickled Onions," the '75 show progressed through a hilarious three-part skit by a group of senior girls, a remarkably "with-the-times" duet acting presentation called "Telephone" by Tom Parman and Linda Luko, mellow piano and voice performance by Pat Swearingen, and a toe-tapping, finger-snapping jazz-rock rendition by the stage band.

For the country and western fans, Luke Godar and Dan Wickencamp played a set of down home funky bluegrass numbers, the perennial Senior Girl's Chorus Line wowed all the males in the audience with the sexiest performance yet to come



KIM SKILLING (LEFT) AND GREG BICE (RIGHT) BOTH SHOW GOOD FORM.



WAMAC CHAMP TOM STALKFLEET WORKS FOR ANOTHER PIN



KIM FLUGGA PRACTICES HER NUMBER AS OTHER MEMBERS WATCH



PAT SWEARINGEN AND RON CROUSE SANG THEIR WAY TO 1ST PLACE

## Tournament Squads Place High

By Steve Herreid

It is late March, and the tournaments are over. The triune of eliminations which electrify and exhilarate high schooldom all over the state is now history.

As usual, Marion teams are bringing home no new state championship trophies with which to adorn the already too-full display cases. But as is also usually the case, the Indian sports scene was not lacking for inspired performances as the tournaments progressed. Not by a long shot.

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For our Wamac conference girls basketball champs, things progressed smoothly almost to the brink of the state tournament. After lopsided wins over Amana, Mt. Vernon and Norway, the Indianettes were sectional champs. A second Mt. Vernon triumph put them in the district finals against West Branch. Two games from state. . .

It didn't happen. WB's Sandi Slach ran up 33 points and her team eked out a 53-49 win. The bubble had burst, but no one could fault the Indians' best-in-history 22-4 record.

What's more, Coach Tony Pantini will have 11 varsity returnees with which to build around next season. The list includes forwards Karen Williamson, Shelly Jacobs, Pam Painter and Beth Edwards; and guards Terri McKem, Pat Offerman, Wendy Sumner, Michelle Hall, Cindy Von Ahsen, and Carrie Welsh. Diane Dollinger played both ways and will also return.

Final Wamac statistics showed three Marion girls ranking among the leaders. Darlene Collins was fourth in scoring (25.5), Diane Hackert was second in rebounds and third in steals, and Denise Hunt placed fourth in steals.

"When you're number 62, you have to try harder." That could very well be the motto of this school's wrestling squad.

Being ranked 62nd in size among the 64 AAA wrestling schools is a crying sin when you have to compete against teams from schools three times your size. Still, the Marion reps made the best of a difficult situation by putting two wrestlers (Tim and Marty Carter) into the state extravaganza.

The Indians exhibited their mettle by flexing to the sectional title at Manchester. Five grapplers won individual crowns

(Jim Kray, Brian Hoffa, Tim Carter, Tom Stalkfleet and Tom Borst). In addition, three teammates reached the districts through wrestlebacks-- Tim Ford, Mark Henderson and Marter Carter.

In district competition the Marion octet ran into a buzz saw of rivals--the likes of the four Waterloo schools--and only advanced the two Carter boys. Both were third-placers, Tim at 112 pounds and Marty at 167.

And both lost in the state prelims, Marty falling to eventual 167 pound champ Dave Schreck of Des Moines Dowling.

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Faced with what was almost universally regarded as an Impossible Mission, the boys basketballers surprised everyone by coming within an eyelash of defeating C.R. Washington in the first-round district play.

Wash finally prevailed 72-59, but that doesn't begin to tell the story. Fact is, the Indians played even-up basketball with the winners except for a pair of short bursts in the first and fourth quarters.

To recap: Marion closed out the season with a 7-7 Wamac conference record (9-10 overall), good for fifth place in the standings.

Several Indians were among the loop's stat leaders: Neal Sumner won the conference rebounding title, and Jeff Stolze did the same in free throw percentage. Sumner was also third in scoring and fourth in field goal percentage. Brian Kiburz was fifth in rebounds, and Brad Cihra placed third in free throw percentage.

Mike Wheeler was eighth and Brian Donohoe 11th in sophomore scoring.

