



L-R Front -- Sheri Arnold, Sandy McGovern, Merlene Maltby, Lori Milota, Sharene Ottaway.

(Left) A Typical VOX meeting -- enthusiastic, vivacious news reporters. . . (Right) Straighten up gang! Pictured are a few of the persons responsible (the boys are camera shy) for putting out the VOX.



L-R Back -- Nancy Beadle, Chris Boyer, Janis Chapman, Debi Pool, Debbie McClerey, Cathy Sheaffer, Denise Jackson.



THE VOX

Marion High School

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OPINION. . . OPINION. . . OPINION. . . OPINION. . .

By Nancy Beadle

One day not long ago, I was walking into the girls restroom on the west side of the building, when I was met at the door by a cloud of black smoke. Contrary to my first impression, the Marion High Association of Female Smokers was not holding its monthly convention inside. The source of all the smog was a smoldering wastebasket. Someone apparently had decided to add a little excitement to her day by lighting a fire in the metal bin, and now the floor was covered with a layer of soggy black ashes.

This incident is only one example of all the acts of vandalism that occur in the restroom. Last summer, for instance, the stalls were given a fresh coat of blue paint. Then came the first day of school, and with it, went the nice paint job. Within a few short weeks the stalls became an absolute mess of scraped off paint and crude graffiti.

If the people who do these things are so proud of their accomplishments, why don't they sign their names along with their remarks that cover the walls? If the smokers, who leave their ashes everywhere, feel they really have to practice their habit in the restroom, couldn't they at least clean up their mess when they are through?

Vandalism, even on a small scale, does nothing but help to ruin the appearance of our school, besides using up money, which, if you've forgotten, comes from our own families' wages. Pride in our school is reflected by the appearance of the building, which does include the restrooms. If the people who seem to have no pride in our school would at least have the maturity to allow the rest of us to use and enjoy the facilities of the school, we'd really appreciate it.

Did you ever go to a Marion football game this year? If so, there was your best chance around to see the Marion Hogs at work.

You ask, "What is a Marion Hog?" The answer would be a Marion lineman, a blocker for all the running backs that you've read about in this paper throughout the season. If it weren't for the Hogs, Marion wouldn't have been as successful as they were. These men went through hard, pounding practice everyday of the week before a game night. When game night came they knew exactly what their assignments were and they did the job.

You may ask, "Why write this editorial?" Since you have read all the names of the great backs of Marion, it's about time we recognized those unseen heroes, the "Hogs".

So here is the recognition you deserve. "Congratulations Marion Hogs on a job well done!"

Thank You,
Tom Turner

All Marion students, this is it! We've accepted the chance of the life-time for our school, but no one has had the time to put it to effect. Well, we're finally going to do it.

KLWW has offered us time on the air to give school reports. But not those rinky-dinky ones that they had before. Not those dumb reports about what happened last week. We have the opportunity to pick out the TOP news story of the week and send it to be broadcast with the news.

Here's why it hasn't been put into effect: (A) no time, and (B) what's the TOP news story? We editors of the VOX would certainly appreciate it if the students of MHS would help us. It's a challenge to us and to you, the student body. The prize? Well, there's always got to be a prize! KLWW will throw us a free record hop at the end of the year for the school that really takes the most advantage of KL's offer.

KL is also planning a concert for the local high schools this school year. As it stands now, Barry Manilow and Neil Sedaka look like sure things, but, possibly (HOLD YOUR BREATH) KISS may be persuaded (conned?) into making an appearance by the jocks of KLWW.

Does this sound good to you? If so, how about some help. Just give any member of the VOX an idea for the TOP news story we can broadcast and we'll research it from there. If you feel you can help us, or just want to, contact Nancy Beadle or myself, and we'll gladly discuss it with you.

To The Editor:

As a senior at Marion High School, I am concerned about the school spirit and class pride of our class-which is close to nothing. Each pep assembly is a repeat of the last. The senior class puts in a very poor showing.

At least the football players had an excuse. They were silently preparing for the game ahead. I can imagine what the senior football players felt like, listening to the pitiful yells coming from the senior class. Their spirit was shown by possibly doing what no other team in our history had done. But what about the rest of the seniors? Where were you when your class needed you? How can you expect a handful of girls to compete with the other classes? How much effort does it take to come for 15-20 minutes to support your class?

I don't know how you feel about breaking a tradition, but I feel sad. As I look back at the past 3 years of pep assemblies, the senior class has always stood out. Why can't we do it? I don't think it is asking too much for you to come and take part. Or for those that are there to join in and give their support. Next time let's show the other classes what our senior class is capable of doing. Let's show our spirit!!!

Beth Edwards

Dear Editor,

The football season is over, the hooplah and the cheers have died down. The fans have gone home and the jerseys are hung up. The fans once again put up with the cold weather to see our guys play, even though it is worth it, but the small children who seem to form a moving mass of bodies that are forever flowing past, is one thing I don't think the Marion fans have to put up with.

Have you ever tried to watch a game with 50 little children running up and down the aisles? There was more hot chocolate spilled by these little tyrants than consumed; this goes also for the popcorn and candy. I don't think I need to go on with this problem, any Marion fan knows the story, but what can be done about it?

First, if anyone is coming to the game, they better sit down and look at the game. Second, if a child is let in the gates, he should be accompanied by a parent. The best option for this irritating problem is to section off part of the bleachers on each end of the stands for junior high (or younger) and leave the main body of the stands be for senior high and parents. This way the people who want to watch the game can in peace and quiet. If you are too young to go into the senior high section you are not allowed, unless accompanied by a parent. This would solve the increasing problem of children running to and fro among the loyal fans. Maybe the fans at last will be able to see the game. Let's discontinue our babysitting and turn the stadium into a place where you CAN enjoy the football game.

Signed by a loyal fan,
Sharon Kewley

Dear Editor

I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to the senior class boys. I believe no one on this earth could have done a better job at making fools of themselves, as you succeeded in doing at the last pep assembly. You must be very proud of your accomplishment (could it be that you have had so much practice at previous assemblies)? What exactly IS the problem? I do not believe that it is due to a lack of school spirit because I know better. But why is it that when it comes to pep assemblies the senior boys merely sit back and are afraid to help out the senior girls on cheers. Why not let us know you're there next time! Stand up. YELL! Let yourself go, for a change. Who knows-you might even enjoy it! But you'll never know until you've tried it! Let's show the underclassmen that the senior class spirit is alive!!! But the senior class girls cannot continue to do it alone. Our class has been divided too long. We need to pull together and act as a whole. This is our last year. Let's change our attitudes.

Sheryl Feddem

Miss American Teenager Of Iowa From MHS

Becky Boysen, a junior at Marion High School, recently was chosen to represent Miss American Teen-ager of Iowa. She entered through an article in the paper and President Abrams, head of this pageant sent a form to be mailed and sent in within a certain amount of days. The pageant will be held at the Sheraton Heights, Hasbrouk Heights, New Jersey.



Contestants are judged on personality, good grooming, leadership, scholastic achievement and service to the community.

She will be on National Television the 23rd of November and we of Marion High are grateful to have Becky in our school and bringing our school and our state much honor and fame!

CONGRATULATIONS
BECKY!!!!!!

Smith and Co. LOOKING BACK

By Dennis Smith

We are now experiencing a marked transition in the kind of activities going on around Marion High School.

No longer is the crunch of football pads to be heard on the gridiron. Ex-footballers are now easily spotted in the halls by the wide grins draped on their faces. The happiness is to be short lived, however, since the winter tortures are soon to commence.

The walls of our gymnasium are now reverberating with the echoes of pumpkin pushers crying out in their own unique lingo. These devotees of the cult are as yet untested, and therefore hopes and expectations abound in their own minds.

If you listen long enough and look closely an even more secret group of loonies may be located. This select bunch is seldom seen except when it emerges,



yelling, running and terrorizing the once peaceful halls. After these outbreaks the participants again disappear and with horribly to the sound of a voice saying work, work, work.

Students attitude is one of expectation also. After all, who knows what the new seasons will hold? Will our hopes be fulfilled. Only one thing is for sure, that is that no one knows the answers.

One can only wait and see what our winter endeavors will bring to fruit until this question is answered, we can only hope for the best and give our winter loonies all the support we can.

Halloween Contest Was Held

By Merlene Maltby

In case you didn't see Mr. Sloan's room a few weeks before Halloween, you really missed something.

This Halloween he held the FIRST Annual Bicentennial Halloween Contest. Entries were accepted from Oct. 14-28. During extended homeroom, his pupils really worked hard. There were entries from Mr. Sloan's wife, his son, Mr. Kelm, and members of his and other homerooms. This caused judging to be difficult, however. The judges, his homeroom members, decided quickly. There were five categories with first and second place receiving prizes.

Winners were:

BLACK CAT: 1st Mrs. Sloan
2nd Mr. Kelm

WITCH: 1st Merlene Maltby
2nd Mr. Sloan

CREATIVE SAYING: 1st Connie Janzen

HOME ROOM: 1st Mr. Sloan
2nd Mrs. Taylor

Finally, the category with the most entries PUMPKINS. Dan Supple took first place with an entry that took two extended homerooms to make.

Second place went to Amy Skilling.

To those of you who will still be here next Bicentennial, don't forget the Second Annual Bicentennial Halloween Decorating Contest.



"You will become exacting, able to turn out with prolific fortitude infinite strings of incomprehensible formulae calculated with micromatic precision from vague assumptions — all for your geometry instructor."

By Cathy Sheaffer, Sharene Ottaway and Denise Jackson

The Marion Football season came to a disappointing close with a loss to Monticello, 14-6. Therefore, Monticello won the Wamac Championship with Marion coming in a close second. Our overall season record was 7-2, the only other loss coming from Linn-Mar. Our record for Wamac conference was 6-1. The loss to Monticello diminished our hopes of getting in to the State playoffs.



The Marion Sophs had a perfect 9-0-0 record ending with a 28-6 win over Monticello. That makes their overall record 4 for 4 years. Of competition, 7-10th grade, 27-0. Congratulations to the Sophomores who brought home a trophy as Wamac Champs. Watch out for these guys next year!

Speaking of undefeated seasons, the Marion Freshmen went 7-0 for another perfect Marion season. Their last game of the season was against Independence, easily winning 32-14. Looks like we have a few good seasons coming up in the future.

Annual Christmas Concert

The Marion High Music Department will present its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 5, at three o'clock in the afternoon. The concert will be performed in the high school gymnasium.

The Concert Band, under the direction of Mr. Walt Bergman, will open the concert with "Festivo," "Gesu Bambino," a Christmas novelty number, "Fa La La and All That," and "Estampie."

The combined choirs, under the direction of Mr. Hal Chader, will begin with a processional, "At the Name of Jesus," by R.V. Williams. Mixed chorus will sing "No Golden Carriage," "Three Wise Men Traveling," and a French carol, "Masters In This Hall."

Treble voice choir will perform an Italian carol, "O Bambino," "He Is Born," "Baby, What You Goin' To Be," the more contemporary side of Christmas will be represented by the Swing Choir's performance of the popular "Christmas Song," and "We Need A Little Christmas," from the musical, "Mame."

Concert choir will sing the traditional Ukrainian carol, "Carol Of The Bells," a beautiful arrangement of the American hymn, "Winds Through the Olive Trees," a contemporary setting of the "Gloria" by Arnold Freed.

The concert will be concluded by the band playing a Christmas carol sing-along with the audience joining in singing some of the best loved Christmas carols.

Plan now to join the MHS Music Department on December 5 for an early celebration of one of the year's most beautiful seasons.

Wamac Music Fest.

On Saturday, November 6th, the Marion Concert Choir hosted the annual Wamac Vocal Music Festival. Choirs arrived at 11:30 a.m. from all of the Wamac conference high schools at the high school and began practicing for the concert that was performed that evening at 7:30.

Each choir performed a few numbers and then all the choirs joined to form a mass choir of about five hundred persons.

The mass choir, under the direction of guest conductor John Noble, who started his conducting careers as a teacher in the Wamac Conference, the performed four numbers. Two were carols: One a Latin song, and one contemporary 20th century piece. After the performance, the choirs separated and returned home.

Has Marriage Been Liberated?

"Yes, according to juniors and seniors. . ."

Has marriage been "liberated" by the women's movement? Yes, according to a majority of 22,300 outstanding juniors and seniors polled by "Who's Who Among American High School Students." "Equality" will be a byword when today's teens begin marrying in the 1980's, particularly among the women. An interview with a typical "Who's Who" female, representing 65% of her peers, might sound like this:

"Darned right I'll expect my husband to do the same amount of housework I do, since I plan to have a job and an identity outside the house. Traditional marriage, where I trade my housework for my husband's paycheck won't be for me. After all, I'm bright, I'm going to college and I'm going to work before marriage. With that background I certainly won't be satisfied only with carpooling the kids, developing 'dishpan hands' and attending PTA meetings. I think husbands and wives should be equal partners in marriage--and, for me, that means sharing housework."

Faced with that kind of female attitude will today's teenage men flee marriage in droves? Not "Who's Who" males. Eighty-eight percent plan to marry, and half will agree to share household tasks equally with a working wife. Another 22% will be willing to take on more chores around the house than in a traditional marriage.

The men who refuse to do any "feminine" work (24%) won't be forced into bachelorhood, however, they can marry one of the 2,034 women (16%) who also favor the traditional marital format.

No matter which sex is responsible, diaper changing and rising for the 2.

a.m. bottle will be kept to the Zero Population Growth minimum in most marriages. A majority of students agree that two children or less comprise the ideal family, and 85% plan to practice birth control. Two-thirds will use some form of artificial contraceptive, including more than half the Catholics.

The women's movement has also had some effect on the way those two children will be raised by today's teens. Of the 55% who say they plan to raise their own children differently than their parents raised them, a third will treat their offspring "as people, without regard to traditional sex roles." In addition:

.38% say they will be more liberal in their social and sexual outlook.

.A quarter will be more liberal disciplinarians, and

.3 out of 10 will provide a more home-centered life for their own children.

While most "Who's Who" students plan a liberated marriage, their attitudes towards premarital relations are generally conservative.

Just 18% (20% of the females, 16% of the males) said they would seriously consider living with a member of the opposite sex without benefit of clergy, about the same percentage who felt such a relationship is dangerous and could lead to emotional crisis (17%).

When the students do step down the aisle, it will be in accordance with the traditional marriage ceremony, which got the nod over a legal trial marriage 77% to 20%.

Those marriage will not necessarily last until death parts the partners, however. Outstanding 17- and 18-year olds have accepted what is fast becoming another American tradition: three-quarters said they would seek a divorce to end an unsatisfactory marriage, including 65% of the Catholic students.

Who's Who Among American High School Students

Mary Heartbreak, Mary Heartbreak

By Sharon Kewley

As we last left our hero, Tom, was in the dreaded Tank. His hour was just about up, when a secretary came in to run the copy machine. The noise was unbearable. Tom tried to fight the sound, but alas, it was too strong for him. Just as Tom was about to faint the bell rang and broke the spell; he was saved! Now he could go find June, and ask her for a date.

What about Mary, you say? She was standing outside of room 24 waiting for the guy she loved, and trying to figure out where her next class was. The minutes ticked away, and finally Mary started running up the hall toward her next class. She burst into the room and ran right into a handsome freshman boy, who grabbed her before she fell.

Yes, it was love at first sight. Mary melted and lingered in his arms a little longer than what was needed. The bell rang once more and broke the spell. Mary walked to her seat but never took her eyes off of this good looking freshman.

Where was Tom all this Time? Tom,

WAYWARD SAINTS

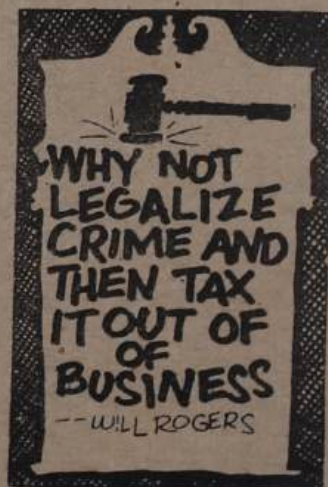
By Janice Chapman

By the time you read this, the fall play, "The Company of Wayward Saints," will be nothing but a dim memory in the dark recesses of your mind. Whether you remember it or not, the play was a success. The cast members did a wonderful job on their parts and the crews did an excellent job with the stage, costumes, lights, etc.

I'm sure the long hard hours that were put in by many (average of 4-5 hours a day) were grumbled about at the time, but when they saw the effect of the whole show they were glad they did their parts.

I think these people deserve a big thank you for giving their all for the production. I hope they realized that it was appreciated greatly.

There's just enough time to relax and catch up on everything before work on the one-act play and the spring musical begins. Everyone get their hammers!



The Purple Heart medal was originated by George Washington in 1782. Only three or four were awarded during the American Revolution.



Among the American presidents not elected by majority of popular votes was Abraham Lincoln!