

TROJANAIRE II

Maroa High School
DECATUR MAN GRATED
TO DEATH

PAM. FILES

Club Capers

Forensics

No, it's not a new type of disco dance! It's that wonderful group of people commonly known as the "Drama Club". Yes, it consists of the future movie stars of Maroa.

Several weeks ago, the club took a short drive to Olympia High School for a meet. Even though Mary Anne Query, Mel Day, Kristi Stubblefield, Kris Teel, and Mark Lovelace did their best, none of them placed in the finals. I guess the judges don't know talent when they see it!

On Jan. 12, the group boasted the talents of Mel Day and Kristi Stubblefield. Kristi's specialty is verse and Mel's is prose. Both received high marks from judges. Kristi had a first and a second, and Mel had two firsts.

Soon, on Jan. 19, the Forensics team will journey to Chenoa to show their skills again.

Good luck you guys!



A Decatur man, Ed Shred now known as Shred Ed, was grated to death by his food processor Monday night while grating cheese for his tacos. It is believed by police that his fingers got caught in the blades and that it sucked the rest of his body in after them. His wife entered the kitchen and put him in a pan thinking he was chopped liver. She almost baked him but then recognized the blue shirt he had on. She put him in a Glad Bag and rushed him to the Decatur Memorial Hospital for the Badly Shredded. When the doctors saw the lady with the bag of Shredded Ed, they too thought it was chopped liver. But when they put him in their microwave, Mrs. Shred screamed so loud that they realized it was Ed and not their lunch. After nineteen hours of surgery, the surgeons finally pronounced him dead.

He was then taken to the morgue where he was embalmed, which was quite easy since he had no blood. After that he was taken to the Crematory where he was baked into a little cupcake shape, and then sent to the Hamilton Beach Funeral Home. He was buried at the Peaceful Hill Cemetery for the cup cake shaped bodies.

The G.E. Food Processor Company says that it might be a defect in their food processor so they are returning all of Mrs. Shred's money, except tax.

--Julie Pryde--

Did You Know?

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- *that humans can not digest hair?
- *that there are no snakes in Ireland?
- *that a giraffe has a neck over seven feet long but has the same number of vertebrae as a mouse?
- *that an ostrich can run at speeds of up to 40 miles an hour?
- *that there is a pneumatic cannon that can fire dead chickens at speeds of up to 620 M.P.H.???



WHO'S WHO?

Shelley Howell

Beth Austin, a freshman, is 14 years old. She was born in Peoria, IL but lived in Tokyo, Japan for 3 years before coming here. Her hobbies include tennis, basketball, and reading.

Susan Swick is 16 years old, and a junior. She used to live in Fort Wayne, IN. She attended Elmhurst High School. Her hobbies include swimming and tennis.

Speech Radio Show

Last week the Sr. speech classes gave mock radio programs. The results ranged from interesting to hilarious. Here's an example by 7th hour Bonnie Hill.

Good Morning! And this is BJ your DJ comin' at you from WORS- the bestest station around-with the bestest sounds. So keep your ears tuned to FM 001.

I bet you've been all awaitin' up to find ory where this week's trip takes you if you're the lucky winner.

It's an Air Excursion to Iran!!!! All right! It's sponsored by Mohammed Machine Repair. The big event takes place on Jan. 23 and lasts until Feb.31. It's 20 glorious days and 7 super nights. Just listen to this FANTASTIC itinery!

On that first marvelous day-you leave Jacksonville International Airport at 4:35 A.M. All passengers travel 1st class aboard Air Iranian Uni-Engine Dumbo Jet.

On the 2nd day you're -In Air
On the 3rd day you're -In Air
On the 4th day you're-In Air
On the 5th day you're-In Air
On the 6th day you're-In Air
On the 7th day you're-In Air

And then on that glorious 8th day you'll arrive at the Tehran Airport at 9 P.M. You will then transfer to the Tehran Hilton Basement Annex for a box dinner!

On the 9th day, after breakfast, you, get a complete tour of Tehran from 9:30A.M. to 9:45 A.M.

Next there'll be free time for shoplifting until your meeting with the Iranian Dental Society. Again you will be entertained in style by local dentists and treated to a fabulous 7 course meal. (1 Kebab and a six pack).

On that 10th wonderful day there will be a side trip to Pahlavi and Shushtar.

On the 11th day, you'll be back in Tehran for a tour of the U of I (both building) Everyone will get to see the book in the Health Science Library! All right! Fan---tastic!

On the 12th day you'll board your waiting Dumbo Jet for the U.S.A. Only 3 stops(2 for fuel and 1 for directions).

On the 13th day-In Air

On the 14th day-In Air

On the 15th day-In Air

On the 16th day-In Air

On the 17th day-In Air

On the 18th day-In Air

On the 19th day-In Air

On the 20th day- you'll arrive in Jacksonville between 10 A.M. and midnight. (depending on weather conditions and fuel leakage) Custom clearance is quick. There's no duty on Iranian goods brought in (only on what you left behind.)

Winnes include all transportation, Meals, Drugs, Tours, Transfers, Hotel Accomodations, First Aid, and Parachute(opens on impact)!
ENTER NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Snow Days

Where has the spirit of spring gone? As of yet we haven't been blessed with a mass of snow or any of these beloved snow days.

But, if we use more than our allotted five snow days, chances are that we will either not have a spring break or we will go the extra days at the end of the school year. Spring break is presently scheduled for April 4-9 and graduation should be June 6. That is, if we only use 5 snow days.

If we do go over the limit, the final decision is up to the school board.

Happy 5 days of snow!

NEW BOOKS

The library has many new books this year ranging from voodoo to extraterrestrial life. This year the newspaper will provide short book reviews on new books in the library.

Voodoo: by Kyle Kristos

This book explains the true facts about voodoo, the often misunderstood practice that is the main religion of Haiti. It describes its history, rites, symbols, and ceremonies with detailed descriptions.

Who's Out There?: by Thomas Auplesworth

This book examines the possibilities of life on other planets in outer space and surveys the attempts to make contact with extraterrestrial life.

The Ghost the Indians Feared: by Sigmund Lavine

The Ghost the Indians Feared describes various evil spirits, witches, ghosts, and specters recognized by the North and South American Indian Tribes and attendant beliefs and rituals.

MAROA-FORSYTH HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The band is already looking toward next fall to the marching competition. Wrapping paper and candles were sold as a money making project. The money will be used to buy new equipment for the competition. Band Council has not yet decided on a new money-making project.

As most of you have heard, a jazz band was formed this year. Mr. Fisher, who was a member of the Millikin Jazz Lab Band at Millikin, is directing it. The band has improved quite a bit since it first started. They will be performing soon at a home basketball game.

Tributes

People play an important part in our lives. Friends, Family and especially ourselves make interesting sources for contemplation.

New ideas, thoughts and old mistakes are ours to profit from through them. Here are some tributes written to these familiar people by our own students.

A Message To My Parents

You think you love me,
But that does not give you
the right
To mold my life like yours.
I'm me.
You are you.
I must be by myself.
Why do you take me by the hand
And lead me through the day?
I know that I'll make mistakes,
and I'll talk in my sleep;
But I'm me, and I must be
given the freedom, to live
or die like me.

Please, give me my chance to
be me as you had your chance
to be you.

"JEROME H. KATZ"

Mel Day

I never should have gone in
there!
But the other kids dared me
to.
As darkness fell, I entered
the old, abandoned
house.
Trembling, I felt a shiver
run down my spine.
I could faintly hear what
sounded like a heartbeat.
I proceeded in the direction
of the noise.
I could tell the noise was
coming from the door that
stood before me.
I slowly turned the door-
knob and threw open the
door.
Out jumped a
There I stood; never to move
again.

Memories

Memories are always there,
Memories of people who care,
OF things you've done,
Times you've had fun;

Memories can take you
back in time,
And they don't cost a dime,
They pick you up when you
are down,
Make you smile when you
want to frown,
They never go away,
They're there from day
to day.

Memories of people who
are special to you,
Ones that pick you up
when you are blue,
Memories of a kind word,
That special song of a
bird,
Memories are always there
Memories are always in
your mind,
You can bring them out
when you're happy -
or in a bind,
You are a part of my
memories,
I hope I am a part
of yours.....

"FRANK GREENHOE"

Beth Austin

I was the partier of the town,
The kind you'd always see in
a bar.
People thought me happy-go-
lucky;
Little did they know of my
deep frustration.
Finally in despair,
I hung myself from a barn
rafter,
And now the truth comes to
light.

Q. What do you call a
line of rabbits that all
take one step backwards?

A. A receding "hare"line!

Did you hear about the
shepherd who drove his sheep
into town and was given a
ticket for making a ewe
turn!

LAUGHING LOUIE

"Be patient your day will
come." This is the only
adise I can offer you.
During my childhood, I
was miserable. All of
you laughed and joked at
me because of my "meak-
ness". You all had your
fun and good times, Didn't
you? Do you remember the
day I saw you and waved,
on my way down Maxwell
street to make my tele-
vision speech to America?
The tables have turned,
haven't they? How does
it feel to smoke dirty
cigarettes and drink
bad wine instead of
imported cigars and
brandy?

DREAMY SALLY

All my life I had
been a poor country girl.
My days consisted of hard
work on the farm. My
parents grew up that way
and enjoyed it. But am
growing up that way and
hating it. When I was old
enough, I moved to the
city: Where life was fun
and exciting. I could do
whatever I wished; I was
free This was what I had
always dreamed. Most of
the people I met were cor-
ld and cruel. Crime was
all over the city. Is
this the city I had long-
ed for? My dreaan was sha-
tered. I had to face
reality and go home:
Where I've always belonged.
If I hadn't I would have
been ruined Sane as the
city and my dreams.

POWDER PUFF SPORTS

Girls Intramurals

The first thought concerning girls intramurals was that you'd never get enough girls to play. But for the first year having six lively teams is almost a dream come true.

Girl's intramurals is a chance for many girls to finally play each other, instead of watching the guys play each other. For others it is a chance to get together and have a good time and still get some exercise.

Of course, some girls take it more seriously than others! There was an occasional elbow here and there and some of the girls got knocked down. But overall, the good sportsmanship and enthusiasm were always there.

It will be interesting to see if the enthusiasm remains or if the excitement will wear off. No matter what -it's about time something like this was started for the girls.

Possibly, the next step is CO-ED volleyball intermurals. What do you think?

J.H. Basketball

The MFJH basketball squads have been off since Christmas break. We have played one game the Class "B" County Tournament. In this game the Trojans were defeated by a good team from Warrensburg by a score of 28 to 36.

Both squads are in action Monday the 14th against Warrensburg and Thursday the 17th against Niantic-Harristown. Come out and Yell for the TROJANS!!

The Varsity Basketball team as a 3-1 in the conference and 7-4 overall.

The J.V. has a 8-0 record.

The freshman has a 5-0 record.

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F.H.A. Week

Coming up in February is FHA Week. During the week of the 11-15th, we will do something special each day.

February Schedule

Mon. Feb. 11-- Start Mr. Irrestible

Red and White Day

Tues. 12th-- NO SCHOOL

Wed. 13th-- Early morning breakfast

Heart Day

Thurs. 14th- Valentines Day

Fri. 15th-- Reveal Mr. Irrestible

Hat Day

The Grain Embargo

How has it effected farmers?

The grain embargo has effected many people in many different ways. It involves many area farm families. For instance, David Berry says that his family would not support this type of action. He also stated that his family would not benefit from an embargo.

Scott Cunningham said that his family felt sorry for President Carter, but were dissapointed that Carter would take this step after promising that he wouldn't do so. He explained that with corn costing \$2.20 a bushel that the farmer is

making only 10c profit when the corn is selling for only \$2.30 per bushel. At these prices, one could make only a \$15.00 profit per acre.

Joy Malone said that the embargo has really put a damper on the grain market now that Russia, our biggest buyer is out of the picture.

From the indications in these viewpoints, the reaction from this area may tend to be unfavorable in this move by the President.

The Mysterious Bonds of Twins

In the January issue of Readers Digest magazine is an article about twins. In the article are examples where twins think and feel alike. For example, one set of twin brothers had been separated right after birth. When they were reunited 38 years later, they discovered that they had both married a girl named Linda; that their first child had been named Robert Alan although they had spelled Alan differently. Later, both brothers divorced and had remarried a lady named Betty. Both of them had gone into the same profession and had worked for the same company but in different cities.

In another case, one twin was in a car wreck and was taken to the hospital for an operation. As the other twin and her mother waited by the operating room, the girl began having pains-- in the same place where her sister was being operated on! The girl was able to tell when her twins operation started. The doctor came out later and confirmed that the operation had started at the same time that her pains did.

Such cases are considered more than just coincidence and are being further investigated by scientists.