



## New Teachers At MHS

The new, part-time home economics teacher is Mrs. Evelyn Bronson. Actually, she's not so new (as a teacher), since she taught at Marion between 1959-1963. She quit teaching to raise a family of one boy (8 years) and two girls (6 & 3). Some of her interests are sewing, knitting and collecting paintings. Evelyn has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Ec. Education. Mrs. Bronson says she loves to teach. Currently she has the Home Ec. I classes and a housing class this year.

Her impressions of the changes in M.H.S. while she's been absent are that the atmosphere is more casual and relaxed, "the lack of discipline in the dress code occasionally spills over into the student's attitudes. But all in all, the change is refreshing."

By Jennie Balcom



Mrs. Bronson

By Teresa Danford

Pam Abdo is one of the new additions to the M.H.S. English Department. She is presently residing in Room 9, where she invites any and all who need help in speech.

Coming from Waterloo, Iowa where she taught all high school grades for three years, having classes of English and speech, Mrs. Abdo now has four classes of sophomore speech and one class of senior speech.

Mrs. Abdo says that one thing that seems to interest people about her is the fact that she is an identical twin, who is also a teacher, as is her mother.

Commenting on Marion High's students, she says, "I really like the enthusiasm of the students. . . and would like to see more people out for speech who will actively participate. I think Marion has an excellent faculty."



Mrs. Abdo

## Band Has Active Summer

By Pam Olsen

The Marion High Band has been active most of the summer and continues to be this fall. Early summer saw them practicing for six weeks, working to prepare a series of three concerts to be presented in City Square Park.

Late August brought Country Fair Days, with the Band Boosters running a booth selling pie and ice cream. A \$200 profit was made on this venture.

Practice resumed August 24 in preparation for the first football game September 8. A familiar sight every morning is the band out on the field working out details of their half time show, this week one entitled "The Band Plays On". Marching season consists not only of football games but also of parades, these including the Veteran's Day Parade and Iowa City Homecoming.

Concert band begins in earnest after these events, but first come ALL-STATE tryouts October 28. A number of people attend this, in hopes that they will be selected for either All-State Band or orchestra.

## VD: The Silent Epidemic

There is a silent epidemic. More than two million Americans were affected by V.D. last year. One million of these cases were people under 25.

1 out of 8 cases that are untreated cause long term complications. Syphilis can cause birth defects, blindness, heart, and liver disease.

Nearly the only way V.D. can be transmitted is through sexual contact. V.D. is not spread by water, food, toilet seats, door handles or drinking fountains. No one is immune to V.D. There is no vaccine but there is a treatment, penicillin.

V.D. can be brought under control by Education, prevention and treatment. The Foundation II phone number is 362-2174. Call between 4 p.m. and 12 a.m. any day for confidential help.

# Homecoming Festivities



From October 3-7th, Marion High celebrated homecoming and 50 years of football. Homecoming '72 is now past history, but let's take another look at some fine moments.

It all started on Tuesday, October 3.

After a day of rest and relaxation on Monday, students filed in to M.H.S. on Tuesday and homecoming week began.

The pep club started it by selling homecoming pins and painting their favorite slogans on Marion store windows. Continuing on, Wednesday the Lettermen's Club sold tickets to the "car smash" and water balloon throw to be held on Thursday. The balloon throw found Connie Bennett, Del Bush, Ed DeWees, and Lowell Morgan acting as the "wettees" (perfect targets). Thursday activities started at the annual bonfire, with a fine collection of outhouses piled high.

On Friday (with Thursday's spirit still

in the air) the students gathered for an hour-long assembly in which 1922 again invaded the hall, as we reviewed the activities of homecoming. The assembly was topped off with the crowning of the Homecoming Queen.

The queen attendants and candidates filed in. They were: Attendants--Jeri Brecki, Julie Blomers (freshmen); Kim Skilling, Carol Bailly (sophomores); Sandy Wade, Sue Robbins (juniors). Candidates--Crissa Finn, Cheri Pieper, and Connie Schnell (seniors).

After the introductions and suspense, Crissa Finn was crowned Homecoming Queen! Congratulations Crissa!

The final night ended with an exciting football game against Monticello (a 7-6 defeat), a tremendous halftime show, and the Homecoming '72 Dance--the theme being "Wilderness."

By Pamella Mullenix

## It's Your Choice For P.E.

By Connie Power

In gym class at Marion High School for the first year we had our choices of what we take. We have just completed the first of these with the choices of golf, tennis or bicycling.

In Mrs. Hammill's opinion this program was organized to offer a greater variety of activities, a greater choice of activities, and to promote greater interest in the Physical education program.

It is still too early to tell whether this new program will be a success or not. Throughout the year we will have choices of bowling, archery, fencing, yoga, and a lot of other things that are not as familiar to the students.

These gym classes are co-ed this year, which is a change from last year. There were a few co-ed classes last year, but not as many.

The boys have the same choices as the girls when we pick our class. There are a few classes this year, when they have separate classes.

## Unusual Units Part of Speech

The speech classes, both sophomore and senior, are just completing interesting units that are a little out of the ordinary. The sophomores have just finished a unit on fear. Mrs. Abdo has decided to reverse the usual order of the types of speeches taught; putting the more dramatic types of speeches before the strictly "practical" kinds.

Understanding each other through communication has been the emphasis in the senior class. In keeping with this idea, the class saw the video-tape of "Love in the Classroom."

By Jan Gallagher

## SPEECH CLUB ELECTS

By Jan Gallagher

The speech club elected officers at the September 19, meeting.

Those elected were: President, Gary Hoag; vice-president, Debbie Melchers; secretary, Jan Gallagher, and treasurer, Wendy Marshall.

## The Cliff

She walked slowly down the lonely deserted beach. The crystal clear water lapped up around her feet. She had been at a party further up the beach with her friends, but she had left them so she could be alone to think. She hoped they wouldn't miss her and look for her, they never did.

Her long, dark hair hung down near her waist, and her blue eyes sparkled with tears. She wore blue jeans and a tee-shirt. She sat down in the sand and sifted it slowly through her fingers, up and down, and up and down. And then she put her head down and sat just like that for what seemed like a long time. Finally she lifted her head and then she traced a strange, mystifying pattern in the sand with her finger. Each line was perfect and each meant something special to her, something no one else could understand.

She got up then and walked until she came to the cliffs. She often came here when she needed to think. She could sense their power over her and something compelled her to climb them. Halfway up, she stepped on a sharp rock and cut her foot. But she didn't care, she had to get to the top!

And finally she made it. Now it was hers, she had conquered it, and no one could take it from her, could they? She looked down to where the water met the rocks. They stuck out of the water, sharp edges pointing upward.

She looked up, away from the rocks, and back down to the beach. Tears formed in her eyes and she knew what she had to do. Those sharp, ugly rocks seemed to be tormenting her till she gave in. So she looked down once more and then she jumped.

By Laurie Hicks

## FTA Has Organizational Meeting Sept. 14

Future Teachers Association, sponsored by Mrs. Walker, had its organizational meeting Thursday, September 14.

This club is open to all students in ninth through twelfth grades. If you might like to teach for a career, or if you like to work with children, this is the club for you.

The organization meets on every third Thursday.

## National Education Week

By Mike Ryan

October 23-28 is National Educational Week. This year FTA is going to help bring this to the public's eyes.

The Marion Education Association will be working with FTA, on a contest for students in the elementary schools. Each grade level will submit posters concerning some aspect of education which will be judged. The posters will be posted in local businesses, and in some of the schools.

The winners will be given a token for their posters. Other activities are still being planned.

## HEALTH CAREERS CLUB MEETS

By Dave Nash

Health Careers Club, sponsored by Mrs. Sharon, had their organizational meeting last month.

The program for this year's meetings was discussed.

Every year the club travels to Mayo Clinic and a hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. Visits to other places around eastern Iowa will also be made this year.

The club is open to both boys and girls in ninth through twelfth grades.

## UNITED NATIONS CLUB MEETS

By Dave Nash

The United Nations Club, sponsored by Mr. Boquist, looks like it has a great year ahead.

All old members from last year are returning, although the club is open to all students.

Over the past summer, some members have prepared interesting presentations for the upcoming meetings.

Applications were made to represent the United States or hopefully, some other large nation.

No exact date has been set yet for the first meeting, but it should be very soon.

## Notes From STATT MANN

In a track event just completed, the surprise winner was M.U.G., who ran away with the trophy. The star of the meet was Oscar Robbercon of M.U.G. who stole the show, winning four events. In that race a new world's record was set in the mile by an unknown runner. His time was 3:50. A policeman finished second and a bullet placing third.

Wilt Chamberlain has been awarded the Humanitarian of the year award for donating \$100,000 to the National Home for Tall People Foundation.

In some more boring news, Louisie The Killer has agreed to fight the Crusher for the championship. Neither one has lost a fight yet, and it should be a real battle. Both fighters should be in top form as they both are practicing very hard. The Crusher, who is managed by Sam Bearhug, is working out at the 5th Street gym in New York. "Who has a fifth?"

Nobody Joe, now will you please be quiet until I finish the news?"

## Marion Freshmen Down Linn-Mar In Season Opener

By Steve Stolze

The Indians 1972 freshman football team opened their season on Sept. 12 with an offensive massacre over a stunned Linn-Mar team, 50-20. The Marion football squads made a clean sweep over Linn-Mar as all 3 teams won.

The freshmen started scoring from the opening kickoff, scoring twice in the first quarter and twice in the second quarter running up a score of 28-8 at the half. In the second half they added three more touchdowns while the defense, by then substituting players in and out, yielded 2 scores.

The offense was led by halfback, Jeff Stolze, who scored 3 touchdowns and 22 total points, while rushing for over 100 yards. Quarterback, John Murdoch, passed for close to 150 yards and scored a touchdown. Others to score were Mike Jones, in a 39-yard run, Tony Jensen on a pass from Murdoch, and Linnie Vinson on a pass from Mark Bush. (More in later editions).

## Stats Don't Tell Real Story!

By Stephen Stolze

If you were to look at Marion's football statistics, you would be inclined to think they were still undefeated. But we all know that statistics don't win ball games for all. So Marion is 3-2 overall, a record which could easily be 5-0 as the margin they lost by in the two games was the gigantic total of 3 points. One or two breaks in both games could have changed things.

The defense has been the big story, giving up an average of only 5, 6 points a game, including two shutouts. They lead the Wamac in team defense giving up only 135 yards a game.

The offense however, has run into a couple of good defenses themselves at Prairie and against the Monticello team. Still they lead the Wamac in team offense by a wide margin, averaging 403 yards a game. Marion has used mostly it's strong versatile running game in rolling over Linn-Mar 21-0, Maquoketa 36-0, and Anamosa 33-12. The Indians have been led by their senior running back Randy Wade with 378 yards averaging 95 yards a game rushing and a 8.2 yards carry, and in only four games, Jon Morris with over 250 yards for a 7.2 yards per carry, and Gary Bolden with over 250 yards for a 5.1 yards per carry. Tim Jones has the best yardage per carry average in the conference at 8.8. Gregg Anderson is averaging 7.7. Anderson also leads the conference in individual scoring with 25 points, while Jon Morris is close behind with 18.

Marion's record may not be as good as everybody hoped, but there haven't been too many people who weren't impressed with Marion's play.

## Girls' C-C Is A First This Year

This fall Marion High participated in Girls Cross Country for the first time ever. Girls taking part in the sport were Kim Skilling, Sheryl Walker, Dale Johnson, Darlene Collins, Diane Morrow, Leslie Anderson, Natalie Jackson, Karen Williamson, Janice Schneider, Dee Hunt, April Sorenson.

Although the girls haven't won a cross meet yet, Coach Roby feels the girls have run well in all the meets narrowly losing to Kennedy by 3 points and to Starmont by 1.

Mr. Roby says the girls are in the stage of adjusting to a new sport and haven't really come to their best running yet.

We wish the Girls Cross Country team goodluck in their remaining meets and are looking forward to a great season next year.

By Mike Jacobs & Steve Stolze

## Poetry Corner

Each month Vox will be featuring three or four poetry pieces from Marion High School Students. If you are interested in turning in a poem, please turn it in to a Vox member, the Quill and Vox Room, or Mr. Bates, in room 25. Here are this month's poems.

Why does it matter what I do  
or why I do it?  
Why can't I just be me?  
Will anyone ever understand that I'm  
not them, I'm just me?  
Why do people constantly try to put me  
into molds I don't belong in?  
I need to explore life on my own without  
being in someone else's shadow.  
There is a new way for everyone.  
Celeste

It hits the window with a thud,  
Shudders, and begins the journey  
Downward.  
Sliding along, it meets a fly.  
They chat awhile, about the weather  
(Always the weather)  
Then it continues on  
Glancing back, the traveler admires  
The sparkling trail left in it's wake.  
Just a few more inches to go  
Until it still reach the sill  
And vanish.  
The raindrop sighs.  
Lori Gielegam

ODE TO THE CIGARETTE  
By A Marion Student

Oh the lovely cigarette,  
So long and thin and white.  
Oh the deceiving cigarette,  
It takes away lives right.

The sweet leaf of establishment,  
Invented long ago.  
But little did they know back then,  
That it would harm us so.

We spend our money, waste our time,  
We cough and wheeze and gag,  
And soon we all run out of breath  
Because of that first drag.

## Varsity Boys' C-C Team Still Perfect

The 1972 Marion High School cross-country team coached by Roger Hanson is off to one of its best starts in years, thanks to a team that is working hard and winning meets.

So far this year the varsity squad is undefeated with 7-0 record in their meet action. Their only finish below first place was at the State Mile Team race, which in they placed an excellent third place against all the schools in Marion's class. Included in their wins was their tie for first place in the Wamac Mile Team race.

Coming up for them is the Wamac Cross Country race and the State Cross Country race which they hope to both finish first to end a great season.



Dear  
Olivia

HAPPY  
ADS...

Happiness is graduating in January. Jr. Happiness is being a senior. Happiness is 168 days of school left. Happiness is Smokey in 1st hour, Oscar. Happiness was, when Rocky, Gizard, Elsie, Geremiah and Smokey went to C.B. Vernon. Oscar. Happiness is having a fire drill during Mr. Hipple's fourth hour Consumer's Math Class. A.J. and S.H.

## WANT ADS...

Wanted: Pink wrestling shoes  
Wanted: A left shoe, size 15EEE.  
Wanted: Shampoo for greasy hair, (for Martians).  
Wanted: The person or persons who stole my bike on July 28 from my front porch. See Andrea Marg.  
Wanted: The right definition of race.  
Wanted: HELP!  
Wanted: True Happiness.  
Wanted: Ted, Carol, Bob & Alice.  
Wanted: Student Power  
Wanted: A white rabbit for a school mascot  
Wanted: Santa on Easter  
Wanted: A new birthday  
Wanted: New Teachers-prefer students; ages 14 to 18  
Wanted: A guide to help me find room 511.  
Wanted: Answers to Mrs. Pantini's tests.  
Wanted: A pack of Bud.  
Wanted: New study hall teacher 6th hour.  
Wanted: A stop to war.  
Wanted: Lots of advertising sold for Quill financing.  
Wanted: One large Toupee-contact-Harvey.  
Wanted: Sam to come back (from the juniors).  
Wanted: No Spring vacation.  
Wanted: Help with saying, "¡Hola Isabel! ¿Cómo estás?"  
Wanted: A summer vacation starting one week sooner.  
Wanted: Less Freshmen, more Seniors!  
Wanted: Uncle Sam Wants You!  
If you would like a Want Ad published, turn it into a Vox Staff member or at the Quill & Vox room.

## It's Your Choice For M.H.S. Clubs

By Tom Parman

The clubs and organizations at Marion High are starting to fall into place. The Vox staff has already had its first meeting.

Anyone interested in writing or typing and has some time to devote is welcome. The Quill has also met. For membership to this organization you must be a M.H.S. student. See Mr. Pickering.

The Lettermans Club had its first meeting, for its members from last year on September 7. The AFS (American Field Service) Club has not set a perspective date for its first meeting, but Mrs. Goldstein says anyone can join and is welcome.

The Pep club had its organizational meeting with Mrs. McLeod, on September 7. Juniors and Seniors interested in business had a FBLA meeting on September 11. If any of these organizations interest you and you meet the requirements, join. It is your choice.

### Question of the Month

Would it not be better to taste your words before they pass your lips?

## ...MEET THE VOX STAFF...

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"If anyone asks, just say we lost. Period! Nobody has to know the MS Wildcats are girls."



"Know what school is? ... One big interruption of TV."

The Teacher Bird is named for its cry of "teacher, teacher."

