



'Candidates Day' Is Social Studies Program



Candidates' Day found lots of enthusiasm.

By Jennie Balcom, Terry Maginnis and Connie Power

Students and music filled the halls, as politicians breathed a sigh of relief and readied themselves for the next round. This was "Candidates' Day", a new experience at Marion High School.

On Oct. 19, our hallowed halls suffered a minor invasion of the candidates running for every imaginable office. The idea was to educate the students in the workings of our political system, the responsibilities of different offices, and the "stands" of the candidates on campaign issues. Candidates were assigned rooms and the students were free to visit candidates of their choice during nine 20-minute periods. In addition, there was a presentation on the three proposed constitutional amendments by the League of Women Voters, a voting machine, and a lively program of cam-



Students found the candidates gave serious thought to their questions.

paign songs, given by the Vocal Music Department during the lunch periods.

At the end of the day, students reported to their 6th hour class and completed the affair by voting on special ballots. The voting went very well. As it turned out the M.H.S. voters (obviously national and state trend-setters) elected all but five candidates in the actual outcome on election day, November 7, 1972.

There were a few technical flaws, which were to be expected and a few kids felt that the day was of no value to them. All in all, the day was a huge success, and everyone involved is to be commended. Many thanks to all the various groups for their time and effort devoted to making the day such a success. Special recognition goes to the Social Studies Department for coming up with a great idea!

Get Involved Join Voluntary Action Program

Get involved!! Join the Voluntary Action Center and give a helping hand. The youth of our community are already involved in some volunteer activities, such as Foundation II, Jane Boyd Community House, and the Council on Aging. There are many jobs that need to be filled, however!

The Linn County Social Services has a kiddie corner that needs to be decorated and staffed. Also, the Cedar Rapids Community Theater needs ushers and box office attendants. The Linn County Foster Parents Association needs proxy brothers and sisters for kids living in foster homes. Another area is The Council on Aging, where volunteers are needed to do chores in the home of the elderly.

If you want to help, call 398-5437, or stop in our office, 327 7th St. S.E., Cedar Rapids. They need something money can't buy. THEY NEED YOU!!!

Fresh. Football Team Ends Season With Win

The Marion freshman football team closed their season with a 12-0 win over LaSalle. They finished with a 5-2 record overall that featured an explosive offense and a ball-carrier eating defense.

If you saw any of their games this season, you might have thought Marion brought its track team by mistake. All their touchdowns in the last three games and over half in the first three games, came on long scoring plays with Marion outrunning everybody to the end zone. The one who hit the end zone the most was Jeff Stolze with 5 TDs. He also led the team in scoring, rushing and total yards. He scored the most big plays with three on runs of 39, 82, and a school high this year with an 87 yard run.

Everybody seemed to get into the act. Mike Jones had runs of 38 and 68 yards for TDs. John Murdoch scored on a 60 yard pass and threw two 30 yard TD passes to Tony Jensen and Linnie Vinson. Rich Lehigh had the two most unusual plays while on defense, scoring on a 60-yard run after picking up a fumble, and intercepting a pass and running 45 yards to score.

Things certainly seemed to come in bunches for the freshmen including injuries. The team had more kinds of injuries than the number of plays they used. At one time during the season, there were 9 starters injured at the same time. But everybody wanted to play, and with players like that, you're going to be a winner. They proved they were.

By Steve Stolze

'Up The Down Staircase'

November 17 & 18 At MHS

If it were closer to go down a staircase clearly marked as an "up staircase," would you go down it? Now it is definitely safer to go down the up staircase, because you can only be forced back up the up staircase, that you were going down. When you compare that to going up the down staircase, while you are going the incorrect way, harming yourself greatly and also ending up where you started-at the bottom of the up staircase. It has been found to be better to go down the up staircase. Nevertheless, Joe (Tom Porathe) is detained for going "Up the Down Staircase."

That's not all! It is only the beginning of "kids sprawling in the classrooms, yawning in assembly, and pushing through halls." These children have no manners. They will be joyfully tearing apart, Miss Sylvia Barrett (Julie Taylor), Paul "Poet" Barringer (Jim Cerney), and Bea "Mom" Schachter (Julie Clark), at 7:45 p.m., Nov. 17 and 18 in the fall drama, "Up the Down Staircase". It is being presented in the M.H.S. Auditorium. Admission will be 75¢ for students and \$1.25 for adults.



SHARON, the school nurse, but because of her marriage last summer, she's now Mrs. Hamdorf!



Bleep, Ah, Eh & Blurp

By Pam Mullenix

In case you are wondering about this title, ask Mrs. Hammill, the new girls gym teacher!

Mrs. Hammill graduated from The University of Iowa. She was then a teacher at Kenosha, Wis. for one year. She came back to Waukon, Iowa where she and her husband, (affectionately known as Mr!) lived until this year. Mrs. Hammill was head coach of girls softball, and track; also assistant basketball coach. To top all that, she had the cheerleaders and G.R.A.

I ask Mrs. Hammill how she liked being a teacher at M.H.S. and she replied, (after hitting this reporter in the wrist with a basketball), "It's quite an experience being here."

Good Luck, Mrs. Hammill and watch out for flying basketballs!

Poetry Corner Untitled

He cried.
Tears streamed;
Eyes pathetically radiant,
Crying for peace.
Finding none;
World so cold,
So carefree,
Tears ceased. . .

For his tears were not heard,
Nor his opinion;
His mind,
Finding no place to run,
Leaves us.
Following, the soul,
The immortal soul,
Takes refuge. . .

Eyes ascend;
Never to move again.
Did he deserve such a fate?
He lived for a cause;
Not a compromise.
Despising cruel rules;
Wanting to be free,
Lonely he died. . .

Now to live in peace.
By David Cook

Infinity

Dedicated to Mr. Perkins and all math teachers. . .

Somewhere out in space,
Is there such a place
As to be called Infinity?
Where lines come to an end,
And actually do bend
At this place called Infinity?
Is it near the sun,
Where .9 is one;
This place called Infinity?

How do we get there?
Do we take a left at pi?
Is it down below the earth
Or way up above the sky?
Take us on a field trip
And show us the last number.
Then maybe we'll believe,
And you can have your peace
. in slumber!

Written by loyal, dedicated (but anonymous) students



Notes From STATT MANN

More from the sports report with Stat Mann.

In track yesterday, new world records were set at the Houston Astrodome. They were set by star pole vaulter, Walt Vault, who was using a new flexible pole. He pole-vaulted through the astrodome roof and broke the world indoor and outdoor records on the same vault.

In baseball action, everybody has been watching superstar, Hand Aaron, as he pursues Babe Ruth's home run record. In a recent game, he was standing on the field pointing toward the distant fences as if to say, "that was where he was going to hit a home; as everyone turned to look, he stole third base and scored the winning run."

It has just been announced that former heavyweight boxing champion, Ali Madolli, has signed a contract to fight the surging X-Ray Robinson. X-Ray has been accused of fighting no name fighters to improve his record. He denies the charges, saying he fights the best and that he should be the champ. However, this could be false, since his last fight with 3-Fingers Brown was called a draw, because of lack of interest between the fighters. They fell asleep between rounds.

And hard luck Willie Walters has been cut again. This time by the Chicago Bears.

Now he has been cut by all 24 professional football teams at least once. Five have cut him twice. His 12 unglorious years in the pros have been highlighted by fumbling his only carry from scrimmage, getting to run the projector when game films were shown, and getting the team's first first down in a preseason game; plus other biggies we aren't going to waste our

time on. He plans to try and make a comeback in the YMCA touch football league.

The winners of baseball's coveted fielding awards were announced by League commissioner Suey Bowie today. Winning the Lead Glove Award for the worst fielding, were newcomer, Bruce Bobble and old-timer Rusty Glove, who has won the award for the last seven years.

On the other hand, the winner of the Golden Glove Award went to Bill Hands. He attributes his success to great determination and the fact nobody ever hits the ball to him.

And finally, mountain climber Cliff Hanger has achieved his goal of climbing Mt. Killer-Man-Jaro or otherwise known as Kamakasi Hill.

That's all for now. Remember if we didn't know the news we'll use old stuff. By Steve Stolze

Mrs. Hamdorf: Familiar Face New Name

By Mike Ryan

A mysterious name, Mrs. Hamdorf, keeps popping up in many conversations here in the halls of M.H.S. Who could she be? She's been here at Marion High for seven years. She's been a great help to all the students these past years, and everyone has come in contact with her at least once during the year, or all their high school years. Our school system just wouldn't be complete without her. She's MRS.

MHS Varsity Squad Finishes Fine Season

The Marion High School varsity football squad finished a fine season, Thursday, November 2, by stomping a good Manchester team 30-6.

Overall, the year was great in that we trounced town rival, Linn-Mar by a score of 21-0 in our opening game. In the Process, the varsity team compiled 357 yards, while the defense limited the Lions to 236 yards.

In the next game, Marion lost a heartbreaker 9-7 at the hands of Prairie. In the game our staunch defense limited Prairie to 181 yards but our offense was held to 149 yards.

Marion's offense and defense played a superb game in their next outing, led by Tim Jones' sparkling 88 yard opening kickoff return and a "fabulous" run for extra points by Bob Joice. For the game, Marion accumulated 397 total yards while Maquoketa was limited to 140 yards. The final score: Marion 36-Maquoketa 0.

In the Anamosa homecoming game Marion spoiled it with a superb offense which ground out 409 yards while the defense limited Anamosa to 109 yards and 12 points. Marion won the game 33-12.

Our homecoming game against Monticello, Monticello outplayed us and won 7-6. In the game Marion's offense sputtered and collected only 6 points and 143 yards. The touchdown came on a 73 yard punt return by Greg Anderson. The defense gave up 243 yards which was just too much for this game.

The Tipton game, the one most Marion fans don't like to talk about, the varsity made just too many mistakes and ended up losing 32-7. The touchdown came on a run by Jon Morris.

After the Indians slumped to a 3-3 record, they began their "New Season" by winning their last three games. They beat Vinton 26-0, mauled Independence 43-7, and stomped Manchester 30-6. In

their last three games Marion outscored their opponents 99-13.

The next week against Independence, the Indians had their biggest night of the season as they crushed the Mustangs 43-7. Marion gained 416 total yards (315 rushing) while the rugged defense held Independence to a mere 76 yards, that includes 7 yards rushing. Everybody seemed to have a good night, especially the backfield. Jon Morris gained 119 yards scored two touchdowns on runs of 7 and 9 yards plus a two-point conversion, caught four passes for 37 yards and completed a pass for 37 yards. Tim Jones rushed for 90 yards and scored two touchdowns one of which was a 88-yard kick-off return. Gregg Anderson rushed 52 yards, caught a 20-yard touchdown pass, booted a pair of extra points, and kicked a 32-yard field goal.

In the Manchester game, Marion claimed second place by whipping the Man-hawks 30-6. For the game Marion gained 271 total yards, which included three touchdowns, 47-yard pass from Don Wishniewsky to Greg Anderson, a 19 yard run by Jon Morris and a 20-yard touchdown run by Tim Jones. Anderson also booted fieldgoals of 28, 18, and 36 yards.

For all the games, anybody who went to see a game saw excellent blocking by the offense line and tackling by the defensive line and backfield. We wish to congratulate these men and the offensive backs and coaches for a fine season.

In the Special Awards area 6 members of the varsity squad were selected Wamac all conference team. They were Rick Long, Jon Morris, Brad Kiburz, Mike Borst and Bruce Waters. Honorable Mentions were Don Wishniewsky, Gary Bolden and Bob Joice. Marion's most valuable line-man was Brad Kiburz. Most valuable back was Gary Bolden. Indian Award winners were Brad Kiburz, and most improved player was Bruce Waters.

By Mike Jacobs and Stephen Stolze

Marion Band Marches At Iowa Homecoming

By Pam Olson

Friday, October 27, the Marion band had the honor of marching in the University of Iowa Homecoming parade. The twelve block parade contained a number of floats and approximately one-thousand bandmen.

The next day, seventeen members rose at five o'clock to leave for All-State try-outs in New Hampton. Among seven people recalled, three were selected for the All-State band. These are: Donna Novey, trumpet; Jim King, cornet; and Jennie Balcom, bass clarinet. Two people were chosen as alternates. . . Tim Carter, baritone saxophone and Pam Olson, French horn. Nancy Griffin and Bob Hemmingsen were also recalled. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Needed at once: Jr. Editor

If you are interested in serving as Jr. editor of the VOX next year, see Mr. Bates, Wendy Hall or Andrea Marg as soon as possible. We need your help!

The Editors

Winners In Debate Tourney

Saturday, October 28, the debate team of Frank York, Debbie Melchers, Gary Hoag and Dale Folkers won second place at the Davenport West debate tournament. Frank also received additional recognition for being second highest in speaker points in the toumney.

By Jan Gallagher



Have Ydu Heard Silence

Have you ever heard silence? If you haven't, you have to listen very hard. It is not riding in a Ford LTD or sitting in your deserted house listening to the hum of the air conditioner or the buzzing of the furnace. Silence is noise to the greatest degree, not the man-made noise of a car that badly needs a new exhaust system, but fifty million thousand crickets, katydids, roaches, grasshoppers and all the other silent creatures you hear. It is a constant silence, never-hanging only louder when some intruder has been felt. The creatures seem to raise the volume of silence, as if to drive the feeling away. They never stop, but never is a long time and man has lived past the time called never.

No? Listen in a city. Can you hear silence? No? Listen now. Can you hear silence? No, just the humming of the never-closing slat of machinery that man has created to make life easy for himself and has doomed the existence for all other creatures on this world. Man has been too deaf to hear this noise.

If you listen for silence, you can hear the nothing noise. Listen before there is there is no silence at all, just the hum of machinery of man and man only. When there isn't any silence on this whole world, man has reached his goal and will have nothing to live for.

By Glen McCue

How Things Get Named

By Dana Jeffrey

Have you ever wondered how something got named? Or have you wondered what the name means? It was this kind of thinking that got me started on this article, which is "How the Vox got its name."

Guess what? As it turns out, Vox comes from Latin. It is translated as "VOICES"; so that explains part of the question.

As for the other part, I don't know who named the school newspaper or anything else about it' so if ANYONE has any information about it, please contact Andrea Marg or Dana Jeffrey.

Sara Polk, wife of U.S. President James Knox Polk, was also his secretary.

SPORTS WRAP-UP

Powder Puff Bowl

Well, sports fans, this is Coward Hogsell and Dandy Don Merryduff here in the Marion Indian's doubledecker press box; high above the Marion sports complex. We have just witnessed on this Monday night, October 16, a rigged (I mean rigged) battle between MHS's freshman/junior girls and the sophomore/senior girls in the annual Powder Puff Bowl. The winners turned out to be the soph/sr. team, winning by the score of 22-8. Scoring for the winners were: two TD's by Cheri Pieper and one by Beth Lusk. The lone score by the losers came from Pat Tharp.

Things started off poorly for the fresh/jr. girls from the very beginning. They had to throw their game plan down the drain because of the unsuspected weather --the conditions were playable. But being well prepared like all good teams, they met the situation head on. Their only problem in doing that was that everyone in the huddle called their own play. This, understandably, slowed down the offense a bit. As a matter of fact, their biggest gain in the first half, came on a 15-yard holding penalty against the soph/sr. team.

On defense, the soph/sr. 's awesome front four, averaging 120 pounds, contained their opponent throughout the game. When on

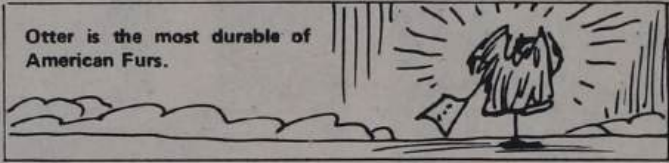
offense, their tricky signal calling, like "37, 88, 76, 44, give me the ball!" continually threw the other team's defense off balance. The winners' favorite play, the endless run, gained big yardage. Their perfect end-over-end passes always fell into the right hands.

The fresh/jr. girls never gave up, even though coaches Randy Wade and Tim Jones were baffled by the winners' defense. They were certain that their specially designed "broken-bone" offense would work. It worked so well, they had picked up one first down in the first three quarters. Even the coaches were surprised by its effectiveness.

It is the opinion of this reporter that a few key deals by the management, could put the freshman/junior team back on top. But for now, the sophomore/senior team is number one!

****All kidding aside; this year's game was very well played, with much enthusiasm from both teams. Many thanks go out to the girls, faculty, and anyone else involved in a great game. We are looking forward to next year's ferocious battle.

By Stephen Stolze



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