



Nothing Going On At M.H.S.

By Jennie Balcom

This is supposed to be "an editorial of significance at M.H.S." But the problem is: What is happening of significance at M.H.S.?

Last year the Student Senate was involved in setting up Our Place, a coffeehouse for students, and many kids were working hard. Now, though slightly unstable, Our Place is once more open for business.

Earlier this year many kids were involved in politics--working for the candidates of their choice and participating in our own Candidates' Day. But now Dick Clark is settled safely in Washington and in a few days President Nixon will be re-instated (maybe they'll even give him a key to his office this time.)

Some people may say that the fact that the winter sports season is in full swing is significant (especially since our boy's basketball and wrestling teams are doing so well).

But I think that the students of M.H.S. should get involved in some project such as the two cases pointed out. What this project should be, I really don't know. Push for open study halls? Maybe. Start a letter-writing campaign to get our P.O.W.'s home? Sounds like a good idea. But get involved! Maybe the next editorial written on something of significance at M.H.S. will have a topic which really means something to the students who read it.

Women's LIB?

By Pat Thorp

If you could visit Marion High School anytime up to 1965, you would have seen girls (all girls) wearing dresses and skirts. Now, sweaters and worn-out blue jeans are what you see. Why? Girls want the same rights as boys!

Two years ago, girls earned the right to participate in sports, such as basketball and gymnastics. At least girls are recognized as individuals!

But why stop at that? Why aren't girls allowed to play tackle football WITH the boys? I feel if girls work out and are trained, they're just as capable of playing as boys. Another thing, have you noticed that there has never been a girl manager for boys sports?

Of course, the whole liberation bit could have a complete turn-around. Maybe someday boys might want the right to be a cheerleader, or belong to girls gymnastics. That would probably cause a laugh or two. Can you imagine one of our boys in leotards?

If liberation keeps on the move, by 1976, you might see the names John Wicke or Mitch Traves on the nominee list for Homecoming Queen. Or, by the time you get married and have a little boy, they will give you a pink blanket and pink hat. Why not start the "equal" theory at a young age?

Wamac Band Fest. at Vinton

By Pam Olson

Marion was one of four bands which comprised the Wamac Festival Band at Vinton, Saturday, January 13. Maquoketa, Anamosa, and Tipton also played in the mass band under the direction of George Opheim of Augustana College, Illinois, while the other four Wamac bands gave individual concerts.

The Festival band practiced for four hours during the afternoon, and then participated in the evening performance, playing the following pieces: "A Festival Prelude" by Alfred Reed; Gershwin's "An American in Paris"; a concert march by Marchetti--"Fascination"; and Sousa's famous "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Model U.N.

By Tom Parman

Model U.N. will meet April 6 and 7 at U.N.I., Cedar Falls. Marion High will be representing the United States in a group of about 100 other schools from Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

(Gary Hoag is the head delegate from Marion). All delegates have received their topic assignments. Delegates then submit resolutions of Acceptance.

The deadline for these was January 12, 1973. Mr. Boquist reminds all delegates from M.H.S. to firm up their ideas for the Model U.N.

By Joë Blommers

THE BOX

It was the biggest, tallest box I've ever seen. It was wrapped in red, gold, white and green. When I shook, it rattled; My enthusiasm I battled, For I wanted to look inside. I waited and waited for several days; while it sat under the tree, But when it came time to open it, I found it wasn't for me!

SAUCEPAN DREAMS

By Brenda Martin

Sue and Bob will set a date, And she lies dreaming of An African violet on the windowsill And yellow curtains with daisy borders And cookbooks and egg timers, And Bob.

But I am not ready to trade my life For Saucepan Dreams And "Let's Make A Deal" while ironing Plaid shirts

And half a pound of this or that And a spice rack over the sink.

So I'll send Sue the violet And "best wishes" sincerely meant.

But I softly chuckle And maybe think that Later on is time enough for violets And cinnamon.

But now is the time for. . . ME.

Poetry Corner

A CHILD'S WORLD

Cry for the children, Cry for them all: The tired and hungry, The weak and small. Look into their big, sad eyes, Listen to their wails and cries Of distress and suffering, Of weariness and need. Show them that the world Does care, indeed, For children.

Cry for the children, Cry for the child. Cry for the mother, Tender and mild, Who can't feed her children Since daddy went away. He's gone away to fight a war, Killing more each day--- Killing children.

Cry for the children, Cry for the poor. Cry for the ones That don't care anymore. No food at all, no love at all; Is that any way to live? Can you expect to receive When there's nothing left to give To the children?

Cry for the children, Cry out in pain, Cry out in anger. . . . But don't cry out in vain. Work for the children: Give it all you've got! After all, it's a Child's World, Is it not?

By Jennie Balcom

Gymnasts In Tough Meet

By Mike Jacobs

In the tight girls gymnastics meet, the Marion girls were tipped in the final event as Prairie swept the top three spots and won 63.80 to Marion's 62.05.

On the uneven parallel bars, Pam Swearingen and JoAnn Bunting placed second and third respectively, while on the balance beam Pam Swearingen took first place. In the floor exercise Denise Bennett took a first for Marion, while Melanie Mead placed third. On the trampoline, Marion again took the top spot with Connie Henry topping all opposition and Marge Hansen placing third.



Varsity BB....

Success. That's what every basketball team hopes to achieve. So far this year the Marion Indians varsity basketball team has had as much as anybody. They hold a record of 10 and 2, which includes a league-leading 7-0 conference record. The two losses came from a strong Prairie club and the number one ranked, Class A team in the state, Mt. Vernon. In the Mt. Vernon game, the Indians lost by only 5 points. Our team got revenge for their loss to Prairie, though, by beating them 65-58 for a big win.

Marion has been taking it to everyone, especially in the Wamac, as the other teams will testify. Their closest game took place when they beat pre-season conference co-favorite, Monticello, by 12 points. They have since rolled up winning margins of 16 over Vinton, 33 over Independence, 22 over Tipton and Maquoketa, 32 over Anamosa, and 25 over Manchester--and 85-60 win, putting the Indians alone on top of the Wamac Conference.

No single player has made Marion a winner this year, as a whole handful of players' statistics that have stood out in conference play so far. Gregg Anderson leads the league in scoring with a 25.2 average. Barry Hopkins is tied for first in rebounding with a 14.2 average per game. Mark Hess is third in the conference in free throw percentage. Overall as a team, Marion is second in the conference in scoring with a 72.2 average, second in defense with a 52-point average, third in rebounding, and first in free throw percentage. (The preceding statistics were figured before the Manchester-Marion game.)

....On Top



Those leading Marion this year have been: Gregg Anderson, scoring threat from all over and strong rebounder; Barry Hopkins, leading rebounder and good shooter in heavy traffic; Mark Hess, best shooter and ball handler; Jon Morris, good driver and defensive player; Brad Kiburz, strong-rebounder, defensive player, and definite scoring threat. Don Wisniewsky has proved to be a good outside shooter and defensive player, while Rick Slate is showing good rebounding and defensive play at any of the forward positions.

Overall, coach Larry Perkins hopes that Marion's success will continue.

Letter To A Dropout

By Jim Arpy (Taken from Psych. of Learning, UNI)

Dear _____, Go ahead and dropout of school kid. We have a whole lifetime of hard, dirty work just waiting for some poor sucker. It might as well be you.

The Pay? One thing you can depend upon, buddy-boy---it'll be low. Oh, you won't like that, that's for sure. But you won't be in any position to bargain, will you? We can get 10, 20, 100 guys just like you to do it if you don't want to. Who'll need you, kid? There'll be plenty more just like you.

Oh, sure, you can dream the same dreams as everyone else. You might even get real lucky and hit it big. But any bookie who took a look at the odds going against you, wouldn't put a dime on your chances.

But you'll think you're doing real well for yourself, won't you? You'll quit school and have a job that doesn't pay much. You'll still have more dough than those jerks who are still sticking it out in school, and a hot car the chicks will go for. You'll really be a big man, kid, won't you.

Okay, it's your decision. Only just don't come crying when one day you've been at your job so long you think you know all there is to know about it and should be in line for promotion---and along comes one of those smart jerks who stayed in school and moves in over you at twice your salary and tells you how you're doing everything wrong.

Oh no, you won't like it, but you'll stand there and take it because nobody else wants you and there's no place any better for a guy with no education to go. Most places won't talk to you.

You see, old friend, you'll be the bottom rung of the ladder and every guy moving up is going to put his big foot right smack in the middle of your big strong back.

It's tough, all right, but kid, it's a cruel, cruel world and nobody sits around worrying about a guy who didn't take the trouble to worry about himself.

Sure, you're no different than anyone else. You'd like to marry some day and have a nice family and a nice home of your own, a fancy car, and money to take a long vacation occasionally.

Forget it kid. We'll send a postcard from those far-away places to you. It was just for your type nose that grind-stones were invented. Better get used to keeping it there. You quit school and to the labor market you're stamped "Expendable" with ink that won't rub off.

In short, my friend, you'll have had it. From here to eternity you'll be the guy we'll call on when there's a mean dirty job to be done--a job that nobody else wants to do.

Know why? Because good ole Willie Funk, who maybe could do a good job but won't even get the chance to try because we already have guys we know can do it right.

So hurry and dropout of school, kid. We're just waiting for you.

Best Wishes,

A Man's World

By Pam Mullenix

Hey guys! Remember the good ol' days when auto mechanics class was just for boys? Well, things have changed. Now the girls have joined you.

I interviewed Mr. Fox about his practical class and he had this to say:

"The one problem in this class is that some of the girls show-up the boys. The girls seem to have more desire to learn and take the course more seriously. They also aren't afraid to get their hands greasy."

Some of the things done in auto mechanics are brake jobs, general tune-ups, and an overall knowledge of cars.

Good luck girls (and boys), and keep on "truckin'".

Capital Punishment- Who's Right?

By Ken Thompson

A couple of weeks ago, I watched a movie on television called, "In Cold Blood." The movie was a true story based upon Truman Capote's book of the same name. I was deeply moved by this movie, and I thought about the message (which it tried to get across all that night). It was a movie about two mentally disturbed men who killed a family in cold blood. They were then hanged for their crime. I talked to many people the next day about the movie. When I asked why they thought it was titled, "In Cold Blood," they answered, "because two men killed an entire family in cold blood."

This response surprised me a great deal. I was under the impression (and I still am) that the movie was titled so because a judge and jury sentenced two humans to death. Therefore, a judge and a jury (and possibly all of us here in the United States) are guilty of cold blooded murder!

I, for one, am deeply ashamed of the fact that such a thing as capital punishment has been allowed in the United States, or anywhere else in the world for that matter. Although the Supreme Court recently ruled against this "punishment," it may be used again. California and Florida would like the death penalty back so they can once again commit cold blooded murder! The majority of the people in California voted FOR capital punishment. To think that there are that many blood-thirsty people, surprises me.

I feel that this punishment is one of the most insane things that man has every dreamed up. Capital punishment defies the laws of God. The sixth commandment states, "Thou shalt not kill." No doubt many of you readers are probably thinking, "But the Bible also says, 'Anyone who lives by the sword shall die by the sword, also!'" This may be true, but does this mean that we should be the ones to execute a man? If we do that, doesn't that mean that we, too, should die by the sword of man? I don't think anyone has the right to put themselves up with God and take away a human life.

I think that a person that kills someone should be helped. Anyone that kills a person has got to be mentally ill. Instead of destroying a person because he has killed someone, I think the killer should be sent to a special institution.

Now some of you readers might be thinking, "Well, maybe the criminal is better off dead." This may be true, BUT that still does not give anyone the right to send him where he is better off -- death. As I have said before, only God has that right!!!

Back On Win Trail

By Stephen Stolze

The sophomore basketball team got back on the winning trail after a Christmas lay-off, beating Anamosa 55-42. Leading the scoring for Marion was Neal Summer with 16, Steve Mahoney with 14, Monte Krehbeil with 12, and John Barkedoll with 9 points.

Marion took advantage of the other team's mistakes, instead of being victimized by their own mistakes in beating Anamosa, Marion's sophomore record is 2-7 for the season, and 2-4 in the conference.

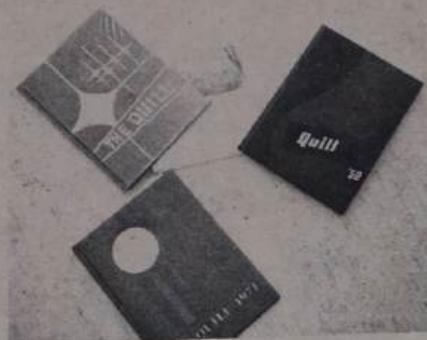
Words Of Wisdom

"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education." Mark Twain

"Many teenagers come home late at night to find a parent burning in the window instead of a light." Dan Bennett

"There ain't no man can avoid being average. But there ain't no man got to be common." Satchel Paige

"If you stop everytime a dog barks, your road will never end." Arab proverb



YEARBOOK TAKING SHAPE

by Terri Larsen

The QUILL staff has been working, and they have a big job to do. The job is putting together this year's yearbook; not such an easy task. Some of the tasks involved are, to take pictures, interview people, write articles, and cover events. This is a year round job. Starting the first day of school, it can take until two weeks after school is out to complete.

The three major editors are Roma Elwood, Nancy Griffin, and Andrea Marg. Each editor has certain sections of the book to develop, and each has a staff under them to carry out assignments. The two sponsors are Mr. Pickering and Mr. Bates.

The theme for this year's book is: "WHAT A HASSLE!" It promises to be quite controversial. It will be trying to show the attitudes of the student body, as they relate to different topics.

There will be some changes in the QUILL this year. The book will be larger--9 x 12 inches. There will also be editorial comments which haven't been done before. The student index will be done away with. This year the cover will be designed by a MHS student.

Sales for this interesting, enjoyable work will probably begin early next month. If you order during the first week of sales, the price will be \$5.50. After that the price goes up to \$6.50. The QUILL WILL NOT be on sale in the fall of next year as before. So, if you want this year's QUILL, you'd better order it in the first week of sales.

Television Bleeps

By Dana Jeffrey

Lately there has been a lot of controversy over the violence television puts on screen. In the case of "Mannix," I feel the violence is needed to make the show dramatic and more meaningful. Don't you think people would get rather bored if poor Joe had to just sit at his chair for the whole show? It certainly wouldn't be very exciting.

Another example is in the case of the Westerns. What ever would we do without them? I'll have to admit that I probably wouldn't watch TV if it wasn't sparkled with a few of them here and there. I mean, secretly to yourself, don't you get a little excited when they have a scene with a gunfight?

Maybe violence shouldn't be shown in front of the little squirts, but they're going to have to learn sometime that life isn't all lollipops. Why not let them enjoy the shoot-ups before they learn the meaning of them?

For those people that just absolutely detest the violence that makes TV exciting, television does turn up some perfectly rosy shows like "The Brady Bunch". I like these kind of shows, but I don't think I could get along with the excitement of "Mannix" (and others) or the westerns.

New Year - New Look

By Stephen Stolze

The freshman basketball team opened the new year with a new look, a high scoring offense that led the A-squad to a 91-55 trouncing over Manchester. Marion found out that the best way to score was to let Manchester shoot so they could get the ball and score themselves.

Manchester couldn't find the hoop from anywhere, while the Indians scored from outside, and when they missed from there, they scored on the rebound. Leading the scoring for Marion was Brian Kiburz with 32 points, while getting 21 rebounds, and John Murdoch with 22 points.

Also scoring was Mark Bush with 13, Mitch Travis with 12, and Brian Bennett, Linnie Vinson, and Mark Crowley with 2 points each.

Marion's freshmen record is now 4-3.

Girls Varsity Playing Well

EDITOR'S COMMENT

In the last issue of the VOX, there seemed to be a small misunderstanding of the first sentence in the article. It read: "So far this season, I don't think the Varsity team is doing as well as it can." It was meant to be read and interpreted as, "they aren't playing as well now as they will in mid-season." But it could be, and was, taken that I didn't think they are trying as hard as they can in those games. This interpretation wasn't the one I had intended to convey, and I want to wish the team good luck in their remaining games.

RECENT GBB GAMES

In the Oelwein game, Marion played very well but lost 62-35. For the game, Darlene Collins and Kim Skilling were the leading scorers for Marion with 17 and 10 points respectively. Defensively, Dee Hunt played a great game with 8 rebounds and four steals.

Against Clear Creek, the girls played a good game, and held them to 81 points. This is a team (Clear Creek) that was used to averaging over 100 points per game. Offensively, Kim Skilling canned 27 points, while Beth Mork and Darlene Collins netted 15 and 14.

On the road against West Dubuque, Marion outlasted a much improved Dubuque team 61-59 in double overtime. In this game, Skilling netted many pressure free throws and led the scoring with 30 big ones. Dee Hunt came through with several rebounds and steals.

At home against Linn-Mar, Marion was knocked off 60-32. Kim Skilling led the scoring with 16, while defensively Dee Hunt played another good game with 7 rebounds and 6 steals.



SPEECH CLUB

By Jan Gallagher

Tom Porathe has done it again! Our intrepid foreign exchange student has again taken high honors at yet another speech contest; this time the Clinton contest, held December 16. Tom won second place in Extremoraneous Speaking. Also placing were Gary Hoag, fifth in Oratory and Dale Folkers, seventh in Extemp.

Choral Reading, Readers' Theatre and one-act play groups are now preparing for the district large group contest held at Washington High School on January 20. Results of the Coe contest, held January 12 and 13, will appear in next month's VOX.

STAT MANN -

Hello there sports fans, this is Stat Mann, bringing you the best in sports. First of all, we have a biggy, hot off the press. The Tilburg Blue birds of the Treat Lakes Hockey League have just lost for their 43rd time. Mayor Joe Young of Tilbury, Ontario, explained why the town arena is always full: "Nobody wants to miss a game in case we ever win one." The player most instrumental for their streak is the team's first bonus baby, Bobby Sion. He got two autographed hockey pucks and a scorecard from the 1969 all-star game. He had this to say about losing, "We may lose a lot, but when we win it sure is difficult."

Speaking of losers, I have with me today the head football coach of the Fried Chickens of Kentucky State, Red Cluck. His team currently holds a 17 year losing streak and was the first unanimous winner of the Bottom Ten football poll this year.

Coach, how did you get the coaching job at Kentucky State? "I was a high school coach in Dayton, Ohio for 7 years. Our varsity won 15 games in those 7 years, our reserves were 13-10, and our freshman were 9-23. Overall the program was 37-312. K State was on the verge of a winning season, and offered me the job."



Marion On Top. . . Of Course!

Varsity Matmen 5-0

Hello-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-wrestling fans! Since you last tuned your eyes onto Jake's Wrestling Report, Marion's Varsity Wrestlers have won four straight dual meets, and placed second in the Linn-Mar invitational.

In routing Monticello, the varsity matmen had the Panthers on their backs all night and won 45-9. In the opening match, Glen McCue won 5-0 to raise this record to 7-0-0. Kevin Klopfenstein then had the first pin of the night in 3:20. A fall was also recorded by 112 pounder Kane Collins in 1:14. Rick Thomas then took but 1:07 to record the fastest pin of the night. Steve Davison then won a close match, 1-0. Dan Hoke won a hard fought contest 4-2, and Gary Bolden shut out his opponent 4-0. Marty Carter lost his match in a closer-than-the-score-showed contest 10-3. Bruce Waters won on a pin in 2:55, while Mark Olson topped his opponent 2-0. Mark McCormick was pinned in his match in 4:52, and Rick Long recorded his 4th win and pin at heavyweight in 4:49.

Coach Shaffer's manhandlers then handily whipped Vinton and Maquoketa by 33-21 and 34-18 respectively. All the wrestlers looked good in these meets with Glen McCue, Kevin Klopfenstein, Rick Thomas, Steve Davison, Gary Bolden, Marty Carter and Bruce Waters winning their matches in both duals.

The Linn-Mar Invitational had two individual winners from Marion: Glen McCue and Steve Davison. Bruce Waters lost a tough final match at 155, while Kevin Klopfenstein, Rick Thomas, Dan Hoke, Gary Bolden and Mike Borst won in the consolation matches.

In the Prairie dual meet Marion showed the Hawks who was best. MARION of course. . . ! Glen McCue rapped his opponent for a 2-0 decision and 13-0 record. Rick Thomas, Gary Bolden, and Bruce Waters were winners by a fall, in the time of 4:28, 5:40 and 5:13 in that order.

Klopfenstein, Dan Hoke, Marty Carter won exciting matches by decisions, while Rick Long tied in his match 1-1.

By Mike Jacobs

Local Sports Report

You've been number 1 in the Bottom Ten for the last ten years. How do you do it?

"Well, we take the pressure off the other teams by clinching last place before the regular season games begin."

Has this year's team been your worst?

"It probably was the worst. Our team fumbles so much, the quarterback would signal for a fair catch before taking the snap from the center."

We tried accusing an opponent of trying to steal our team signals, but we didn't have any evidence since none of our players knew them either. Our quarterback could play the pilot in a war movie who dropped his first bomb and it was incomplete, or more likely, intercepted. His only completion of the year was to a photographer on the sidelines. When he was asked why he threw it, he said, "He was open."

Hopefully, that ends our interview with coach Red Cluck. Next time we will be reporting on Knuckles Scarskate, the star of Roller Derby. Remember, if you don't know the scores, we use old ones.

I understand you play a lot of golf in the off-season. How's your game?

"I'm hitting the woods just great, but I'm having a terrible time getting out of them. Do boos bother him?" "No, he is strictly a beer drinker."