

## Never Never Land

By Jennie Balcom

"Where's that blue book that's so big?" "How do you tan a racoon hide?" "Where can I find a recipe for pasta?" "Who's Nathaniel Gorman???" These are just a few of the questions asked of Mrs. Drilling. They all come of being head librarian of a high school library.

When we were younger, most of us thought of the library as a sort of Never-Never land, with millions of books. As we grew older, it became a place that might even be useful on occasion. This accounts for the 30,000 books that went through the library desk last year.

Actually, there are 9600 books in our library. The library subscribes to 149 periodicals (magazines and newspapers), and also offers filmstrips, records, tapes, transparencies, and a very helpful vertical file.

Our library also has an outstanding reference collection for a school of its size. This is due to use of the Rathbun Fund, gifts from various sources (the senior class of a couple of years ago left \$107), and the interest the administration has shown. Since she came here seven years ago, Mrs. Drilling has found it exciting to build the library into what it is today.

Mrs. Drilling says she wishes the kids would use the library more (what librarian wouldn't?), and she regrets the fact that some use the library merely as an escape from study hall. But all in all, she rates the faculty and students of Marion High great. Hats off to you, Mrs. Drilling!



## STUDY HALL TEACHERS AND STUDENT TEACHER ARE INTERVIEWED



MRS. SINLEY

Marion high has a student teacher! Her name is Mrs. Sinley and she's from Cornell college where she will graduate in the spring. Although she's only going to be spending a total of four weeks teaching, she's planning to come back later and help prepare the choirs for the Christmas concert. She says that she feels like something of an oddity because we haven't had a student teacher for so long. She feels it's an advantage because students are more responsive and sympathetic to the problems that a student teacher faces. She adds that she is really enjoying her stay here. We wish you good luck, Mrs. Sinley!



MR. ZRUDSKY

One of our two new frosh-junior study hall teachers is Mr. Zrudsky. He's a graduate of Marion High and the University of Northern Iowa where he majored in physical education and health. Besides being a study hall teacher here, he also teaches P.E. at Starry and drivers ed in the summer. He is also the freshman girls' basketball coach.



MRS. CLAUSSEN

The other new frosh-junior study hall teacher is Mrs. Claussen. She is a graduate of Wartburg College in Waverly. She moved here in June from Iowa City where she had been a junior and senior high teacher. She stated, "Marion is a progressive school system and the high school has a good faculty and a good bunch of kids."

## Special Choir Attends Walmac Vocal Festival

By Dave Nash

Saturday, November 3, the MHS special choir attended the WaMac Vocal Music Festival. This year the event was held at Monticello High School.

After brief sectional rehearsals, all eight school choirs met in the gym for a long hard afternoon of rehearsal. Clay Dawson, from North West Missouri State University, was the director of the combined choirs this year.

The huge group practiced from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., with only a few short breaks. All the practice must have paid off, though, the evening concert held at 7:30 p.m., in the Monti gym was well attended by a receptive audience who seemed to really enjoy the singing.

The schools' individual swing choirs also gave short performances, and Marion's group was by far the liveliest!

The concert was over at 9:15 p.m. and after a hectic rush for coats and friends, the buses finally were boarded. The group returned to Marion, very tired, but happy with the good performances.

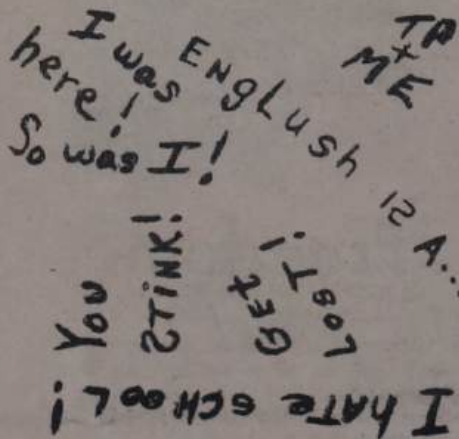
## 'ALL MY SONS' FALL PLAY

By Dana Jeffrey

On Nov. 9 and 10 the fall play, "All My Sons", was presented. Leading roles were played by Debbie Melchers, Paul Winistofer, Jon Ward, and Denise Bennett. Supporting roles were played by John Plummer, Don Brake, Tammy Cerney, Kim Flugga, Curt McMillan and Tom Parman. The prompter was Barb Hemmingsen.

The plot was about a family who had lost a son during World War Two. The father had shipped out defective parts for airplanes, and as a result about 30 young men had died over Australia in crashes. Mr. Keller (the father) had blamed this on to the father of his son's fiance who served time in prison for it. Mr. Keller's son discovered the truth, and rather than live in prison with shame because his family knew, Mr. Keller shot himself.

Congratulations to the cast and Mrs. Hulin for a fantastic job and many thanks to the crews behind the scenes who helped make the play such a success. Many thanks also to the Stage Band who entertained during intermission.



## How To Make Delinquents

(An open letter to all parents)

Dear Parents:

If these instructions are carefully followed, we guarantee that your child will become delinquent and subsequently tried in the Juvenile Court. If found not guilty, we will be glad to return him to you for further training because we are certain to get him eventually. This formula is almost infallible.

Never look for the real cause of untruthfulness in your child. You might discover he learned the out of lying from you.

Never try to answer the endless "Whys" and "Hows" of your children because it pays to be ignorant.

Never give your child a reason for the commands laid upon him, let him guess . . . it's much easier.

Don't consider his education and emotional development a parental responsibility. What are schools for?

Don't let him discuss his plans, problems, or pleasures with you. Just be too busy, so he won't develop affection or security or trust in you.

Don't open your home to his companions they will mess up the place. And don't be concerned where he spends his free time.

Don't give him an allowance, because he might learn how to save or spend. Don't ask him to give to community or services. Just "dig down" yourself. That's the easiest way.

Always buy your children the most expensive games and toys, because if you get them something simple they might have to use their own imagination and who wants that side of a child developed?

Be sure you keep your home from being a center of cheer. Make it a dumping ground for your grouches. Your child will love your thoughtfulness.

Always leave your car keys in the car. This encourages stealing and since 98% of the car thefts are caused by this method, it proves that you are doing your part to encourage delinquency.

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The Juvenile Court, Denver, Colo.  
Philly B. Gillian, Judge.

## Preserving Children

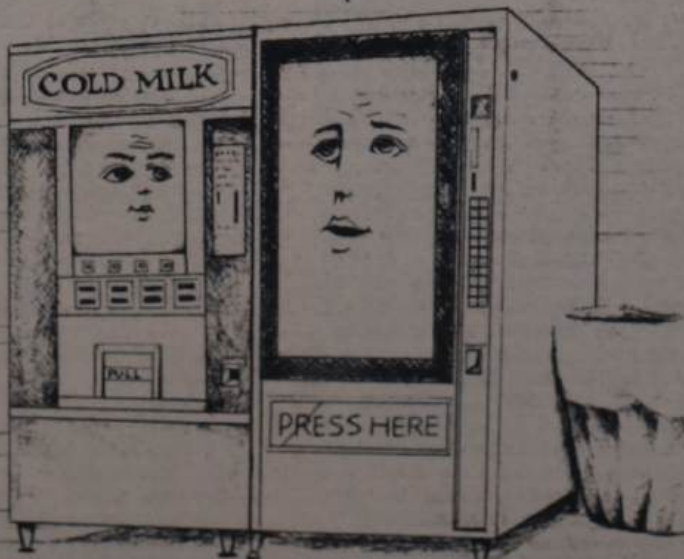
### PRESERVING CHILDREN

- 1 large grassy field
- 6 children
- 3 small dogs
- Flowers
- Hot sun
- Deep blue sky
- Narrow strip of brook

Mix children with dogs and empty into field, stirring continuously. Sprinkle the field with flowers; pour the brook gently over the pebbles. Cover all with a deep blue sky and bake in hot sun. When children are well browned, they may be removed. Will be found right for setting away to cool in the bathtub.

Joyce Slouha

I Sure do wonder why they turn us off over lunch? Then is when we'd do the most Business.



Jeff Feltier



# Sports Roundup

## VARSITY

## Football

Despite losing the championship game 21-6 to undefeated Independence to finish second in the Wamac conference race, the Marion Indians should still feel mighty proud for their fine 6-3 season. The "You gotta believe" Indians who won six in a row before finally being stopped by Independence, won not so much on raw talent but on a burning desire to win which has become a part of Marion tradition.

Some talent was present though, and the Indians who annually featured a potent rushing game out of their power-I backfield had another strong attack this season. The brunt of the attack was carried by junior backs Mark Morgan and John Barkdoll. Morgan, who finished third in Wamac rushing, slashed 647 for yards averaging 5.67 yards per carry. Barkdoll pounded his way for 594 yards and led the Wamac in scoring with 66 points. Morgan also showed his talent in the pass receiving department easily conference as he raced up yardage like opponents scored points against Iowa, catching 10 passes for 407 yards for a phenomenal average of over 40 yards a catch! Mark also finished third in Wamac scoring with 50 points.

With the conference's leading receiver there must have been someone to get the ball out to him and between the Indians two quarterbacks, they did a pretty good job. Jerry Crowley contributed 189 yards in passing and 2 touchdowns, and then there was junior Gary Fickel, or as opponents yelled when he jogged onto the field in a passing situation, "Ficky, Ficky." Who lead the conference in passing a part-time role completing 20 passes for 521 yards an amazing average of 25.6 yards per completion. That's a lot of first downs. Nobody created more excitement. When he came into a game, a murmur rose from the stands in anticipation of the "BOMB". Everybody had a feeling that something big was going to happen when he dropped back to pass. He combined with Morgan to become the biggest game breakers around.

All this offense made Marion the number one team in total offense averaging 266.6 yards per game. A snappy defense that didn't have the size to match too many opponents, did an excellent job holding their counterparts to 193.4 yards per game. That average was only third best in the conference but that defense had to rank number one in desire.

Yes, it's turned out to be quite an enjoyable season for head coach Les Dolinger and his spirited Indian team.

## Band Billboard

By Donna Novey

Did you think that the Marion High School Band was going to stop with being No. 1 only in marching band? No siree! With the opening of concert band season, eleven MHS band students attended All-State tryouts on Oct. 27 at Kennedy High School. Once again they came home with victories. The students who brought home these victories were Tim Carter, on baritone sax, and Jennie Balcom, who on bass clarinet will be attending All-State for the second year in a row.

In attending All-State Tim and Jennie will be in Des Moines over Thanksgiving vacation, rehearsing with some of the best student musicians in the state of Iowa. Then, after four days of rehearsal, a concert is presented the final evening with the All-State Band, Orchestra, and Chorus taking part in an impressive presentation. Congratulations go out to Tim and Jennie for their accomplishments.

In the meantime, the MHS concert, pep and stage bands are preparing for upcoming events. The concert band is busily rehearsing for its winter concert and will include many different types of music. The pep and stage bands are also keeping busy. This year both groups will be playing at basketball games, either alternately or together. The stage band will also be playing many engagements, including many different school activities.

This year the band has been and will be doing many new and exciting things. Let's support them to give our school a better and more musical outlook.

## Football Awards

At the Marion Indians varsity football banquet, award winners picked by team members or coaches were announced. Most Valuable Back went to hard-charging junior John Barkdoll, one of the Indians tri-captains. Most Valuable Lineman went to senior Gary Driscoll and the most Improved Player winner was junior Charlie Vernon. And the winner of the Indian Award, the prestigious award a Marion athlete can receive went to 2 hard-working players, lineman Gary Driscoll and back Jerry Crowley.

## Girls Get Going

By Denise Hunt

At the Benton Community Jamboree Thursday night (November 13), the Varsity girls defeated Deep River-Millersburg by a score of 34-17. Even though missing one of the starting forwards, the varsity was able to overpower the Falcons and lead throughout the game. The score at the end of the first quarter was 17-4. Their record now stands at 1/2 and 0. Keep it up and good luck this season.

## FRESHMEN WIN

The Freshman girl's team started their season out right by winning both A and B games against Anamosa Nov. 12. A squad won 48-41 and B 41-28. Congratulations Mr. Zrudsky and freshman teams.



## Freedom

By Jr.

Is definitely a problem. Maybe not everyone is aware of it, but to those who have to face it (literally) every day, the scrawling on the bathroom walls is disgusting.

There are several reasons this should stop. First of all, the people who persist in scribbling profanity and gossip all over are breaking the law. For those who could care less if they are breaking the law, consider this: Everyone knows who writes on the bathroom walls; it's no secret. So if you think you've been really sneaky, you're wrong. Why not just say what you believe rather than write it? Your point will be made and others (who aren't involved) won't have to endure the graffiti. In addition, if those who write it think they're impressing anybody, they're wrong there too. Most people think of scribblers as immature, cowards.

The solution to this problem isn't easy, I know. But it can be solved. The people who write on the walls should take a good look at themselves and ask, "Why do I do that?" Only by self-questioning will you find the answer and the solution to this problem.

## Friendship Cake

### FRIENDSHIP CAKE

- 1 cup greetings
- 1/4 of smiles
- 1/2 of love
- 1 teaspoon sympathy
- 2 large handshakes
- 2 cups hospitality

Cream greetings and smiles thoroughly. Then add the handshakes beaten slightly. Add love slowly. Sift sympathy and hospitality. Serve with humility.

Verda Merritt



The winter sports program is underway! Varsity boys basketball meets Linn-Mar here Dec. 4 and the wrestlers take on LaSalle at home Nov. 29. Good Luck!

## The Sandwich

By Kirk Davis

Ham on Rye, tomato and bacon, baloney peanut butter, these are all house hold words we take for granted. The sandwich is quite an invention, but it has taken on many changes through the years.

It all started back in prehistoric times when a sandwich was a means of sacrifice to the sandwich god. The name of this sacrifice wasn't sandwich but slab crunch. This was when the human victims were layed between two giant slabs of rock thus crushing them to death. But one day the executioners ran out of rock and were forced to use two giant slices of bread which were lying around. Well the bread wasn't quite heavy enough to crush the sacrifices. Then some of the cavemen started to wonder what the combination might taste like. They found out and were pleased, thus when the time of sacrificing came around people would gather for lunch. A few years later this practice was considered impractical since a sudden population drop was noticed. Because of this, animal meat was used instead of people meat and the sandwich is born. The sandwich was being spread not only throughout the world but with butter and cheese and anything you could think of.

Sandwiches were included in everything from parties thrown by Henry VIII to being thrown at Henry VIII.

The Mayflower stowed sandwiches aboard because they were very compact. Just think; the Mayflower Compact just because of a sandwich.

Where do you think penicillin came from? A sandwich.

We can see that the sandwich has played a very important role in the history of the world and is quite an invention.

## Fuzzies

### FUZZIES

Under the bed, behind the door,  
"Fuzzies will gather forever more.  
Like thunder clouds they gather and grow;  
My room they plan to overthrow.  
They float about like grey ghosts,  
Keep in the shadows to avoid their hosts.  
Get the vacuum! Get the broom!  
I think it's time to clean my room!

A person who can smile when things go wrong. . . has probably just thought of someone he can blame.

Unknown

If you never stick your neck out, you'll never get your head above the crowd.

Unknown

The trouble with some people is that they won't admit their faults. I'd admit mine-If I had any.

Unknown

## Caged

By Joyce Suchland

Slowly he got up, so he wouldn't make any noise. He stretched his leg muscles, and looked out the barred window. How he wished he was out there free! But no, he had been captured, and put in this cage, so he couldn't roam.

He walked around the room in circles, looking for some possible way of escape. Creeping over to the door, he then heard footsteps coming toward it. He scrambled madly toward the far corner, and huddled there miserably.

The door opened, and there stood his guard.

"Richard, have you been staying in that corner all this time?" his mother asked.

The little boy cringed, and replied softly, "Yes, mama."



## Happy Thanksgiving

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