

THE VOX



Marion High School

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Editorial-

CANDIDATES' DAYS

From the Editors

Candidates for state and local public offices came to MHS Oct. 1 and 2 to discuss major issues of their campaigns. The mornings of these days were spent taking ITED (Iowa Tests of Educational Development) tests. After one class, the students had the rest of the afternoon free to listen to candidates of their choice. Swing Group, the Patterns, also performed in the afternoon for interested students.

After reviewing the survey sheets completed by the students and pooling their own feelings about the two days, the VOX staff decided that a couple basic problems that kept them from being really successful for all concerned. One problem was the lack of preparation the students got. Many were confused and unsure of what to do and how to conduct themselves. Perhaps more explanation and "build-up" was needed. Another major problem was the lack of respect for candidates. A loud minority of the students disrupted speeches by talking to friends, while other interested students tried to listen and learn.

We have several suggestions that we feel could make another Candidate's Day more successful. Although Swing Choir was enjoyed by the students, it offered an "escape" for uninterested students, which in turn took people away from the candidates and defeated the purpose of the two days.

For interested students, the days proved to be too short--they weren't able to hear all the candidates they had planned to. Perhaps next time more time could be allotted to allow for more questioning and listening. Another possibility is a debate between candidates running for the same office. This would allow students to hear more candidates and to compare their views.

Despite some downfalls, Political Education Days were informative and interesting for concerned students. They learned much about the candidates' platforms and goals, and often passed this information on to their parents. All in all, the students got out of Political Education Days exactly what they put into them.

Foot In Mouth

By Jennie Balcom

Now that the Marion Water Crisis of 1974 is water over the dam... or is it through the boiler? Anyway, now that it's over, I have taken a small survey of the Marion High students to see how they coped with the Slime Bacteria That Stopped Marion (change the name to New York and you've got a box-office smash.)

Most students made the discovery that boiled water tastes terrible. The science department will be pleased to know that chemistry students held a convention and jointly decided that this was because the oxygen trapped between the H₂O molecules escaped during the process of boiling (they expect to receive next year's Nobel Prize in Chemistry for this fantastic theory.)

Other students did not let the awful taste of the water stop them from drinking. When asked how they survived, several people said, "Oh, I didn't drink water. We had... (A. Kool-Aid B. Tang C. Iced Tea D. All of the above.) When I gently reminded them that they all had water in them, most of the Kool-Aid-Tang-Iced Tea drinkers turned an appropriate ocean green and headed for the nearest restroom.

The school board responded to the Marion Watergate Contamination in their usual rapid manner by closing school for the day. This gave the students a full day off to hike the Bluffs, go shopping, play football, and generally get hot, tired, and THIRSTY. By nightfall, they were all back at home, looking longingly at the water faucet. (It should be noted here that if beer sales rose during this period, it was NOT because the senior class was out of school.)

The Civil Defense saved students from going water-crazy by offering to haul water for the schools when they re-opened the next day. A bucket-brigade was formed, stretching from Indian Creek to the various schools in the city. The students would like to thank all those who donated their services and their Max-Pax coffee filters for straining.

One almost-unanimous comment of the student body was that they drank more in the 2-1/2 days of no-water than they had for the previous week. What you can't have, you want, and water is no exception. That's human nature, and the emergency proved to those who had some doubts that most citizens of Marion are human.

Now, will someone please tell me what I'm going to do with 118 gallons of boiled water?

By Dave Nash

Marion Independent School is fortunate to have Dr. Clark Stevens, as our Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. Stevens comes to us from the town of Nevada, Ia., which is only eight miles east of Ames.

Our new superintendent was the superintendent of schools at Nevada; he has also been a wrestling coach and a teacher in Bloomfield, Ia.

Dr. Stevens graduated from Des Moines Technical High School, where he was actively involved in forensics, dramatics and athletics. He attended Western Illinois University, where he earned a varsity letter in wrestling.

He received his doctorate degree in Educational Administration from Iowa State University.

The Stevens Family consists of four children. Jennie is the youngest at five years old. Catherine is in the fifth grade at Washington Elementary. Scott, the only boy is 13 years old, and is in the eighth grade. Vicki is 16--a junior here at MHS. Dr. Stevens' wife, Lavonne comes from a family of educators--her three brothers have degrees in education.

The superintendent's hobbies center around jogging, fishing and golfing. (He says that he is a terrible golfer.) When he has the time, Dr. Stevens is also an avid swimmer.

A safety deposit box that is still in a Nevada bank, contains his coin collection. Dr. Stevens is frequently rummaging through his loose change--searching for additions to his collection.

The superintendent's goals for the school district are many and varied, but the following are representative:

1. Carry out the needs of the assessment project that the NCA evaluators suggested.
2. Establish a framework for the NCA report for the high school.
3. Establish our educational priorities for the future.
4. Increase in put and communication between the school district and its patrons.
5. Establish curriculum committees for

Patterns Per "Form"

By Christy Boots

Swing Choir has started once again, but things are a little different. The first change that occurred was that the group found itself with a new director, Miss Russell. New songs and new choreography accompanied her, and the group began practicing for performances to come.

The first performance for the group was presented for the student body on Candidate's Days. They performed two days in a row and the gym was full for all their performances (whether the crowd was there to hear them sing or just to get out to going to hear a candidate is questionable, but it gave Swing Choir an opportunity to begin performing.)

Their next performance was for the Kiwanis Club at the Longbranch. The performance proved to be a success. The Patterns then performed at the Coliseum for a naval reserve group. This performance, too, was well received.

On Oct. 22, the Patterns gave a short performance at a concert which will also feature the band. The group has many performances ahead of them and they are in the process of learning new music and choreography.

Like other activities around the school, the Swing Choir has gotten back into the "Swing" of things.

grades K-12.

6. Hold school board meetings on a rotating basis in all of the buildings within the district.

7. Constantly gear all transactions in terms of what is best for the students.

8. Get all of the people who are involved with the Marion Independent School District "sold" on the best education.

Dr. Stevens is impressed with the Marion students. He feels that our congeniality and our pride for Marion and our schools are very commendable attributes.

His advice for high school students is: "Live each day as if it were the best day in your life; do your best always, and get involved. Absorb as much as you can from high school".

We extend a warm welcome to Dr. Stevens and his family, and wish him the very best in our city.



DR. CLARK STEVENS

Marion Band Kept Busy Practicing

By Denise Hunt

This month has been a busy one for the band. Between getting shows ready for home football games, they prepared and practiced for the State Marching Band Contest which was held on Saturday, Oct. 12. Some days they had as many as 3 practices, one before school, one during seventh period, and one at 6:45. Much hard work and effort was put into it. At the contest, they didn't rate as well as possible and ended coming home with a two.

On Tuesday, Oct. 22, the band took part in the concert presented by the Music Departments. They played music from the marching season and the choir sang several songs.

All State tryouts will be held on Oct. 26 at Independence. This year there are 13 band members trying out. They are, Seniors-Mike Benedict, Tim Carter, Jennie Balcom, Steve Knapp, and Duan Joehring. Juniors-Karen Williamson, Sue Ryan, Beth Gaddis, and Leslie Anderson; sophomores-none. Freshman-Patty Wilson, Gary Campbell, Sandy McGovern and Terri Kopetsky. GOOD LUCK TO ALL FOR TRYING OUT.

Halloween Fun



Everyone Fires Up At The Bonfire

HOMECOMING



Queen Diane Morrow and Jim Seng, escort



By Wendy Wolmurt

Homecoming '74! It was great, right? Everything from the Thursday night pep rally to the dance on Saturday seemed to run smoothly after hours and hours of work and planning. Thanks to the cheerleaders, the sophomore class, and the spirit shown by the student body, this year's Homecoming was the best ever!

To start out the festivities Thursday night, September 26, the students held the bonfire pep rally. Although the fire started a little behind schedule and the races were eliminated because of lack of interest, it got that Homecoming spirit going! An unplanned "yell" contest between the juniors and seniors and a partially successful snake dance down South 15th street, along with the introductions of the queen candidates and court, cheering, and pep talks by co-captains John Barkdoll and Gary Fickle

highlighted the event. The winners of a raffle sponsored by the cheerleaders were also announced. The results were: Stereo-Julie Tiejien, boy's bike, Bruce Benkusky, girls' bike-Elaine Johnson.

On Friday, an hour long assembly was presented to the student body. Skits by the cheerleaders, a donut eating contest featuring Dave Nash, a film, a tug of war, and pep talks by the coaches were on the agenda. Congratulations to the cheerleaders for planning a great assembly!

Friday night, the Indians came through and stomped Manchester 43-6! During halftime the 1974 Homecoming Queen, Diane Morrow, was crowned. Her attendants were: Seniors-Carol Bailey and Denise Stainbrook; Juniors-Sue Ryan and Natalie Jackson; Sophomores-Carol Anderson and Kay Luedtke; freshmen-Tami DeWoody and Vivian Klopfenstein.

M.H.S. Cross-Country Team Wins Wamac

By Steve Herreid

Marion's cross-country team has been adding jewels to its crown of victories all season, and the latest one is really a beaut: the Wamac conference championship.

It's the first cross title ever won by a Marion team and the Indians turned the trick by the barest of margins--32-33--over the Tipton squad at Anamosa. And adding icing to the cake was the sophomore team, which ripped runnerup Tipton 8-20 for the trophy in that division.

Senior harrier John Edwards has been kicking dust into his opponents' faces most of the year, and he did so once again at Wamac by grabbing third place. Marion's other four finishers were bunched tightly: Rick Floyd was eighth, Scott Hansen placed 10th, Tim Carter was 11th and Mike McElree 12th.

Standout soph Jeff Donald topped eight second off the conference record in that class by winning in 11:00. Backing him up were Dave Witte (4th), Scott Hartman (8th), Jerry Goehring (8th), and Bruce Sostak (13th).

Meanwhile, back in Marion, Edwards has been tearing up the Squaw Creek course week after week. Item: On Sept. 26, he won the individual title in a

triangular with Linn-Mar, and Vinton, covering the two miles in 10:13 for a new school record (Edwards held the old mark of 10:15, too). Item: On Oct. 5, he topped the Lion Invitational field, AGAIN breaking the standard with a 10:16.6 clocking. Item: Edwards and Floyd finished 2-3 in the West Delaware Invitational to spark the Indians to the title in that meet as well.

But there have been other stars as well. Donald zipped to a 10:52 and a new meet record as the Marion reserves won the Lion Invitational. McElree's 12th place finish at Wamac "really won it for us," according to coach Roger Hanson.

One meet worth mentioning is the Cedar Rapids Invitational, held at Noelridge park Sept. 20. Competing against some of the largest high schools in the state (the entire Mississippi Valley conference was represented), Marion finished fifth in a 16-team field. Edwards and Carter were the highest Indian placemen at 14th and 28th, respectively.

And now, having won the Wamac crown having beaten nearly every team of its class in the area, there exists one more goal, and the Indian harriers are taking dead aim at it: a state championship. Don't bet against them.

The Indians In Action!

By Steve Herreid

Coming off its best offensive performance of the season, Marion's football team has high hopes of sweeping its final three games to close the year with a winning record.

And if the Anamosa contest (of Oct. 11) is any indication, the Indians' opponents will have to put a lot of points on the scoreboard to come out on top!

Marion won that game 36-14 for its second Wamac conference victory in four starts. (The first was a 43-6 homecoming romp over West Delaware on Sept. 27). Against the Raiders, the Marion offense rolled up 429 yards in total offense, 364 of them on the ground. Halfback Mark Morgan led the scoring parade with two six-pointers, one on a nine-yard run and the other a 12-yard aerial from Gary Fickel. Fickel also unleashed his golden arm for a nine-yarder to Brian Kiburz, while John Barkdoll and Jeff Grannon added singletons on short runs.

Marion's two loop defeats were to co-leaders Independence and Maquoketa. Against Indee, our boys spotted the Mustangs a 21-0 lead before roaring back for 14 fourth-quarter points on runs by Fickel and Barkdoll, and Greg Will's two

conversion kicks.

At Maquoketa, the highly-rated Cardinals won by a 29-14 count. Barkdoll bruised his way for 127 yards in 22 carries in that tilt.

The blitz over West Delaware held double significance, as it was the first win for the Indians as well as the climax of homecoming week. Marion tallied five quick touchdowns for a 33-0 lead at the end of the half. Morgan and fullback Ank Kleis led the scoring with two touchdowns each (one of Kleis' came on a 51-yard sprint).

Of the Indians' three remaining games, two are at home (Monticello and Vinton) and one is out of town (Tipton). Tipton and Vinton are currently deadlocked with Marion for third place in the conference (2-2 records), while Monticello is 1-3.

Coach Bob Thurness sees none of the three as being pushovers, and acknowledges that his team will have to "eliminate its mistakes" if it is going to win all three.

Thumy also voiced praise for the punishing Barkdoll. "Barkdoll gained 101 yards against Anamosa, so he now has two straight 100-yards rushed games," he explained.



TEAM EFFORT Helps Indian Sophs Win!

By Tim Polk

Know any good four-letter words? Try this one: TEAM. No, that's not just a company that sells stereos. It's the answer to a question that a lot of MHS sports fans, especially at the sophomore level, are asking: How does the sophomore Indians' football team keep winning?

You could say it's the offense, which has averaged 27 points a game, that keeps piling up the victories. But you'd be wrong. Other teams have put more points on the board, and lost. Or you could say it's the defense, which has registered 3 shutouts in the first six games, that brings home the trophies. Again, you'd be wrong. Teams have built better "brick walls", and still have come up short when time runs out.

Pride? Good guess, but pride alone can't win football games, although it's been a big factor in soph success here at Marion. The real key lies in a combination of all these things, plus some, that adds up to one thing: TEAM EFFORT.

"We've got to have the whole team ready for a ball game," sophomore coach Dick Sloan is quite fond of saying. "It's my fault, as coach, and the starters' faults, as team leaders, if we aren't ready to go out and hit some people."

And do they hit people! Take for instance, the last soph game, a 35-0 white-washing of Anamosa. The reserves came on in the second half to tally two more TD's and wrap up the game impressively. Now that's a TEAM EFFORT!

A 9-0 season is a challenge the Indian sophs plan on living up to. And you can bet that if they play their three remaining games with the same spirit they have shown in their first six, you'll be seeing another new trophy around here--the Wamac Conference champion's trophy.

Nobody Can Stop Unbeaten Indian Frosh!

By Tim Polk

Question: How do the opponents stop Coaches Messerli and Lindaman's freshmen football team?

Answer, of course: They don't.

With an unbeaten Wamac season already stashed away, the Indian frosh are well on their way to a perfect season, their latest conquest being a 14-6 decision over the helpless Hawks of Prairie. With two games remaining against non-conference foes LaSalle and Regis, the Class of '78 is looking forward to their first unbeaten season yet.

Featuring a steady running offense and defense that somehow always ends up taking the ball away from the other team, the freshmen have shown a lot of team improvement since their unsuccessful years past. And the winning hasn't always come easy this year. Like their come-from-behind opening victory against a tough Linn-Mar Lions team, when the winning TD came on a fumble return of some 80-plus yards in the closing seconds. Too many games like that could make any coach old before his time. And the frosh Indians have had their share of shutouts and lop-sided victories besides.

Don't look now, but those freshmen could turn out to be a pretty good football team!



#30 SHOWS HIS FORM!

CLUB'S SCRAMBLE

By Dana Jeffrey and Sandy Nielsen

Unscramble and match the words in Column A with the letters of the definitions and recent activities of the clubs in Column B. The answers are at the bottom.

COLUMN A

- E. S. S.
- Rseehecathals (2 words)
- Ttmerensle
- Oxv
- S. A. F.
- Cheeps
- Atedeb
- Uliql
- Piathesms
- Delchereaders
- Denietatnoisuin (2 words)

COLUMN B

- Cheryl Carstens is the president of this "foreign" group. It's sponsored by a teacher with well-worn suitcases. At this time the group is in the process of planning a host weekend Nov. 8 and 9 for 30 to 40 alien students. Ann Winistorfer was recently elected secretary of the club.
- This group holds discussions every other Monday evening with the topic of discussion being science fiction Utopia books. It is also in the process of preparing to represent the country of Iran at the convention in Cedar Falls next spring. This club is sponsored by that funny guy in Room #12 who wears the handmade earmuffs at Christmas time.
- Sponsored by J. B. and Mrs. Walker his club gives you a chance to make changes in your school. It holds meetings once a month. Some of its members help the faculty plus a few help supervise the tids at Stary during their lunch hour. Also, several of its members acted as guides at the Wamac Inservice Day held here Oct. 1.
- Jennie Balcom is the president of this hard working group which consists of 40 to 50 members. It's sponsored by Mrs. Klopp and meets irregularly throughout the month. Five of its members are going to the All-Iowa Colloquy Nov. 2. Other officers are: Monte Pedersen, vice-president and Steve Herried, sec-treasurer although there is no treasury.
- This club gives you "a skill in speaking, in researching, in organizing, and an interest in politics," says its sponsor, Miss Bro. The group meets often after school to research.
- This lively group of girls meets almost every night after school to "scream their lungs out." The lively bunch are

coached by Mrs. Taylor. Members of this group recently won a "strength" contest against 10 members of our football team. This group always needs the support and spirit of the student body.

- Room 58 is where this group does the majority of its work. Its members are split up into four major staffs, with everyone working towards the same goal. The staff's main sponsor sports an "Abe Lincoln" trademark. The results of this group's work are commented on every Fall.
- This organization is also sponsored by Mrs. Klopp. On Nov. 9, several of its members will be traveling to Iowa City's Hancher Auditorium to view the production of "Fiddler on the Roof."
- The president of this "healthy" group is Tiemey Oakley. Other officers are: Dana Jeffrey, vice-president; Julie Hansen, secretary; Ronda Hartman, treasurer; and Joanne Brokaw and Marsha Milbach, historians.
- On Friday, Oct. 18, several members traveled to one of our local "health factories." Also this group is planning their annual excursion. The clan is sponsored by our roving "health nut."
- This group is sponsored by "Superlip" (?). Its members rush wholeheartedly each month to meet their deadline. The majority of the school sees the work that this club sweats over.
- The members of this group are many times referred to as the "jocks." It's sponsored by the jolly gym teacher who is also an assistant football coach and head wrestling coach. Several of its members recently went on a hay-rack ride.

ANSWERS

- (S. E. S.) C.
- (Health Career's) I.
- (Lettermen's) K.
- (Vox) J.
- (A. F. S.) A.
- (Speech) D.
- (Debate) E.
- (Quill) G.
- (Thespians) H.
- (Cheerleaders) F.
- (United Nations) B.

