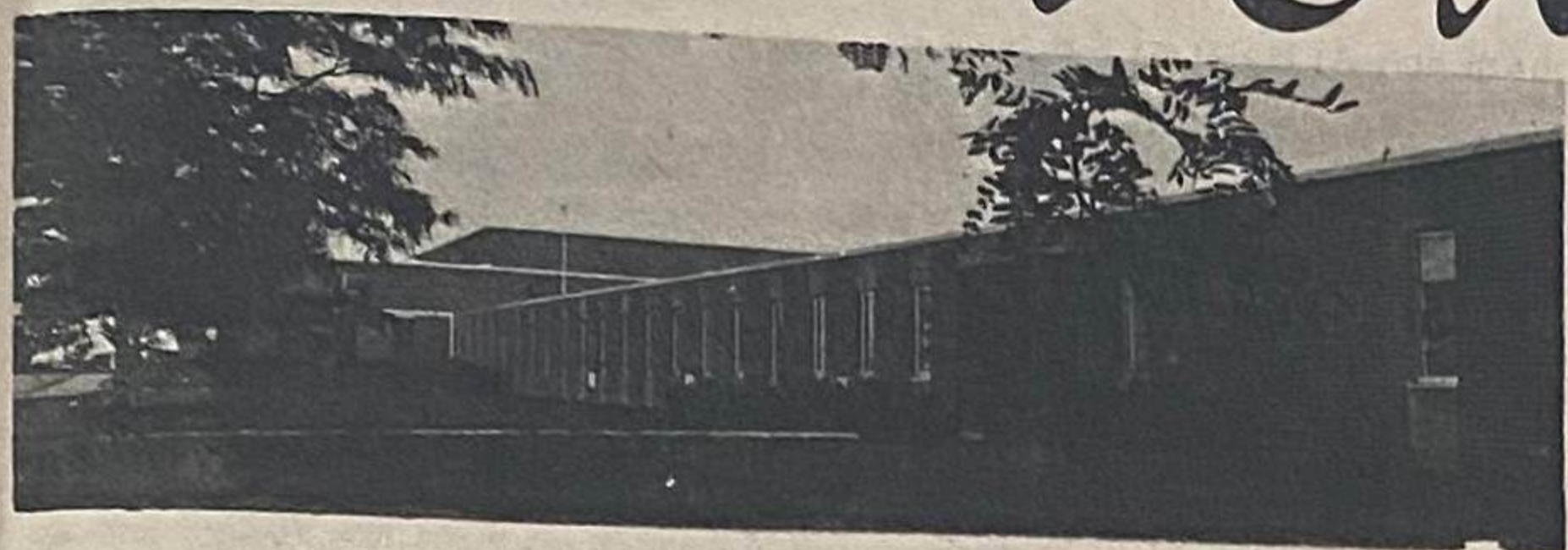


THE VOX



Marion High School
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Editorial---

A Year of Changes and Excitement

Well, after what seemed to be an extremely short summer vacation, school has started again. This year promises to be one of changes and excitement.

For the Freshman, it will be filled with some frustrations and bewilderment and will be much different from the previous year at the Junior High. Not only do they have to get used to the teachers and the new type of scheduling, but they also have to realize the fact they are at the bottom of the totem pole, because they are the youngest class, and once again will have to work their way back to the top--to when they are Seniors.

For the veterans, there are also many things to get used to. The new teachers, the announcements being read third period (which now has been changed) and especially the many new faces of the incoming freshmen are a few of the things changed.

For the Seniors, (if many feel the same way I do) this year is going to be a special one. Everything and anything we do this year is meaningful because it may be the last time we will ever do it, especially at this school. Friends that we take for granted will soon be going to college and our comfortable surroundings at Marion High will be completely gone.

This year can really be the best one Marion High has ever seen, if we all buckle down and work for the betterment of our school. We have to keep the spirit high and the apathy at a minimum--something everyone has to work for.

So remember, even though most of us do not want to be here, there is little that we can do about it. Since this is true, let's all work our hardest to make this the great year that it can be.

Band Set For Busy Fall Slate

After a successful summer of four Concerts-In-The-Park and trying to teach the incoming freshmen how to march, The Marion High Band has settled down to a busy fall of football games and trying to teach the upperclassmen how to march.

The first half-time show (during the soph. game) of the Linn-Mar game was presented by the Emerald Knights Drum and Bugle Corps, who have given the Marion band much help in the past and wished to display their accomplishments for the Marion crowd. During the second game, the freshmen, after a long week of "initiation" at the hands of the seniors, got their baptism with fire at THEIR first half-time show ever. We are happy to report they are all alive and going well.

The band is now putting the final touches on their homecoming show, and looking forward with determination to marching-band contest (and the many hard practices beforehand) on October 12.

Did You Hear Neighbor Kids Hurt Mr. Bates!?

Mr. Bates (also known as "hop along", "Chester", and "limpy") was recently in the hospital for an operation on his leg. We are happy to say that he is on the road to a successful recovery. It will be no time before he is out playing football again with those rough, tough, mean, little neighbor kids (who can't wait to get a crack at his other leg). GOOD LUCK, Mr. Bates! You'll need it!

YOU KNOW SCHOOL HAS STARTED WHEN:

South Fifteenth street is noisier than usual.

Your mother makes you eat breakfast. You suddenly need all new clothes. Everyone is always tired and droopy. Weekends are especially treasured. You suddenly crave the all-outdoors. You have to begin thinking about your future.

Cheers and music echo through Thomas Park.

Your once perfect tan has disappeared. Thanksgiving Vacation seems a million years away.

You can't manage to make yourself work very hard.

You're always day dreaming at the wrong time.

Getting up in the morning takes great effort.

And finally, you know school has REALLY started when you hear, "Good morning, students. We have these announcements today. . . ."

Aren't you glad you're back???

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Foot in Mouth

As of now, the VOX has a new column titled, most appropriately, I fear, Foot in Mouth. The topics discussed each month will be students' interests (however few and far between they may be) and students non-interests (of which there are many, and which is a topic in itself.) Now that I've gotten you thoroughly confused, please read on while I put my Foot in my Mouth.

This issue of the VOX has been dedicated to the new developments at Marion High: new teachers, new looks for old teachers, new policies, new students, Happy New Year! I, however, would like to look at some of the things that haven't changed, (and probably never will!)

The first day of school may have found some seniors feeling like freshmen, so many things were different. But soon the upperclassmen found some landmarks they could hold on to. Their friends were still there, the halls were still dark, and soon they felt at home again.

They knew that they could find the math teachers using slide-rules to figure out seating charts, that two electric typewriters would break down the first day, and that the science teachers still hadn't recovered from last year's classes and should be treated with care.

The sophomores, juniors, and seniors, with their years of experience, suspected that the English department had some tests all ready for them, that the Social Studies department still deserved their title of "The Wild Bunch", and were quite sure that we would soon be listening to the silver-throated tones of Mr. Kramer giving morning announcements. They were all too afraid that if they were involved in music, athletics, clubs, and the other extra-curricular activities Marion High has to offer, they soon would have no time to go home and end up camping-out in the lounge.

Fortunately, these students were not dis-

appointed. The familiar lunch menus and the 40 degree below zero temperatures in the rooms assured them that they were in the right place. And the 3:05 bell still sounds as good as ever.

Club News

M.H.S. Students Busy

By Sandy Nielsen

S.E.S. (Students for Educational Services): The two sponsors for this group are, Mr. Bates and Mrs. Walker. It is a club that gives you, the student, the opportunity to make changes in your school. Also, you have a chance to work with various teachers in the school. Plus, working on different related school projects.

This group meets once a month. All students that are interested in Educational Services are encouraged to join.

DEBATE: Debate does just what the name of the club suggests, debate. There are four people on a team, two are on the affirmative side and two are on the negative side. The debate team has one question in which they research according to what side they are on. This year the topic is, "The method for picking the President and Vice-President should be changed." They will then participate in some invitationals and the Iowa State Speech Association Contest.

Miss Bro, the sponsor says, "Debate gives you a skill in speaking, in researching, in organizing, and an interest in politics."

CHEERLEADERS: There are ten varsity cheerleaders and ten junior varsity cheerleaders, who will cheer for all the sports. There's more to the cheerleaders than just what the people see at the game. For instance, their main project at the present time is Homecoming. They are in charge of the contests and the races at the bonfire, and the Homecoming Raffle. In exchange for the stereo and the two bikes, that will be given away at the raffle, the cheerleaders will be working at K-Mart and Target.

Mrs. Taylor, the sponsor says, "This year the cheerleaders are trying to be more of a public relations worker between the students, teachers, coaches and the community."

Mrs. Taylor, also says, "The cheerleaders mean nothing unless they have the support of the students and their spirit."

VOX: The Vox is of course the school newspaper, which comes out once a month.

The Vox staff is here to keep you informed of various school activities during the school year.

There are ten editors in all. The two head editors are Denise Hunt and Jane Risk. The duties of the editors depend upon the topic in which they're writing about. This requires interviewing students and teachers, and sometimes wracking your brains for any kind of information that will please Mr. Bates, the sponsor.

U.N. (United Nations): U.N., is a small group of kids who independently study Utopia's. Mr. Boquist, the sponsor, told me that they specialize in one nation. This year that nation is Iran. In the Spring they go to U.N.I., State Convention.

AFS

AFS (American Foreign Students) club held its first meeting September 12. Cheryl Carstens was elected president and it was left undecided if any more officers would be elected. An important item was the AFS weekend being held Nov. 8, 9, and 10 in Marion. People are needed to board the 20-30 students coming here. Anybody can still join the club, so listen for the announcement.

SPEECH CLUB

Marion High's speech club is now organizing with its new coach, Mrs. Klopp. If you have any interest in the club at all, please contact Mrs. Klopp or Jennifer Barnes. New members are always welcome!

QUILL

The Quill staff is working hard to get this year's book organized. The goal this year once again, is to make this year's book the best ever! If anyone has any good ideas about what they would like to have in the Quill, please tell one of the staff members. This year's book has a lot of changes and goals set for it, so it will definitely have a new look. Be watching and listening for some of the new ideas for the book.

New Teachers

By Joyce Suchsland

Marion High School's new music teacher is Miss Cheryl Diane Russell. She graduated from high school in 1969. She spent most of her college education in Iowa City, where she graduated.

Miss Russell has led a busy life. In the summer of 1968, she was chosen as Outstanding Musician for the United States, and in 1969, she was picked as Junior Miss for North West Iowa.

She likes to sew, but hasn't found the time to do that. Alas, the life of a busy teacher.

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Miss Marcia Daun Bro is another new teacher here at Marion. She attended South Tama County High School, and graduated from there. Then she attended college at the University of Northern Iowa. She majored in Speech and Theater, and her minor is teaching English as a foreign language.

When she was a senior in high school, she was given the Outstanding Actress Award.

Miss Bro is an active little lady. For three summers she's been a camp counselor at Ledges Park in Boone, Iowa. She loves to sing, play the piano and is just learning how to play the guitar. In addition to that, she likes to bicycle, and jog. So, if you happen to be in a car and see her out jogging, don't pass, push.

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Future issues of the VOX will bring you more goodies about our new friends!



New Look---

By Joyce Suchsland

On registration day, the first thing I noticed different at Marion was that half of the male population of teachers had grown hair on their faces. In some cases, it looks like a few are not even capable of growing hair on their faces, but it's there never the less.

Who started this hair-raising crusade? After speaking to a couple of un-shaven teacher, I put the blame on Mr. Boquist. I asked him if he thought he started it, and he impishly giggled "yes".

This shocked me. I had always thought that Mr. Boquist was a very conservative man, incapable of starting a fad, much less anything else. Yet, the fuzzy-faces are here.

Maybe soon, this fad will die out. You know the old saying, "Hair today, gone tomorrow."



What's The Score?

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Linn-Mar 35--Marion 7
Prairie 14--Marion 9

SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL

Marion 12--Linn-Mar 3
Marion 6--Prairie 0

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Marion 36--Anamosa 14
Marion 14--Linn-Mar 12

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

Linn-Mar Dual: Marion 18--Linn-Mar 39
Marion Invitational: Marion 22,
2nd place Vinton 77

JUNIOR VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

Linn-Mar Dual: Marion 6--Linn-Mar 15

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Linn-Mar 25--Marion 24
Marion 11--Urbana 4
Marion 15--Tipton 2
Norway 8--Marion 2
Tipton 10--Marion 2
Central City 18--Marion 12
Marion 3--Tipton 19
Marion 4--Norway 8
Marion 4--Prairie 0

AFS Student

Welcome Zul!

By Wendy Wolmurt

At the beginning of each school year, new faces are always a common sight, but one that is special is that of the AFS student. This year he is Zulkifli Razak, seventeen years old, of South Selebes, Indonesia. Zul is presently living with the Richard Bice family and he says he likes the United States. Of course it has many differences from his home, where he lives with his two younger brothers, one younger sister, his mother who is a housewife, and his father who is a member of the government's air force. One of these differences is school uniforms; boys wear white shirts and pants, girls wear white blouses and skirts. Also, instead of our daily switching of classes, in Indonesia, Zul remains in the same class all day and the teachers come around to the students. Then, at the end of each year the students all go to different classes and new friends instead of staying with the same group all the way through school. Because of this, Zul feels that Marion High is a complete high school.

In Indonesia, eighty-five to ninety per cent of the population is Moslem, which is similar to our church. He is not allowed to eat pork, and he eats rice much more than we eat it here. Fried chicken is his favorite American food.

If you wonder why Zul's English is so good, it's because he has studied it for five years! (Three hours per week.) He speaks very well and he has many interesting things to tell about himself and his country so don't hesitate to talk to him sometime!



Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are a person of great leadership. Which tends to make you very individualistic and independent. Tread cautiously when asserting your opinions upon others. Moderation is the key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be careful about your possessiveness. This is a very prominent trait for you and it may cause trouble.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are inquisitive by nature, but watch out! You tend to be overly so. Your gaiety is your finest point. Use it to its fullest advantage.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Business ventures look promising your shrewdness will prove itself useful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): By paying special attention to details you may be able to overcome your disorganized nature.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You tend to be a person who strives for perfection, continue to do so. Your tolerance and optimism make you a likeable person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Helpfulness and friendliness are valued traits in your nature, but your tendency to be lazy may lead to trouble. Strive to overcome laziness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are always ready to forgive and forget. Your friends find this an admirable trait. Don't change your attitude toward forgiveness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your jovialness is appreciated by the others around you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You tend to be thrifty, but don't go to the point of stinginess. You have much self-control and your organization is one of your strong points.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Continue your openness and friendliness toward others. Your friends find you full of ideas, but don't pressure them upon others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your devotion to others often leads you to be overly-emotional. Continue to think of others, but also watch out for yourself.

Exhibitions Over! Indians Ready For Wamac Wars

By Steve Herreid

The "exhibition" season is over, and a 29-man Marion Indians football squad is readying itself for a grueling Wamac conference schedule with opening games against Independence Sept. 20 and West Delaware in the homecoming tilt Sept. 27.

And in case you just came out of your cave, Marion has a new man directing the team this fall. He is Bob Thumess, and he replaces Les Dollinger, who resigned to become activities director. Thumess was the grid coach at Tipton high before coming to Marion. He also has coached wrestling at Linn-Mar and the University of Dubuque and has assisted with the football programs at Dubuque and Coe college. He is in his tenth year of coaching.

Thumess' debut at the Marion helm was somewhat inauspicious, as the Indians were tripped by Linn-Mar, 35-7. Turnovers played a big role in the game, for while Marion rolled up substantial yardage, three pass interceptions and two fumbles helped limit the losers to only one touchdown.

Game number two was against C.R. Prairie, and once again fumbles and pass interceptions at crucial times spelled the difference in a 14-9 win for Prairie. John Barkdoll scored Marion's only touchdown on a one-yard run, and Greg Will booted a 35-yard field goal for the other points.

Thumess still sees Independence as the conference favorite, despite its two opening losses. But he feels that most of the teams will be strong, and the races could go any number of ways.

Gary Fickel will be heading up Marion's offensive platoon as the quarterback this year, and he will be assisted by junior John Murdoch. Letterman Mark Morgan (who was all-Wamac last year), John Barkdoll and Greg Will will fill the halfback slots along with Mike Jones and John Arjes. Ank Kleis and Jeff Grannon are the fullbacks. The offensive line includes Charles Vernon at center, John Snyder, Al Hartl and Marty Carter at guard, Jeff Parker, Rich LeHew and Ron Jackson at tackles, and Brian Kiburz, Tony Jensen and Linnie Vinson at tight end. Tim Burgess and Mark Henderson will alternate at split end.

LeHew, Kiburz and Burgess will play the end positions on defense. Hartl, Snyder and Mark Livingston are the tackles and Steve Crowley and Vernon will handle the noseguard position. Brian Moh-winkle, Carter and Pidge Spear form the linebacking corps. Kleis and Jim Kray play the monster position, and Barkdoll, Vinson and Reed Martin will play defensive halfbacks. Manning the safety position will be Murdoch, Morgan and Will, who will also do the kicking. Altogether, the squad includes 16 seniors and 13 juniors.



Take a Look At Cross-Country Team

By Steve Herreid

Any Marion high student or fan who is at all interested in Indian athletics should take a good look at our cross-country team. A good, hard look.

Not many people do. You see, cross-country has never been the drawing card that football has, considering both popularity and attendance. But the Marion Indians of 1974 are beginning to turn all that around with their recent successes. Consider the following:

1. The runners are coming off a banner year in which they placed first in NINE of the twelve meets they competed in. That includes victories in a dual with rival Linn-Mar, a triangular against C.R. Washington and C.R. Prairie, a pair of invitationals and the Wamac team race. Moreover, the Indians were runnerup in the other three runs. In that category are the Wamac cross-country race, the state mile team, and the state cross-country meets.

2. Every member of last year's state and Wamac teams was a junior or below and consequently, coach Roger Hanson has seven returning lettermen to build around (John Edwards, Dave Moore, Duane Goehring, Mark Moeller). Gone is veteran Steve Mahoney, who moved to Bettendorf, but a host of talented junior and soph runners have ably filled the spaces.

3. The Indians ran brilliantly in their first two meets of '74. In the opener against our neighbors to the North (Linn-Mar, stupid), John Edwards paced a Marion sweep of the top three places with a 10:11 time for two miles. Floyd and Carter were second and third, respectively, while Scott Hansen placed fifth and Dave Moore was seventh. Final score: Marion 13, Linn-Mar 39. In the Jayvee meet, Marion took first by 6-15. Jeff Donald, Duane Goehring, Mark Moeller, Perry Anderson and Ron Mayer placed 1-5 for the Indians, Donald's winning time being 11:12.

Meet number two was a six-team invitational at Squaw Creek, and Marion again sparked as it scored 22 points to outdistance second-place Vinton (77). Edwards broke the tape first in 10:28, and he was followed by teammates Moore (3rd), Floyd (5th), Carter (6th), and Hansen (7th). Mayer headed up the Jayvee race (Marion had the only team entry with an 11:33 time).

And what about the rest of the season? Coach Hanson sums it up like this: "We got second in the state last year, and we're going for first this year." He is referring to the cross-country (two mile) championship, as the mile team title has been scrapped altogether.

So if you have a free afternoon either on September 26 or October 1, truck on down to Squaw Creek and watch what is probably the best cross team in the area in action. This year's varsity team includes seniors Edwards, Moore, and Carter, juniors Floyd, Hansen and Monte Pedersen, and soph Jeff Donald.

A word to the wise about scoring: Runners are each given points according to the way they finish in a meet. Therefore, the winner of a race gets two and so the second-place man gets two and so on. The top five runners on each team then get their points totaled, and that result is the team score. Low score wins the meet. Thus, the higher the team score runners finish, the lower the team score and the better the chance of winning.

