

Good-bye M.H.S.

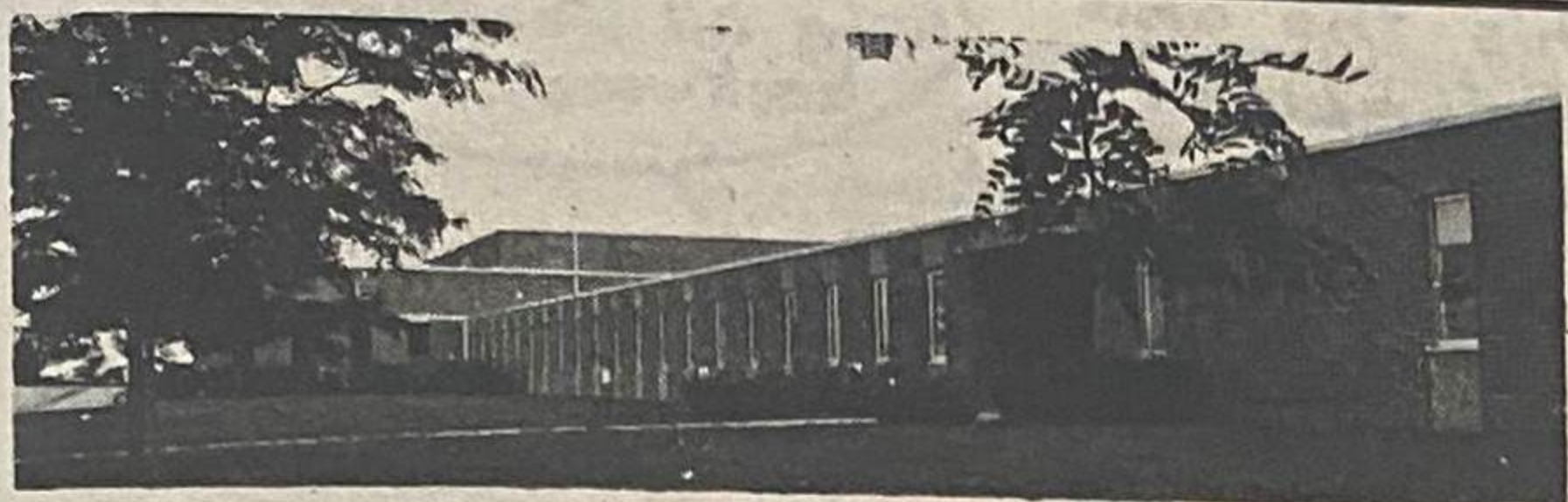
by Jane Risk

After being a VOX editor for two years, it would seem an easy task putting my thoughts onto paper for this final editorial. But instead, I can't think of the right words to express my thoughts as I look towards graduation. Thinking back to the day our class first entered high school, then comparing it to our final days, I see a strong similarity.

Then, as now, we couldn't really comprehend what was happening to us. All we knew was that we were starting something huge and complex. Seniors are thinking these same thoughts, with a touch of apprehension now, as they plan for jobs, educations and the future. Summarizing our four years here is next to impossible. All the classes, teachers,

extracurriculars and classmates seem to blend together, making it difficult to recall exactly what it was that transformed and matured us into adults. But however, those pieces fit together, they seem to be in the right place now, because if we've made it through thirteen years of school successfully, some-

thing has truly been accomplished. If I said I wish I could stay at MHS, I'd be lying. But if I said I'm glad to be leaving, I'd only be fooling myself. We're all a bit skeptical about the years to come, but we're sure about the years gone by. We'll never forget them; just like the class of 1975 will never be forgotten.



THE VOX

Marion High School

Letter To The Editor

"Students need to wash hands"

When I was just a wee lad, my mother (with all her wisdom and influence) taught me of the dangers involved when I would forget to wash my hands after going to the bathroom. So with this basic knowledge, I have tried to perform the task of practicing this sanitary and healthy process after each trip to the restroom.

Then why with the lack of any advanced education, would she know of this process of standard sanitation when a school administration has seemed, with all their advanced education, deprive us students of soap, which is required to perform this basic function.

So with this letter, I and many others would like to ask those responsible for the removal of the soap from the restrooms to please return such facilities so that we students may wash our hands after we are finished using the toilet. Now, please speak to those school officials and use your influence on your parents to get something done about this great injustice placed upon the student body.

Thank you,
Perry Anderson

We the graduating class of 1975, will the following teachers (and counselor) the following items:

To Mr. Wright, a tape recording of himself instructing the band with oomph-pah-pahs.
To Mr. Slone, we will you hair.
To Mr. Shaffer, a large, red teddy bear with your initials stitched on its back.
To Mrs. Pantini, a plaque with the 4-H motto engraved on it, "To make the Best Better."
To Ms. Bennett, a year's subscription to "Playgirl."
To Mr. Pickering, a gallon of that expensive red oil paint.
To Mr. R. Hanson, a brand new last name.
To Mr. Morrow, one entire year free of problems (just long enough for you to catch your breath).
To Mr. Boquist, a pair of extra large Ear muffs.
To Mrs. Rowen, your own monogrammed calculator.
To Mr. Bates, as many typing lessons it takes to have you learn to type.
To Mr. Pantini, three rolls of toilet paper to be used at your own discretion.
To Mr. Perkins, we will you height.

Foot In Mouth...

By Jennie Balcom

After spending four years at Marion High, a senior usually knows the school inside and out. In fact, an observant senior can probably tell you the month of the year without looking at a calendar. For instance:

A SENIOR KNOWS ITS MAY:

When senior skip day comes... and she can't skip because there's a track meet the next day.

When spring fever hits and spreads like wildfire

When a few unsheduled fire drills occur.

When he gains five pounds from attending so many potluck awards banquets.

When the snow pile is gone from the middle of the parking lot for good.

When the sounds of "Pomp and Circumstance" float through the halls during 7th period.

When she's finally warm after freezing all winter--the air conditioner doesn't work any better than the boiler.

When the bicycle rack is full and overflowing

When everything is THE LAST.

When May 25 comes.

Dissatisfied?

Why Not Join!

If you read the VOX and the QUILL and think they could be improved, why don't you join the staff and put your ideas to work? Both publications require hard working, creative students to make them a success. Now is the time to decide if you want to join one of these teams. It's your chance to stop criticizing what you read and improve it instead. Both staffs need students from all grades for next year, so if you're interested, contact Dana Jeffrey about the QUILL or Mr. Bates about the VOX. Dissatisfied? You don't have to be!

May 25 Is The Day!

Hopefully For M.H.S Grads

By Christy Boots

Well, May 25 is the day! The day of what? The day that 168 (hopefully 168) Seniors will be graduating from Marion High School at 3:00 in the high school gym.

While ago the class of 1975 chose their class colors as Royal Blue and Gold, and their class flower as the carnation. Their motto:

"Yesterday is a dream
And tomorrow is only a vision;
But today, well-lived,
Makes every yesterday
A dream of happiness and

Every tomorrow a vision of hope" This hopefully expresses many of the ideas of this year's Seniors. Being a member of the Senior class I may be a little biased, but I feel this is one of the best if not the best class to graduate from Marion High School. We may have been a little "cliquish" but I think we have struggled to overcome that. As preparations for graduation continues, the end of another school year approaches. And I hope that the class of 1975 will be one that will never be forgotten.



Pictured is the group of people responsible for the newspaper. This year's VOX staff was not the largest, but was definitely a creative and hard working crew. From left to right: (back row) Dave Nash, Denise Hunt, Jane Risk, Jim Bates, Christy Boots, and Jennie Balcom. (Front row) Wendy Wolmutter, Dana Jeffrey, Joyce Suchsland, Sandy Nielsen, Jeff Peltier, Not pictured are Mark Morgan and Steve Herreid.

music notes

School Year Ends And So Do Vocal Music Activities

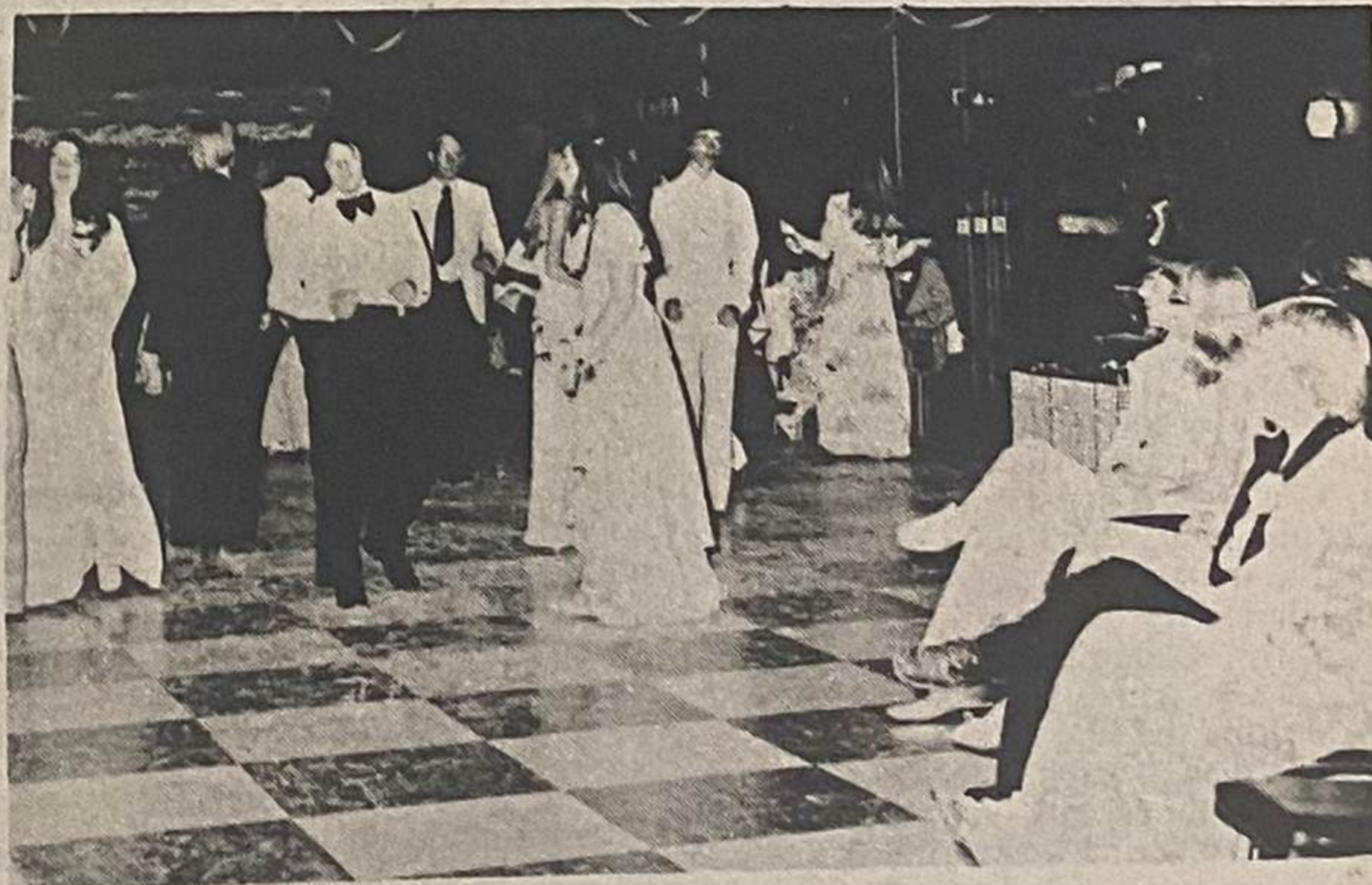
By Denise Hunt

As the school year ends, so do the activities of vocal music. While still recovering from their exciting trip to St. Louis, they continued working on their songs for the upcoming concert and for graduation. The concert is on Monday, May 19 at 7:30 and will include all the choir groups and the band. The awards night for vocal music will be done quite differently. On Sunday, May 18 at Pini-con Ridge Park from 3-9 the choir will have a picnic, at which time the awards will also be given out. All the adults who chaperoned on the St. Louis trip (even the bus drivers!) are invited and will receive special awards. All in all the choir had a busy but exciting

year.

But as the year ends for the band, some of their activities are just beginning. In the large group contest held at Kennedy on May 4, the band did a great job and received 3 ones-the highest rating possible.

As mentioned about the band will also participate in the spring concert on May 19 and will play several pieces at graduation on May 25. The band banquet and honor's night will be on Thursday, May 15 in the school cafeteria. Again this year the band will be playing their concerts, but like last year, there will be 4 during the summer. I feel this year for the band could be classified under busy and successful.



Hawaiian Paradise Theme

Marion High School Prom Is Hosted By Junior Class

By Wendy Wolmutter

The 1975 Marion High School Prom was held on May 17, at the Town House in Cedar Rapids. Music was provided by the band, "Pure Gold" with a theme of Hawaiian paradise.

The dance was well attended and enjoyed by all. A great big thanks goes to all the hard-working juniors who made prom such a success and to the faculty sponsors for their time and energy.

Marion 9th Capture Wamac, Prairie Titles

Marion's 9th grade track team captured the frosh team title last Saturday in the annual Prairie Relays with 57 points. Host Prairie was second with 49.5 to nose-out Linn-Mar by a half point. Anamosa (31) and Maquoketa (13.5) followed.

Coach Bob Thumess' young Indians captured two individual events to win the team championship, as Bruce Winch won the long jump in 17-1, and Matt Moeller took the pole vault in 10-6.

Team depth paid-off for the Marion yearlings, as Al Zalaznik was 3rd in the long jump, Ron Cook was 4th in the high jump, John Ickes was 3rd in both the discus and shot put, and Greg Stolze placed in a tie for a second in the 100-yard dash with an :11.1 clocking.

All four Marion relay teams grabbed runner-up honors, as Moeller, Zalaznik, Greg Albaugh and John Peterzalek won the shuttle hurdle, and Steve Ransier, Greg Nolte, Albaugh and Winch took the 880 event.

The foursome of Stolze, Ransier, Winch and Mike Freilinger won the mile relay in 4:06.7; Albaugh, Nolte, Ransier and Stolze teamed to grab the 440 relay and Nolte, Larry Atwater, Freilinger and Winch won honors with a 3:56.1 in the mile event.

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The day before in the annual Wamac Conference frosh-soph meet on the Indians' oval, Thurny's yearlings nipped Tipton for the team title, 82-81.

"The frosh-soph upset a real fine Tipton team," said Coach Thurness. "We were tied up after the mile medley relay. It came down to the mile relay, and a super effort by our team gave us a second place and the title!"

Running on the second-place mile relay team were Todd Pederson, Greg Albaugh, Kevin Techau and Bruce Winch. They were timed in 3:44.0.

Four firsts helped the Indian cause, as Greg Stolze won the 100 dash in :11 flat; Freilinger grabbed the mile run in 4:51.6, Dave Witte captured the 880 run in 2:08.5, and the 440 relay quartet of Troy Hames, Nolte, Ransier and Stolze won in :48-flat.



INDIAN SOPH Mike Freilinger ran the mile in 4:51.6 to help frosh-soph to team crown.

Marion Wins 5th All-Sports Trophy!

For the fifth consecutive year, Marion High School has laid claim to the Wamac Conference All-Sports trophy! The Indians, thus, are the only conference school to capture the traveling trophy since the honor was initiated.

The trophy is based on team placings in all sports in the conference, including girls' competition for the first time during the 1974-75 school year.

Eight points are awarded for a first-place finish in the conference or a team championship, seven for second, six for third, etc.

Marion finished with 64.5 points for the current school year, followed by

Maquoketa with 55. Vinton's 46.5 points earned a third-place finish, while Manchester was fourth with 46, Anamosa with 42, Monticello with 39, Independence with 33 and Tipton with 32.5.

All-Sports Standings	
Marion	64½
Maquoketa	55
Vinton	46½
West Delaware	46
Anamosa	42
Monticello	39
Independence	33
Tipton	32½

Floyd, Moore Lead Marion Runners To 4th

Marion's track team collected a pair of individual firsts and took fourth-place honors last Friday in the annual Wamac Conference meet.

Anamosa captured its third straight outdoor championship with 82 points, followed by Manchester (48), Independence (46) and the Indians, who also placed high enough to win another Wamac All-Sports championship.

Winners for Coach Jerry Skilling's team were Rick Floyd, who was clocked in 4:35.5 to capture the mile run, and Dave Moore with a 2:04.5' clocking in the 880 yard run.

Moore was the Indians' individual standout, as he also placed second to Anamosa's record-setting Brian Darrow in the 440-yard dash with a :51.9 time, and he was fourth in the 220-yard dash.

The Indians also received second-place points from the 2-mile relay team of Gary Fickel, Reed Martin, Perry Anderson and Brian Donohoe (8:31.5), and the medley quartet of John Murdoch, Fickel, Kevin Lamphier and Floyd with a 3:46.9 clocking.

Edwards was also third for Marion in the 2-miler run with a 10:17.5 time, while Anderson finished 4th in the low hurdles, and Al Hartl was 4th in the shot put.

The Indians' mile relay foursome of Martin, Donohoe, Anderson and Rich LeHew was 4th with a 3:40.0 clocking.

Lone double winner in the meet was Vinton's sprint standout, Larry Abemathy, who won the 100 (:10.5) and 220 (:23.0) dashes. However Anamosa captured firsts in 8 of the 18 events.

FROM THE STANDS..

By BOB LANA



CARDINALS TAKE A CHANCE?

In case you missed it, the St. Louis Cardinals obtained the contract of left-handed pitcher Ron Bryant of the San Francisco Giants in exchange for the pacts of Arkansas pitcher Tony Gonzalez and Tulsa outfielder Larry Herndon, both C.R. performers in 1972.

Bryant was placed on the Giants' voluntary retired list in spring training and he can't be placed on the Cards' active list until June 6 (60 days after the start of the season). Are the Cards taking a risk in signing a player like Bryant? Who knows!

He was the National League's ONLY 20-game winner in 1973 when he compiled a 24-12 record. Following a spring training accident, Bryant slipped to a 3-15 mark in '74. He retired from baseball late in spring training this year, but has since expressed an interest in playing again.

The Cards received permission from the Giants to talk to Bryant, and that they did! Following preliminary contact by V-P Jim Toomey, Director of Player Personnel Bob Kennedy visited Bryant at his Flagstaff, Ariz. home.

"Kennedy reported that Bryant's attitude toward pitching again was enthusiastic," said Exec. V-P and General Manager of the Cards Bing Devine, "although he (Bryant) recognized he would require an extensive training program, probably similar to spring training. The exact procedure for Bryant's conditioning will be developed in consultation with Cardinal Manager Red Schoendienst, pitching Coach Barney Schultz and trainer Gene Gieselman.

Bryant signed with the Giants in 1965 and he appeared in one game in '67. He has a career major league record of 57-55 with a 3.90 FRA.

"Obviously, we're taking a risk because of Bryant's inactivity," Devine admitted, "but we had the opportunity to acquire a pitcher with a winning record in the National League. Now we'll just see what the results will be!"

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BIG LAD FOR LAWRENCE U.

One of the tallest basketball players in the Wisconsin Valley Conference, Todd Sladek, a Merrill High School senior, has been accepted for enrollment at Lawrence U. in the Midwest Conference for the 1975-76 school year.

Sladek, 6-feet-8, 195 pounds, earned honorable mention status on the All-Wisconsin Valley Conference team last winter and on the Channel 7 (WSAU) all-stars. He was fifth in conference scoring with a 16-point average and he hauled in an average of 9 rebounds per-game.

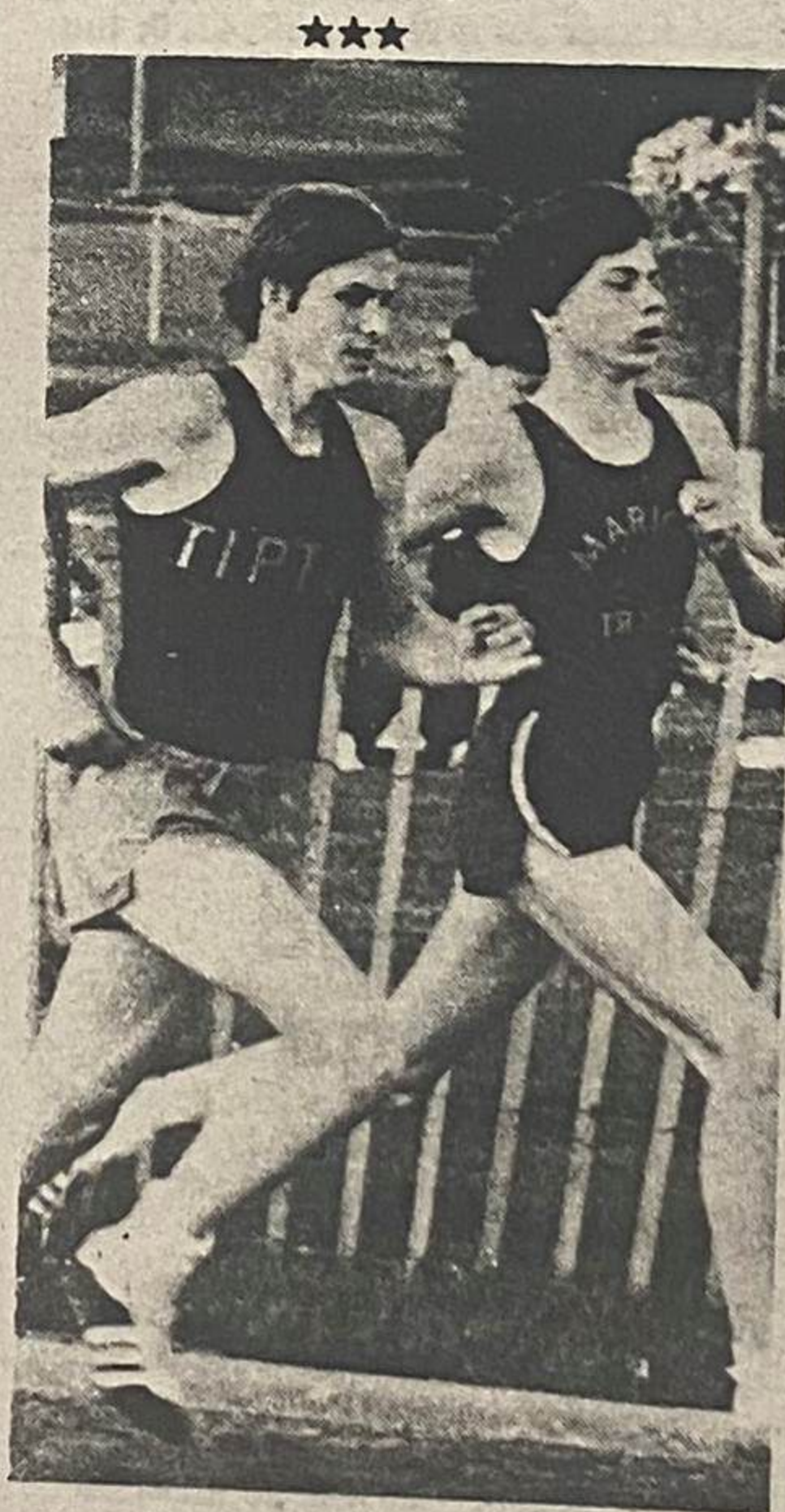
Sladek's best game was against D.C. Everest H.S. when he poured in 34 points and pulled down 17 rebounds. A 44% field goal shooter and a 70% shooter from the charity stripe, Sladek led his team in scoring and rebounding for the second straight season. He is currently competing on the Merrill track team and he has high jumped six feet.

At Lawrence U. in Appleton, Wis., Sladek is planning to major in biology and he will pursue a career in medicine.

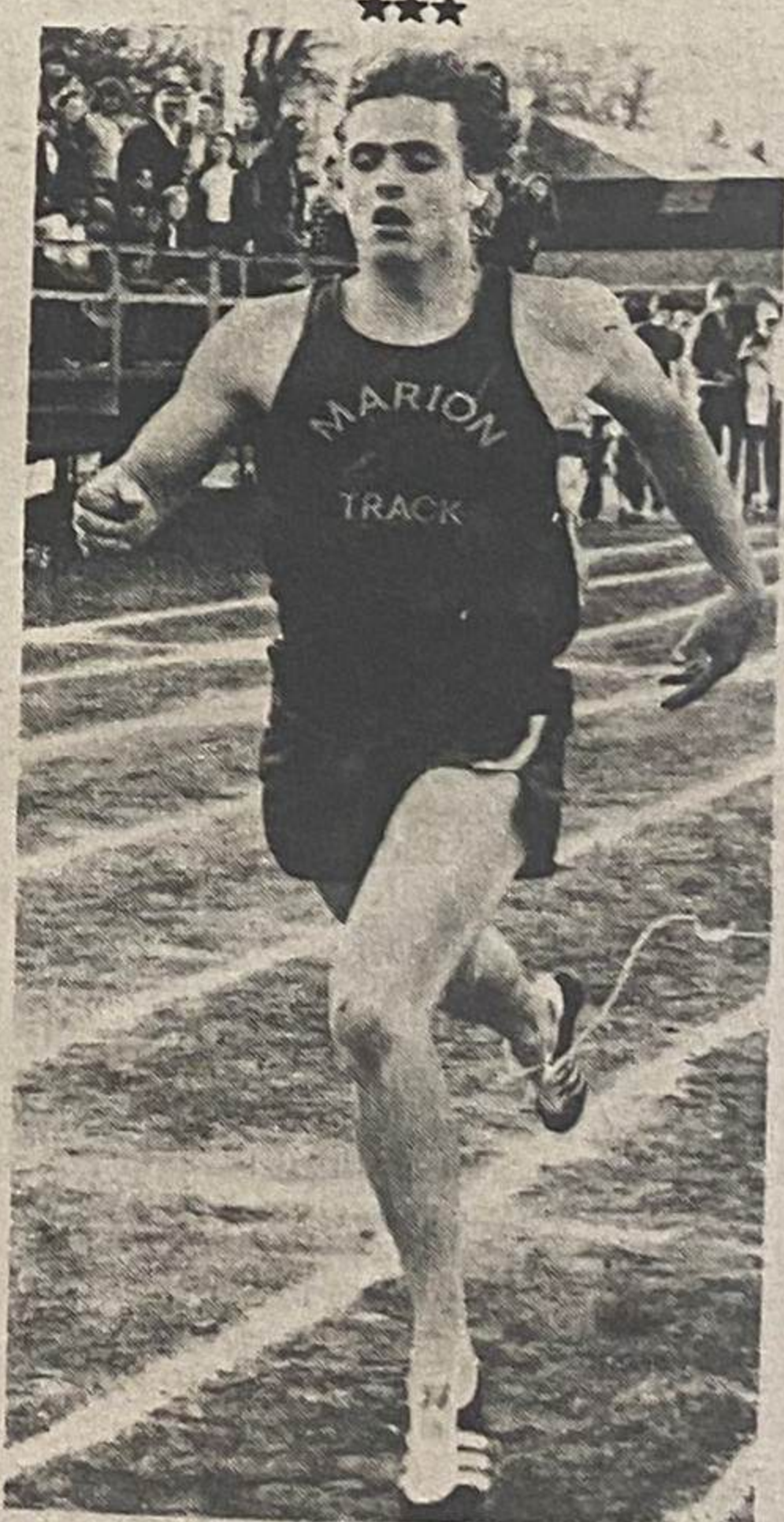
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MIDWEST LEAGUE NOTES...

C.R. Giants catcher Phil Cannuci isn't the only Midwest Leaguer stepping around on crutches! Vic Marichal, Burlington second baseman, suffered a broken right ankle in a sliding incident last week and he'll be lost to the Bees for the remainder of the season. . . Bob Cluck's Dubuque Packers (the C.R. Astros of '73-'74) won a 4-3 marathon battle with Clinton the other night. It took 19 innings, 4 hours and 41 minutes to decide the winner! A total of 79 Clinton batters went to the plate, while 75 Packer batsmen took their cuts. The Packers' Paulo deLeon ('71 C.R.) got the pitching win. . . Darrell Parker, Waterloo Royals left fielder, will receive two fine awards later this season. One will be a silver bowl for being named to the Topps Class A '74 All-Star team, and he'll also receive a plaque for being selected Player-of-the-Year in '74 in the Gulf Coast Rookie League.



RICK FLOYD OF MARION (right) battles off Tipton runner in winning the mile in 4:35.5.



MARION'S DAVE MOORE breaks the tape in the 880 with a 2:04.5 clocking.

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