

The Good Times At Homecoming '76!!

By Lori Milota

It seemed as if everyone was charged up during the week of October 10. The reason for this was plain to see. This was the week of the Marion High School Homecoming. Activities began Tuesday with inside-out days. The cross country varsity runners came home Tuesday night with a Wamac second. Junior Varsity got a Wamac first.

The powder-puff football game was held Tuesday night which ended with a final final score of 0-0.

Wednesday was mix-match day at school. Thursday was decade day. Thursday night the Marion girls volleyball

team defeated Prairie, which was held in the Marion gym. The pep rally and burning of the M really charged people up and built school spirit. Friday, Oct. 15, was the big day. It was red & gold, hat and mask day.

Friday after school we had the pep assembly which consisted of class skits and cheers. Friday night, the JV football team was victorious over the Manhawks.

Coach Thurness and the Marion varsity football team creamed the Manhawks in a final score of 28-0. The great team effort and the fan's spirit

and support really made the 1976-77 Homecoming special. Half time activities at the game began with the band performing songs of the decades.

During half time, our new Homecoming queen, Michelle Fluckiger, was crowned. The senior attendants were Jean Hutchins and Beth Edwards. The Junior attendants were Leigh Murdoch and Tami DeWoody. Sophomore attendants were Brenda Driscoll and Kim Ryan. Freshman attendants were Heidi Boettcher and Jenny Hanson. Congratulations to all those girls!

The football player escorts were Troy Hames, Kevin Lamphier, Kevin Techau,

Larry Atwater, Doug Murray, Joe Ickes, Tom Turner, Brian Touro, and Mike Woodward.

The Cross Country runner escorts were Dave Witte, Jeff Donald, Scott Hartman, Mike Freilinger, Steve Bingham, Mark McGovern, Zack Miller, Mike Donald, and Dennis Deaney.

Saturday night the group "Madness" performed music from 8:30-11:30 at the Town House.

Homecoming activities were enjoyed by everyone. THANKS to everyone who contributed the time and effort that made the Homecoming week a success.



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Marion High School

A Camera-Eye Look At M.H.S. Homecoming



The surprised winner!!

2-Act Comedy To Be Presented In November

By Merlene Maltby

"A Company of Wayward Saints", a two-act comedy, will be presented on Nov. 11, 12, 13. It is a play I'm sure all will enjoy, and I advise you to see it.

"A Company of Wayward Saints" is an improvisational-acting troupe. The company has great difficulty in agreeing on what to do, and generally getting along.

After a few incidents, Harlequin explains that "The Duke of Salvessa", Governor-General of Ceilo, and Defender of Faith" has offered to pay for their return "home" if they will perform a certain work. At first the company is rather skeptical, as the scenario he has given them in only four words. After a discussion, and several arguments on how it will be played, and who will play what, it is decided. The story continues, showing how the company continues to fight, and then realizes that if they don't stop they will never get "home."

Try outs were held Sept. 15 and 16, with call backs on the 17th. There was a high turn out which made casting difficult. The manager, Harlequin, is played by Mike Ryan. Scapino, the acrobat, is Greg Nolte. Leon Durivage was chosen as Pantalone, the old man. The learned Dottore is Dave Wolmutt. Tristano, is played by Ron Pool. His sweetheart, Isabella, is played by Tracey Wamke. Sarah Bennett is Columbine, Harlequin's nagging wife. Ruffiana, the tart, is played by Kathy Welsh.

The play will be directed by Bobbi Klopp, with Edith Maxey and Janis Chapman serving as assistant directors.

See you there!!!!



1976 M.H.S. Homecoming Queen Michelle Fluckiger AFS Student, Manuel, Enjoys Marion High School

By Geri Tritle

If you can read and understand Spanish, then read this, Manuel Vallina! If you don't understand it, let me explain.

Manuel Vallina is our 1976-77 Foreign Exchange Student from Caracas, Venezuela. He came to Marion, Iowa in August and will remain with us for this school year. At the present time Manuel is living with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Larson of 1340 11th St. Back in Venezuela, Manuel's family consists of his father, his mother, and a sister, Maria.

Manuel's hobbies are music, movies and coin collecting. Another thing he enjoys is sports like bowling and mountain climbing. Manuel says, "I like your school very much." His favorite classes are ceramics and American History. What he really enjoys doing is helping first year Spanish students with their Spanish.



MANUEL VALLINA

Now that you understand the meaning



Just one of the many different styles worn during the Homecoming Week.

Letter to Editor

Dear MHS Students, Faculty, and Friends:

There is no greater consolation, during such times of grief as the loss of my mother in September or of my father last March, than the comfort of turning to friends and associates for understanding and help. One could never owe a deeper debt of gratitude than I do for the thoughtful words and gestures extended by so many of the kind people at MHS and in the Marion community. I can only hope that this letter will reach all the kind people for whom my family and I feel a sincere gratitude.

A special note of thanks must go to the MHS Student Senate, as well as the Marion varsity football team and coaching staff, for the beautiful flowers sent. Such a considerate tribute more than justifies the honest respect my parents held for the students of Marion. Also, sincere thanks are sent to the individual students, faculty members, and their families, who took time out from hectic schedules to stop at Baxter's and pay their respects. And finally, of course, I find it most difficult to express how grateful my sisters, brother, and I were to see so many students and teachers at my mother's funeral. Even if I could personally thank each and every one of you, it would be all but impossible to put into words the comfort of knowing how much you thought of Mom.

Again, a heart-felt "thank you", to each and every one of you in Marion, for sharing this heavy burden with us.

Sincerely,
Timothy M. Polk
Tim Polk

ALL THE SENIORS INVOLVED IN THE SENIOR SKIT AND THE BULLETIN BOARDS WOULD LIKE TO THANK MRS. ROWEN AND THE MARION HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE FOR THEIR COOPERATION REGARDING THE SENIOR HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES.

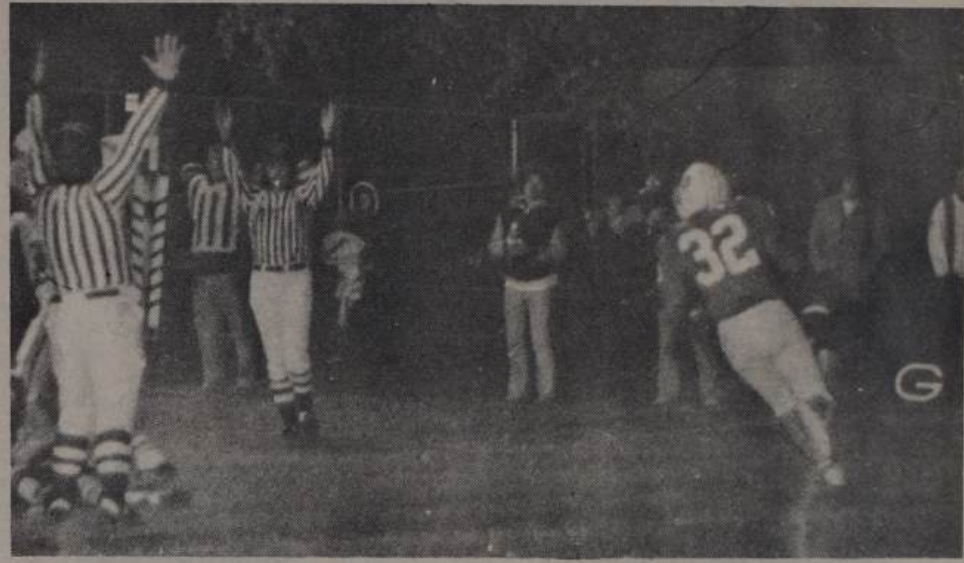
of Manuel Vallina, feel free to ask him about Spanish or just sit down and chat with him. I'm sure he'd enjoy talking and learning from you as much as you will enjoy talking and learning from him.

have a
school your
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team won't
be ashamed
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Indian Gridders Just Score, Score, Score. . . !



Doug Murray (circle) amidst a sea of Manhawks.



Tom Borst (32) circles end for another TD.

Marion Will Host Wamac Vocal Conference

Approximately five hundred students from the conference will be hosted by Marion High on Saturday, November 6, for the Wamac Vocal Festival. Arrival time for the students is scheduled for 11:00 A.M. followed by sectional rehearsals.

At 1:00 P.M. Professor Joe Noble will begin working with the mass choir. Professor Noble is well-known throughout the Midwest and is presently choral director for Olivet Nazarene College at Kankakee, Ill.

The day will be concluded by a public concert at 7:30 P.M. in the Marion High Gym. Each school represented will perform individually, followed by the mass choir concert.

The admission charge for the concert is \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for students. Plan now to attend this evening of exciting choral music.

Practice, Practice, Practice Behind All Sports Events

By Denise Jackson, Cathy Sheaffer, and Betty Ottaway

This is your VOX reporter taking you behind the scenes. Today we're going to look NOT at the ordinary realm of sports, like game scores and coaches comments and everyday stuff like that . . . but PRACTICE! There's a lot of hard work and determination behind every game or meet. We're going to tell you just what makes Marion number one.

Pig pen, two-man sled, pinch, cone, and scrape may sound funny to you now, but if you were out for football, you'd be doing these drills (and many more!) daily. On the average, football players practice two and one-half hours a day. The tremendous effort from these men is both overwhelming and beneficial. If you don't believe Marion is #1, come to one of the games and see them in action!

BUMP! SET! SPIKE! That's what volleyball is all about. A common day at

volleyball practice includes 25 serves, 100 sets, and scrimmages full of bumps, sets, and spikes. As a result of the hard work and extra effort of the whole squad, the season ended with an overall record of 6 wins and 9 losses. Also, we came home from the Stanwood Invitational with a 3rd place trophy, the first trophy our volleyball team has ever won.

Can you imagine running 6 miles a day? Or how about over 30 miles in just one week? That's what the Marion Cross Country team has been doing this season. It's a two-mile run to Squaw Creek Park for the squad's daily workout. As a result of the team's hardwork and endurance, they beat 36 teams, losing to only 12, which is a 74% winning record. Two of the team members placed in the Wamac top five. These two, Kevin Raue and Dave Witte, also made ALL Conference.

We're sure that all the hard work and effort will be continued in the upcoming wrestling, gymnastics, girls and boys basketball seasons. Let's have every one of you fans out there supporting these teams so Marion will continue to be #1!

Field Biology Offers Students

"A Fun Class!"

By Jackie LaClere

Could you ever see yourself trudging through weeds up to your shoulders, just to get a Monarch butterfly? Well, you just might, especially if you take field biology.

Field Biology was developed by Mr. Dick Sloan as part of a teacher incentive award during the summer of 1975. The course was first taught in the 75-76 school year; it has undergone many changes since that time.

Students go into a more depth study of some things you did in biology. They study about animals, and the environment. Some of the things that have been done so far this year are: water analysis, quadrant analysis, plant and insect collections, terrestrial communities analysis.

There are many field trips to places like Central City, to Indian Creek and Squaw Creek Nature Center.

It's really a fun class! Everyone who likes the outdoors would really benefit from it. It's interesting, and you will learn something from it.



"Madness" played at the Homecoming Dance. . . Everyone had a "super time!!"

What About Controlling The Temperature Monster?

By Dennis Smith

We all worry about what to wear to school day after day, right? We want to look good, be impressive, yet comfortable. For four years I have been trying to achieve comfort, and the Marion High School heating system has thwarted me every time.

I guess my telepathy with our school is no good. As a matter of fact, it works just the opposite. If I dress warm the school decides to have its heat full blow and if I dress cool the air conditioner meets me at the door grinning manevolently.

Everything I try to do to surprise this monster in our school goes arie. Let's take an example; I get up in the morning and the thermometer reads 40 degrees F. My brain begins reasoning feverishly, and comes up with this conclusion. It's cool out so our school will fiendishly have its air conditioning producing cold air with glee. I decide to clothe warmly and defeat the system.

I confidently arrive at school, high on a feeling of victory. As I enter the

door, my chin falls and I feel like crying. The temperature is stabilized somewhere between 90 degrees and 100. As sweat begins to flow, I hear the heating system giggling sadistically in the



DUANE KRAMER

background.

I look around cautiously and see that I'm not the only helpless student caught in the temperatures clutches. A general look of misery is in most of my peers' eyes.

I write in protest, can't something be done to defeat this monster controlling our school lives? Is everyone in the building under its control, or are they cruelly

Increasing numbers of high school juniors and seniors are getting their highs from booze, not barbiturates, according to a nationwide poll of 22,300 students featured in WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

During the last five years, teenage consumption of wine and beer has jumped by over 200%. In the 1971 survey, only two-fifths of the students had indulged. This year, 87% were drinking wine; three-fourths, beer. Use of hard liquor also increased--from 47% in 1971 to 61% this year.

One reason hangovers are becoming a common teen malady is the easy availability of alcohol; three-quarters of the students said they could readily buy it--even if they were under age.

Other reasons for increased teenage drinking seem to be:

- General acceptance of alcohol use in the society at large
- Marketing of the favorite teen tippie--wine--in a growing number of varieties aimed specifically at the youth market
- student awareness of the harsh penalties for the use of other drugs.

What parents think doesn't seem to make much of a difference, according to the "WHO'S WHO" survey. While 36% of the students said their parents have no objections to their drinking, another third said parents either disapprove or don't know. Naturally, most teens will end up drinking.

enjoying the fate of the students?

I hold the view that not many people can work hard and concentrate on studies while their body temperature fluctuate ten to fifteen degrees every few minutes.

Lose A Kramer And Gain One!

By Barb Dollinger

Last summer Marion High School lost an assistant principal by the name of Kramer, but soon after gained one by the same name. On August 2, Duane Kramer began working at Marion High School, replacing Clyde Kramer.

Duane Kramer came here from LaSalle High School in Cedar Rapids, where he had served as varsity basketball coach, athletic director, and assistant principal

for eight years. He previously taught and coached at Algona for two years and Nevada for one. Mr. Kramer had once before worked for Superintendent of Marion Schools, Dr. Stevens, while he was at Nevada. He and his wife, Jan live in Cedar Rapids.

We asked Mr. Kramer how he liked MHS after six weeks: "I like it very much. It has an excellent student body and lots of very friendly dedicated teachers."