

SEVEN NEW TEACHERS ARRIVE AT M.H.S.

Marc Heiden



MARC HEIDEN

By Chris Sondag

There's a new face in the Language Arts department here at Marion High School. He is Marc Heiden, 9th grade English teacher, and freshman football coach.

Born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa, he lived there most of his life with his parents, grandmother, sisters, and brother.

He attended college at Mankato State University. There he received a B.S. Degree in English, History, and Driver's Education.

Previously, he had been teaching in Rushford, Minn. until acquiring the job here.

The Heidens have been married four years. He and his wife, Mary Ann have a son, Justin, who is 10 months old.

Mr. Heiden says he likes Marion, but moving here has been an adjustment. He likes kids and says the students here seem to know what they're here for. He also remarked that the rotating schedule leaves him at a loss sometimes.



MARK FERGUSON

Mark Ferguson

By Holly Hapgood

Mark Ferguson graduated from college this summer, and just two weeks before school started, he was given a job in the Language Department.

Mr. Ferguson has four sisters and one brother, ranging in age from thirty to eleven years old. He is the third child in a line of six. He also plans to get married this year.

He enjoys Marion High and its people. (There are not many things he dislikes). Some of his interests are playing tennis, (very good), reading and writing poetry. He likes kids and his girlfriend. He feels he should relate to everyone, not just teacher to student.

Mark Mattke

By Sue Barker

The new face in the Industrial Arts room is Mr. Mark Mattke.

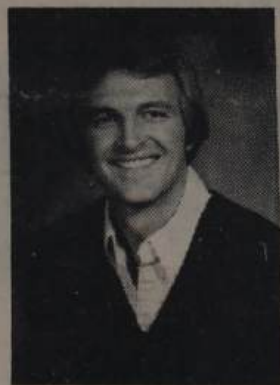
He is a graduate of Iowa State, majoring in Industrial Education for 5-1/2 years. He taught in Jefferson, Iowa, where he coached boy's basketball.

Here at Marion he teaches General Electricity, Woodworking I, II, and III.

As assistant coach for volleyball, he says that it is very rewarding and looks forward to assisting in girls softball next summer.

He was born in San Diego, Calif. and graduated in Davenport West, where his high school basketball team won the state championship.

Other than basketball, he is interested in cross country, baseball, and wood-working.



MARK MATTKE

Our new Home Ec. teacher is Mrs. Linda Fennell, an Iowa State University grad. This will be her third year in teaching. Linda taught at Montezuma, Iowa for two years and worked at a child day-care center for one year before coming to Marion.

Linda's interests are varied; her hobbies consist of traveling, camping, doing macrame refinishing furniture, growing plants, sewing, and working with stain glass. When asked how she sees MHS, her response was favorable; "I really like it here at Marion. The kids and staff are very warm, friendly people." Welcome to MHS, Linda!



LINDA FENNEL

Linda Fennell

Gifted Lady, Jean Anderson

A very gifted lady has assumed the job of being Marion High School's vocal music director of the 1977-78 year. She has come from Colfax, Ia., where she previously also taught music. The remarkable woman I'm talking about is Miss Jean Anderson.

When asked what she would have changed at Marion if she could, Miss Anderson's reply was a simple one. "More participation from the kids of MHS." "They are missing a lot of fun and enjoyment by not filling up their extra study halls with music," she replied.

The classes Miss Anderson teaches here at Marion include, Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir, Treble Voice Glee, Swing Choir and All State Tryouts. She also hopes to organize a Male Singers group and will be assistant Drama coach later this year.



CYNTHIA BOYER

Cynthia Boyer

By Monica Buengow

Cynthia Boyer teaches sophomore speech, advanced speech, and is co-ordinating Thespians in Room 41.

She graduated from Iowa State where she majored in Spanish, her minor in English.

When I asked her why she became a speech teacher, her answer was, "because speech is such an important part of everyday life." She has taught at North Linn High School.

Mrs. Boyer's hobbies include needlepoint, refinishing furniture, and reading. She also has three pets.

Asked if she liked Marion better she replied, "yes". Here are some of her reasons, "better facilities, closer to home, and Thespians are a more active group."

Some of the plans for Thespians include fund raising and a dinner theatre. The money made from fund raising, will be used to buy stage flats and make-up.

Kathie Bunn

If you have seen a young, rather short well-dressed teacher in the halls, and you don't know who she is, chances are she is Kathie Bunn.

She teaches a new course this year, French. Miss Bunn has four classes of French I, and she also teaches the Spanish II class.

Originally from Conrad, Iowa, she attended UNI and McGill University in Montreal. She has taught four years in Greenfield, Iowa and four years in Keota, Iowa.

Some of her interests are waterskiing, riding her motorcycle, and sewing.

After Thanksgiving, we'll have to get used to calling her Mrs. Handel. On the 25th she is marrying Jim Handel, a real estate salesman in Cedar Rapids.



KATHIE BUNN



THE VOX

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Vesper Concert

Set on Dec. 11

By Becky Boysen

The Marion High School Instrumental and Vocal Departments will present their annual Vespers Concert on Sunday, December 11, at 3:00 p.m. The groups that will perform are: Concert Band, Treble Voice Glee, Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir, the vocal All-State auditioners, and the Swing Choir.

There will be music for all-with songs ranging from "Christmas Fantasy" to variations on "We Three Kings," and "Gloria" by Vivaldi to "The Holy and the Ivy". At the end of the program we will have a --well, if you would like to find out what is going to happen at the end of the program you will have to come and see it for yourself! See you at M.H.S. at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 11, for VESPER '77.

ENERGY TIPS

I know all you people are anxious to help save energy, so I've come to the rescue with a few easy savers:

- Instead of using lamps, use Christmas tree light.
- Do homework in the dark.
- Share your electric blanket

--To save water wash your dishes once a week, and take them into the shower with you. As you shower, keep your clothes on to wash them.

--Share your shower with a friend, or bring back the idea of family baths. Drink ANYTHING but water.

--To save on heat, wear your clothes to bed (coat, mittens, etc.)

--Get a dog or cat, they're great warmers.

--Instead of an electric blanket, find a friend.

Do your bit to save energy and enjoy yourself, while you follow these tips!

1st Pre-Heat Thanksgiving

By Sherri Arnold

Let us take a trip back in time, circa 1600 A.D. Picture yourself sitting at a table with your famous forefathers (and mothers).

Roll call!

"John Alden?"

"Here."

"Priscilla?"

"Yah!"

"Miles Standish?"

"Cut the funny stuff; we're all here. If we ain't, that's tough cause this dude's hungry!"

"Miles say thanks, and let's get at the eat."

"Shut up small-woman-with-big-mouth. Besides, it's John's turn anyway."

"Alright you two jerks, quit arguing before the chow gets cold."

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

"All right Big Daddy; tune it in close. I'm only gonna say it once. . . Good bread, good meat, Good lord, let's eat!"

"What's that green furry stuff in the corner? No. . .not you, John, in front of you?"

Priscilla is quick to retort, "That's turkey, Miles, and don't you ever forget it."

"If I eat it, Cilla, I won't live to forget it."

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"It was the best lookin' gutterball I could find, Miles!"

"Better luck next time."

"Eat some of the stuffing then."

"Galloping gravy, John. Kill that dressing before it gets to my side of the table."

"All right you guys, give me a chance; I followed the directions on the box--step by step!"

"Yah, but I think you forgot to open the box."

"Here then, try a piece of freshly baked pumpkin pie!"

"I'm not eating that stuff; I heard you're a health food freak!"

"John, I'm not hungry anymore."

"Neither am I, Miles."

Both men slowly rise from the table and Miles yells, "Race you to the Mayflower Inn for a double roast beef on a bun."

"You're on, Pilgrim!"

Priscilla throws an exasperating look at the table and yells, "John? Miles? wait for me! Chief Chef!!!"

Running even faster now, they both answer in unison, "Yah, we remember . . ."

And that's the way it was. . . really!

Chewin' the Cud. .



By Ron Parker and Mark Klopfenstein
During the month of October a Detroit newspaper had an idea that they thought nobody could refuse. It seems that the "Detroit Free Press" offered 120 families a sum of \$500 if they would do one thing. Turn off their TV sets for one month.

Yet, with this seemingly irresistible offer an unbelievable 77% of the people refused!!! That's right. Only 27 families agreed to suffer the consequences. The response from the subjects was exasperating.

At the end of a month they reported the following:

- One couple stopped talking. After six days of the project, the husband ducked behind a newspaper and his wife concluded that he was suffering from withdrawal.

- One person went from 1 to 2-1/2 packs of cigarettes a day.

- All saw more movies, read more, visited friends and relatives more often.

We at the VOX PRESS thought this study, and the results, were greatly over exaggerated. So, we decided to run a little study of our own at Marion High School.

Although we offered only \$250, we still thought we could muster up some takers. We were forced to go through almost 500 people to get only 50 subjects to take part in this dastardly experiment.

The first task was to go out and temporarily disconnect the television sets. Here we confronted our first problem (s)/ At

five of these homes we were met with the open end of double-barreled shotguns that were operated by parents and students with John Dillinger gleam's in their eyes. At yet another five homes were were chased away by guard dogs who were trained to kill on command. At the end of the day we had successfully dismembered 40 parents, and students, and teachers from the "tube".

Then it began. It took only 4 hrs. and 36 minutes before we had our first family call to our toll-free "T.V. Addict Line." The purpose of this line was to persuade the habitual T.V. watchers to "hang in there". It seems that this family had never missed Marie Osmond sing, "I'm a little bit country", and Donny sing, "I'm a little bit Rock 'n Roll", and they'd kill themselves before they would miss it. We got them cooled down fast by playing them a recording of "Puppy Love." Problem #1 solved!

Everything went fine for the next few days, and then some worried mothers gave us frantic calls. It seems that their children (freshman, no doubt) would run home every night after school and sit

and watch the blank T.V. screen for hours on end. After a few psychiatric treatments, the addicts were tranquillized. We then received some derogatory letters & phone calls from some local book store owners. It seemed that many T.V. addicts had given up reading books & novels (by the light of the tube) and had now turned to collecting old & new T.V. Guides. They would use them for one of two reasons: 1). To sit around and drool and slobber over them, or 2). use the old ones and sit around and reminisce about the "good old days" when T.V. was T.V.

Then, things really got hot & heavy! It seems that many of the students that were involved in the study were getting very restless! They were bored to the limit! They became so bored in fact, that they begged to stay after school and have teachers lecture to them. They mouthed off to teachers merely to have the opportunity to chat with their instructors to the principals. They craved to have piles of homework to use up their spare time. Unbelievably so, they prayed that they prayed that they could have the thrill (?) of watching Biology & Chemistry movies over and over again. (At this point we were almost ready to give up the endeavor for fear of permanent mental scars.)

About 2 weeks after the examination started, there began a rash of irrational behavior. The Marion Hy-Vee & Me-Too stores reported widespread hoarding of T.V. dinners. It is not known whether this was merely an involuntary response to the taking away of their life's bread & butter, or it may have been a subtle reminder that when they get back their televisions they were gonna make the best of a bad situation. By the end of the third week, forty-five out of the fifty "willing volunteers" had dropped out, defaulted, or been driven into a mild astatonic state (now there's a word to look up).

On the first day of the 4th week, the field was narrowed to four. A student who was supposedly getting out of school early to go to the dentist, had actually sneaked off and was caught in a local T.V. store freaking out on "As the World Turns".

It was two more days before the next victim of the "Boob-Tube" was perman-

ently disqualified. Unfortunately, this student could not handle it any more and somehow manage to hang himself. He did this by tying an electrical drop-cord around an antenna on a roof and "taking the dive". 47 down and 3 to go.

The next casualty of the contest was, unfortunately, a teacher-coach. It seems that this educator had spent the previous 3 weeks watching game films and finally his mind snapped. He was eventually shipped off to the school for mentally deranged coaches. 48 down 2 to go.

Not until the next to the last day of the happening did we "lose" the would be second place finisher. Undoubtedly, this was the most bizarre case of all. This student had bought herself a Video-tape Recorder system that was capable of taping television shows and playing them later. We caught her red-handed at 3:00 a.m. watching the set (an automatic suspension). But, maybe even more bizarre is the fact that this "T.V. Junkie" was watching of all things, "The Gong Show" (Now that's sick!!!).

The final contestant made it through the duration. Regrettably, we were not able to give the whole sum to the winner (who shall remain anonymous for personal reasons), as we did not think anyone could endure the rigors of the competition, so we didn't bother collecting ready cash. We gave the victor a consolation prize until the funds could be rounded up. We presented person "X" with a brand-new modern AM-FM CB transistor-radio.

We then attempted to interview the champion about the secret to his/her ability to not watch television for a whole month. Not a word came from the vanquisher. It was later learned that this person was a deaf-blind-mute who had no idea what a T.V. set was!

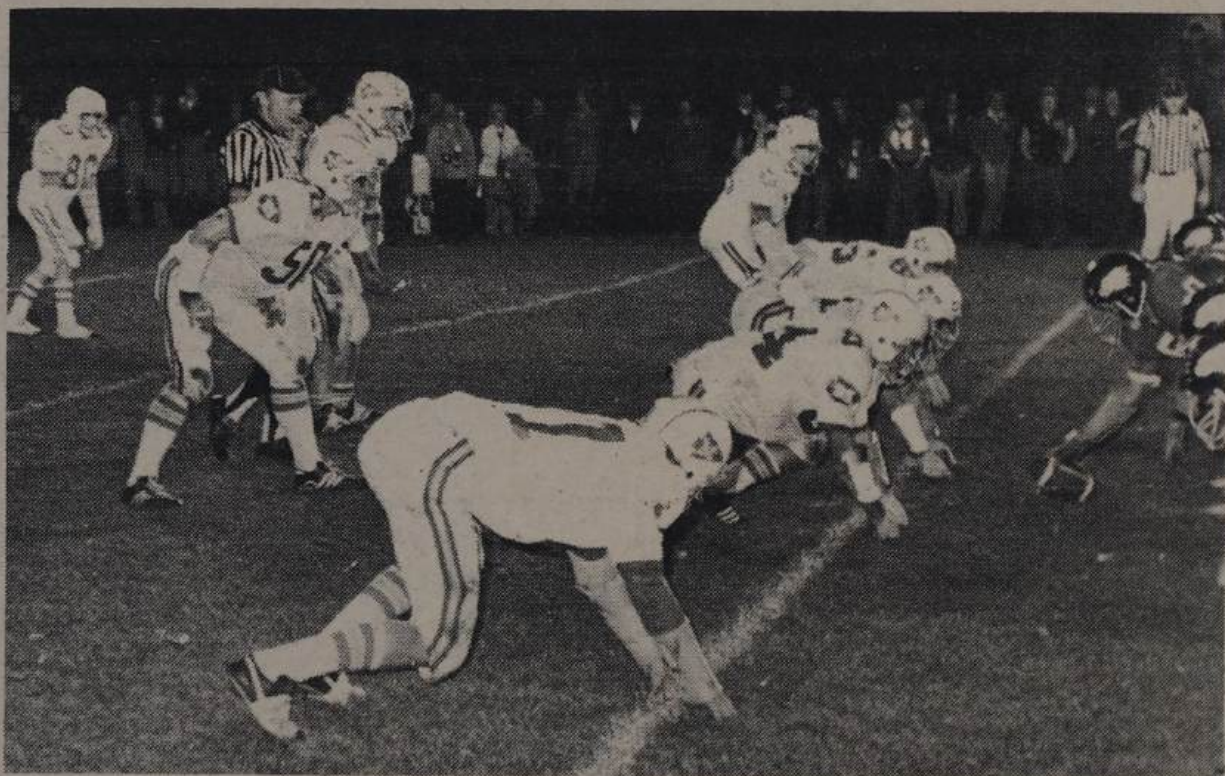
This story and many others bring about the question: Are Americans fast becoming the fat, stupid T.V. addicts that they have always been portrayed as? Better yet, are you a T.V. addict? Could you go a month even a week without watching the tube? Is your life, and your friends life, run by this thing called a television? Think about it.

A Winning Season

When the Varsity football ends their season 7-2, the sophomore a tremendous 8-0-1, and the freshman 5-1, this can definitely be considered a winning season. The freshman held their opponents to 34 points, while scoring 88. The rugged sophomores tallied 233 points compared to their opponents 56, while garnering fine shut outs. They gained over 2,000 yards running and over 400 via the air. (More than doubling other school's yardage.)

The Varsity capped a fine season 22-7 win over Anamosa. The Indians were second in WaMac gaining 1251 rushing and 856 (1st in WaMac) in passing. Marion placed fine players on All-WaMac Team. On offense Greg Albaugh (end) and Jim Plummer (guard).

Defensively Doug Murray was unanimously picked at linebacker, and Al Zalaznik (end) and Jordan McAtreavy (back) were all conference. Larry Atwater (QB) John Peterzalek (LB) and Dan Supple (guard) were placed on Honorable Mention.



"BANTY BRIGADE DEFENSE" (as named by Sentinel) AGAINST WAMAC FOE!

Wrestling Begins Optimistically

The Marion Wrestling team should be very competitive this year. With eleven returning lettermen, competition for Varsity and JV position should be very fierce. Sixty-six wrestlers are out this year, freshmen through senior.

Coach Lbyd Shaffer, in his twelfth year as MHS' head coach, is optimistic about the coming season. Dave Messerli, in his fifth year as JV coach, feels that the Junior Varsity could be extremely tough if the boys want to work. The Reserve team, coached by Jim Bates, now in his fourth year, promises to add more talent to a strong wrestling tradition.

Girls' Basketball Season Opens

The Marion Girl's basketball team, under coach John Allan, opened its 1977 season with a 67-50 loss to C.R. Kennedy. In the consolation game, Marion beat cross town rival Linn-Mar 53-52, but loss in the next game against LaSalle 72-57.

There are 17 juniors and seniors out this year, with five returning letterwinners--seniors Denise Jackson, Debbie Miller, Paula Pitzen, Cathy Sheaffer, and junior, Janene McElree.

Two seniors, guard Debbie Miller and Denise Jackson were elected co-captains for this season.

Barb Hanstedt is the assistant coach and Wayne Jackson is the sophomore coach. Another new coach, John Matke, coaches freshmen.

We hope alot of you students and parents will come to support our girls team this year. Good luck on a winning season.

Marion Boys' Basketball Is Off To Another Exciting Season

Hark! Students of Marion High School. If you have heard a steady pounding noise in your ears the past few weeks have no fear, you are not suffering from mortal instability it's the "Marion High Pumpkin Pounders"! Yes that's right. The M. H. S. Boys Basketball Season has officially started.

With a total of 69 players participating, it looks like we are in store for another exciting year of basketball. Breaking it down, we will look at the four teams and their basic goals.

Healing up the freshman squad of 30 players will be Ray Mensendike. He and the freshman will be concentrating basically on individual skills (dribbling, passing, shooting, etc.).

At the sophomore level the coach is

Ron Mitchell, and 15 cagers. The emphasis at this level is on defensive strategies and skills.

Leading the Junior-Varsity players will be Dick Kelm. Here, attention is given to those players who develop their skills later and to help them be prepared for varsity ball.

The head varsity coach this year will be Dick Sloan. This is his third year of being head basketball coach at MHS.



In ancient Egypt the cat was considered to be a symbol of the moon because it was more active after sunset!