

# The VOX

Marion High School

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## Whether Summer or Fall students are always involved



Along with members of the maintenance staff, Tim Cook and Michael McVeigh got the field in special shape for the Friday night game.



Sophomore Broc Dabling fights off tacklers as he runs the ball against the Vinton defense.



The freshman girls on Coach Reginetter's team celebrate with a sideout against Springville.



The Ponte Vecchio bridge was a special attraction that the group visited in Florence.



The varsity volleyball team received the first place trophy at their home tournament on September 17th. They knocked Benton out in the championship, in just two games.



Zach Putnam and Riley Quinn have an explosive start in one of their cross country meets this season.



Band members take the field at halftime of every home game, performing and preparing their marching band show. State contest for the marching band is October 8.



During the sophomore football game at Maquoketa Valley, running back Patrick Tiernan carries the ball while Scott Carter tries taking out one of the Wildcats defenders.



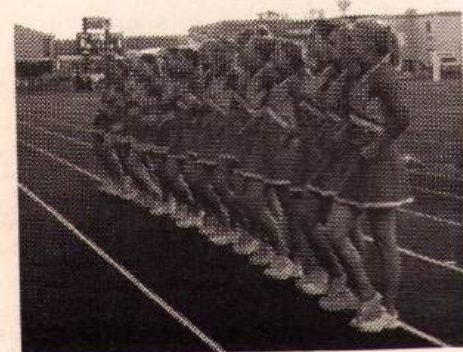
While on their way to Monaco and Monte Carlo, the Italy group took a group picture overlooking the Mediterranean Ocean.



The sophomore volleyball team celebrates with a cheer after blocking one of West Delaware's attacks.



The dance team performs for the first time at Westdale this year. They started off their season with a new routine and continue to compete.



The cheerleaders ask the always popular question, "Who's gonna go?" at the Maquoketa Valley game.

Cyrus Coffman and Andrew Tyne go for a tackle when Maquoketa Valley's quarterback tries running the ball.



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# It Has To Be Said...

By Ashley Evans

I was blessed with a whole page to ramble on about whatever the heck I want. The first thing you should know is that this is COMPLETELY my opinion, and these thoughts shouldn't be traced back to the overall outlook of life in the Journalism Department. The second thing you need to know is that these thoughts are directly from my brain and some words might be created in the process of transferring from head to paper. Lastly, read and enjoy. If you have a prob with my ramblings, remember that you DON'T have to read it. Skip it and move on to the technology section....

## Metamorphosis

Hilary Duff is severely disappointing me these days. She used to be this wholesome gal with a computerized voice singing about relationships from the past. Oh my gosh, what is happening to her? Let's review changes in her appearance in the past few months:

- \* Black hair
- \* Porcelain veneers
- \* Anorexia Nervosia, Lindsay Lohan style

Hils, we loved you as Lizzie. You don't need to change who you are just so you can beat the girl who stole Aaron away from you. You're 18 now and can do your own thing. Originality, Hils. Don't succumb to changing your appearance because Joel thinks you're hot to trot that way.

## Refrain from Pit Stains

I'm so hot right now. When I woke up this morning I was freezing times two, but when I got to school it was hotter than Africa. I swear our school is bipolar that way. Some days I'll goose bump my body off and other days I'll glisten to the extreme. I guess I don't mind because I know winter is on its way and next Vox I'll be writing about how it's impossible to type with the dragon hide gloves I'll be wearing due to the extreme lack of heat.

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## Cats, Dreams, and Flipper

The other day while driving to school I saw a bumper sticker that said, "My cat could beat up your cat". I love felines, but that is so freaky. It's like when you see big trucks with dreamcatchers hanging from the rearview mirrors... and I see 14,000 cars a day that have dolphins in the same spot. Why? Is there some "Hang a Dolphin" organization that I haven't heard about? And do people sleep often in the front seat of their cars? I say we ditch the sketchy accessories and make the road a less distracting place.

P.S.- If you currently have your car adorned with these, my apologies...

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I'm not going to lie: I hate "Laguna Beach". I know, I know, I just insulted 89% of the girls in our school, but tough. It's so unfair that rich kids get "famous" because their fathers make money and can afford to buy them Chanel lip gloss and Louis Vuitton backpacks. Plus, is it necessary for us to get involved in their drama when we have enough of it here? I wish MTV would take a roadtrip to Marion and tape us shopping at Target and WORKING. Whatever, I'll watch Lifetime instead and avoid Kristin's life as much as possible.

"My Super Sweet Sixteen" is so vomitrous I cannot stand it. Everytime I watch the show I screech. It makes me livid how the parents put up with bratty kids like that. And why the heck do they need \$200,000 parties? Ciara is not necessary to make a birthday enjoyable.

MTV, why do you suck all of the sudden? Newsflash: no one likes girls in Versace dresses.

## Stop the Hate

I'm a peppy person, which is pretty much a given since I'm a cheerleader, regularly sport polos, and randomly yell "Hi, Beefcake" to kids in the hallways, but lately I've been irate while in the building of MHS. No, teachers, it's not senioritis. I'm pretty sure that the fault lies on the students of this establishment. What is up with everyone this year?! People are massively bitter and cruel. Not to mention the fact that girls create drama in any situation. Not a day goes by that I don't hear someone trashing on someone else. (If a girl is wearing raunchy clothes, get over it. Butterfly pantsuits are in.)

Perhaps I should blame the underclassmen for part of this too. Would it kill you to show some respect? When I came into the high school, I obeyed the juniors and seniors. I didn't talk back. I didn't even talk to them. I'm not asking you to let us budge in the lunch line (because heaven forbid we can't wait two more minutes for those beef and noodles...) or let us run you over in the parking lot. I'm just asking you to be a bit nicer and save those smirks and glares for another day.

## Football=Life

I am saddened by the fact that we only have three home football games this year. I'm pretty sure I live my life Friday to Friday during the fall season, so the fact that we only get to play on our home field a couple of times irks me out. Yeah, the naps that we take on the bus rides to random places like Maquoketa Valley can't be beat, but I'd rather see people show up with M'n'M McFlurries in tote and hear Mr. Hoyt's voice announce the starting line-up. I feel as if though we, as seniors, have gotten the shaft considering it's our last year to experience Friday nights under the lights. Urgh, it's like hardcore depression.

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# Senior Watch

While a student's senior year can be a fun and exciting year, it can also be a stressful year when it comes to deciding what you want to do after graduation. There are multiple opportunities for students after they graduate. There is the option of going to college either for two years at a college like Kirkwood or going for four years or more. You can go

**PLAN For the Future**

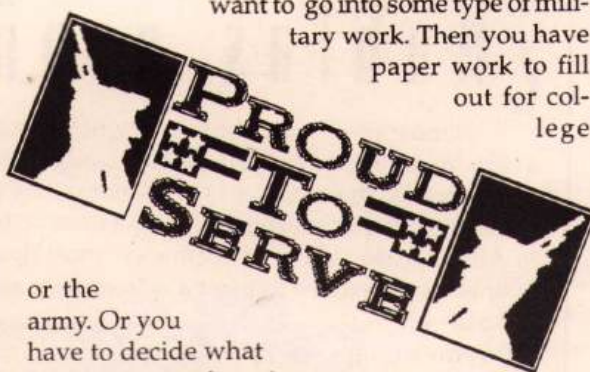
straight into the workforce or you can go into the military. This is a difficult process for many. You don't just decide what you want to do and show up. If you want to go to college, you have to apply and take your ACT's or SAT's. Financial aid is a big issue for a lot of people. This year I have picked four seniors to follow as they go through the process of deciding what to do after high school.

Joey Swanson plays on the baseball team and hopes to play once high school is over. Coach Fish has been sending out letters to Junior colleges in Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri, hoping to get Joey some recognition. Joey eventually wants to play at a D1 school but wants to start off at a junior college.

Senior James Merfield said that after he graduates he plans on working all summer at the Marion Hy-Vee, until school starts in August. In August he plans to attend Kirkwood where he wants to major in network engineering or design to work with computers. After two years at Kirkwood he wants to transfer to a University for four or five more years to get his masters. He hasn't taken his ACT's yet but plans on taking them in the winter.

Amy Raygor is pretty sure on what she wants to do. She would like to be a pre-school teacher. She would like to start out at Kirkwood for two years

There is a lot more to senior year than a lot of people think. As I am learning and I'm sure a lot of other people are realizing the same thing. I thought it was going to be easy and a real breeze but it's not as easy as I thought. Not only do you have your required senior classes, there are all your other classes as well. You have to make sure you have every required class you need, and all of the credits you need to graduate. There is also the decision of what you want to do after high school, whether you want to go to college or straight into the work force, or if you want to go into some type of military work. Then you have paper work to fill out for college



or the army. Or you have to decide what job you want if you're not going to college. Then there is financial aid, and the list goes on.

We'll soon see how everyone is coming along with their college plans.

Mr. Bailey has been advising MHS students on their future plans for 28 years. He has some advice about where seniors should be as far as there college decisions go. Mr. Bailey thinks that by now, students should have their colleges

narrowed down to five or six colleges. You should also be setting up a time with the college to go visit them if you haven't already seen the campus. Mr. Bailey feels that the campus visits are a very important part of deciding what college you are

going to go to, but a lot of people skip that part and don't visit the college. When you visit a college campus, there is just a certain feel or energy about the campus. Students either like the way the campus feels or



James Merfeld



Joey Swanson



Laura Stulken



Amy Raygor

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and then transfer to a University, she has looked at the University of Iowa as an option. This winter Amy plans on taking her ACT's.

Laura Stulken is unsure of where she wants to go. She is considering the University of Iowa or the University of Dubuque. She has an idea of what she wants to do. She is thinking either a career in the medical field or something with avionics. Laura has taken all three chemistry classes and will take two physics classes to help prepare herself for her career choice. She took her ACT's last year but plans on retaking them again this year. She will also apply for scholarships to help pay for her education.

**Career Opportunities**

they don't.

Students need to get on the campus and talk to college advisors

about what the college has to offer them and to talk

about financial aid. Mr. Bailey feels students need to face the reality of if there family can afford that college or not. They need to figure that out as early as possible, and if they can't afford that college, then you need to have an alternate plan.

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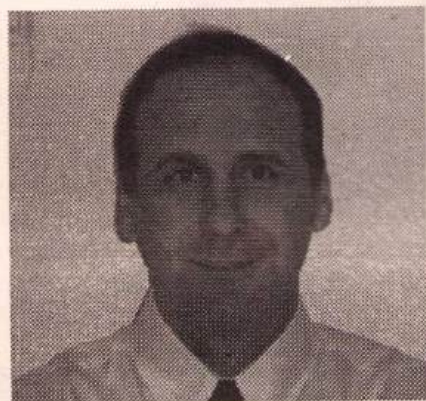
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# New Additions

## Teacher News & Notes

### Second Tour of MHS



Along with all the new freshmen and new students, we have a new vice principal. Mr. Semler fills Mr. Ehresman's position with 16 years of experience in the Springville school district

and also, with a previous job here at MHS. When he worked here before he coached girl's basketball. Mr. Semler comes into our district with his coaching experience at Springville for volleyball, assistant varsity basketball, track, and baseball.

Mr. Semler has made a lasting impression on our staff. Mr. Bailey states that, "Mr. Semler is a great addition to our staff and is very funny. He has a real passion for working with young people. He really concentrates on the positive."

Mr. Semler is from Kalona and West Branch, Iowa. He graduated from Mount Mercy and went on to get his masters at UNI. "I feel that Marion High School has a very supportive staff and great kids that I would really like to get to know better," states Mr. Semler about his first few weeks here at MHS.

He also believes that working at MHS is an exciting opportunity for new learning experiences by being himself and treating kids fairly. "I am very impressed, I think he's doing an excellent job communicating to students and staff," says Mrs. Thilges.

With the expectations from the students and staff of a job well done by Mr. Ehresman as former vice principal, Mr. Semler faces these challenges with open arms. He is confident in his position and in helping the students feel more comfortable at the high school while getting a good education.

By Ben Messerli

This summer a few teachers had great things happen to them or they accomplished something.

Mr. Bates became a grandpa on July 3rd after his son, Shawn, and his wife had their first baby boy. The baby's name is Taylor James Bates.

Mr. Bates says that with the new grandchild, he realizes that he is getting old. Mr. Bates is very happy though because now he can take trips up to Minneapolis, and buy his grandson Green Bay Packers clothing.

Another baby that was born this summer was Mrs.

Paulsen's little girl. This was Paulsen's third child and she was born on July 23rd, 2005. The baby's name is Sophia Rose Paulsen. Mrs. Paulsen said that with one more child, "It's going to be crazier and a lot more busy at home." Mrs. Paulsen took the first two weeks off of school this year to take care of her new child. "It will be tough balancing everything out between volleyball, raising Sophia, and teaching," she said.

Mrs. Thilges, an art teacher, became pregnant over the summer. She doesn't know whether it is a boy or girl but she will find out in a few months. The baby is due on April 10th. Mrs. Thilges said she and her husband have been trying to start a family for three years. When asked how it will change her home life she said, "It's going to change a lot but it will be all for the better." She said a main change will be her sleeping habits. Mrs. Thilges will not be teaching starting 4th term due to maternity leave. Her substitute will be Ms. Yukl who student taught for Mrs. Shultz last year. Mrs. Thilges would like to thank the staff for all their support and helpfulness.

In terms of accomplishments, Ms. Humbert received her master's degree from Coe College on July 19th. The

## ¿Hablas español?

Almost every year, the school will lose a teacher or gain a certain number of students, which leads to a new teacher to accommodate the need. Last year, Senora Clark decided to take some time off from teaching to go on a mission trip to Venezuela. Although she will be sorely missed, most students who took Spanish were excited to meet a new teacher and see how she would effect our of the

Margretz name of the face in room grew up in Iowa and Center Point High School. jokes that a difficult to work in because they

rivals for volleyball in high school. She went to the University of Northern Iowa to get her college education, and during that time she traveled a lot. While in college, she went on a trip to Spain. She has also been to Costa Rica twice, the Dominican Republic twice, and Mexico.

Before this year, she taught in the Iowa Valley school district. The goal that she wants to accomplish is to have students learn to enjoy Spanish. Her least favorite part of the job is planning new things to do each day, but she says it's all worth it when someone learns something new.



Mrs. is the new 52. She Walker, went to Urbana. She it was choice Marion were



degree is in education for teaching. She can teach more classes now like psychology. Having her Masters degree also moves her up a step in the teaching scale.



The Paulsen boys with new sister Sophia

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# ENTERTAINMENT

By Carly Huffman

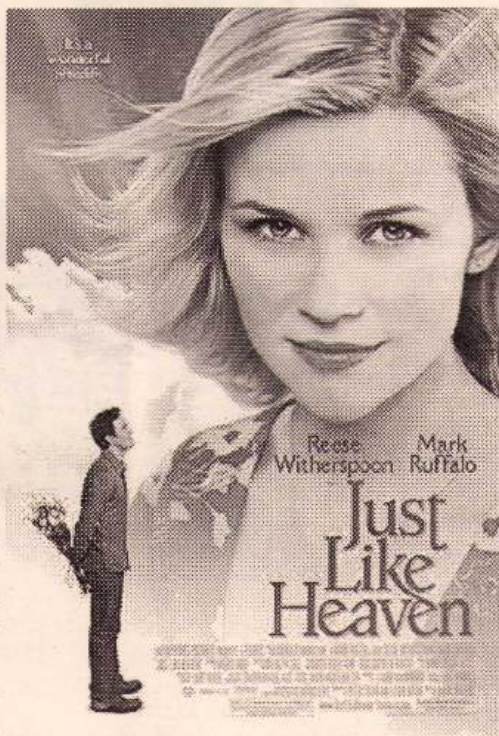
## MOVIES: JUST LIKE HEAVEN

**Review:** Just Like Heaven at its roots, is a love story. Boy meets girl, they fall in love, there are problems, and they find a way to be together. Of course, it's a bit more complicated than that.

Basically, a man named David moves into a new apartment when his wife dies. After a few weeks, he discovers an intruder: the spirit of a woman that only he can see. They go through a saga of figuring out exactly what happened and in the process, they fall in love.

**What I Like:** Reese Witherspoon and Mark Ruffalo are two of the cutest actors in Hollywood. Putting them together was a great idea.

**What I Don't Like:** When you think about it, the whole problem could be solved with one conversation, but you have to forget that fact for a while to enjoy this



movie.

**Why You Should Check It Out:** It's a lighthearted comedy, and if you're in the right mindset, it should make you laugh.

## TELEVISION: MY NAME IS EARL

**Review:** If you've seen the previews, you already know...Jason Lee is making the leap to the small screen. Get excited.

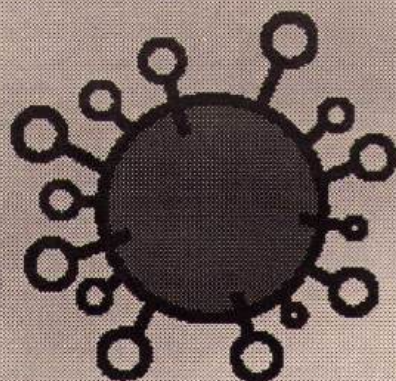
As you can tell by the title, he plays a character named Earl. Earl is going on a mission to pay off his karmic debt. He makes a list of all the things he has ever done to hurt other people. This list includes some pretty outrageous things like making fun of people with accents, faking death to break up with a girl, and burning down a barn at camp.

The show is about his adventures in paying back all the people he has wronged.

**What I Like:** The critics were right, it really is funny. The characters are all involved in the show and all the actors have comedic talent. This is a great idea for a show, because there is such a variety of funny episode ideas that could come from it.

**Why I Don't Like It:** I hope it continues to be as funny as the first episode was. Some shows look good for a while, and then their comedy drops off. Hopefully this isn't one of those shows.

**Why You Should Check It Out:** Jason Lee is hilarious in everything he does, and this is no exception. He has been in most of the movies in the "Jay and Silent Bob" series. If you like them, you'll probably like this show too.



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## ELIZABETHTOWN

**Preview:** Elizabethtown doesn't give much away with its title. It is the story of a depressed man named Drew Baylor and his trip home for his father's funeral where he finally, ironically, finds happiness.

On his way home to Kentucky, Drew meets a flight attendant named Claire who is extremely assertive in her quest to hook up with Drew. The rest of the movie is the story of their relationship, and how Drew deals with his crazy family, his father's death, and a new love.

Orlando Bloom and Kirsten Dunst star together in this one, and it looks like it could be a good matchup. The success of the movie will depend on their on-screen chemistry.

**What I Like:** FINALLY! Orlando Bloom without a wig! It should be nice to see him in a romantic lead role.

**What I Don't Like:** It can't decide if it's a drama or a comedy, so people won't know if they are in the mood for seeing it.

**Why You Should Check It Out:** It could be a good date movie, and it will prove whether or not Orlando can act like a normal guy.





## Cutting Corners

By Brittney Railsback

Can you imagine being in elementary school and not going to the Science Station? Or in middle school and not going to the symphony or Omaha? As you all may know, bowling for gym class is a no-go this year. Budget cuts have put our district in a position to cut things such as bowling, class trips, and organizational field trips. Organizations are no longer helped out by our school district, including S.O.D.A.'s annual trips. The much looked forward to ski trip at Sun Down and Rough Riders game alone cost a little over \$2,000 per trip and with S.O.D.A., unlike FBLA, having no entry fee and only \$1,000 in the account, taking these trips are near impossible.

Bowling alone reaches a cost of \$3,000 each year for the bus, the bus driver, and gas. Last years student



population was lucky to have it, our own Dr. Thomas fought to have bowling last year, and won. He appealed the administrative team again this year, and lost. There is a catch though, if the organization has enough money to supply the bus, the driver, and gas you can continue to go on field trips, but if you don't have the money you will be walking a lot more or not going at all.

Our school district is encountering more problems then just bowling with budget cuts this year. With more students coming into each grade and not getting money until the following year creates a lot of problems. Soon we may have to cut down on open enrollment, not only because of budget cuts but also for the lack of space.

Within the last few years, lunch prices have risen to almost two dollars, however Chick-Fil-A and Subway will not be leaving our menus. Unlike buses and gas, our once-a-week specials come out of the student's and faculty's own money. The bottom line is although field trips are gone, keeping teachers and having better equipment is what the school board and administrative team feels is the best use of the money.

## MHS Opens Hearts and Donates to Red Cross



Representatives of Marion High School present a check to Red Cross Representative Eldon Pugh for hurricane relief efforts. The students at Marion High School raised \$1476.30 through a coin drive to donate to the Red Cross. From left are Gary Gaal, Krisanne Ryther, Red Cross Representative Eldon Pugh, Brian Buh, Sarah Young, Kelly Cayton, and Ashley Vangen.

After seeing the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, Student Senate and National Honor Society helped organize a drive to collect donations for the victims of the hurricane. Money raised was donated to the Red Cross.

Students in room 30 donated the money they raised to the Red Cross instead of saving it for movie rentals.

The choir raised over \$500 to help a high school replace all its music and supplies.

As Mr. Bailey said, "Marion High School rose to the occasion and seeing a need with humans suffering, opened their hearts, coin purses, and piggy banks to show incredible compassion."

## The After Hours

By BrianHeath



School is inevitable, but when that bell rings at 2:45 there are unlimited possibilities of what we can do. Homework is the obvious choice, but it's not always the choice made. An after school job is beneficial and independent, but not every one works all the time or even at all. So then what do those crazy kids of our generation do after it's all said and done for the day?

Let's talk about homework first; does every one actually do it? No, with open blocks P.E. and other classes devoid of the big H.W. not every one has it. Does every one do it at home? No, Jordan Garretson, as an example, spends a lot of time at friends' houses. "We usually play video games, watch DVDs, play basketball, wrestle, or work on homework" says Jordan.

So what about jobs, huh? Where do people work why do people work? Matt DeLany an employee of Nothing but Noodles was prepared to answer some questions. According to Matt working a lot causes some scheduling problems, but really doesn't affect his grades. Though he has gained valuable friendships, he says he'd rather be hanging out with friends than working with them. Over all Matt says, "It sucks but the money is good."

Of coarse we can't forget about sports, senior football player, Eric D'Hooge, was willing to give some insight. He says his schedule isn't really affected, and neither are his grades. Eric said that football has helped him in school, by giving him more focus and helping him become adept at time

management.

What about people with no real agenda? In my search for the answer I have unearthed some pretty weird hobbies. Kristi Brawner is taking a criminal justice course at Hamilton College. "It's hard work but I really enjoy the challenge," says Brawner. Mud running, the simple activity of driving a vehicle through the mud, is a popular hobby among a select few. Gaming and the internet are hi-tech ways to eat up time. Sites like xanga.com and Gaiaonline.com, are great ways to talk to people and micro manage different aspects of your designated space.

So whether you do homework, work, play sports, mud run, or maybe enjoy a daily fountain drink from a gas station, whatever you do, have fun and enjoy life.

Gaia is an online community where you can post your thoughts on a wide variety of topics, talk to people through an inovative mailing system, create and dress up your own character called an Avitar, and compete in mini-games like casino style slots.





## Freshman Faces

By Brittney Railsback

Being a freshman is difficult for many reasons. You're in a new school; you're going from being the top dog in middle school back to the bottom again. Above all you have upperclassmen giving you grief because you don't know how things work. You have to move out of the way in hallways, you are being shoved around at lunch tables if you sit in the wrong spot, and classes you want you are lucky to get. You have many things to accomplish as a freshman such as earning a spot again, proving who you are in academics, extra-curriculars, and in sports. Things you do are now looked upon to see if you are the real thing, if you are right for having a class title, or a well-deserved spot on the team.

One statement that has been agreed on by many freshmen is, "You don't have to stick to your grade," says Chelsea Edmonds. In high school you get to know more people outside of your grade and your comfort zone. You are put in a position in classes to get to know people that you normally wouldn't ever talk to, or they just wouldn't ever talk to you.

Classes are longer, maybe too long for some, and overall high school is what it was made out to be. The teachers are more laid back and trust you; they give you more responsibility and basically let you do your own thing, it is your responsibility to get things done on time, not theirs.

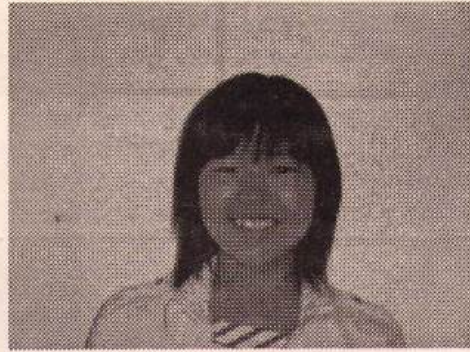
# A New World

by Drew Martin

Think about leaving your school, family, and friends for one year. For a lot of us this would be hard, but for some it would be an exciting experience. This year Marion High School has two new students from two very interesting places. Na is from Thailand and

Tamami is from Japan, only 20 minutes away from Tokyo.

"I lived with the O'Brien family since early August and I'm here until



next June. The O'Brien's are really nice and I'm happy that I'm staying with them," stated Tamami.

Na is staying with the Buh family and he says, "Living with the Buhs is awesome they're so fun to live with. I've been here for one month and I leave in about a year" For most of us we would think we would miss our family and friends, but when actually taken out of our normal lives we would start missing the simple

things like your own bed, your room, and even the

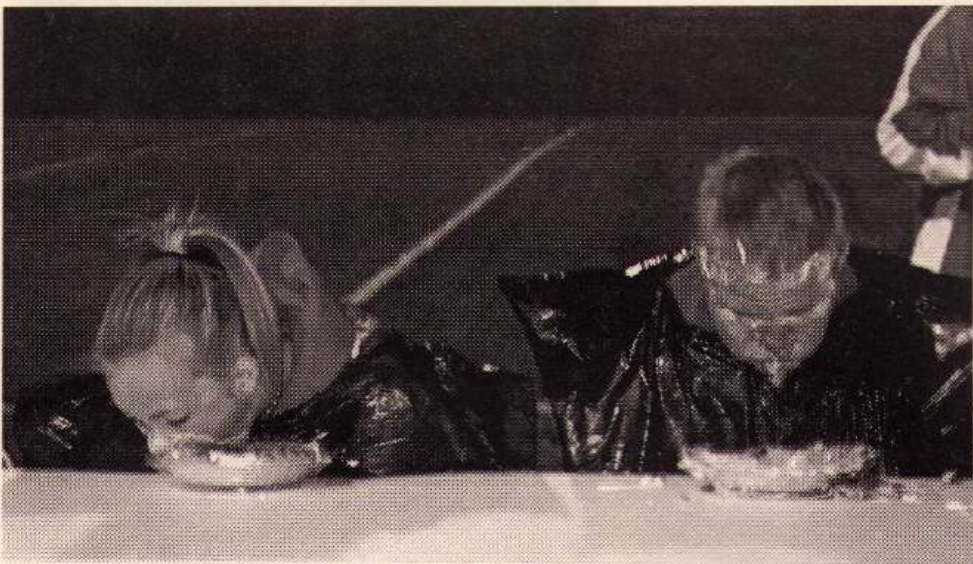


community that you live in. "I enjoy talking with my new friends and new teachers, they have made this change for me a lot easier," Tamami added. "I really miss

playing and hanging out with my younger sisters the most," she also said. Na said that he misses his family but the Buh family is very nice to me and makes me feel at home. "The Americans are very friendly people and I really enjoy the food here," Na added

Even though there are a lot of changes Na and Tamami are adjusting very well. They are making friends and having a great time. The experiences that they have here will not soon be forgotten and hopefully they will take these memories back to their to their homeland countries.

# Homecoming 2005



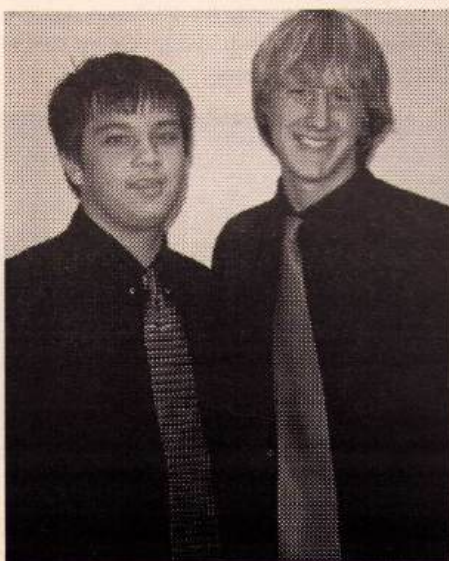
From pep assemblies at the middle school to dressing up for spirit week, Homecoming 2005 was a huge success. Many of the preparations began far in advance. The classes started out by working on their doors signs, banners, and floats for the parade on Thursday night before the Bonfire. This year the freshman ended up winning the door signs, the juniors won the banner, and the seniors won

were doing in their sporting events, the students that were involved in the pie eating contest came down to the track with their game face on. All of the students that were involved in the pie eating contest had a lot of pressure on them to beat last years champion, Nick Walters. Unfortunately no one was prepared as Walters. Everyone dug in at the beginning of the contest, but champion Nick Walters seemed to have the strong finish. After

presenting Walters with the pie eating title again this year, Mr. Zrudsky called down the balloon toss participants. This year the balloons seemed a lot smaller, causing the competition to be tough. Students stayed in the game longer because the balloons were too small to pop. Some of the students questioned the outcome of the balloon toss because in the end faculty members Mr. Zrudsky and Mr. Grinstead won. Following the balloon toss, the homecoming



king and queen were announced after the long wait of anticipation. This year Sarah Young and Brian Buh were crowned homecoming king and queen. After all of the excitement it was time to go to the corner of the track to end off the night with the burning of the "M." Gathering around the "M" was a great way to finish the night off with all of the socializing and excitement for the big game on Friday night.





# The Hot Spots

By Kailee Jordan

Summer time is most kids' favorite season. It's a time when people can sit back and relax. Others don't do much sitting or relaxing because they are usually busy with sports and work a lot of the summer. Hopefully, at some point during the summer everyone got a chance to go on at least one vacation. Many students and teachers ventured out of the country this summer to different parts of the world and some even went over seas. There was a group of students, teachers, and parents from school who went over seas and spent 10 days in the Cote D'Azur and Italy in late July. "I had a really good time. The food was nasty, but the tour guides were tight," quoted Junior Natalie Ryther.

Many students got a chance to enjoy other parts of the United States. Senior Ashley Cory went with Brandon O'Connell and his family to San Diego, California shortly after school was let out. "They constantly had something for us to do. Everyday we got to experience something fun, and something that I never got to do before," said Ashley Cory. While in San Diego they went to Sea World, a waterpark, and a dinner cruise along the bay. Not only did they stay in San Diego, but they also went up north to Buttonwillow to watch Brandon's uncle Steve race his BMW. Last but not least they took a trip up to Los Angeles for a few nights. They got to experience Venice Beach and watch some ballers that were involved in the Nike Tour tournament. "We were constantly doing something different everyday. Overall it was a great first time trip out to California."

Freshman Patrick Tiernan also went to California for six days in late July. He went to Universal studios and Disneyland. He also went on a tour of Hollywood, where he saw the Chinese Theater, Walk of Stars, and the Hollywood sign. His family took a drive along the beach to tour Laguna Beach and Newport.

Not everyone went to California this summer. Sophomore Patrick Lala went on a week long mission trip with his church to Canada. While they were there he helped tear down a dock and then rebuild a new one. That was the third mission trip Patrick has been on, and he really enjoys going on them. "Up in Canada, I had a good time working with the other churches. I developed a great camaraderie with all the other kids," said Lala after he returned from his trip.

Junior Allison Lint went to Texas in June for her older sisters wedding. Allison got to see some of Texas, but she was mostly busy with wedding events. It was also a great chance for Allison to spend time with her family that she rarely gets to see.



Ashley and Brandon's family watched Brandon's uncle race his BMW in Buttonwillow, California, for the Car Club of America Road Racing. His race car is the nearest one to you shown in the picture above.

This was just a select few of the students I interviewed about their summer vacations. Many were too busy to go on a vacation this summer. These days it's hard to find time to go on a vacation. Especially for softball and baseball players. If you have a brother or sister who is also involved in a summer sport, it too makes it hard for you to go on a vacation. People become too busy with sports even if it's an out of season sport, because there are open gyms, and summer leagues. Many students work a lot in the summer, leaving them no time to go on a vacation.

I'm sure even if you didn't get a chance to go on a vacation you still had fun this summer. Senior Shawna Leonard said, "Summer was relaxing and fun even though I didn't go on a vacation. I still managed to stay busy." There are a lot of fun things to do close to home. There is always the Waterloo Water Park, or Adventureland. Some people even went to the drive in movie theater in Maquoketa. There is always the baseball and softball games to go to.

A few of the athletic programs went to team camps this summer. The varsity girls basketball team went to the Wisconsin Dells for a three day tournament. The girls played two to three games a day while they were in the Dells. They also went to the water parks and the amusement parks. They attended the Noah's Ark water park which they

all agreed was the best part. Ms. Humbert also has some thoughts about the trip, "I thought the Dells



*"Cross Country Camp was hard, but it paid off in the long-run. We also had a lot of fun before we ran and after."*



While in France, Marion High School students visited a perfume factory near Nicé. They got to smell hundreds of different scents while looking through soaps and other bath products.

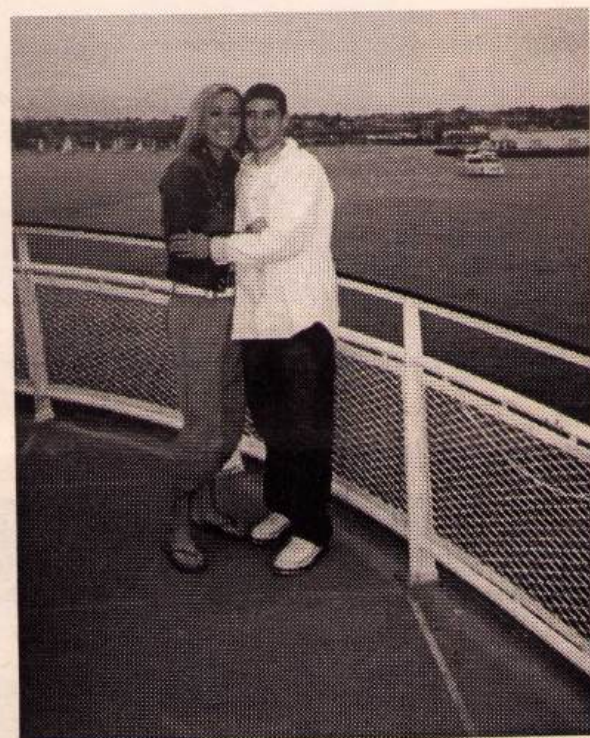


Cross Country Camp was a lot of fun, but it was also a lot of work. Team mates spend their downtime relaxing and enjoying each others company.

trip brought our team together and was a great experience for all. The girls were able to compete against different types of teams and see various players from other states. The water park was a good time as well."

The cross country team also went to a camp in Virginia. They were in Virginia for seven days, where they normally went on two runs a day. When the team wasn't running they would just lay around and sometimes watched movies. There was also hot tubs for the runners to sit in during there free time or in between runs.

Every year when summer comes to a close, many students are sad. Even if they didn't get a chance to go on a vacation summer is always an exciting time for everyone.



Ashley and Brandon went on a dinner cruise in the San Diego Bay. They ate a delicious dinner and then danced on the boat.



The Italy group is in Capri looking over the Mediterranean Sea. They spent a whole day in Capri walking around the island and shopping. Mariah Carey owns a house on Capri, but was not seen.



Junior Allison Lint went to Texas for her sisters wedding this summer. Allison was a bridesmaid in the wedding. She also enjoyed some of the fun things to see in Texas.



# France & Italy 2005

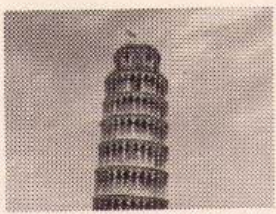
by: Aaron Lockwood

On Thursday July 26, 2005 they set out for the trip of a lifetime, a whirlwind tour of Southern France and Italy. Who were they? They were Emily Beadle, Mackenzie Brown, Jenny Fager, Kyle Hacker, Heidi Hasnel, Kailee Jordan, Aaron Lockwood, Sam Mazuk, Corey Mohling, Brian Mohling, Annette Mohling, Brittany Mohling, Adam Mohling, Andrea Podoll, Natalie Ryther, Rachel Soldner, Laura Stulken, K'Lissa Tope, Jay Wendland, Brad Wendland, Ms. Humbert, and Ms. Martin. It was the summer 2005 Marion High School trip.

The flight over to the first destination, Nicé, France, was an adventure all in itself. The group had to set on their plane at O'Hare airport for five hours due to mechanical problems, which in turn made them miss all of their connecting flights. After a combined total of 15 hours of flight delays, at midnight the group touched down in Nicé. At the airport they were they were introduced to their tour guide Márcia Pires. On the way to the hotel she educated everyone on the culture and history of Nicé. It was then off to bed for five hours before the group is onto their first day of touring.

Later that morning the group hopped onto a bus and drove through and around Nicé on their way to a French perfumery. Driving along the cliffs of the coast of the Mediterranean, the view was amazing, deep blue water, nothing but sun in the sky. As they entered the Fragonard Perfumery, noses were treated to many scents as the students got to watch employees making perfume and scented soaps. Then it was onto Monaco and Monte Carlo where the group saw the cathedral where the bodies of actress Grace Kelly, and Prince Ranier are entombed. All of the expensive cars and big casinos in Monte Carlo was a sight to leave you wishing you were rich.

En route to Florence the group stopped in



Pisa to see the famous leaning tower and the baptistery. It was funny to see all of the people acting like they were holding up the tower, with their legs spread in a sprint position and their arms held up in the air at an angle. It is hard to believe that the tower is still standing after over 300 years of it gradually sliding father and farther down. After a few hours in Pisa, it was back onto the bus to get to Florence.

Approaching Florence from the hills was an awe-inspiring vision; the group could see the sprawling city and some of the massive dome structures, and the remaining parts of the city. After a goodnight's rest the group was introduced to a tour guide named Nick. Nick showed and taught everyone about the long and diverse history of Florence. They saw some amazing buildings such as the Piazza Della Signoria, and the Gates of Paradise, which are bronze encrusted doors that depict scenes from the Old Testament of the Bible. After a couple days soaking up all that Florence had to offer, the group packed up and got ready for Rome.



The tour guide for Florence, Nick

While driving to Rome, everyone stopped in the town of Assisi. There they got to go each lunch and go shopping in an area full of small "not-so-touristy" shops. After the shopping, they toured St. Francis' Basilica, and then they all boarded the bus and started

on the last leg of the ride to Rome.

When they first entered Rome, it was early evening and already time for dinner. The next morning, the group got up early so they could stand in line to enter Vatican City, the home of the Pope, and the world's smallest country. As everyone stood outside the massive brick walls separating the Vatican from the rest of Rome, each person had their own ideas of what would be inside. None of them were prepared for what they would see. After going through security checks, the group entered into the statue gallery, the Tapestry Hall, and the Map room, which had nothing but giant 15ft tall maps lining the walls. The next thing amazed everyone, the Sistine Chapel. The walls and ceiling were hand painted by Michelangelo. He had to lie on his back while he was painting the ceiling so he could have it just how he wanted. The paintings show different people from the Bible, the most famous being the picture of God reaching out and touching Adam. After everyone was done looking at the chapel, the group walked through the crypt where past popes were entombed. They walked right by tomb of Pope John Paul II. As they exited the crypt, they entered St. Peter's Basilica; everyone was shocked at the size of the church. Since it is the largest church in the world, all other Catholic churches can fit inside the basilica, and there are gold stars on the floor that measure the length of each major church to prove that. Inside the basilica is the famous statue called the Pietá, it is a statue of the Virgin Mary holding Jesus in her arms after his crucifixion. As they left the basilica they walked back through St. Peter's Square and left for their tour of ancient Rome.

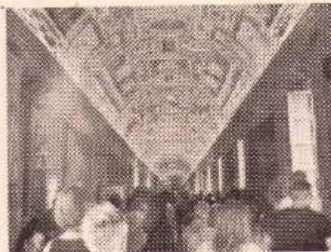
Rome was a huge sprawling city that combined the ancient structures of the past with the buildings of modern times. It was an amazing once in a lifetime experience. They were able to walk through the ancient roman Forum and see where Julius Caesar was cremated. After leaving the Forum, they came upon the Coliseum, where countless numbers of men and animals lost their lives in glorious combat. Their tour of Rome also allowed them to see various statues, historical buildings, and landmarks such as the Trevi Fountain. It is a tradition that when people visit this fountain, they throw one coin into the fountain while making a wish. They then throw in another coin which symbolizes that they will return to Rome again.

The next morning everyone was up and ready to see the famous city of Pompeii, or what was left of it. About 2,000 years ago, Mt. Vesuvius had erupted and covered the city with tons of lava and ash, completely blanketing everything and everyone in its path, and when the wall of ash hit the city, everything was "frozen" where it was. The students walked along the chariot worn streets of the destroyed city. They also saw the plaster moldings of some bodies of the residents of Pompeii that had been covered in hot ash, and charred into nothing. Our tour guide Fabrizio showed us the ruins of homes and shops, and how a person could tell the difference.

The group left the next morning and headed

to Capri for their last full day. Everyone enjoyed Capri, a beautiful island surrounded by deep blue colored water. The trip was almost over as they drove to the town of Sorrento to spend the night before going back to Rome. Some members of the group went for a swim in the Mediterranean Sea, while other chose to wind down in the hotel.

The students arrived at the Leonardo Da Vinci airport in Rome at about 4am; they were all tired and prayed for an easy flight home. There were no problems on any of the connecting flights, and everyone breathed a sigh of relief as they touched down at the Eastern Iowa Airport on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Students rejoined with their families and were home safe. Unfortunately, the luggage didn't arrive till the next day. It was an almost overwhelming experience that they are sure to remember for the rest of their lives.

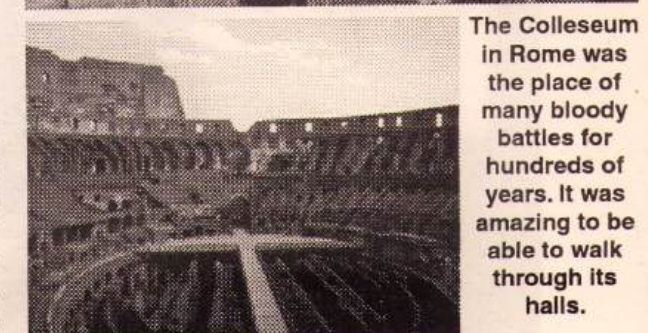


The group heading into the Tapestry Hall of the Vatican.



Cellini's statue of Perseus holding the head of the slayed Medusa stands tall in Florence's Piazza Della Signoria.

Seniors Emily Beadle and Laura Stulken sit on a wall overlooking the beautiful Mediterranean Sea, and Nicé, France.



The Coliseum in Rome was the place of many bloody battles for hundreds of years. It was amazing to be able to walk through its halls.

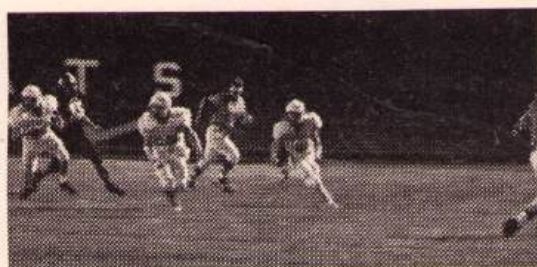


Junior Kyle Hacker takes a picture of a plaster mold of the remains of a Pompeian.



# Welcome to the Dawg House!!

By Ben Messerli



Joey Swanson returns a punt while Nick Cannavo leads the way against Maquoketa Valley. Swanson is first in the conference in return average.



The varsity offense gets ready to fire off the ball in their first game against Maquoketa Valley. The Indians won 41-0.



Junior fullback, Cy Coffman, bowls over a Maquoketa Valley defender. This is Coffman's second year of varsity experience.



Every week the scout team gives all of their effort to make the other players better to benefit the team. They help the starters get used to going against the defense or offense. Some weeks are harder than others for the scout team. They have to learn different plays than what they would normally run for the usual offense that Marion runs.

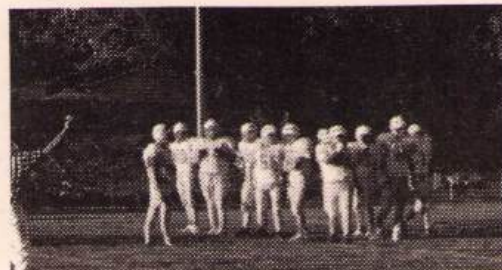
The great thing about being on the scout team is the opportunity to show the coaches that you can play. In recent years, some of the best players have earned starting spots from being on the scout team. Scout team players also earn spots on some of the most important special teams such as kick off or the kick off return.

One student athlete that has excelled this year on the scout team defense is Senior Justin Schnieders. Schnieders usually plays middle linebacker for the defense and fullback for the offense. He packs a load on every play. If the linemen don't block him the running back better watch out for a big hit from Schnieders. "He gives extreme effort and doesn't let the offense take a break on a play," said Coach Perkins. On the offensive side of the ball he is a bruising runner and blocker.

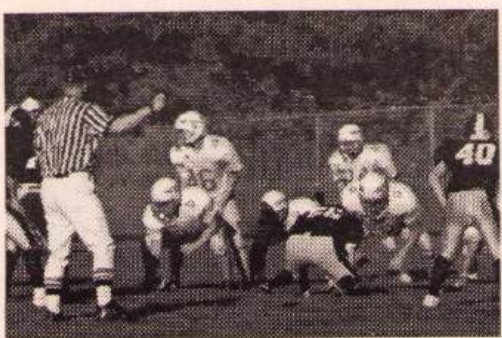
There are also other key components to the foot-

ball team that not many people know about. Most people know the head coach is Coach Perkins, but not many know the assistant coaches. The assistant coaches are very important to a working and winning team. For example, the defensive coordinator, the defensive and offensive line coaches, and the defensive end coaches are all very important to the football program. They are all different coaches with important roles trying to improve their athletes and in turn have a successful team.

A successful team is as good as the weakest player or coach. At Marion, every player gets better every day on either scout team or working in the starting line up.



The Sophomore's await a play to be run in from Coach Fuller. After pulling together as a team and working hard, the sophomores won 22-8.



Quarterback Michael D'Hooge gets under center against Maquoketa Valley. This is D'Hooge's second year on the Sophomore team.

## Scores

### Varsity

41	Maq Valley	0
19	Crestwood	12
38	Western Dubuque	7
34	Vinton	8
36	Central Dewitt	15

### Sophomores

22	Maq Valley	8
8	Crestwood	22
20	Western Dubuque	8
34	Vinton	6
26	Central Dewitt	8

### Freshmen

38	Vinton	0
36	CPU	6
59	Independence	26
22	West Delaware	28



The Freshman team gets ready to run a play led by quarterback Matt Barnd. The Freshman are 3-1 right now in their season.

Derik Daubenmier, Ben Messerli, Joey Swanson, and Nick Cannavo call the coin toss at mid-field. The four captains were voted on by the entire team.

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# Spiking the Competition Running in the Mountains

By Ashley Sperry

The season looks strong, with the varsity volleyball team being ranked sixth in class 3A. Even though the team lost a lot of their key players, they still have six returning front row players and a few replacements.

A lot of girls improved their game in the off-season by going to camps and open gyms this summer. For example Andrea Podoll and Nicole Henry attended a camp in Red Oak. "It was a good opportunity to improve on my passing. I learned a lot of new things which helped me this season," said Nicole. Not only did they attend camp but they also were at several of the open gyms provided. These were not the only players active in the off-season Angela Bys also played on a traveling team that attended nationals.

The team has changed a few things to help them become more successful. The girls have a warm-up that was provided by Velocity to improve their leg strength and flexibility. They also do jump progression work out three or four times a week to improve their vertical. The girls see a lot of benefits from these changes.

With all the work they've done it has all paid off. They placed fifth out of 15 teams in their first

tournament at Washington. They went 4-1, losing to the winners of the tournament, the Johnston dragons. The girls went through a lot of tough tournaments but they still came around and won the consolation brackets at Linn Mar and Washington. The team come back took take the title at there Marion tournament, beating Benton. Their record is now 14-5 with their next match being against Central Dewitt at home.

The girls plan to keep working hard and improving to keep there spot in the state rankings.

## Volleyball Results

### Varsity

5th/15	Wash Tourney
2-3 L	Benton
7th/15	Linn-Mar
3-0 W	Western Dubuque
1st/8	Marion
0-3 L	West Delaware
2-3 L	Waterloo Columbus
2nd/8	Mid-Prairie
0-3 L	Beckman

By Alicia Zanzie

After traveling about 15 hours across several states, eighteen members of the boys and girls cross country teams arrived at the Mountain High Running Camp, located in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Bristol, Virginia. Participating in the camp, which ran from July 11 to July 16, enabled the teams to get a big head-start on their season. About 150 other runners from across the country attended the camp, as well as a staff panel of about ten elite runners from different parts of the world, including Kenya.

During the week at camp, the runners woke up at about 7:00 each morning to prepare for a 7:45 workout. There were three different options for morning workouts: an easy three mile run at a trail, a running workout in a pool, or a workout with weights and abs. Following the workout, everyone would eat breakfast and then go to a lecture where the staff would talk about racing strategies and experiences. Rachel Smith commented, "I really liked all of the tips they gave us. They were really helpful."



Jon Olivarez and Owen McGlynn run on one of the trails in Virginia. Almost everyday the teams trained on the trails.

The rest of the afternoon time was filled with team-building exercises, eating lunch, and relaxing in the dorms where the runners stayed. At 4:00, everyone had to meet at the buses that transported them to the scenic trails where the second workout of the day took place. The afternoon run was more intense than the morning run and was usually four to six miles long. Dinner was eaten when everyone returned from the run, and the rest of the evening was spent having fun.

Over the course of the five-day week, the girls team put in over 30 miles, and the boys team accumulated about 35 miles. All of the cross country runners that attended the camp agreed that it was a lot of fun, a great experience, and definitely worth the long drive.



The girls' team poses after a workout on the trail. Everyone worked really hard, and accomplished a lot throughout the week, hoping it would benefit them in the upcoming season.

## Reclimbing the Ladder

By Drew Martin

After coming off a state championship last year the girls cross team has a lot of expectations to live up to. They have lost their number one runner from last year, Val Crutchley. Even though they know they have a lot to work hard, it's tough to stay motivated when the results aren't the same as last year.

The team has five returning varsity runners from last year. "It's hard not having Val there because she was a big part of our team and kept us motivated throughout the season last year," Alicia Zanzie said. The girls' team is looking strong this year with a state rank at number one. Last year the girls team was a surprise to everyone, no one was worried about the team and didn't expect the season that they had.

After coming off a state championship every team is gunning for them. "Now that the other teams are preparing for us it's hard to come to a meet and surprise people like last year," Zanzie said. The team has placed in the top five in every meet so far this season, which is a great accomplishment for the team.

With expectations high the team is ready for anything that is thrown at them. They are excited to compete at districts and another shot for the state title. If they do make it to state they are ready to fight to be back-to-back state champions. This isn't an easy task for them but they are well trained and ready for anything and everything.

## Girls Team Results

### Marion

4th/7	Cr. Prairie Invite
2nd/19	Tipton Invite
5th/19	Cr. Invite
2nd/10	Cascade Invite
2nd/9	Vinton Invite
2nd/6	Linn-Mar Invite

## Boys Team Results

### Marion

6th/7	Prairie Invite
3rd/20	Tipton Invite
13th/19	Cr. Invite
5th/9	Cascade Invite
2nd/11	Vinton Invite
4th/7	Linn-Mar Invite

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## A BRIGHT FUTURE

By Jordan Garretson

The varsity baseball team had high expectations by the media entering the summer. While they may have not met these somewhat unrealistic predictions set for them by others, they still had an absolutely phenomenal season, without question. The Tribe tallied a total of 29 wins on the season, losing only 10 times. That included an exceptional WAMAC record of 18-4, which was second to only West Delaware in the WAMAC East.

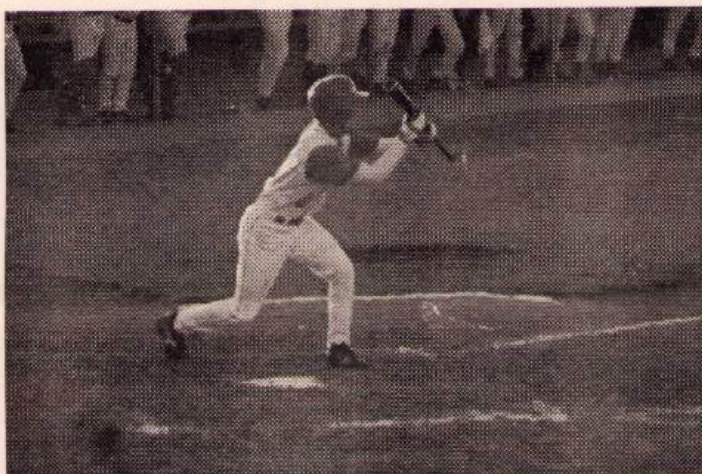
The Indians' great success was powered by many great individual performances. Some of the standouts

included 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman Josh Taylor, who batted .469 and jacked 12 balls over the fence, both among the leaders in class 3A. Junior 1<sup>st</sup> baseman Matt Holland hit for a team leading .482 average in addition to knocking in 49 runs on the season. Holland was also one of the team's most reliable starters, earning a 6-3 record with a 1.99 ERA. Matt also fanned 62 batters in just over 49 innings pitched. Collecting the most wins on the team was Andrew Barnd, who notched up an 8-1 record with a 3.07 ERA. Barnd was also a force to be reckoned with in the batters box as

well, hitting 7 home runs and driving in 40 on the season. Despite these fantastic individual efforts, the best attribute of the team wasn't measurable by statistics.

The team chemistry. They always played hard, and they were generally just a fun group to coach overall," varsity head coach Steve Fish stated, then asked what was the best part of the season for him. "I think they affected us a bit. I don't know if the rankings have much of a place in high school baseball except for the final ones," added Fish when asked if the media expectations possibly hindered the team's performance down the stretch. As far as the final rankings, Marion finished ranked fourth in 3A, indicating a very successful season, no matter the circumstances.

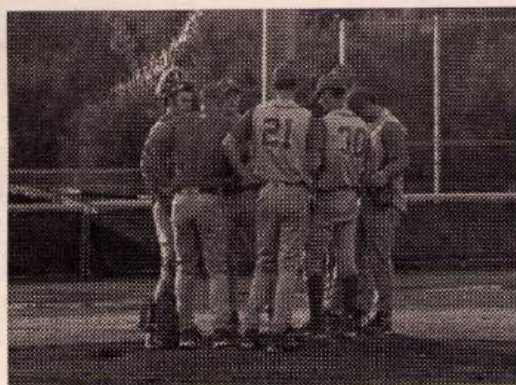
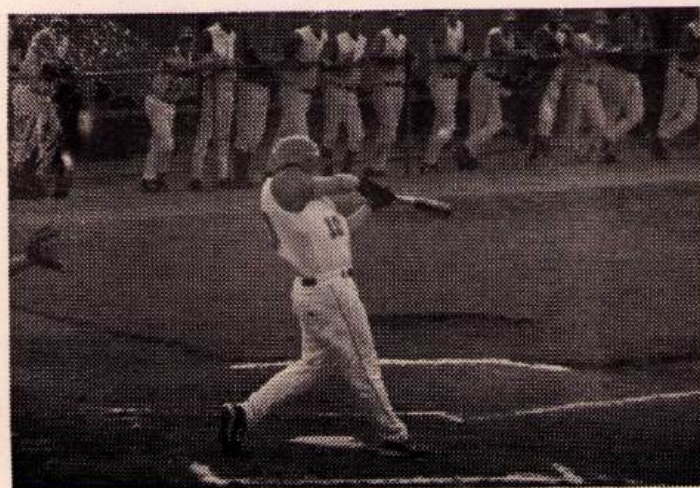
While the highest expectations for Marion were not met this year, all is not lost. There are only 2 seniors leaving out of all the players that saw time at the varsity level last season. The Indians have laid a strong foundation down and they look to build on that foundation with a big season in 2006 returning with a loaded roster, complete with lots of experience. "We have lots of guys that are passionate baseball players coming back next season," replied Fish when asked what he was most excited about next season. Hopefully, that combination of passion and skill will lead to even bigger things in 2006.



Senior center fielder Joey Swanson shows bunt during an Indians varsity baseball game at home. Swanson was the main ingredient when the Indians wanted to go with the small ball strategy, stealing 26 bases without being caught stealing even once. Joey was able to score 59 runs while tallying a .438 batting average on the year.



Senior Eric Hanna stares down the pitcher from the batters box awaiting the pitch. Hanna was a great glove all year at the shortstop position, coming up with big time defense for the Indians every chance they needed him to step up. He was also able to supply some offense with a .402 on base percentage.



The Indians conferencing on the mound during a Varsity away game. Marion finished with an amazing record of 29-10 on the year, which included an 18-4 WAMAC conference record, second only to West Delaware in 2005. Losing only 2 seniors the Indians look to have yet another very strong season next year.



The Indians defense stands by, ready, as Sperry begins her pitching motion. Marion collected an overall record of 12-23, including a 4-14 mark in WAMAC play. While they will have to overcome the fact that they lost 7 starters in 2006, the Indians seem to have a very bright future ahead.

Senior Ben Messerli makes contact with the ball. Messerli was a force in the batters box, hitting for a .322 average and knocking in 27 runs. Whether Messerli was being used in the lineup as a designated hitter, or being very reliable with the glove in the outfield, he was a key player all year.

## On the Verge of Excellence

By Ashley Sperry

"In consistency" is the word to describe the 2005 softball season. The season started off with a new coach, so a lot of changes occurred. The girls had a difficult time adjusting to the changes, but as the season progressed it got better. The team won their first district game against Mt. Vernon, then they played Independence in the second round. The girls lost to Independence 3-5 to end their season. Some players on the team were recognized for their hard work at the end of the season. Whitney Perkins was named 3rd team All-State, 1st team Northeast 3A district, and 2nd team All-Metro. Leslie Coffman was named 2nd team All-Wamac, and Jenny Edwards and Alyx Miskell both made Honorable Mention All-Wamac and All-Metro. The girls were proud of their accomplishments after a tough year. The team will have a lot of new faces on the field next season, due to the loss of seven starters. A lot of hard work is going to be put into the next season, and the players expect success.



Junior Tara Carsner runs the bases at an Indians home game. Carsner was a starting infielder throughout the year. She supplied a reliable glove and a good bat all season.



Junior Christine Mikkola throwing a pitch during an Indians away game. Mikkola had a successful season pitching. She will look to build on that success in 2006.

Senior Ashley Sperry preparing to make a pitch. Sperry was the Indians #1 starting pitcher all season long. In 106 innings pitched Sperry collected a 1.72 ERA.







**Name:**  
**Nick**  
**Cannavo**  
**Main Activity:** Dominating in football  
**Other Activities:** Track,

Baseball, NHS, FBLA, and SODA.

**Season Highlights:** Punching a ref in his face at Central Dewitt, scoring a touchdown against Anamosa, and watching Eric Hanna's interview after the game.

**Best High School Memory:** I was sitting at Eric's house and I accidentally spilled a lot of water on his couch. The only person who saw me do this was Zach Blazek. After about 15 minutes, Ashleigh Derby sat in that exact spot and stood up and screamed. Zach and I told her that Eric's dog peed there. So she drove all the way out to her house and changed her clothes. After 45 minutes, she came back and we told her that it was just water. She didn't talk to us for a week.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Zac Christensen walking down the hallway ramming any kid he doesn't recognize into a locker and calling them freshman.

**Favorite Quote Or Advice To Leave:** "We only have one earth," said Clancy Quinn  
"Go Big or Go Home," said Clancy Quinn  
Don't waste your time with drama.

**Future Plans:** Stay around here and play football or leave everyone and go to Arizona



**Name:** Andrea  
**Podoll**  
**Main Activity:** Volleyball  
**Other Activities:** Basketball, Soccer, and Track.  
**Season Highlight:** Beating Waukon last year in the regional

semi-finals.

**Best High School Memory:** Freshman year during basketball practice we were all running laps because we missed lay-ups. Rachel Soldner was our manager and decided to run with us. She kicked off her shoes and one went out the door. She ran to go get it. When she came back in the gym she yelled, "Bailey I'm coming" and fell on her butt. Also bus rides and team dinners.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Seeing all my friends and playing sports.

**Favorite Quote Or Advice To Leave:** Enjoy high school while you can, it goes by very fast.

**Future Plans:** Go to a four-year college and major in nursing or elementary education.



**Name** Anthony  
**Valvoda**  
**Main Activity:** Football  
**Other Activities:** Choir, Track, and SODA.  
**Season Highlight-**

Auditioning for all state choir with the best. I didn't make it though.

**Best High School Memory:** Going to Xavier to try to qualify for state discus and shot put.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Probably the school spirit, and everyone coming to support the football team.

**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** "Don't build down-wind of a dump." Coach Clark.

**Future Plans:** Vet Med or Chef.



**Name:**  
**Shawna**  
**Leonard**  
**Main Activity:** Football Cheerleading  
**Other Activities:** Basketball Cheerleading,

Competition Cheerleading, SODA, NCYL, NHS, and Journalism.

**Season Highlight:** Football games- being late for team dinner and shoving five girls in Allison's small car.

**Best High School Memory:** Being involved, being part of the school spirit, and my friends.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** I will miss the football games and the school spirit. I will also miss my friends and the closeness of the cheerleading squad.

**Favorite Quote Or Advice To Leave:** Enjoy everything while you can because it goes so fast and be involved as much as you can.

**Future Plans:** Go to a four-year college, probably UNI for English.



**Name:** Amber Scott  
**Main Activity:** Volleyball  
**Other Activities:** Winter Dance and Tennis  
**Season Highlight:** When we got 2nd at our team dance camp at Prairie.  
**Best High School Memory:** Hanging out with friends and the dance

team sleepovers.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** The football games and my friends, Laura Stulken and Emily Beadle.

**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** "Live like there's no tomorrow."

**Future Plans:** I'm either going to Iowa, UNI, or Mt. Mercy into the medical field.



**Name:** Ashley  
**Evans**  
**Main Activity:** Football Cheerleading  
**Other Activities:** Basketball Cheerleading, Competition Cheerleading, NHS, NCYL,

FBLA, SODA, Take Charge, Volunteering, and Journalism.

**Season Highlight:** Spazing with Nicole during the close games last year, then crying with glee when we won all of them. Getting footballs thrown back to us...JK, that was cruel. Basically the games are the best because our boys are the bomb.com.

**Best High School Memory:** Roller blading as a main form of transportation. Coasting down 15th Street in the Buick with Nicole. When Colin got roasted by the fire that exploded. Spending seven days straight with Krisanne, Sarah, and Clancy when Sarah came back from Maine.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** The glorious teacher's smiling faces, the girl's scowls and the boy's over-gelled hair. Singing "Manic Monday" in the hallways. Cheerleading and everything about it. All of my friends and those who make me giggle.

**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** Just be yourself- don't give in to what is "cool" because you'll really just end up just like a wanna-be that won't be happy. Accept things and make everything as exciting as possible. Love your life and everyone around you.



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**Name:** Laura Stulken  
**Main Activity:** Dance Team  
**Other Activities:** Marching and Concert Band, Choir, Tennis, NHS, FBLA, Take

Charge, Competitive Speech

**Season Highlight:** Performing at Westdale and going to football games.

**Best High School Memory:** Going to France and Spain and having tons of fun with my friends on the band and choir trip to Texas and Florida.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Not seeing all my friends everyday and I will also miss the teachers and classes.

**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** Be who you are and what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.

**Future Plans:** Four-year college



**Name:** Tori Kloubec  
**Main Activity:** Cross Country  
**Other Activities:** Basketball, Track, and SODA

**Season Highlight:** Last

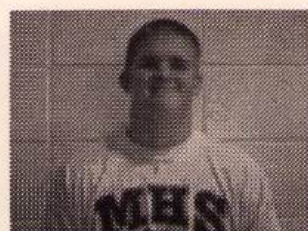
year winning state, it was an experience I'll never forget.

**Best High School Memory:** Freshman year during cross-country we were at West Delaware and Madison sat on Margaret's Styrofoam cooler and she broke it. Her mom freaked out, it was funny.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Sports and friends.

**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** Have no regrets, because it goes too fast.

**Future Plans:** Attend Kirkwood



**Name:** Derik Daubenmier  
**Main Activity:** Football  
**Other Activities:** SODA  
**Season Highlight:** Beating Anamosa at

homecoming my junior year.

**Best High School Memory:** Winning the district championship my junior year.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** I will miss Friday nights under the lights.

**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** If your early your on time, if your on time your late, and if your late you don't care.

**Future Plans:** Go to UNI and play football.



**Name:** Ben Messerli  
**Main Activity:** Football  
**Other Activities:** Journalism, Basketball, Golf, Baseball, NCYL, Take

Charge

**Season Highlight:** Beating Crestwood at Wartburg because of the atmosphere.

**Best High School Memory:** Going to state in football and qualifying for state in golf; prom 2004 because our class made it look so cool.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** The closeness to everyone including teachers and friends - feeling at home. I will also miss the sporting events with the support from the student section - definitely the Friday nights with the guys on the football field.

**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** Live life to the fullest; don't leave with regrets about what you didn't do; don't worry about the small stuff like high school drama - relax. If you're always early, you're never late.

**Future Plans:** Attend a four-year college in the midwest and play football and possibly golf; study either business or education.



**Name:** Taylor Bentor  
**Main Activity:** Dance Team and Fall Musical  
**Other Activities:** Speech, Tennis, and Spring Play  
**Season Highlight:** Getting a bid to nationals in Orlando, Florida.

**Best High School Memory:** Junior year dance camp. Being surprised directly out of the shower with a birthday cake and the rest of the dancers singing "Happy Birthday." I also have a good feeling that the football games this year are going to be a ton of fun.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Teachers and football games. Two things over the years I have actually come to look forward to. There are a lot of teachers that have really been great role models for me and I will miss seeing them.

**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** "Keep the wind in your face and the sun on your back." Always be prepared for your future.

**Future Plans:** Attend University of Minnesota, I want to either major in Marketing or Fashion Merchandising.



**Name:** Clancy Quinn  
**Main Activity:** Football  
**Other Activities:** Journalism, Basketball, Track, Student Senate, FBLA,

NCYL

**Season Highlight:** Decimating Vinton 34-8

**Best High School Memory:** Last year winning the district championship in football and everything that has to do with the dawg house and what the dawg house represents; in July, attending the Harry Potter party at Barnes & Noble with his Harry Potter-style glasses.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Hanging out with my friends and randomly yelling at freshmen in the hallway; probably having to go to Harry Potter parties by myself; with Andrew Reynolds, causing mischief in journalism and even when we don't do anything, having Ms. Martin yell at us.

**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** Life here at Marion is too short to worry about the drama and petty stuff. Enjoy it while you can.

**Future Plans:** Attend either the University of Iowa or Wartburg to major in pre-med or pre-law.

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**Name:** Jordan Crane  
**Main Activity:** Band  
**Other Activities:** Season Highlight: State Contests.  
**Best High School Memory:** Winning Luau king multiple times.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Contests for band and speech.  
**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** "Don't ever rat on your friends, and keep your mouth shut."  
**Future Plans:** Astro-naut



# Technology Today

## Choosing the best MP3 Player for You

by Aaron Lockwood

As you walk through the halls of Marion High School you notice lots of people with headphones or ear buds listening to music, but times are changing and odds are that those people have replaced their CD player for an MP3 player. What is an MP3 player you ask? An MP3 player is an electronic device that is used to store music on. There are two types of MP3 players, hard drive MP3 players, and flash MP3 players.

Hard drive MP3 players contain a small storage drive like those found in computers. These are able to store a very large number of songs, 10,000-25,000, depending on the size of the hard drive in your MP3 player. Hard drive players range in sizes from 5GB to 60GB. However all hard drive players have many moving parts and can be severely damaged if they are dropped.

A Flash MP3 player is very small and uses a memory card like the ones used in a digital camera to store songs on. Flash players cannot hold nearly as many songs as a hard drive MP3 player can, however since there are no moving parts in them, songs will never skip if the device gets dropped or shaken.

In this article I will discuss and review two hard drive MP3 players, both have been chosen on a basis of popularity and uniqueness. Both have the same storage capacity (20GB).



Above: The items you get when purchasing a new iPod. Below: Everything that comes with a new iAudio M3.



### The Apple iPod

The iPod is by far the most popular MP3 player on the market and has dominated the market in sales. The iPod weighs in at 5.6 ounces and is 4.1 inches tall, 2.4 inches wide and is white with rounded corners and edges. It contains a screen that measures 2 inches diagonally and is used to view all menu, songs, and functions of the device. In the center of the unit is the circular scroll pad with the main select button in the center; older iPod's actually had a moving circular pad to move through the menus. All models now have a touch sensitive pad that tracks the movement of the finger along the surface. The scroll pad allows you to whip through categories such as well lists. With iPod you browse by song, artist, album, playlist, and can also make your own list and songs on of 1-5, the the rat-more of-song will when the



is set on shuffle. The iPod also comes with a built in alarm clock and includes three games, brick, parachute, and solitaire. The sound quality on the iPod is great, and that will vary on the type of headphones or ear buds you have plugged in. Apple claims the iPod's battery will last about eight hours, but that is with the backlighting off, equalizer off, and the volume below 50%. With all of those features turned on the battery can be expected to last about 6 hours. New iPods come with a volume and fast-forward/rewind remote, docking cradle, USB cable and a case. The docking station allows you to charge the battery, and also allows you to transfer audio files from your computer using the USB cable. The 20GB iPod will cost \$299.00 and other accessories such as an FM tuner and a voice recorder will cost you extra.

**Pros:** Easy controls, good sound, extras such as an alarm and games.

**Cons:** A heavy hit on the wallet, short battery life, accessories are expensive

**Grade:** B+

### Cowon iAudio M3

The iAudio M3 is nowhere near as popular as the iPod, mainly because it has a very unique design that no other Mp3 player has. Instead of there being a screen on the main device, the screen is located on the remote. The iAudio is thinner and lighter than an iPod, all the controls have been moved to the remote, all hook-up ports are also on the main body of the device, and come on an included adapter that allows you to connect all cables and the charger to the device. The first thing to note is that this Mp3 player is very complicated to control, but after you read the instruction manual comes on and native. When it to feature the M3 dio is ed, it with a



in FM radio that works all over the globe. You can also record anything you listen to on the radio to listen to at a later time. It also comes with a built-in voice recorder, and a line-in recording function, which allows you to record directly from any CD or Cassette player. The main unit has a button for all the simple features of the device, on the remote however, you have toggle switches and buttons that let you hop between menu's audio files with ease. The iAudio also acts as a removable hard drive on your computer so you can put programs, text files, and movies on it to transfer to another computer. The sound quality on the iAudio is fantastic through any headphones and it has a battery life of 14 hours with all settings maxed. When purchased, you get the device, ear buds, a USB transfer cable, cradle, power adapter, and a carrying case with a belt loop. The iAudio costs about \$230.00.

**Pros:** Amazing battery life, excellent sound quality, FM radio, Voice recorder

**Cons:** The screen on the remote may not be liked by everyone

**Grade:** A-

## Feeling the Pinch

by Andrew Reynolds

You might think that homework, meetings, and jobs might be on most of the high school kids' minds, but many students are trying to manage their hard earned money for the rising gasoline prices.

Nate Pickering says, "I have to work a lot more hours to have enough money for gas." Alec Kiburz said, "I have to take a lot more out of my paycheck for gas."

Since we have sent troops to the Middle East, we have seen petroleum prices rise and rise. With the latest boom in gas price increase, some places in the United States have seen prices up to five dollars or more. Even here in the small town of Marion, Iowa the

prices have been over three dollars and may go up even more. So what are we supposed to do about it? Are students expected to go back to their middle school days and walk, or use other options such as, begging their parents to waste their gas on rides to school. The worst option for most students, riding the bus. Even this could be a challenge because in other states, schools are raising the price on rides to and



from school because of the rising petroleum prices. A lot of people think these prices are outrageous. "I'm dead broke and I try to bum money off the streets", Krisanne Ryther.



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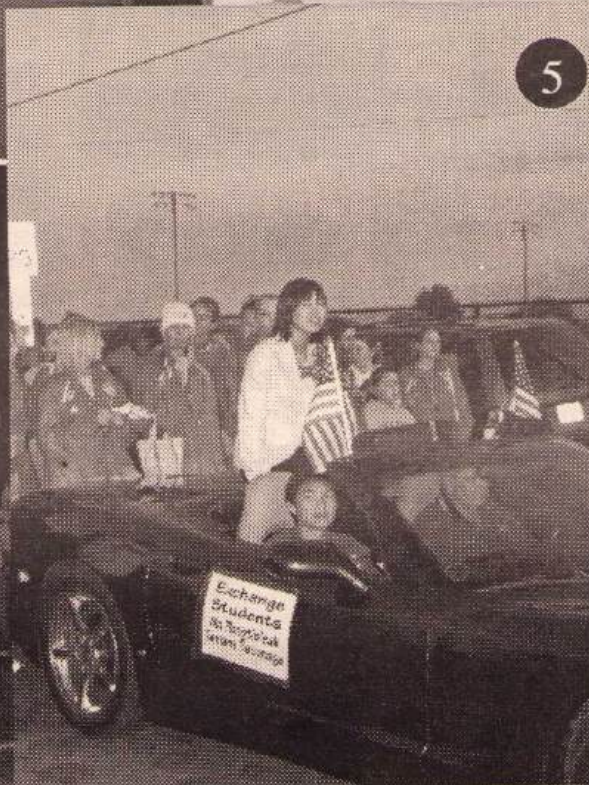
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1. The band, cheerleaders, and dancers get the bonfire crowd fired up.  
 2. Queen Sarah Young and King Brian Buh.  
 3. The burning of the "M" concludes the bonfire activities.  
 4. Derek VanDerMillen slams a Saber to the mat on the sophomore float.  
 5. Exchange students Na and Tamami experienced their first Homecoming.  
 6. The first throw of the balloon toss had many teams attempting to win.  
 7. Homecoming court: Nattakit Pogtippleak, Eric Hanna, Tori Kloubec, Nick Cannavo, Ashley Evans, Clancy Quinn, Krisanne Ryther, Brian Buh, Taylor Benter, Nick Walters, Sara Young, Tamami Tokunaga.  
 8. Varsity cheerleader Kelly Cayton pops confetti during a cheer.  
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