

# The VOX

Marion High School

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## Fall Achievements

This fall has been something that the Marion athletic program is very proud of. The students involved in fall sports all had an outstanding finish to their seasons. To start us off, the varsity volleyball team was ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in (3A) and 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 6 teams in the Wamac East division. After their hard work and tough practices, the girls came out winning the WAMAC tournament on Saturday October 15. They got revenge on many teams that had beat them in the past. The teams they beat included: Dyersville Beckman, Benton, Independence, Dewitt, and Waterloo Columbus. They faced Columbus, who was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in class 2A. In the championship they defeated them in 3 games.

Not only did the girls get first place at their WAMAC tournament, but they also ended up winning all three of their district games, qualifying them for state. In their first round of districts they defeated Clear Creek in three games, following Xavier and Central Dewitt in three as well.

In their first round at state they faced the 2nd ranked team in class 3A, Algona. The girls ended up losing their first round at state, but they all agree that they played hard and had no regrets. Although they did lose, they at least took the 2nd ranked team into five games. The final score for

all of the games were: 17-25, 22-25, 25-21, 21-25, and 13-15. "State was so much fun. It was so loud there," said Bys, whose kill count was the highest (46) since 1998 Center Point-Urbana's Kim Kester had 54 in a 2A semifinal game.

Along with volleyball, the varsity girls and boys cross country team also won their WAMAC meet and qualified for state. At their state meet the girls placed third and the boys placed fourth. Both girls and boys came out confident and ready to win.

Cross and Volleyball continue to use this title as a building block, and continue to work hard to prepare themselves for districts and regionals.

Last, but not least, the football team had an outstanding season overall. They had a record of 7-2, losing only to West Delaware and Mount Vernon.

Along with the athletic program, the music/drama departments had three successful nights, with their musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. During the week of November 3rd, 4th, and 5th, they had sell out shows, while receiving standing ovations each night.



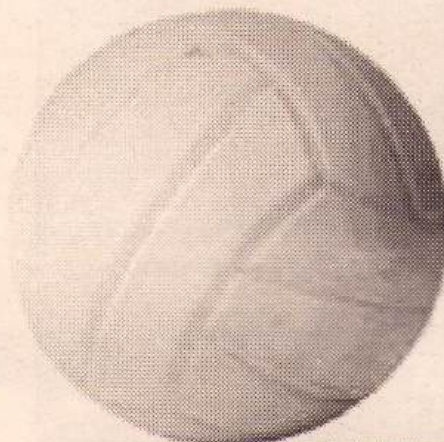
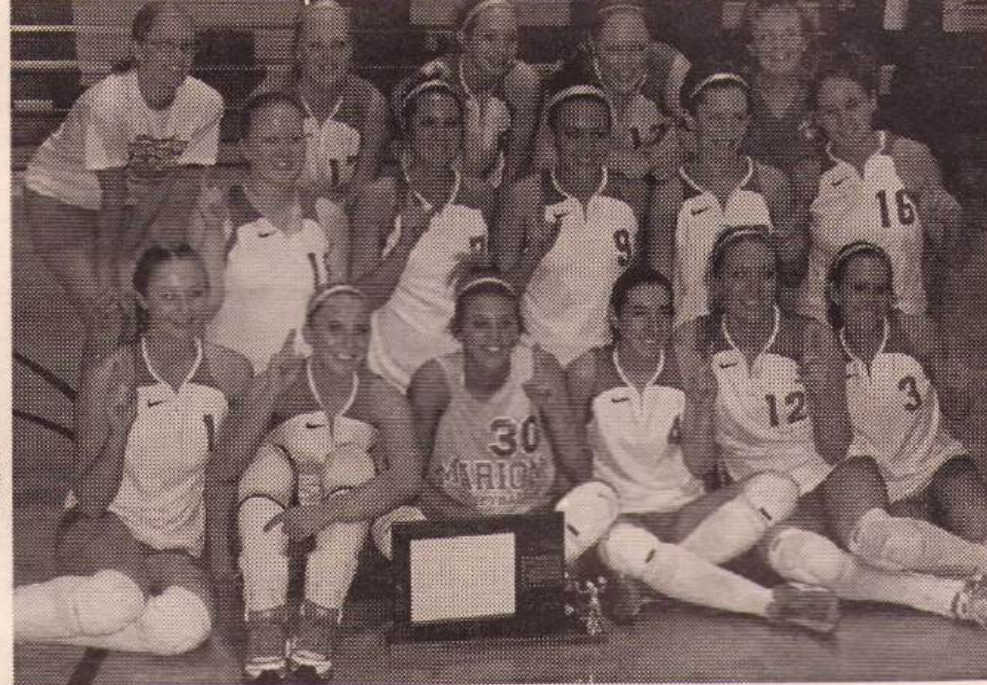
3 sell out shows



Winning season of 7-2



WAMAC Champions and Class 3A State Qualifiers



WAMAC Champions, 3rd place at State



WAMAC Champions, 4th place at State

OH MY GARSH.

By Ashley Evans

This Friday, the fourth Harry Potter movie comes out. At midnight, Thursday night, thousands of hardcore Harry fans will be lining up to view one of the best movies of the year. Duels will occur and He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named, (aka Voldy), will return to full power, only to attack in the fifth book and plot in the sixth.

This movie will depress my body. Dumbledore is dead, and although we know it, Hermione, Ron, and Hagrids are in for quite a shock two movies from now.

But the reason this is going to be the bomb.com? Well, it's going to be darker and scarier (it has a PG-13 rating) and it's one of the best books of the series.

I was talking to a college friend of mine the other day online and he mentioned "The Goblet of Fire". I sent him a link to www.mugglenet.com, a favorite bookmark of mine. It was created by some homeschooled kid who loves HP as much as me. If you aren't a devoted fan, I advise not typing that in your browser. If you are currently living for the seventh and final book, go there, and go there now. It has some of the deepest editorials I've ever read in my life, deeper than the fantastic ones we read in AP English. (I mean that Mrs. Braun!!) It also keeps me updated on anything and everything Harry Potter related.

So if you randomly scream "Expelliarmus" in the hallways, go get in line now. I'll already be waiting.

Do any of you ever listen to 104.5 on the radio? Lately I've been too lazy to switch my dial so my ears are on constant soft rock alert. Honestly, though, I'm getting really sick of rap this and rap that, not to mention the 78 plays of Kelly Clarkson an hour and Green Day/Fallout Boy attacks. I like those folks, but goodness gracious, it gets old after 300 plays.

First of all, any station that plays old Backstreet Boys music is a winner. (Please don't even try to deny that you aren't a fan.) Second of all, music from Whitney Houston, Ace of Base, and Mariah Carey (her early work) are croon worthy.

Plus, Delilah at 8 P.M. makes my night so much more relaxing.

Dear Couples of the School, Heard Around the School...

You have messed up relationships. I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but if you break up every 12 minutes and then get back together, it's not a relationship, or at least not a healthy one. I know for a fact that I'm not the only one fed up with you either. When you cause drama day after day, it gets so old. I don't see how you can break up and then get back together three days later, then have the process start all over again. If you get sick of each other that much, then DON'T DATE! Spare us all the annoyingness and get something else to do.

P.S.- If you are all over another boy or girl, chances are you're a lousy boyfriend/girlfriend.

I can finally give eprops to MTV. After months of cringing while watching SICK shows like Laguna and Sweet Sixteen, I can finally take pleasure in a new show, "Score". If you haven't seen the show hosted by hobbit look-a-like Ryan Caberra, it's about two girls or guys who write a song and lyrics to win over a contestant's heart. The contestant picks them based on the song and lyrics, NOT by their looks (thank heavens).

Basically the songs that people make are wicked good because they only have eight hours. They also have to include four random words that the contestant picks, like "pinball" or "bonfire". I giggle everytime I see this show.

There was a girl from Des Moines on an episode...and she was an evil girl times two. She acted like she was the bomb.com and that the other girl was white trash compared to her. I felt bad for our state. I seriously think that people were yelling at her to go eat some corn and to get off the stage.

Anyways, watch this show to redeem yourself from the brain damage Laguna will cause you.

"Can you only be possessed by the devil if you are a bad person?"

"I like your eyeshadow."  
"Thanks, my eyelids are like canvases and I just paint."

"That's my anti-drug...  
running into car mirrors."

"Ugh, what did you do to your head?!"

"I think I was born an elf."

"Your face reminds me of a sprinkler head."

"What would you say if I didn't have thumbs?"

"I would call you Brian Buh."

"I'm making shirts that say,  
"This year we Charazarded it up!""

Hmmm. Apparently Hilary Duff really has gone anorexic. She's so tiny it makes me vomit. This leads me to the fact that EVERYONE is going anorexic. Famous people are lowering their BMI's like no other. I guess they go on freaky diets and hire personal trainers. RIIGHT. The truth: they don't eat.

It's so disgusting. I have to eat at least seven meals a day or I am starved. I'm so SICK of hearing girls around school saying, "I need to eat less" or "I'm so fat". Duh. We are teenage kids. We can eat whatever the heck we want and half of us will lose weight from doing it.

The holidays are approaching and I'm assigning homework to feed our faces with turkey and pie. Do it, and trust me, you'll still fit into your size two jeans.

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# Senior Watch : Where's the money?

## Fastweb.com

By Kailee Jordan

First thing that comes to mind when you think about college might be freedom from your parents, or living on your own and doing what you want when you want. But for a lot of people, along with those things comes the burden of having to pay for their college education. State schools are cheaper but still cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000 a year. Private colleges cost a lot more than state schools, ranging anywhere from \$20,000 up to \$30,000 a year.

*There are so many ways to pay for college!*

There are pro's and con's to going to private and state colleges. Private colleges such as Mount Mercy and Coe are smaller and teachers have more one on one time with the students. The bad thing

is that it costs a lot more than a state college.

Amy Ragor plans on saving all her money and applying for scholarships to pay for her college education.

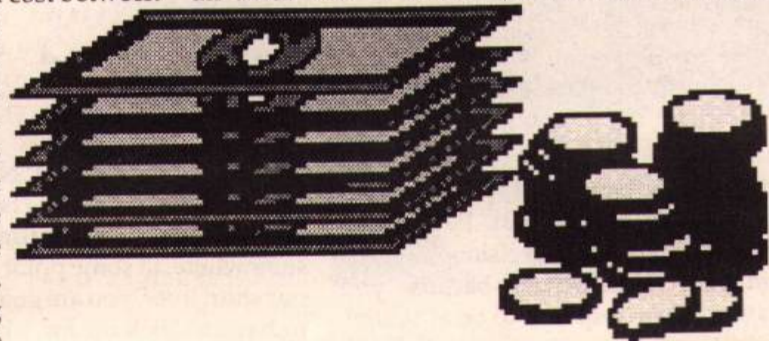
There is a website where you can go and it will tell you all of the scholarships you are available for. First you have to fill out information about yourself, and then it comes up with all these lists of what

with her parents help and hopefully scholarships.

James Merfeld plans on paying for college with student loans and working to earn money.

Joey Swanson plans on paying for college with the help of his parents, unless he can get scholarships.

There are a lot of ways to pay for college, you just have to decide



scholarships you can receive. The website

what works best for you and how you want to pay for it. With a student loan you borrow money and then pay it back later. Saying that you don't have enough money to go to college is a lie because with all of the scholarships out there and the student loans, surely you can find some way to pay for it.

Laura Stulken plans to pay for college

College is coming, no matter if you are a senior or a freshmen, it IS coming. The biggest problem that every student and their family will face is the problem of getting money to pay for that life-changing degree. The best way to afford college is not if your parents are "loaded," but instead looking toward scholarships to help chip away, piece by piece to make life easier for you. Besides, who doesn't like free money?

Let me introduce you to a wonderful website called fastweb.com. "What?" "How can a website help me pay for college?" It is simple. This isn't just any website, this website is your gateway to over 1.3 million scholarship opportunities. Most of them are offered by different companies if you meet the criteria, and can be anything from \$50 to \$100,000 scholarships. Oh, I also forgot to mention that this costs you NOTHING.

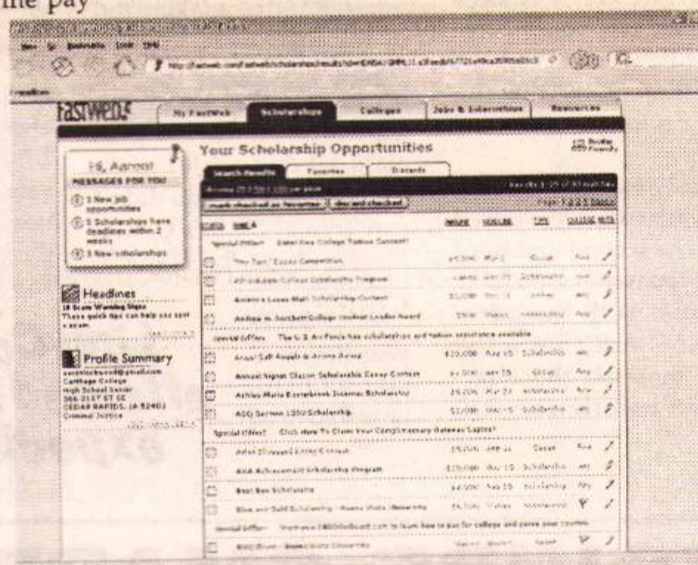
To plug into this scholarship network, all you have to do is go to www.fastweb.com; on the main page there is a button you click on to sign-up to become part of FastWeb. You will need to fill out 4 pages of questions about yourself ranging from your family heritage to your desired college major, and any colleges you are interested in. After you fill out these online forms, you will be taken to "inbox" where

it will list every single scholarship that you are eligible for. Most of these scholarships require the student to right an essay or get a letter of recommendation from a teacher or adult. You can organize your results according to monetary amount, due date, or alphabetically. Clicking on each item takes you to an in-depth page that shows what needs to be done to win the scholarship, the final sign-up date,

and the website link for the company that is offering the money.

It would be stupid to not at least take a look to see what is being offered to you. Do you really want to be paying off college for the 10-20 years after you have graduated? I believe it is worth 20 minutes of your time, it can change your whole future.

This is the main scholarship inbox, it displays all the scholarships that you are eligible for based on your personal background, educational history, or family heritage. They can be listed by due date, monetary amount, or alphabetically.



## How are you paying for college?

*"My college education is paid for. I have a full scholarship to any college of my choice. It is a tribal scholarship!" - Ryan Garman*

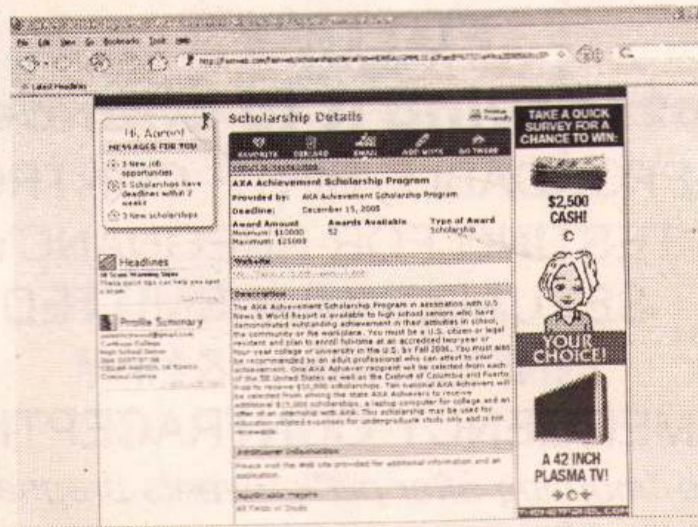


*"I plan on asking my family members for help with paying for college. I will get a job and help pay for it also!" - Jesse Kirk*

*"I will pay for college with work money and my parents help. Hopefully I get a lot of money at my graduation party too!" - Heather Rowe*



*"I plan on paying for college by marrying a rich old lady that's about to croak. Then I'll be set for college AND life!" - Joe Samuelson*



## School Problems... Are You Contributing?

By Brittney Railsback

High school is a place to get an education, get involved in sports, music, or other extracurricular activities. This stands true to about 85% of our school's student body population. For the other 15%, Marion High School serves as a place to steal things, deal drugs, do drugs, get drunk, or get into fights.

So far this year, fights are seemingly Marion High School's main problem. Even though it may seem more of a problem than last year, it isn't; at least thus far. For the 2004-2005 school year there was a total of 21 fights. So far this year, there has been six. If we continue at this rate, we will have more than last year. Three of those fights involved one certain student, and that student is no longer attending MHS.

Last year's first offense punishment you were talked to. On the second and third offense you were suspended, sometimes with the attendance of D.A.R.T. for a few days. Obviously those tactics didn't work. D.A.R.T.

is not looked upon as a punishment, but rather a good thing. Suspension is just extra sleeping time because you get out

your first offense, and in some way or another, the Marion Police Department may get involved.

You are no longer going to get a slap on the wrist. "Fighting is assault, and it can

year.

Some things you also may be seeing more of this year is the Marion PD pulling up sometime during the

the drug dogs' rounds, nothing was found. Not in lockers, classrooms, or in the parking lot.

People are going to fight no matter what. People are going to smoke weed and drink alco-

hol no matter what. It's how you present yourself and deal with the situations that you are put in. It's how you stand up for yourself and what you believe in

that will change things. Not every time is "someone else" going to do it. Sometime, somewhere, at some point in our short lives, you are going to have to stick up for what is right.

Whether you are backed up by your "friends" or not, you will always have the satisfaction of proving someone wrong and making something right. Step it up. Prove yourself. Prove who you are. Prove what you yearn to be. You won't get anywhere by having "someone else" make a right while you let it be wrong.



of school until your time is served, and while you are at D.A.R.T you do homework, run a few laps, and get a few good laughs with the other "bad kids" that are being punished while making fun of the instructor. "It was stupid, you had to do a lot of pushups. Plus, you didn't learn much. It was like gym class all day with breaks for homework if you didn't run enough," says Colton Warner about the D.A.R.T. program.

This year, however, you will still be talked to on

not be tolerated," says new disciplinarian Mr. Semler. Of course, depending on the degree to which the fight was carried, how much damage was done, and the situation, comes into play.

Good conduct violations have also been a part of kids getting into trouble this year. Overall there were 25 for the 2004-2005 school year. This year, so far, there have only been five. At the same rate there will be a reduction of five violations for this school

school day. Yes, part of it is fights, but there is more to it than that. People can make bad decisions over the weekend and because you are required to be at school, they can pick you up here. With the apparent majority of negative things that have happened this year, there have also been some great improvements.

During one of the drug dogs' visits last year, the dog pointed out eight cars alone that had things such as marijuana or cigarettes in them.

On the other hand, this year during one of

**Linn County had 238 drug-affected kids in 2004, and is expecting 250 this year.**

**5 students arrested so far this year; 2 were non-school related.**



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## ENTERTAINMENT

By Carly Huffman

MOVIES:  
SAW II

**Review:** When you walk into a movie with the tagline: "Oh yes, there will be blood," you have to know what you're getting into. Obviously, this is the sequel to *Saw* and if you hated that one, I wouldn't recommend this one. The basic storyline is about a group of eight people that find themselves in a house together with a mysterious person who calls himself "Jigsaw" watching their every move. Jigsaw has a game, and these eight strangers have to play it if they want to survive.

It's rated R, so some of my younger readers may not be able to attend without adult supervision, but if you are looking for a good scare around Halloween time, this will fill that need.

**What I Like:** Horror movies are pretty much my life, so I loved every second of it



**What I Don't Like:** I like everything, but it probably could have a deeper plot

**Why You Should Check It Out:** If you're in the mood for a gorey scare, this will satisfy that.

TELEVISION:  
SCRUBS

**Review:** During my search for a replacement comedy for *Friends*, I stumbled upon the 7 button on my remote and found *Scrubs*. I realize that I am a little late to the party, because it was in its 5th season on NBC. Better late than never.

The show is about a group of new doctors in a hospital, and their daily adventures with each other. Each week, a new moral is learned through the life of the main character, J.D., his best friend Turk,

and on-again off-again crush Elliot.

**What I like:** It's witty and clever and it finds a new way to make me laugh each week. The characters are well developed and unique.

**What I don't like:** There are a lot of un-needed guest stars that take attention away from the main characters.

**Why you should check it out:** It is really, truly funny. I'll give you a money-back guarantee that it will put a big smile on your face.

HARRY POTTER AND  
THE GOBLET OF FIRE

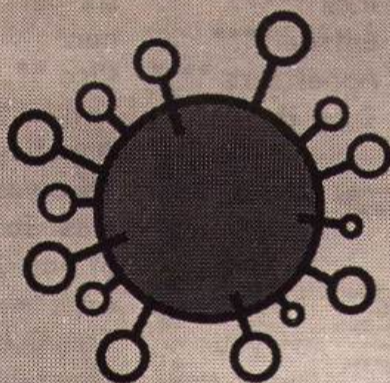
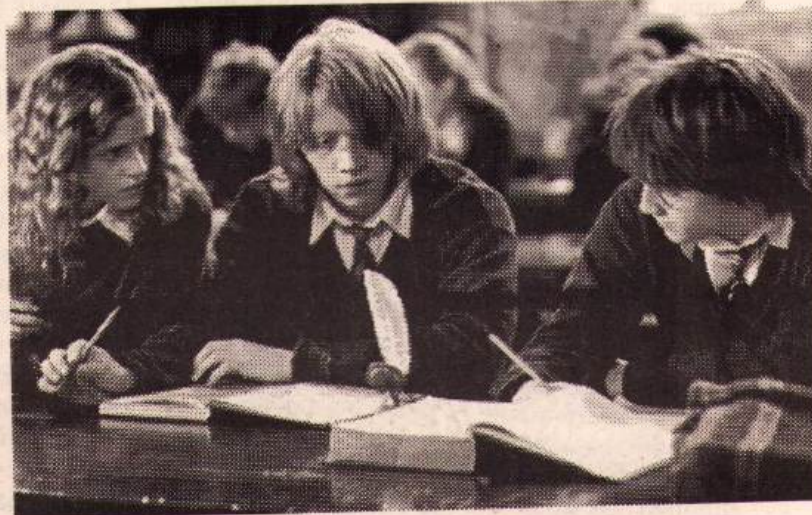
**Preview:** *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* is coming to the big screen. If you haven't heard, you need to come out from under that rock you've been living under and get excited. Even if you aren't a big fan of the (instantly classic) books, you can still fall in love with the movies. Get started now, and go rent movies one through three.

If you haven't read the book, I won't give anything away, but I will say this: Somebody dies. This is my personal favorite of the books and I think the previews look amazing. I'm tentatively pre-viewing it as a must-see.

**What I Like:** Every Harry Potter movie before has been awesome, and I expect this one will be no different

**What I Don't Like:** What is there not to like?

**Why You Should Check It Out:** Don't bash it before you try it. If you have some sort of bias against the lightning-scarred hero, get rid of it now.



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## Great American Smokeout

By: Brandon O'Connell

Every year smokers across the nation take part in the Great American Smokeout held by the American Cancer Society. The event challenges people to stop smoking tobacco and raises awareness of the many effective ways to quit for good. This year's event is held on November 17.



Many communities support quitters, publicize the event, and press for laws that control tobacco use and discourage teenagers from starting. Research shows that smokers are more successful when they have support, such as nicotine replacement products, counseling, prescription medicine to

lessen cravings, and encouragement of friends and family.

The smokeout has created dramatic changes in Americans attitudes about smoking, which has led to community programs and smoke free laws that are now saving lives in many states. This event began in the 1970's when smoking and second hand smoke started.

This event also draws attention to the deaths and chronic diseases caused by smoking. Many state and local governments responded by banning smoking in workplaces and restaurants, raising taxes on cigarettes, limiting ad-

vertising, discouraging teen cigarette use, and taking further actions to counter smoking in the late 1980's and 1990's.

Today, an estimated 46 million U.S. adults smoke. Tobacco use is said to cause lung cancer, as well as other cancers, heart disease, and lung disease. Smoking is responsible for 1 in 3 cancer deaths, and 1 in 5 deaths from all causes. Another 8.6 million people are living with serious illnesses caused by the use of tobacco.

If you are thinking about quitting smoking and aren't sure how, maybe the Great American Smokeout is for you. Also, if you were thinking about starting, it would be smart to keep this information in mind.

## WWE The People

By: Brian Heath

Since the birth of the Olympics wrestling has been a fierce battle between two competitors. The first recorded Olympic wrestling match occurred in the Olympics in 708 BC. Wrestling was highly valued as a form of military exercise without weapons.

But that part's boring, today's wrestling is all about a rich story line, epic battles between good and evil, and of course two men stepping into the squared circle for the simple pleasure of ripping each other apart.

The most important thing to a wrestler besides his physical prowess is his image. The Undertaker for example, is known for being the evil grave digger, the Dead Man, A bad guy basically. Due to his skill and a spotless record and a perfect 13-0 at Wrestlemania, he stands as a highly respected Superstar, although he's supposed to be hated.

The pride of any Superstar is grabbing

a title belt. The two most prestigious belts are The WWE Championship, held by John Cena, and The World Heavyweight Championship, held by Batista. These are not the only belts though. There is a belt for almost every kind of competitor. Cruiserweights, a light-weight class, women, tag teams, and anyone can go for the United States Championship or the Intercontinental Championship.

There's only one thing that determines the success of a Superstar, his fans. Whether a Superstar is a good guy or bad guy the crowd loves the finishing move. The finishing move is a highly damaging move that each Wrestler makes his own. He just takes a normal move, adds a little style, a catchy name, and you got a finisher. For example, Kane's devastating move, "The Chokeslam From Hell," has him grab his opponent by the throat, lifts him high into the air, and slams him on his back.

But don't just think it's two guys in a ring beating each other senseless; there are many other types of matches. A tag match is two teams of two working together, but with only one team member in the ring at once. Variations of the Tag match are abundant, but the most frequent variation is the Tornado Tag match, where both team members can be in the ring at the same time.

The next match is called a Tables match. Usually using weapons, outside interference is illegal, and punished by disqualification, not so in a Tables match. The soul purpose in the match is to drive your opponent through a wooden table.

Next we have the Ladder match. In this no DQ match an item of value is hung above the ring, be it a title belt,



## Chinese Anyone?

By: Drew Martin and Clancy Quinn



Many of us find that we enjoy eating foods from different cultures. Eating the same food over and over again can become tedious and boring, which is why Chinese food is a popular choice for many people.

The variety of Chinese restaurants around the Cedar Rapids and Marion area continues to grow. Some popular choices are Marion Hy-Vee Chinese, Yen Chings, and China Buffet. The most popular Chinese place, especially for teens, is Hy-Vee Chinese. The number one seller for Hy-Vee Chinese tends to be sesame chicken with fried rice. The next time you are craving something unique, maybe you should try some Chinese food at one of these locations.



**Marion Hy-Vee**  
Location: 7<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Prices range from \$4.89 for a single meal to \$33.99 for a six-person dinner.  
Rice \*\*\*\*  
Entrée \*\*\*\*  
Appetizers \*\*\*  
Overall this is a great place to get your Chi-

**Yen Ching**  
Location: 505 7<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Prices range from \$7.50 for a single entrée to \$45.00 for a six-person meal.  
Rice \*\*\*\*  
Entrée \*\*\*\*  
Appetizers \*\*\*\*  
Even though Yen Ch-

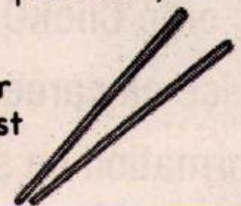
**Golden Palace: China Buffet**  
Location: Highway 151 (near Dairy Queen)  
Prices range from \$6.90 to \$41.40 for a six-person dinner.  
Rice \*\*  
Entrée \*\*\*  
Appetizers \*\*

nese food, especially if you're in a hurry and want something other than fast food.



ing is more expensive, it is worth the money. If you want real Chinese food this is the place for you.

**Rankings:**  
One star (\*) = poor  
Five stars (\*) = best



This was the least favorite of our Chinese experience. The rice had big chunks of onion that we did not appreciate, but the upside was that it was a buffet styled restaurant. This meant you could eat however much you wanted and whatever you wanted.

briefcase full of money, whatever it is. The Superstar that sets up a ladder, climbs it, and pulls down the item is the winner.

One of the most recognizable matches in wrestling today is the cage match. A steel cage is set up around the ring, and the object is to get out any way possible, mostly by climbing out, but sometimes a door exists. Either

way you can be sure your opponent will try and stop you.

The ultimate, most devastating, most physically draining match, is "Hell in a Cell." During this brutal match, competitors fight in a bigger cage than the Cage match. (This one having a roof.) Both wrestlers are locked in, with a breakable lock on the door, and about two feet from the edge of the ring to the cage. If they can get out they can fight in the cell, outside it, or even on top.

So whether your a Die-hard fan, fairly new to Wrestling, hate it with great passion, or are inspired to watch by this article, you must acknowledge it's rising popularity, and respect the hard work of the people in the industry. Not every aspect of wrestling was covered, but you'll just have to watch to find out more.

# Reality vs. Music Videos

By: Kailee Jordan

"Oh my god, did you watch Laguna Beach last night?" That's a common phrase you hear a lot on a Tuesday morning after a Laguna night. Laguna Beach has become a very popular show and a lot of students watch it. Senior Jessie Jones said, "Laguna Beach is my fav because there is so much drama. I take Mondays off work to watch it!"

Unfortunately, there are not any scripted shows on MTV. They are all reality. I don't know if it's the drama or watching how rich kids live, but one thing's for sure, a lot of

people love MTV's reality shows. The only downer is that MTV hardly ever plays music videos any more. They still have TRL and Direct Effect, but it's not like you are seeing a lot of videos. There are times when they play videos, but it's late at night when everyone is sleeping.

Don't complain because there are plenty of other shows on MTV that satisfy your interest. I hear some people saying that they miss the videos and how they think it's not really "Musical Television" anymore. Some people say that the reality shows

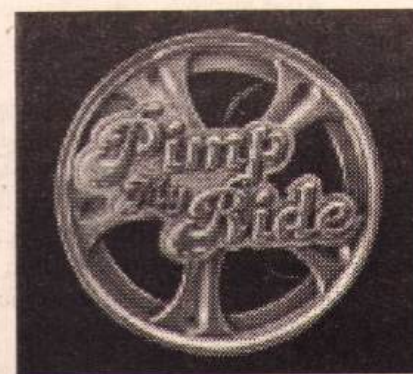
these days on MTV are pointless and stupid. For example, sophomore Derrick VanDerMillen said, "MTV is the stupidest network ever. Who wants to

watch stinking shows all about rich kids complaining about not having martini glasses at their 16th birthday. Get out and do something!"

Contrary to what Derrick says not everybody hates MTV's reality shows. There are a lot of people who do like these shows and do watch them when aired. "MTV's shows are the coolest because they have all types of varieties of shows. P-Diddy and his gangsta singers or Laguna with all the drama. I love it!" comments senior AJ Jilek.

Polls were taken and different people liked a variety of shows. Laguna Beach was a show that many people either loved or hated. There wasn't really anyone that said it was just okay. The Real World was the most liked reality show on MTV. Date My Mom and Pimp My Ride were also shows that were polled, and many agreed that they didn't like them.

With all of MTV's new shows, you are bound to find at least one that you'll enjoy. Whether you enjoy the drama, the comedy, or the music on TRL, you will most likely find your favorite show.



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## Gossip Travels Fast

By: Carly Huffman

So...did you hear I'm pregnant? It all started one day in journalism, my favorite class. We were thinking of article ideas, and someone came up with starting a rumor to see how fast it would get around. When someone yelled out "Carly's pregnant!" we all knew it was the perfect rumor. Anyone who knows me at all knows that it's just not something that could be true. So we didn't think anyone would take it seriously.

We started spreading it by having everyone run down the hall, yelling it during classes. People started telling their friends, and it just started a snowball effect. Everyone in the

school looked at me weird in the halls, but only the brave ones came up and asked me if it was true. Whispers of "You'll never believe what I heard..." surrounded me in the lunchroom. I hate to use cliché's, but it really did spread like wildfire. Soon, even my close friends were becoming suspicious. It even got to the college level, with a good friend of mine calling me from Kirkwood, to ask me what was going on.

It went further than we expected, which proves the point perfectly: don't believe everything you hear! Gossip, by definition, is unverified and at

least partially untrue. If someone tells you something that sounds a little off, be sure to check your sources before you start telling other people. Or, better yet, don't talk about other people at all.



# My Parents Drive

By: Ashley Cory and Shawna Leonard

What do your parents do to drive you crazy? Do they ask too many questions or get into your business? Whatever it may be, many students agree that their parents tend to drive them crazy.

After surveying a variety of students throughout our school, the majority of students agree that their parents get into their business way too much. What do you do? Do you yell at them, telling them not to worry about

you and your business, or do you laugh making it into a joke, when really, it's not that funny?

I'm sure we all agree that our parents tend to drive us crazy, but it's probably because they care about us. They ask questions, they worry, they basically drive us nuts!



"I hate when I'm on the phone, and my mom comes in and plays the twenty one questions game with me. It drives me crazy. It's like she thinks I'm talking to myself and I'm not on the phone with anyone. Then when I get home or when I wake up I get interrogated with random questions. I love my mom, but since we are so alike we drive each other crazy most of the time."

- Allison Lint



"My parents drive me crazy because right when I walk in the door it's like 21 questions. Then my mom tries to get into my business when I don't want her to."

- Joeby Leonard



"My parents drive me crazy with their extreme snoopiness."

- Ashley Murray

"My parents drive me crazy when they want me to do something and they stand in my room and annoying me until I do it."

- Chris Madland



"Parents are moody, and they don't let me do what I want to do. I am a senior so I should be able to make my own decisions."

- Zach Blazek

"My parents drive me crazy when they try to kick me out of the house or try to ground me."

- Derek Meyers



"I hate it when I come home from school, and I try to go to my room and it's been moved to another location."

- Krisanne Ryther

"My mom has been super crazy so far my senior year. She never really cared what I did until now! I think she's just scared that she's not really going to be my parent after this year."

- Megan Schillig



"During third hour I go home and eat lunch, and I'm there for less than two hours. My parents call me like three times each. It's not like anything has changed since they last called five minutes ago."

- Madison Bliss



# Me Crazy When...

"My parents drive me crazy when I have a friend over and they ask a billion questions about them, and then tell really, really cheesy jokes."

-Jimmy Soldner



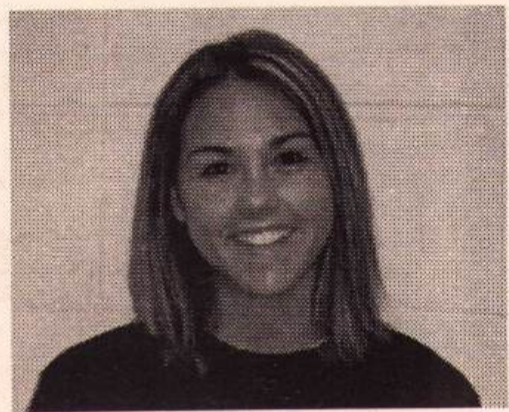
"It bugs me when I'm in my room by myself and then my mom comes in and starts talking about random things."

-Sara Wirtner



"I can't stand when my parents "think" they're funny when they really aren't."

- Anna Doneson



"If you're not getting yourself in trouble in highschool then you should be able to make your own decisions. This way you can deal with the consequences on your own and learn from your mistakes."

-Ashley Sperry



"My dad always talks about hunting and tries to be 'cool' when I'm with my friends."

-Matt Holland

"My mom only cooks the good food when I am working. When I get home, usually from work, I get the cold

left overs. There usually isn't much food left by then either."

- Tia Wheeler



"My parents bug me by getting into my business."

- John Pine

"My mom and dad don't think that I'm going to college because I don't care if I have a B in one of my classes."

-Heather Rowe



"When they call me every five minutes to ask you where you are, who you are with, and what your plans are."

- Tori Kloubec



"My mom yells at me for the littlest things, like not putting a bowl in the dishwasher right away. She is such a perfectionist. It drives me crazy!"

- Bailey Schindler



# Preparation

By Ben Messerli

"Wow. The team was really prepared for the game. They totally dominated." This was a common phrase that you heard from the Marion fans after a big win. Have you ever thought of how they got so prepared for the game. Well I'll tell you what happened during the week and how everyone got prepared.

First of all, on Saturday mornings after the games, the team met for some light running and stretching. They also got to eat some delicious donuts. The highlight of the day was breaking the sign in the weight room. There were signs with the opponent on it, and if Marion won, the player who had an outstanding game the night before, got to crush the sign.

Monday was usually a day of learning and a lot of running for the team. Nobody really liked Monday practices, "They weren't as hard as last year, but I still didn't enjoy them. We ran all the time," said junior quarterback Josh Busenbark.

Tuesday was usually an offensive practice. The team did

technique for about 30 minutes and then they would come together for a team period. There was also time for team defense at the end of practice.

Wednesday was Dawg House time. They did defensive techniques for a period of time, and then they came together for the team period. This was usually a day that the players looked forward to.

After each practice from Monday to Wednesday, the team watched film, showing the other teams' tendencies and weaknesses.

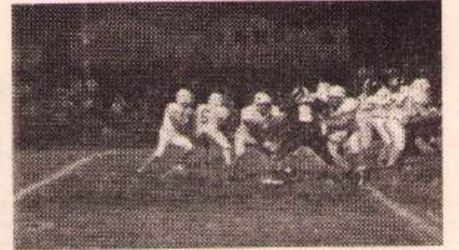
Thursday was pregame, this was the last day of practice before game day. The time was used to polish up the defensive and offensive plays. Thursday also meant team dinners. Everyone enjoyed the food and down time with the team. Each week the senior parents, put on a big dinner with delicious food and drinks.

Finally, Friday arrived, which meant game time. Each Friday, the football players wore their jersey's to school. Some players went through a specific routine or superstition on

game days. Junior Cyrus Coffman said, "I went in early for Hy-Vee breakfast and when it was close to game time, we turned the music up really loud in the locker room and tried to get focused."

On the other hand, some players did not have any superstitions. "I don't have any superstitions because it doesn't do anything for me," said junior Tyler Hilleshiem.

Once the game was over, the process of preparing for the next opponent began with new challenges and opportunities.



Senior quarterback Eric Hanna gets set to throw the ball against Maquoketa Valley. Eric led the Indian offense to average 29 points per game.

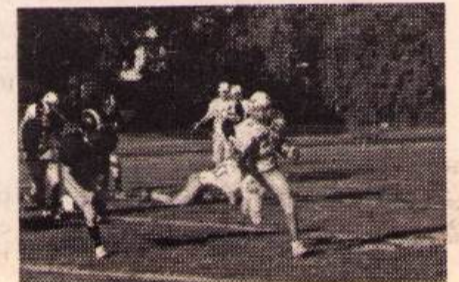
## Successful Seasons

By Ben Messerli

The sophomore football team was 7-1. The record was great but it didn't show how hard the sophomores had to work. With only 16 sophomores on the team, they had to really step up their game this year. Nine players played on both offense and defense. "Well it just seemed that everyone had to step it up and no one could take a break," comments Josh Ster. With 3 important players missing due to injury, a lot of freshmen had to move up and help the sophomores out. "Many of the freshmen were key aspects in our team. They gave us breaks so we could be ready to step it up when needed," says Curtis Hubbell.

This years freshman football team went 7-1. The season was a success for many reasons. The team had a goal at the start of the season to beat Linn-Mar, which they did, in their fifth game of the season. They won 14-0. There were minor obstacles during the season as a few of the key positions were switched and new players were added from St. Joes and

Linn-Mar. Getting accustomed to the longer games and the longer season was also a challenge.



Kyle Rogers outruns the Maquoketa Valley defender. Rogers was part of an offense that utilized many different running backs.



Freshmen Pat Tiernan runs the ball against Maquoketa Valley. Tiernan helped out the Sophomores a lot due to injuries.

## Accomplishments

By Ashley Sperry

Without a lot of support and confidence from the student body, the volleyball girls new they could do it. They had a rough beginning, but when they found the right rotation they went on a roll.

It all started at the WaMaC tournament in Dewitt, when they beat Dyersville Beckman. They knew that rotation was the one. From there they went on to get revenge against Central Dewitt and Waterloo Columbus to win the tournament. The girls still weren't satisfied.

Going into districts the girls new they had a good draw. They beat Clear-Creek Amana and Xavier



Junior Angela Bys goes up for a middle hit against Algona at the state tournament. Bys collected 46 kills for the night.



Andrea Podoll sets up Angela Bys for a kill at the state tournament.

in three games, not even giving them a chance. Having an even record against Central Dewitt gave the Indians the motivation to show them who's on

top. The Indians also took Dewitt in three games advancing to the state tournament since 1997.

The atmosphere was very different, but it didn't affect the girls because they were just excited for making it there. The Indians played undefeated, second ranked Algona first round at the US Cellular Center. The girls lost a tough fight two games to three.

Everyone was pleased with the season and accomplishments that were made. They just fell a little short to continue. This experience will always be remembered.

By Brittney Railsback

Freshman volleyball is a sport that not many pay attention to. After all, they are just "freshman." This years Red and Gold teams were something to check out. The Red Team finished the season with an overall record of 15-6, a conference record of 12-4, and a non-conference record of 3-0. The Gold team also finished the season with a very good record. An overall record of 16-5, a conference record of 12-4, and a non-conference record of 4-1.

The Sophomore volleyball team had a very good start this season, getting fourth place at their first tournament at Cedar Rapids, Washington and winning their second tournament at Mid-Prairie. The girls did very well noticing that they did have to deal with some changes this year in coaching and in the line-up.

This year's line-up came with a lot of new decisions. Freshmen Brittney Thomas and Shelby Perkins were moved into the sophomore line-

up within the first week of practice. After the first week, Brittney Thomas and sophomore Kiley Remington started practicing and dressing varsity. Eventually the two girls were moved permanently to the varsity level. With two essential losses, the sophomore teammates stepped up and filled the positions. They had an overall record of 17-13, the conference record of 3-4, and the non-conference record of 14-9.

Both the freshmen and sophomore teams worked very hard this season, and had very dedicated players. Now, everyone is looking forward to next years season to come.

Freshmen Jenna Koppedryer and Muriel Oltmann watch the ball as West Delaware gets ready to go back on offense. The freshmen had a really good season, finishing off with a combined record of 81-11.



Rachel Dullea, Maggie Eiben, Chelsea Cox, Katelynn Edwards, and Alicia Spurgin consist of the Sophomore starting line-up. They show their excitement for getting a kill by doing their cheer, "Eat it!" while throwing their hands in the air.



# Technology Today

## What do I look for in a computer?

By: Aaron Lockwood

With college just around the corner, some students are considering buying a new computer for their dorm, but with so many choices out there, "What should I buy?" First let me say that it will always be considerably cheaper to build your own computer, mainly because you will only pay for the things you need, not the mark-up prices of computer retailers. I'm not writing this to tell you what brand to buy, or how to build a computer. I'm writing this to educate you on what to look for specifically when buying/building your own computer. This will cover the three most basic levels of computers, budget, midrange, and performance.



### Budget

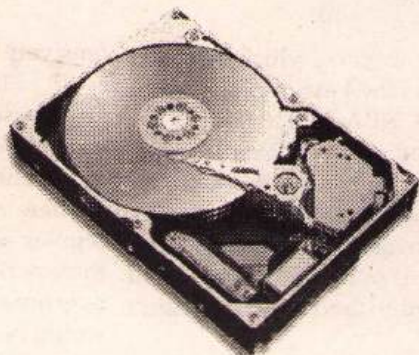
If your daily use is limited E-mail, word processing, and some web surfing, a budget system is right for you.

**Processor:** You'll pay more for the fastest processors, so on a budget system look for Intel brand processors in the range of 2.8GHz, and AMD brand processors around 2GHz, this will let you save money and have a computer that is fast enough for your needs.

**Graphics:** Most budget PC's come with an internal graphics card (a graphics chip built onto the motherboard.) These internal graphics cards can't handle complex games or advanced photo editing. Make sure that the motherboard of the computer has either an AGP or x16 PCI Express slot so you can install your own graphics card if you need to expand the abilities of your computer in the future.

**Memory:** You will be able to get by on a budget system with only 256MB of RAM, but if you need to multi-task, or are using an internal graphics card, you will start to experience some slow down. The safest bet would be to go with 512MB of RAM.

**Hard Drive:** The more storage space, the better. It is best to have at least 80GB of space on your hard drive, also pay attention to the speed (rpm's) of the hard drive, the higher the speed the faster your computer can read the drive to open up files and programs. Common speeds for budget systems include 5,400 and 7,200 rpm's.



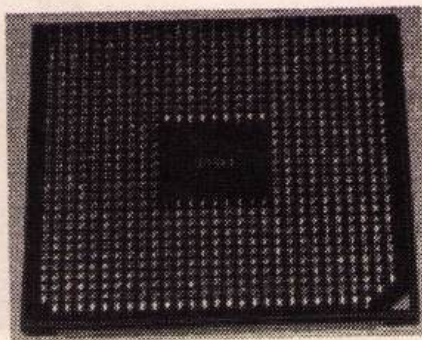
**Optical Drives:** For basic needs, a combo (DVD-ROM/CD-RW) offers desired flexibility, it is able to play DVD's and play and burn CD's.

**Case:** Most budget systems come in what is called a mini-tower case, meaning that it is big enough to hold the basic features, and doesn't allow you much room to expand inside.

### Midrange

A midrange PC is an all-purpose machine. It is able to handle common chores and most multimedia tasks like managing digital music and working with photo-editing programs.

**Processor:** If you decide to go with an AMD processor, the best choices would be the 2GHz Athlon 64 3200+, 2.4GHz 3400+, or the 2.2GHz 3500+, these will give you the speed and power needed to handle demanding computer tasks. If you want to go with an Intel brand processor, the 2.8GHz, 3GHz, or the 3.2GHz would be best.



**Graphics:** Integrated graphics might get you by as long as it says it has 128MB of shared memory, otherwise you will need to make sure it has a separate video card that has 128MB of memory.

**Memory:** 512MB of memory will come standard in all midrange computers, and it should suit you fine for all of your desired tasks, however if you can afford 1GB of RAM memory, then go for it, it will make everything run fast on your computer, even demanding tasks such as computer graphics programs.

**Hard Drive:** You will be hard pressed to find a midrange PC that comes with a hard drive less than 80GB. If you are given an option, go for as much space as you can afford, anything around 120-160GB.

**Optical Drives:** The best choice would be DVD±RW drive, which will allow you to watch and

burn both CD's and DVD's.

**Case:** Make sure that the case offers plenty of room for future internal expansion, also midrange computers might come with front panel ports (USB or FireWire ports on the front of the computer.) So keep your eyes open for what suits you best.

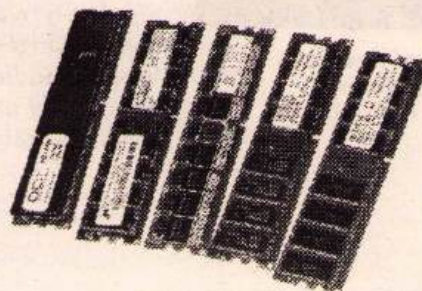
### Performance

If you want nothing but the best in computing, or crave high-end performance, this is for you. The best part about a performance PC is that they are flexible and you don't have to have the best of everything to make a great computer. Performance computers mainly focus on extreme gaming, or video-editing and other resource intensive tasks.

**Processor:** Go with a top of the line AMD or Intel processor. This means at least a 3.6GHz Pentium 4 or any AMD processor 3700+ or better. If you're more interested in gaming, it is better to invest more money into a high-end graphics card than the best processor.

**Graphics:** You have to have a card with at least 128MB of memory, but a 256MB graphics card is preferable. This will allow you to be able to use the most demanding games and computer programs.

**Memory:** No matter what you plan on doing with this kind of computing power, you need to make sure you have at least 1GB of RAM memory, this will allow every program to run flawlessly and you shouldn't experience any slowdown at all. If you want to be super fast you could also upgrade to 2GB of memory, however that will only be needed if you plan on doing a ridiculous amount of graphics design while having multiple programs open.



**Hard Drive:** If you decide to go with only one hard drive, make sure it is at least 160GB of storage space, or you could get two hard drives, any size you want, so they can be combined for more space.

**Optical Drives:** It would be best to go with one DVD±RW and another either CD-RW or DVD-ROM drive, this will allow you to burn CD's and DVD's, and with the second drive you can copy discs directly from one drive to another without having to save anything to your hard drive.

**Case:** A performance PC needs lots of space for all sorts of customization possibilities, so make sure

you either get a spacious mid-tower or a full tower case. A full tower case can be anywhere from two feet tall to three and half feet tall, so make sure you have the space for one before buying.

Those are the main components of all computers, not counting the motherboard, which is probably the most important item. If you are interested in learning more about computer parts, or information on how to build your own, there are many resources available on the Internet. You will get the best results if you run an internet search for "building a computer" and there are many computer parts stores online that offer better prices and a bigger selection than what can be found at local electronics stores, such as [www.newegg.com](http://www.newegg.com) and [www.tigerdirect.com](http://www.tigerdirect.com)

### Glossary Of Terms

**Processor:** The brain of a computer, the processor tells the computer what to do, and when to do it.

**Gigahertz (GHz):** The measurement of the speed of a computer's processor, the more GHz the faster the computer.

**Graphics Card/Video Card:** Much more graphics power than internal graphics.

**Memory (RAM):** Whenever you open a program or document, it is saved in the RAM, which is random access memory.

**Hard Drive:** This is the storage unit for all computers, whenever information gets saved, or programs get installed, that information is then "written" to the drive so it can be accessed whenever it is needed.

**Optical Drive:** The technical name for any CD or DVD drive.

**Internal Graphics:** A graphics chip built onto the computer's motherboard, very limited graphical ability.

**Mini-Tower:** One of the smallest case sizes, meant to hold the main parts of a computer.

**Full-Tower:** The biggest of the cases. This beast can hold anything and everything that you could ever dream of having in a computer, but beware, they are heavy.

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Working Through Challenges

Locked Out

By Alicia Zanzie

by Jordan Garretson

Proving that they were a competitive team was a difficult task for the varsity boys cross country team this season. Due to multiple suspensions and activity conflicts, they were rarely able to race with all of their best runners. Because of this inconsistency, the team was kept off the rankings for the majority of the season.

Once it came to the WAMAC Conference Meet, the team was finally able to show what they could do. They stepped it up and placed first out of 11 teams, taking the conference title. Marion was able to sweep the whole meet when the varsity girls, jv girls, and jv boys teams also won each of their races.

Next came the most important race of the season for the boys: Districts. Only the top three teams and the top ten individuals in the race would progress on to the State Meet. Led by 6th place finisher, John Burhite, the team finished 3rd by one point, which allowed them to continue on to State. The girls team also made it to State, finishing 2nd in the meet.

Going into State, the boys team was ranked eighth. However, they ran well and were able to finish their season placing fourth at State. The team was led with a 12th place finish by junior captain Nathan Nissen. Everyone was happy with the successful end to the season. Senior Jon Olivarez commented, "Cross was really cool this year because we won WAMAC and qualified for State. It was really fun." The girls also concluded their season with a great race at State, taking 3rd place as a team.



The varsity girls listen for the gun to start the race. The team made it to State for the third year in a row, and came out with a third place finish. It was an excellent end to a memorable season.



The varsity boys get off to a great start at one of the first races of the season. The team had a great end to their season as well, placing fourth at State. Nathan Nissen came in first for the team with a 12th place finish.

After a long absence, which included it becoming the first of the 4 major professional sports leagues (MLB, NBA, NFL, NHL) to not play an entire season, the NHL returned to regular season action on Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>. The 3 other leagues had all had temporary lockouts in the past over collective bargaining agreement issues, but none had lasted a full season. Still don't understand why they didn't play?

Many people like you in the United States don't follow hockey very closely and thus were left out in the dark confused about the lockout situation. I'll bring you up to speed. Many of the team owners realized that the majority of the NHL's organizations were not making enough money to support the hefty player salaries. This, of course, excluded most of the major market teams such as Detroit, both New York teams, as well as the 6 Canadian teams (Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa) because of the sport's popularity up North.

However, more than half of the league's teams were facing money problems and the owners realized they were going to have to do something about it. It would be necessary for most of the players to have their salaries lowered, however, the players, as you'd expect, didn't take very kindly to the idea. Many meetings ensued and as the opening night of the 2004-2005 season came and past, an agreement could still not be reached. Still, both the players and owners pressed onward, both sides hoping negotiations would end in a deal that satisfied both sides.

There was still the possibility of a shortened season, however as the disagreement continued it was soon obvious that there would be no NHL season. Some fans and media blamed the owners, while many more blamed the players. However there was one thing they could all agree on, the fans simply wanted hockey.

Now, despite a long wait, the fans have it back because of an agreement reached over the summer. Nonetheless, the NHL powers-that-be realized that the rules would need some changes to help the sport appeal to a broader audience. Because of this, the NHL announced many rule changes to attempt to make the game higher scoring and more of-

fensively based.

The changes included legalizing two line passes, making the goalie pads smaller, much less penalty tolerance from the referees, in addition to changing the overtime format so there will be no more ties. Previously in the regular season, if the score was still tied after three periods, there would be one sudden death overtime period of five minutes in which it would be 4 on 4 hockey. If after five minutes the game was still tied, then it would be ruled a tie. Now, if the game is still tied after overtime an exciting shootout will take place. There were many other rule changes in addition to these, but these are the most notable.

These changes appear to be having effect at least early on in the season. Some of the scores from opening night included: 4-6, 5-3, 5-1, 5-3, 6-3, 5-4, 4-3. Of course, a conclusion can not be made this early in the season, but so far the new changes appear to be taking effect. It will also take ample time to be able to accurately decide if these changes have been influencing more popularity towards the NHL in terms of television ratings and attendance numbers.

Whether or not the changes will help, harm, or not affect the NHL's popularity, the die hard fans definitely have something to cheer about: hockey is back!



Philadelphia Flyers center Peter Forsberg shows off his new jersey. Before this season, Forsberg was a Colorado Avalanche during the 9 previous seasons in his career. Because of the newly created salary cap limitations, many teams had to cut back on their star players and thus there are now many new faces in new places.



New Jersey Devils goalie Martin Brodeur makes an impressive glove save for the Devils. Brodeur has a .912 save percentage and 75 shutouts in his career. Brodeur and the rest of the NHL goalies' pads will shrink slightly in size this year in an attempt to even the odds. So far that change and the other changes have done their job this season, because Brodeur had just an .884 save percentage through 5 games this season.



**Name: Nick Walters**

**Main Activity:** Football/ Musical  
**Other Activities:** Bowling, Tennis, Speech, SODA, and Spring Plays.  
**Season Highlight:** Stomping Vinton into

the ground.

**Best High School Memory:** Coming to school day in and day out to see everyone's smiling faces.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Everything, but mostly football.

**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** Eat, as much as you can and enjoy every meal because you never know, it could be your last.

**Future Plans:** Go to UNI for their theater program.



**Name: Ben Koppedryer**

**Main Activity:** Football, Marching Band, Concert Chorus, and Fall Musical  
**Other Activities:** Concert Band, NHS, Chamber Ensemble, Track, and Speed and Agility.  
**Season Highlight:** Destroying

Anamosa on what would have been their homecoming.

**Best High School Memory:** Putting Colin in my trunk and driving around town when he thought we were going to the high school after the burning of the "M."

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Not much, maybe my friends a little bit.

**Favorite Quote Or Advice To Leave:** Every breath we take is another moment of rare experience, and it won't come our way again.

**Future Plans:** Attend the University of Minnesota and then possibly take over the world.



**Name: Zach Blazek**

**Main Activity:** Football  
**Other Activities:** Wrestling, Track, and Baseball.  
**Season Highlight:** Having six interceptions in two weeks, and being undefeated through the first seven weeks.  
**Best High School Memories:** Getting stabbed in the upper leg at Naso's, and getting

stitched up at the Conway's on the kitchen table.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** My friends.

**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** "Prove It."

**Future Plans:** Go to a four - year college, maybe playing football.



**Name: Brian Guler**

**Main Activity:** Musical  
**Other Activities:** Choir, Golf, and SODA.  
**Season Highlight:** Musical Performance.  
**Best High School Memory:** First time doing musical.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Friends.

**Future Plans:** College



**Name: Keeley Carson**

**Main Activity:** Musical and Band  
**Other Activities:** Choir, Thespians, and UPC.  
**Season Highlight:** Getting a division one at state marching band.

**Best High School Memory:** Florida trip although there was lots of getting into trouble.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** The great friendships I've made.  
**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** Happiness is finding a pencil.  
**Future Plans:** College at Central for Journalism.



**Name: Josh Davis**

**Main Activity:** Fall Musical  
**Other Activities:** SODA and Choir  
**Season Highlight:** The performance.  
**Best High School Memory:** Band and choir trips to Florida.  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Friends.

**Favorite Quote Or Advice To Leave:** High school goes by too fast, so enjoy it while it lasts.

**Future Plans:** Attend Kirkwood.



**Name: Zac Ottaway**

**Main Activity:** Football  
**Other Activities:** Building trades  
**Season Highlight:** Winning a lot of games.  
**Best High School Memory:** Graduation

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** All my friends.

**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** It goes by fast.

**Future Plans:** Go to college.



**Name: Audrey Conner**

**Main Activity:** Football manager  
**Other Activities:** Basketball manager, soccer manager, SODA, and volunteering.  
**Season Highlight:** When we showed Vinton what the dawg house really was. We beat them 34-8.

**Best High School Memory:** When Kallie and I went to Hannah Park, and it was pitch black. Then we were walking and we saw a wolf, and I freaked out and ran under the

park light and it turned off right when I was under it. So Kallie told me to come back so I start walking down towards her and we got attacked by a bunch of deer. Then we ran to her car and went home. It was such a scary night.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** My friends, the teachers, the environment of Marion High School, Football games, basketball games, team dinners with the football team, and walking the halls in the morning with Kallie.

**Favorite Quotes Or Some Advice To Leave:** "Good things happen, bad things happen all you need to remember is life goes on." Nick Walters. " Desire beats talent every time," Coach Perkins. " Practice Perfect."

**Future Plans:** To go to Kirkwood for two years and then go to a four- year college or university.



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Name: Sarah Young

**Main Activity:** Musical  
**Other Activities:** Dance, Track, NHS, Speech, Choir, Thespians, Play, and various talent shows.  
**Season Highlights:** Getting a bid to nationals for dance at camp.

**Best High School Memory:** The fact that my heart has been touched by all the amazing people found at MHS. You gave me memories that will never be forgotten.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** The People! I've had four great years making friends all the way through. Even my teachers will be greatly missed. I have wonderful friends in all of you too. Thanks.

**Favorite Quote Or Advice To Leave:** As you walk down the road, look around you. Don't dwell so much on what's ahead, but enjoy what's now. Don't be afraid to be yourself. If we were all the same, life would be boring.

**Future Plans:** I plan to go to UNI to be a kindergarten teacher; I want to minor in music, doing theatre stuff on the side.



Name: Kendra Gehman

**Main Activity:** Band  
**Other Activities:** Musical, Choir, and NHS  
**Season Highlight:** Getting division one rating at state band.  
**Best High School Memory:** Singing in the llama song on

the bus to Florida for band/choir trip.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** My friends and band and choir trips.

**Favorite Quote or Some Advice To Leave:** Your teacher's goal is simple; to help you reach yours.

**Future Plans:** Going to college and majoring in elementary education, and being a kindergarten teacher.



Name: Colin Lebeau

**Main Activity:** Football  
**Other Activities:** Varsity basketball manager.  
**Season Highlight:** Watching Nick catch four touchdowns at Anamosa. Getting a revolution helmet.

**Best High School Memory:**

When I let off a stink bomb in the band room, and everyone left the room.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Friends, teachers, some of the good lunch food. My brother and Jordan Crane for all the funny stories.

**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** Live each day like it's your last.

**Future Plans:** Go to college, and find a career that I will enjoy doing.



Name: Trevor Seitz

**Main Activity:** Football  
**Other Activities:** Track  
**Season Highlight:** Scoring a touchdown at Anamosa.  
**Best High School Memory:** Me and Blazz throwing nails at Big E up on the ladder.  
**What Will You Miss Most**

**About Marion:** Not having to get up early in the morning.

**Future Plans:** Working on cars.



Name: Emily Beadle

**Main Activity:** Fall Dance  
**Other Activities:** Winter Dance, Tennis, Choir, S.O.D.A, and FBLA.

**Season Highlight:** Being on the dance team with such great girls and receiving a bid to nationals at dance camp.

**Best High School Memory:** Going on the foreign country trips with my best bud Laura.

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** Making memories with my friends, teachers, and coaches.

**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** It goes by fast, so make the most of it. Live each day, like there is no tomorrow.

**Future Plans:** Attend a four year college.



Name: Drew Hingtgen

**Main Activity:** Speech  
**Other Activities:** SODA, FBLA, and ATOMS  
**Season Highlight:** Making someone, anyone laugh or smile.

**Best High School Memory:** Getting in trouble for making very funny facial expressions at Spring Choir Concert junior year. These facial expressions were caught on tape and given to Mrs. Freese by multiple families. I'm sorry...

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** The only thing I will miss is friends but I guess those are replaceable, other than nothing at all!!! But I will miss Sarah Young.

**Favorite Quote Or Some Advice To Leave:** If you smell take a shower!!!

**Future Plans:** Air force R.O.T.C at Iowa or Iowa State.



Name: Adam Mayer

**Main Activity:** Fall Musical  
**Other Activities:** Chamber Ensemble, All State Auditions, and Indoor Soccer.  
**Season Highlight:** The final production is fun, but what I like the best is practicing.

**Best High School Memory:** Being in the fall musical "Grease."

**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** I will miss the choir trips the most.

**Favorite Quote Or Advice To Leave:** Elder men declare war, young men fight and die.

Name: Jessie Jones

**Main Activity:** Dance  
**Other Activities:** Choir, FBLA, SODA, Speech, and Spring Play  
**Season Highlight:** When all the senior dancers



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piled into Kelly Cayton's station wagon to drive to the Maquoketa Valley game. Taylor and I rocked out in tutus!  
**Best High School Memory:** Homecoming 2005- I got to eat dinner with all my best friends and was surprised at the dance by the love of my life!  
**What Will You Miss Most About Marion:** I'm going to miss the low amount of homework and seeing my friends rockin' faces everyday while growing up!  
**Favorite Quote or Some Advice To Leave:** Don't look back on your past, unless your experiences can help someone else.  
**Future Plans:** I plan on attending Ozark Christian College to double major in bible and psychology then minor in missions.

## Splish Splash

## "Let's Go Red!"

By Nicole Cox

Many people may only see the cheerleaders at games, but the cheerleaders also have another duty at this school. The members of the cheerleading competition squad also compete against various schools from around the area. They participated in the 25th annual Westdale competition and earned a second place title. On November 5, the girls participated in one of the biggest competitions of the year: State Cheerleading with a sixth place finish, and they were considered "Grand Champions" at the Stack the Stands competition at Prairie High School.

The girls started up their season in early June preparing for this day. The first thing they had to do was meet their new coach, Coach Hamilton, a second grade teacher at Starry. She had cheered at Linn-Mar in high school, so she had some experience with the competition concept of cheerleading.

After the seniors picked out music, the basic choreography of the routine was put together. The squad watched old tapes of other competitions to help with picking out new stunts.

As a season opener, the cheerleaders competed at Westdale Mall. They placed second, which was great considering all the other schools they were up against were 4A.

After Westdale, the girls decided to improve their routine and up the difficulty. More tumbling and more elite stunts were added. They continued to practice two or three times a week, additional to their everyday football cheerleading practices.

All their hard work paid off. The squad performed a near-perfect routine at Vets Memorial Stadium

in Des Moines. This earned them a sixth place trophy. One thing that they were proud of was their lack of deductions because each one would cost them a hefty 10 points, which can make a difference in placement. "I am really proud of our squad," says four-year member Ashley Evans. "We gave it our all, and sixth place is great when you look at our competition."

This past weekend, the squad participated in their most recent competition. It was held at Prairie High School. Last year, the squad received first place and the high-point trophy, so the girls had a title to defend. The competition grew this

year, with seven squads in the 3A/4A division. They pulled everything off and performed to the best of their ability and won first place. That wasn't all; the team won the high-point trophy (meaning they received the highest point total out of all teams at the competition) once again, even beating out the co-ed division.

With success in mind, the Marion competition squad will compete in the Hawkeye Classic competition at the end of January, which is held here at Marion, and the Iowa Spirit Competition in February held at Carver Hawkeye Arena to close off their season.

By Ashley Cory and Shawna Leonard

Not only do people enjoy playing sports such as volleyball, football, basketball, and track, but a few students from our school are involved in swimming. Junior, Nachele Duecker and freshman, Shawna VanMeighem, are a couple girls on the swim team held through Linn-Mar. Because Marion, Anamosa, Mount Vernon, and Linn-Mar have only a few participants from each of their schools, they combine into one team. The girls practice at Coe College everyday from 3:45 to 5:30.

Varsity meets are usually held on Saturdays while JV meets are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Both girls usually participate in both JV and Varsity meets. The JV team is doing a great job this season; they are currently undefeated. The Varsity team on the other hand, needs to continue working hard because the competition is pretty tough. On Saturday, October 8, 2005, the JV team had a meet at Washington High School where

they placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 13 teams.

Nachele Duecker's 3 main races include; the 200 free relay, the 50 free relay, and the breaststroke. She placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the breaststroke and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200 free relay at the Washington meet. "Swimming is hard, but in the end you find that the pain is worth it," said Duecker.

Shawna Van-



Meighem's races include: the 100 breaststroke, the medley relay, and the 200 freestyle.

Both of the girls really enjoy swimming; they actually both agreed that it is difficult but overall it is fun. "This year swimming is hard, but we all enjoy spending time together. I'd have to say that the team dinners are fun!" quoted VanMeighem.



After placing first place in the 3A/4A Varsity division and winning the High-point trophy, the girls pose for a quick picture. Front row: Ashley Evans, Nicole Cox, Kelly Cayton, Shawna Leonard. Second row: Allison Lint, Elissa Cook, Brittany Ivey, Sara Wirtner, Darcy DeLong, Amanda Grieder. Back row: Erin Harrity, Ali Holub, Tabitha Scott, Shelbi Hudgins.

At the Westdale Competition, the cheerleaders end their routine with bright smiles on their faces. Here, the girls placed second. Westdale is a great competition for all the fans to come to because it's free, and they can shop while waiting for the squad to perform.

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# "JOSEPH" TRANSFORMS MHS STAGE



1. Jacob, played by Adam Mayer, sings about how he loves Joseph, played by Derrick VanDerMillen  
2. Joseph's brothers sing and dance about how they don't like Joseph.  
3. The cast cheers up Joseph by telling him he's going to get out of jail soon during the song, "Go Go Go Joseph."  
4. Derrick VanDerMillen dances around in his new coat.  
5. The Narrators sing about Potiphar, played by Brian Buh, and how his life is nearly perfect.  
6. Joseph explains the Pharaoh's dream. Pharaoh was played by Nick Walters, for this part he needed to learn how to dance like the king of rock and roll.  
7. At the very end of the show the cast threw streamers for a visual effect.  
8. The Narrators, played by Katie Schultz, Sarah Young, and Kelly Cayton, tell the story of Joseph.