

HOME COMING

'88

Homecoming 1988 goes in with a bang! The homecoming week started out with Monday as being "Black and White" day or "Mourn" day, Tuesday was "P.J." day, Wednesday "Occupation" day, Thursday "Inside Out" day and Friday will be the traditional

"Red and Gold" day. Thursday evening will be the bonfire where the class floats will be displayed, and the classes will be participating in the "Anything Goes" contest. Also Thursday evening the court will be introduced. The court this year is Freshmen: Candida Orend and Angie Schuller; Sophomores: Kim Lochner and Michelle Cox; Juniors: Gigi Gann and Carrie Speer; and

Seniors: Heather Baldwin, Teresa Dittmar, Andrea Nolz, Shane Ehresman, Todd Hutchins, Brad Wilson, and Pascal Bizarro. On Friday afternoon the pep assembly will be held with the varsity cheerleaders and pom-pom members performing the routine they took to the Westdale competition. The court will once again be introduced and escorted by boy's cross country team members. On

Friday night the Marion Indians will take on the Independence Mustangs. Between the Sophomore and Varsity games, the cheerleaders and the pom-pom will perform their Westdale routine again, and at half-time the King and Queen will be crowned. On Saturday night the Homecoming dance will be held at the Mentzer gym, beginning at 8:00 p.m. The theme for this year's dance is "Hold Onto the Night".

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NEW ADDITIONS AT M.H.S.

BELGIAN EXCHANGE

"America is the best," says Pascal Bizarro, the foreign exchange student from Belgium. "I wanted to experience life here in America. I think Americans have a different way of thinking, and I admire them."

It took some time for Pascal to get used to Americans, and he admits he still feels somewhat uncomfortable with our lifestyle. "I think Americans, in general, are ambitious. They are calm and free in their views and they speak very directly."

Coming from a country where education has a different system of learning, Pascal says his classes are easy for him. He likes Marion High School, especially the sports our school has to offer. He's out for the football team and says he likes it because it's an intelligent sport. He can hardly wait for basketball season to start. "I prefer basketball most because it's a team sport," he says.



When Pascal was asked what his reaction was when he found out he would be staying in Iowa he simply said, "I knew where Iowa was located. Where I went really didn't matter. It's the people in it." Although he would have rather have lived in Colorado his first choice, he says Iowa is a nice place to stay also. He would like to visit California, Texas, Colorado, or Hawaii.

Pascal hopes to accomplish many things during his stay in America. "I want to have the same thinking as Americans. I also want to learn and perfect my English."

STUDENT TEACHERS LEARN FROM THE PROS



Field Biology is a learning experience for this year's student teachers. Scott Lochner, Gigi Gann, and Brad Wilson admire a catch.

This year along with the permanent Marion High School Staff we had six student teachers join us, Miss Leet, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Bordewick, Mr. Durkin, and Miss Cullen. They spend their time working and learning the tricks of the trade from the faculty. Miss Leet, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Bordewick, and Mr. Durkin are all teaching in the science department.

Miss Leet will be a graduate of the University of Iowa after

finishing her student teaching and taking eight more hours of classroom work. She will then be certified to teach 6th-12th grade science. She says that the students have been the best part of her experience. She also comments that the hardest part of your first teaching experience is getting over the "stage fright" and then putting together an interesting lesson for class. She feels that the teaching environment in the field biology class is great and something she will use when she gets her first teaching job.

Mrs. Davis, a graduate of the University of Iowa, lived in Colombia, South America and is married.

You may have seen Mr. Bordewick other places besides school. In between helping Mr. Clark and Mr. Sloan, he seats some of Cedar Rapids' finest Mexican connoisseurs at Chi-Chi's.

Mr. Durkin, U of I student, spends time in general science, physics, and chemistry classes. After this semester he will have completed his requirements for graduation. He found his first teaching environment demanding and says there is an enormous difference between watching a teacher and having to learn yourself. Mr. Durkin believes that teaching is your best lesson!

Last but definitely not least is Miss Cullen who works with Mrs. Goldstein in the Spanish classes. While a college student, she lived and went to school in Costa Rica for a year. Ironically, her father taught and coached at Marion and she lived in the district until she was 3 months old. Miss Cullen, now from Mt. Vernon, will graduate from the University of Iowa in December.

FINE ARTS FACE-LIFT

As the school year starts many new faces are seen around Marion High School, but not just those of students. There are many new teachers to be seen, too.

One of these teachers is Mr. John Heim, originally from Dawson, Nebraska. He is the new vocal music instructor, who after spending nine of his eleven years of teaching at Allison - Bristow, left for the challenge of a larger school and town. The Marion position was interesting to Mr. Heim because it was a medium-sized town close to a large one which could offer his family (Jodee, 2 1/2, Jeff, 4, and his wife) more opportunities.

Marion is not that different from Allison - Bristow, Mr. Heim says. "It's bigger but it's been real easy to fit in." Our new vocal teacher says they will have their share of success and mistakes. They will basically be working on accapella and madrigals during the year.

There are only 25 students in choir this year, which is a lot less from his last choir, but Mr. Heim hopes over the next five years there will be 50 to 60 students in the freshman choir. He's starting to build the program while teaching the 6th and 7th grade choirs at Vernon. "I want vocal music to be a viable part of the day," he says. He would like to get many people involved in the program.

In his spare time Mr. Heim likes to garden, fish, and play piano and tuba in dixieland bands.

Marion also has a new band instructor, Mr. Larry Bobe, who has spent the past 10 years at West Branch. Mr. Bobe applied for the Marion job because it fit with what he wanted, which was to teach only highschool at a larger school.

One big difference here is having 60 students first semester and 75 or more coming in second semester, a lot more than his last school. However, he still plans to take a band trip. The 3 sites being considered are Denver, New Orleans, and Nashville.

The students here are willing to try new things, which makes Mr. Bobe's work enjoyable. "I'm really impressed with the attitude," he says.

Originally from the East Coast and Illinois, Mr. Bobe started playing trombone at the age of 10. In his spare time he likes to read, compose music, golf, camp, and do crossword puzzles.

Mr. Bobe says that there is something about a new job that is exciting, and everything at Marion keeps that attitude going. "I'm really looking forward to the year!" said Mr. Larry Bobe.

Our third new face on the staff is Mrs. Schultz, the new art teacher here at Marion. She wanted to come to Marion because of the strong program here and because of the photography class. Mrs. Schultz's education includes Washington High School in Cedar Rapids, the University of Northern Iowa, Northeast Missouri State, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Prior to coming to Marion, Mrs. Schultz taught for eleven years in Omaha. She likes to teach art because she has a strong interest in it, she enjoys working with young people, and it gives her a chance to see the creative side of people. While Mrs. Schultz only teaches part-time here at Marion, she also teaches art classes at the Ambroz Recreation Center in Cedar Rapids. When school is not in session she enjoys spending time with her kids, reading, doing her own artwork, and spending time outdoors.

STAFF EDITORIAL: THE MERGER QUESTION

Marion High School students, faculty, and staff are proud of their school. In the September 1, 1988, edition of the Gazette, an article concerning the Marion-Linn Mar merger was printed. In the article some comments were made by James Dassow, one of the four candidates in the running for a place on the Linn-Mar School Board. He made statements which highlighted Linn-Mar's success and downplayed Marion's. It puzzles us how a person who has never attended a Marion Independent school can judge what the education is like. Since then Dassow has been elected to the board and beat his opponents by a large margin, indicating that Linn-Mar voters agree with his stand.

We feel that bigger isn't always necessarily better. Being a smaller school has advantages all of its own. At Marion, students have a better opportunity to meet and know most of their fellow classmates. Nobody has to worry about the problem of getting lost in the shuffle as the classrooms are less crowded. This also allows for more one-on-one attention and strengthens student-teacher relationships.

Once known as rivals, we have joined together with Linn-Mar and formed a truce in different areas. We have tried combining students in the classrooms as well as athletes in their respective sports. The gymnastics program proved to be quite successful along with last year's first-place Metro placing of the Marion-Linn Mar soccer team. Marion has had students who have attended Linn-Mar classes as well as their students attending Marion's. This also has been very beneficial toward both schools and the individuals taking part. The program allows the students a greater opportunity to take the classes they desire, to expand themselves, and to broaden their horizons. Summer school was a combined effort this year, too, and the enrollment was greater than the totals for the two schools' individual classes the previous summer.

We don't know for sure whether Marion and Linn-Mar will merge; however, at this point it seems almost inevitable. If it does go through, the current negative attitude being generated toward Marion will make it all the more difficult. Biased positions and comments are not needed as a shared success in the end is more profitable than individual failures.

THE MERGER: WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING?

Many people in the Marion and Linn-Mar districts don't understand what is happening with the merger right now. They hear talk of petitions and elections, but they don't know where everything stands.

At the community merger meeting of Linn-Mar and Marion, it was said that the meeting was held to set up a committee to articulate a petition for election and campaign for a "yes" result, not to debate on the merits of the merger. The merger must start with a citizen's petition. It can't be initiated by either school board. The merger process will need a lot of trust.

The petition for election is to get no less than 400 signatures from each district so a vote on the merger will be allowed. It has to pass in both districts and school boards. If the petition is approved by the Area Education Agency (AEA) board, then a general election is held. They are shooting for a November, 1989 election.

There will be a lot of unofficial agreements up front. The petition for election can't go much beyond naming the new district, defining the boundaries, and how the new board will be elected. There will be no guarantee where the highschool will be in advance.

Any objectors to the merger can petition the AEA to be attached to a neighboring district instead of the new one. Anyone at any time can petition to leave the district under any circumstances. The option already exists and has been used before. AEA boards usually deal with 2 objections: one from parents who think their children would be better off in one district or another; the other is from tax payers looking for lower taxes. When the only reason to petition the AEA is to lower the tax base, the petition is denied. The audience at the merger meeting asked if the merger would prompt the Lindale Mall and Rockwell Collins owners to go to the Cedar Rapids district to save on taxes. Ron Fielder, the administrator of the AEA, and Haddy indicated this is unlikely.

The decision will finally rest with the voters of the two school districts. Should the merger vote be yes, Grant Wood AEA will be responsible for supervising the merger.

John Vox Says:

Thumbs down to fans trying to get into fights at games.

Thumbs up to foreign language classes' summer trips.

Thumbs down to losing our tans.

Thumbs up to our new gym floor.

Thumbs down to this summer's weather.

Thumbs up to fall weather.

Thumbs down to the dress code in gym (no cut-off sweats).

Thumbs up to our foreign exchange student, Pascal.

Thumbs down to raising school lunch prices.

Thumbs up to MOC (Multi-Occupational Class) for seniors.

Thumbs down to getting up in the morning.

Thumbs up to the higher enrollment in field biology.

Thumbs down to homework on the first day of school.

Thumbs up to the juniors only having to run the mile three more times.

Thumbs down to fall colds.

Thumbs up to volleyball secret santas.

Thumbs down to illegal hits on the football field.

Thumbs up to the Sudd commercials.

Thumbs down to careless driving.

Thumbs up to the Youth Leaders Seminar at the Five Seasons Center.

Thumbs down to bad school pictures.

Thumbs up to student teachers.

Thumbs down to incompetent substitutes.

Thumbs up to Cross Country team.

Thumbs down to bees and wasps in the classrooms.

Thumbs up to our winning football team.

Thumbs down to grading academically for attendance.

Thumbs down to getting your tonsils out.

Thumbs up to volleyball winning Wamc for the first time ever.

Thumbs up to the first girls cross country trophy.

The Westdale Cheerleading Competition: What We Think

The crowd cheered as the Marion cheerleaders and pom-pom members "jammed out" at the Westdale competition on Saturday, September 17, 1988. Since the month of August the twenty-one girls participating in this event practiced and perfected their routine to the best of their ability. A couple of weeks before the contest, many of the practices were held on the weekends and mornings before school started. Visualization was the key to building up self-confidence within themselves. All of this tough physical and mental preparation led up to the final day.

On Saturday morning they had their last practice, which gave them the positive attitude they needed to get in front of the judges. As they reached Westdale, the nervousness and excitement finally started getting into their systems. The girls have always considered Prairie High School to be their biggest competitor, but this year their competition had expanded as Benton Community, Mason City, and Dyersville-Beckman joined the 3A Division fight.

The performance, they felt, was their best ever. But life has its disappointments, and Marion didn't place in the competition. Benton Community placed first, Beckman took second, and Mason City received third place. Even if they didn't place, the girls know in their hearts that their routine was a winner. They showed other schools what Marion is made of: determination, hard work, and pride.

Listening to the sound of the wind
blowing through the trees
Seeming to put everything at ease.
Hearing the faint sound of a drum
beating
Watching all the birds leaving.

The spicy taste of gum in my
mouth
Makes me smile rather than pout.
The taste of cherries were-oh-so
bitter
Always making me shiver.

The fresh smell of new cut grass
Bringing on a lot of sass.

The smell of perfume in the air
Giving all of the bugs a little scare.

The airplane in the sky is only
A few inches high.
Clouds darkened with the threat of
a storm

Holding someone close making
you so warm.

Sitting on the curb feelings of being
free.

With so many things to see.
Being out in the openness
Feeling all the warmth.

Teresa Bena

John Vox Wants To Know: What's the most embarrassing thing that's happened to you in school?

All of us have had something embarrassing happen to us during school, whether it be dropping a lunch tray, tripping in the hall, bumping into someone you don't know, or ripping your clothing in the middle of the day. Some of these things are more embarrassing than others, and the reactions to these incidents vary from person to person. Recently, some curious members of the Vox staff went out to ask you about your most embarrassing moment in school. Take, for instance, a few members of the senior class...

Jennifer Humphrey laughed as she told us about the time she slipped while going down the wrong side of the stairs at Vernon and broke her thumb. Although, we feel that Tabitha Eis may have left out something really good, she did share with us the time she choked on her milk in lunch. And does anyone remember the time Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dolinaj had to carry a student down to the office after passing out? Well, if not, just talk to Cecilia Orend. We're sure that it is something she will never forget! While on the subject of forgetting, a little bird in Mr. Bates' third hour class, told us about the time Dana Pinter forgot. It was at the last Marion vs. Linn-Mar football game when cheering for us, she yelled "Go Lions!" Now, Dana isn't the only person to have given credit to an opposing team. As a matter of fact, one of Matt Andrew's classmates told us about the time he was playing on the eighth grade basketball team and made a basket for the opposition.

And here's what we got out of some of the other juniors...

On the first day of kindergarten, Sheila Holmes did the ultimate! She headed out with expected anticipation and ended up at the wrong school. Also on the subject of misjudgment, Kim Kester one day was heading for Mr. Ferguson's room but didn't quite calculate the distance correctly and ended up interrupting Mr. Dolinaj's class. Eric Kroeger remembered the time when he had to call his mom and make her bring him a shirt because he'd spilled an ink bottle all over his white sweatshirt. And Kari Cormier looked back on her elementary days to the time when a girl she didn't get along with stole her shoe while waiting for the schoolbus. She was sure the girl had thrown her shoe into the nearby field and still hadn't found it when the bus arrived. The bus driver said she should

stay and look for it and he'd be back to get her on his second round. When he came back the shoe's location was still a mystery so the bus driver got all the little kids off the bus to help look for it. And after all their trouble, Kari found her shoe laying right beside the curb!

Now the sophomores and the freshmen didn't have a whole lot to say, but here's what we were able to find out...

In eighth grade, during a basketball game, Carrie King was standing all by herself on one end of the court and tripped. Sean Pospisil mumbled something about the time he was suspended. Returning once again to kindergarten, Tracy McNamara told us about the day when she forgot to take off her pajama bottoms and wore her pants over them. In Stacey Conley's old school in Springville, she was one of the only people who followed through in dressing up for "Nerd Day." Even though everyone knew what was going on, she said she felt extremely out of place. Laura Brandt was more than happy to inform us of the time when she got her head stuck in the bleachers. Debbie Dalton also had something similar happen to her. One day at Vernon, with a little help from Billy Casey, she got her head wedged in between the slots in the wall by the media center and couldn't get out!

Now, we couldn't only pick on the students so we tried to get the teachers to talk and this is what they said...

One day when Mrs. Boyer was pregnant with Katy, she was walking down the hall towards her classroom and an older substitute asked her for her pass! Also having a problem with people recognizing his age, Mr. Ferguson was sitting at the study hall podium when a substitute mistook him for a student and told him to get down and take his seat. And the following stunt performed by Mr. Bates takes the cake! About three years ago, after going to the restroom in the teachers' lounge he went back into the studyhall, and it wasn't until he saw the students' reactions that he noticed he'd forgotten to zip up his pants!

Unfortunately, no matter what you do or when it happens, somebody is always there to see it and remind you of those embarrassing details in your life!

Ruler

when i am Ruler there will be
enough to eat
enough housing
enough jobs
when i am Ruler
i'll repay our debt
weapons will be unneeded
taxes will be lowered
when i am Ruler
everyone will be happy
and maybe
if i feel like it
i'll stop telling these lies
but probably
you wouldn't like it if i did
you expect lies
an no one votes for
The Truth.

by Brenda Westergren, '90

Knobby and rough
the cracking hardness
moves toward the
thick moist sky.

frigid balls drop
one by one
as every cool breeze
rustles its frail leaves

the relaxing
talcum whiteness
struggles to remain
in dominion

as it pales
day by day
it gets more lonely
and isolated.

- Tammi Wood

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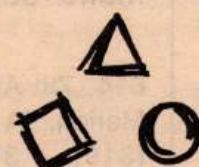
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ACTIVITIES: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

CHOIR

So what's happening in choir these days? There are eight students who are preparing themselves for All-State tryouts on October 22, 1988. They are: Angela Brende, Angie Elam, Brad Grosskreutz, Geoff Henderson, Mike Hoffman, Sheila Holmes, Jim Pinger, and Lisa Wyrick. The choir is also getting ready for their first concert on December 12, 1988.

BAND

State marching contest was held on Saturday, October 8, at Waverly. The marching show this year is called "James Bond" and features new outfits for the flags, which help highlight the "James Bond Theme." The first concert this year will be held December 12 in the gym.

SADD

The 1988-89 SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) group is

back in gear. At the first meeting the officers were elected: President Becky Pitzen, Vice-President Sara Hall, and Secretary/ Treasurer Michelle Galvin. Mr. Wikert became the sponsor this year because he says there's a growing problem with young kids and drinking and driving. Mr. Wikert stated, "There's too much booze and too many young kids drinking it!"

The SADD members already have ideas in the progress. Some of the things they are doing are making a radio commercial on KGAN and KCRG, making the members more known so if a student might need a ride home they could call a SADD member, and making key chains which say BE WISE DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.

NHS

National Honor Society, for those of you who don't know, consists of students who who fulfill and display the following qualities:

leadership, scholarship, character, and service. The officers of NHS are:

President.....Teresa Dittmar
Vice-President.....Darrell Chiavetta
Secretary.....Heather Baldwin
Treasurer.....Brad Simanek

So far this year, they are having a hard time getting the ball rolling but we're sure that we'll have more on them by the next edition. Right guys?

FBLA

FBLA has been in existence for five years and is sponsored by Mr. Pantini, Mrs. Sell, and Mr. Ross in order to inform students about career opportunities in business. The officers are:

President.....Ken Heitzman
Vice-President.....Karen Heitzman
Secretary.....Stacey Horning
Treasurer.....Jeff Pizarek
Historian.....Dee Feller
Parliamentarian.....Lue Turner

Members will be going to an FBLA leadership conference in Newton in October and are also planning

their annual Halloween party for kids in grades K-3.

QUILL - SOMETHING WILD!

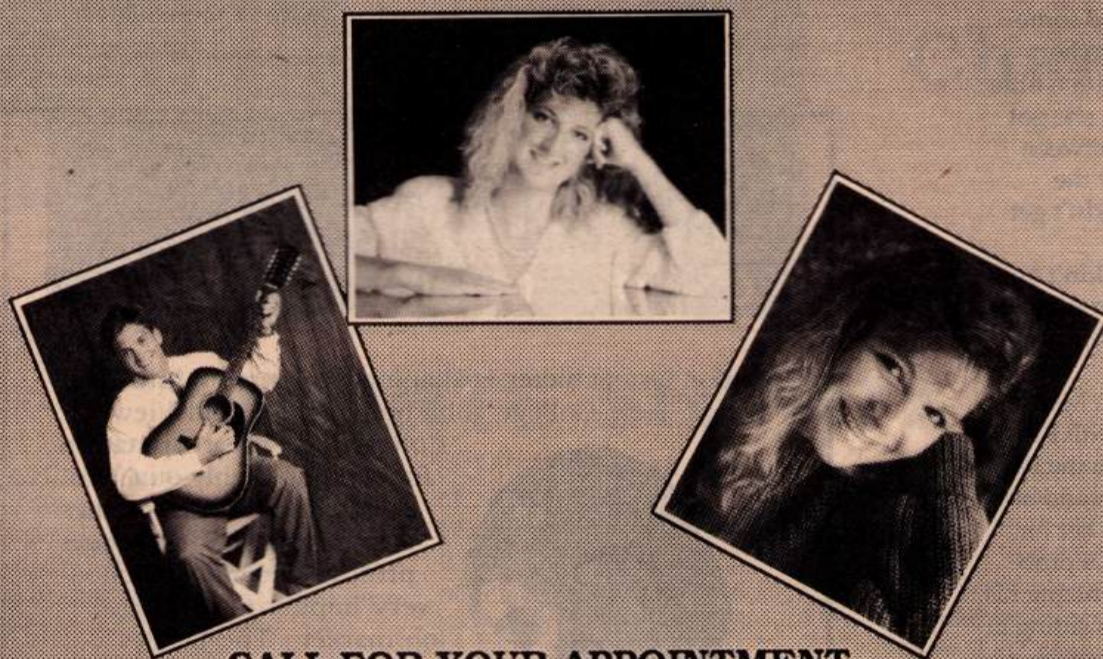
1988-89 Quills will be on sale for one day only, November 2, in the lounge. Yearbooks will cost \$20.00.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The student council has only had a few meetings so far. At their first meeting, officers were elected as follows:

President.....Brad Simanek
Vice-President.....Shane Ehresman
Secretary.....Geoff Henderson
Treasurer.....Jeremy Bushlack
Mr. Hoyt, the assistant principal, and Mr. Bobe, band director, are the group's sponsors. Projects so far include deciding where to hang the new school flag, designed last year by Michael Buckley, when it is completed and sending four students to a leadership conference in Ames on Monday, October 24. Minutes for each meeting are posted in the lounge.

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DRAMA '88

Lights, camera, action! Marion High School Thespians take the stage on October 28 and 29 to perform *The Butler Did It*, a mystery-comedy by Tim Kelly. *The Butler Did It* is about a society lady who likes adventure and invites mystery writers over for an afternoon of "entertainment". What she doesn't know is that things she didn't plan to happen do happen, keeping everyone on needles and pins!

Along with a new drama season there is also have a new drama sponsor. Mrs. Balderston, who substitutes for some of Mrs. Goldstein's Spanish classes, is now taking the title of drama director under her belt. Her past experience with drama includes helping with Christmas shows and school plays and taking a speech class to contest. Mrs. Balderston is planning on keeping with the tradition with a fall play and a spring musical but is not yet sure of the winter drama. Some of Mrs. Balderston's goals for this drama season are to have fun and to have students learn about sharing parts. Mrs. Balderston is married and has two daughters and twin sons. They live on a farm outside of Alburnett. She enjoys photography and is now working on a family gallery of photos for their home.

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WAR AT THE NET

The volleyball team has been fighting for their rights at the net this year, and they are winning. As of Monday, October 3, the team's match record was 10-6-6, and their game record was 32-23. One big game was the recent match against Monticello which they won three games to one. And on Saturday, October 1, they won the Wamac title for the first time ever at the tournament in Benton! Gigi Gann and Wendy Wittwer made first team all-tournament. All-conference teams will be chosen on October 24.

Coach Schnieders commented, "We've been pretty successful." Leading the team in serving with a 91% is Gigi Gann, also leading the team's sets with a 97%. Wendy Wittwer leads in two areas as well with 69 ace spikes and an impressive 55% in blocking. Kris Frasher leads the team in serve receptions with 75%. Miss Schnieders especially commented on how well the limited varsity squad of nine has done in working as a team. They have maintained a positive attitude and this has reflected in their performances. The sophomores, with a squad of seventeen, have also had quite an impressive season with only two losses.



Sophs Ally Eichhorst, Andrea Ebaugh, and Nicci Port are ready at the net.

After the tournament at LaSalle on September 17, Heidi Begley commented, "Sorry to say, we had no fans," so the team has tried to do some different things to spark up the players and to improve attendance at their games. The players have started handing out invitations to those people who would normally not attend, and this seems to be working very well. As a matter of fact, at the two home games they've had against Regis and West Delaware, the gym has been filled! McDonald's has also started with the "Player of the Week" board again, and a few of the girls have been nominated for that honor. Miss Schnieders smiled when she mentioned that they also have new warm-ups. Every year at Wamac, the players do something a little off-key to psych themselves up. For instance, this year at Wamac they all wore different colored socks. They didn't necessarily do it to draw attention, but rather to make them feel like a team. This unity program works well and is very positive for the players.

Miss Schnieders said, "We had a good start, sixth in Metro, and are starting now to peak again with only three games left." The last game of the season is set for October 11.



Vicki Eichhorst serves for the varsity.



Marion Volleyball:

Varsity and



Champs!



Sophomore



SPORTS SHORTS

Football

J-V Football has played two games, winning 14-0 against LaSalle and the Indians losing to the C.R. Washington J.V. by a score of 20-8.

The Freshman football team has recorded its most wins ever in a season with a 2-2 record. Iowa City West and Jefferson White both fell victim to the Indian frosh with 18-6 and 20-6 scores, respectively. Their losses were a close 7-6 decision against Iowa City City High, and a 32-6 loss to the Kennedy Gold team.

The sophomore record stands at 4-2 overall, 3-1 in the conference. The record includes losses to Regis and Maquoketa and decisive victories over South Tama (42-16), LaSalle (26-0), Vinton (40-6), and West Delaware (24-13). Defensive standouts for the sophomores

include Todd Lewis, John McNeeley, Rob Smith, Dave Warren, Bryan Seedorf, and Gerry Bannister, while much of the offensive load has been shouldered by Travis Fuller, Brent Conway, Bryan Seedorf, Brennan Buckley, Tim Frake, and Brad DeWoody. These performances are helped by the strong support of the offensive line.

Volleyball

A strong sophomore volleyball team, led by starters Ally Eichhorst, Nicci Port, Dawn Ramirez, Lisa Adams, Andrea Ebaugh, and Carrie King and coached by Deb Menken, currently has a 10-2-1 record for the year, including winning the sophomore Wamac title on October 8 at Regis. One loss and the tie both came in the Jefferson Fresh/Soph Tournament. The other loss was a tough game with Monticello. Team

member Candy Mather says, "We have excellent teamwork. Everybody gets along and works together." An additional challenge for the girls is the "Sophomore Challenge" of sophomore boys against the girls. The boys' team of Travis Fuller, Brennan Buckley, Brent Conway, Todd Lewis, Bryan Seedorf, Doug French, and Kurt Buck will play a regulation volleyball game for bragging rights of the class.

JV Volleyball has a 4-5-0 match record.

Cross Country

Sophomore Chris Lamos and freshmen Jason Ciha and Shane Scott have been running J.V. cross country for the boys this year. Although four runners are needed to compete as a team, these three still compete as individuals and have had one fresh/soph meet at Tipton. Freshman Candida Orend has been running J.V. for the girls.

BOOSTER CLUB WORKING FOR MHS

Coaches, players, and cheerleaders are pretty much all you think of when you hear the words highschool athletics. But the thing you don't see is the support also received from the Marion Athletic Booster Club.

This year the booster club consists of close to 200 members who are interested in Marion athletics. The officers are President: Joe Hutchins, Vice-President: Diane Brandt, Secretary: Diane Ross, Treasurer: Wayne Mase. Already this year the booster club has offered the community a poster of the returning lettermen and are selling "terrible" towels, seat cushions, and pennants, all pointed toward showing support for MHS athletics. The Marion Booster Club wishes all MHS athletes success in the 88-89 school year.

MHS STUDENTS SEE THE WORLD

33 STUDENTS SEE MEXICO

Does snorkeling in Cancun sound fun? Or does climbing ancient pyramids sound exciting? Well, that's what thirty-three Spanish students did this past summer in Mexico. For ten days at the end of June, the students saw the sights of Mexico City, played on the beach in Cancun, and stayed with a Mexican family for three days and had the chance to use the skills they learned in their Spanish class.

The time in Mexico City was spent sightseeing and shopping at various markets where bartering was often used. Students saw the Ballet Folklórico and visited the National Anthropology Museum, where they saw the original Aztec Sun Calendar, the castle in Chapultepec Park, the Shrine of Guadalupe, and the Aztec pyramids at San Juan Teotihuacan. It was during their time in Mexico City that students were assigned families with whom they spent three days.

The group then spent five days on the white sand beach of Cancun, located on the Yucatan Peninsula. Along with sunning and swimming, there was a side trip to see Mayan ruins at Tulum and the chance to snorkel in the Caribbean at Xel-Ha. Visiting the Hard Rock Cafe was popular, as was shopping, whether at a mall near the hotel or in markets in the city of Cancun.

The Spanish classes are currently involved in fund-raising to finance a return to Mexico after the 1989-90 school year. This time the trip will include three days in Guadalajara, three days in Mexico City, and three days in Cancun.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE IRON CURTAIN

The trip had been planned and talked about since the first few weeks of school, and then that morning, a group of nineteen students, Mr. and Mrs. Virlee, and their two children were off. The voyage started out at the high school on the morning of the 11th of July as a parent-driven caravan of vans and cars blazed a path for Chicago's O'Hare airport where the flying would start, from Chicago to New York.

From New York, the group flew across the Atlantic to Belgium and then into West Berlin for two days of sights and adventures. It was a very crowded town and had one of the most cultural environments. Many group members went around touring the large department buildings, small cafes, and clothing stores. There the group members also met their tour guide, Neil, who would lead them the rest of the way through the tour of ten days.

Some of the sights in West Berlin were war memorials by the Germans, Americans, and the Soviets. The Wall, which separates East Berlin from West Berlin, was also one of the most memorable sights (and all of the graffiti that covers the wall), and everybody was snapping pictures of their friends standing next to it. All along the wall were stores selling "wall" memorabilia and smuggled articles from the Soviet Union.

Within a couple of days, they headed to East Berlin, to fly to Moscow on the Soviet airline, Aeroflot. Aeroflot flights were marred by experiences such as a when light fixture on the plane broke and fell into a lane, sparking a small child to cry bloody-murder for the rest of the trip. The group

arrived in Moscow at about 12 or 1 in the morning and were bussed to the hotel and into dorms since the students were out of school. The next morning they toured Moscow, including Lenin's tomb with the perfectly preserved body of the country's leader, St. Basil's cathedral, GUM (pronounced goom), a large department mall, lots of cathedrals and churches, Red Square, and the Kremlin. They also traveled to a town near Moscow called Zagorsk, where we toured a monastery.

The group then flew to Kiev, the capital of the Ukraine, for 2 days of sights, including the Monastery of the Caves, St. Sophia's Cathedral, and the metro system, a means of transportation for the people of Kiev.

The last town was Leningrad, the second largest city in the U.S.S.R. Leningrad had many magnificent palaces and public buildings and the Winter Palace (The Hermitage), which had housed the Czar's since the early 1900's. It contained many intricate paintings by world known artists. Also in Kiev is the statue Mother-Russia, the world's largest free-standing statue. There they also attended a youth-summit meeting and got to talk to some teen-aged Russian and went to the Leningrad Circus, which performed dare-devil acts.

After 2 days in Leningrad, the group headed back to East Berlin, then bussed into West Berlin for a day where everyone ran down to the Burger King and gorged themselves after the returning from Russia, where the food was bland tasting and prepared differently from American food. Everyone went out that night for a while and took in the last night of the trip.

That morning, everyone packed up and headed down to breakfast and then loaded the bus to go to the airport. The stops on the way back included Belgium, New York, St. Louis, and Chicago, where parents waited to pick them up.

The group included Phil Jennings, Leann Kos, Brian Bemisdarfer, Eric Dalton, Jason Zoubek, Shane Ehresman, Scott Vogt, Josh Schuller, Shad Clark, Cindy Sparks, Matt Hoskins, Brandon Fairbanks, Scott McDonald, Shawn Black, Brian Boland, Toni Luse, Melissa Port, Dave Imgrund, Wendy Wittwer, Mr. and Mrs. Virlee and their two children Lea and Drew.

The trip was fun and the group saw a lot of history in Russia and Germany while also meeting the people, trying the food, and watching and experiencing the culture. It is a trip they will not forget for the rest of their lives.

AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURE

She's back and she's looking "Aussie". Adriane Hartmann, a junior at Marion High, returned this summer from Australia. She experienced first hand what the lifestyle was like in Lilydale, a small town on the island of Tasmania. "You could count the number of houses without going over one hundred," she said.

She attended Alanvale College, a school twenty minutes away from where she lived. "At Alanvale you were treated like an adult. You didn't need passes to get back into class. You could skip a class and not get in trouble for it." Obviously the school centered around personal freedom, which is something Adriane enjoyed very much.

When comparing our school to Alanvale, she claimed both were alike in most ways. The only difference was that gym class wasn't required. Instead they had an activity they called "sport". She was able to choose a sport she wanted to participate in for six weeks. After the time was up, she had a chance to change sports or remain in the same activity.

It cost Adriane and her parents about \$300 - \$400 dollars a month. This cost included living expenses, spending money, phone calls, sending letters, and paying her way to town when she needed to shop or wanted to go to the movies.

Adriane admits she had trouble with the language for awhile. She said they had many slang words which she could not understand at first. An example was "Ta," which meant thanks in Australia. "I thought Australians talked very fast and were a little hard to understand the first time I listened to them speak."

According to Adriane, what made Australia most interesting was its beauty. She lived on a farm, which gave her a lot of open space to ride horses every morning and she was able to see a koala bear and a wallaby at a zoo she visited. All in all, she enjoyed the wildlife and beauty Australia had to offer.

Even though Adriane had a great time, she admits she is very glad to be back in good old Marion. Like the saying goes, "There's no place like home."

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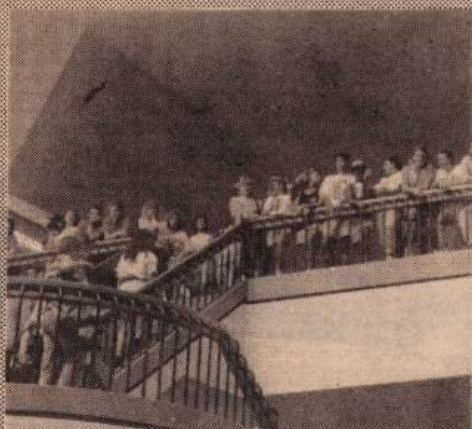
Tami Tasker takes the field with her staff in hand to give new meaning to the term Indian Of The Week. "How," says Tami as she steps into the world of Marion HighSchool football dressed as the Marion Indian mascot.

How did this new addition happen? "One day at a track meet Tereasa Dittmar told me I had the personality for it, then someone from the Booster Club called me," said Tami.

Excitement is pretty much what Tami was feeling on September 9th, but still she felt a little hesitant as she put on her uniform. Tami said, "I really felt pretty dumb. At first all my friends laughed, but after I was out there, they became supportive."

Since there had not been a mascot for some time, people wondered how it would go over. Shane Ehresman said, "I liked it because she volunteered her time to our school spirit." Both Jay Brandt and Todd Hutchins thought the addition helped raise the enthusiasm level of the players and Brad Wilson added, "I think that it takes pride on her part and puts pride into us. It makes your back tingle with excitement." "It's cool...she's pretty gutsy," said Dan Junkins, and Cary Jordan thinks, "It's a good display of school spirit."

As well as participating during football games, Tami was part of the Marion contingent that competed at the Westdale cheer-leading competition.



Wherever there's an event, Marion fans are there for support.

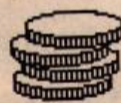
CROSS KIDS TAKE IT ALL IN STRIDE

Cross Country is off and running again this year, and a relatively young team has proved its worth. The Marion Cross Country team consists of 6 girls and 9 guys who run 2 miles and 3 miles in meets.

One of the highlights for the team this year was when the Marion cross country girls came home with a Vinton trophy on Tuesday, September 20. This trophy is the first trophy the girls have received in cross country. "It was a pleasure," Mr. Ferguson said. Christian Hultquist, a freshman, is running very well for her first year of cross country, coming in first at the Marion Invitational. Sophomore Kim Lochner has really improved this year and is leading the pack. Kim Kester, a junior, has done well this year in her running, and has been the runner to meet people in the most interesting way. While running at Tipton, Kim was tackled by a football player as she ran close to the practice field. Though surprised, Kim did get up and finish the race. Tressa Kinkead, a junior, is having a good season and winning a lot of medals. Junior Tracy Nesteby is out for the first time and has steadily improved. Finishing out the girls team is freshman Candida Orend.

Senior Chris Tope has run well this season, his last in cross country for Marion High School. "He has run well his four years in cross country. He will be missed," said Mr. Ferguson. Jason O'Brian and Mike Wright, both sophomores, are running very well, giving support to leading runner Kurt Buck, also a sophomore. Senior Rob Bowen is a new addition to the team as are freshmen Shane Scott, David Westergen, Jason Ciha and sophomore Chris Lamos.

"The girls team has a good chance to go to state this year if they work hard at it," said Mr. Ferguson. "They are favored to win their first Wamac title October 11." The boys team has gone to state the last four years in a row, but this year the top four rated teams in the state are running in the same district as Marion, and only the top four teams advance to state. Still, Coach Ferguson commented, "The guys have a chance at going to state if they work at it. You have to want to do something badly enough to go for it, and take the pain and the aggravation."



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FOOTBALL FEVER!!!!

The Marion Indians were bringing down the house during their triple overtime, nail-biting win over Maquoketa. Carey Bender, Todd Hutchins, and John Royer all had the opportunity to run the ball for a touchdown each while Jay Brandt and Jason Northway proved their ability to receive for one touchdown each. Royer then hit Brandt for a two-point conversion to make the final score 34-26 in favor of the Indians. This was an important game not only for the season, but for the players shaking off a disappointing '87 season. "We're tired of carrying the load from last year," said Todd Hutchins. "Now it's time to take care of business. We're going to do our best to get our fans back to the dome one game at a time."

Spirits were up and the fans were impressed as the Indians went on to beat LaSalle 25-6. Scoring for Marion were Hutchins for a touchdown, Cody Jordan for a PAT, and Carey Bender, who contributed an outstanding three touchdowns. For his efforts Carey was named Gazette Prep of the Week, Indian of the Week, and McDonald's Player of the Week.

The following week was filled with anxiety as the team approached a game with perennial power Regis. It was a battle of the rated teams with Marion at #9 and Regis #10 in the 3-A football poll. Marion looked strong, but a controversial fumble call at the one-yard line helped give the Indians a 15-28 loss. Indian of the Week Lonnie Rose and Carey

Bender had one touchdown each, while Jay Brandt added a two point conversion pass from John Royer and Cody Jordan scored on a PAT. Shane Ehresman had a great game defensively and was named McDonald's player of the week.

The next week, the Indians came storming back with an easy 42-27 win over South Tama. Jay Brandt had an exceptional 35-yd. pass reception from Royer and countered on defense with two interceptions. Todd Hutchins, who contributed two touchdowns, and Lonnie Rose, who made three touchdowns, were both named honorable mention Gazette Preps of the Week while Brandt was named Indian of the Week and McDonald's Player of the Week.

Next in line was a road trip

to Vinton where the "Big Red" went on a cakewalk for their 46-0 shutout against the Vikings. Although that victory was sweet, as Jay Brandt said, "It's do or die for us now; no mistakes, no bad breaks, and we'll be on our way to a conference championship and a state play-off spot."

The Indians kept those hopes alive with an offensive assault of West Delaware on October 7. Running up 458 yards of total offense, the Indians scored in each quarter for a final 39-8 score. Todd Hutchins scored three touchdowns, running for two and taking a John Royer pass into the end zone for the third, while Carey Bender added a fourth TD.

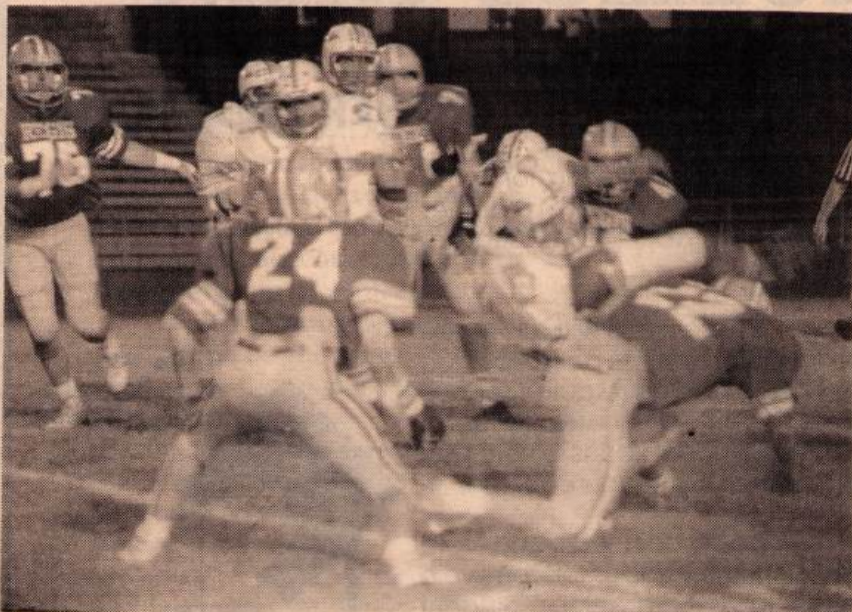
The Indians next contest is Friday against the Independence Mustangs.



Hampered by a problem shoulder, Matt Andrew watches from the sidelines.



Travis Fuller concentrates on defense while waiting to go back in at sophomore quarterback.



Regis found it tough to stop the Marion rushing attack.



Scott McDonald and Tim Richards arrive for the first game of the season.