



Exchange students and student journalists from all around Cedar Rapids gathered at Regis to learn more about each other's countries and people.

## Round Table: Students Discuss World Problems

The 1988 Round Table discussion held at Regis High School was "a neat experience," according to participants. The discussion consisted of nearly 25 exchange students and 40 high school journalists from the Cedar Rapids area. The Round Table, held annually, is an opportunity for students to learn more about foreign culture and the problems of other countries. Students from such countries as Sweden, Norway, Belgium, El Salvador, Spain, France, Japan, Denmark, Australia, Austria, and Brazil were all participants.

The most frequently asked

questions dealt with the drinking age and other problem drugs. The majority of the exchange students agreed that, in most cases, countries without a drinking age have less of a problem with alcoholism. Political questions were raised, but put a damper on the somewhat laid-back and easy-going conversation.

The Round Table discussion was an excellent opportunity to link American students with students from around the world. And when taking everything into consideration, it would be safe to say that the '88 Round Table discussion was a success.

## A New Tradition

In the past, Marion High School has always held prom in some reserved "ballroom" of a major center, whether it be a hotel, a country club, or an activities center. Well, this year there has been a switch, and the upcoming 1989 prom will be held in the MHS gymnasium.

Many of the students who know about the change are totally shocked and irate. But it's not as chintzy as it seems. Having prom in the gym requires a tremendous amount of effort in decorating and setting up, not to mention a lot of money for those decorations. "The gym will be open to the prom committee for as long as they need the night before," says Mr. Twachtman. Some schools that have prom in the gym start the Friday afternoon before the prom and work all night to complete the transformation. Kennedy, Washington, and Regis are just a few of the schools holding prom in the gym.

This doesn't mean that the junior class is trying to spend less money, but is trying to redirect the money to the school instead of spending over \$1,000 to rent space in a hotel. There are some MHS students who went to

both Marion's prom in the City Center and another prom in a high school gymnasium and saw for themselves that a gymnasium can look much more professional and elegant than any amount of rented space. For one thing, there is unlimited dancing space in a gym as compared to any place else. The decorations are unbelievable and can be as creative as you would like them to be. "The idea of valet parking has even been considered," says Mr. Ferguson. Prom committee members are also investigating the possibility of having hors d'oeuvres available, perhaps served by underclass waiters and waitresses.

The prom committee is waiting to see how much money the cheese and sausage sale earned before final decoration plans are made. Said one committee member, "The only thing I'm worried about is that some people will never accept the idea and will put down anything we do. I know this can be a positive thing, but it needs the support of the students, not just negative comment."

## A Place of Our Own

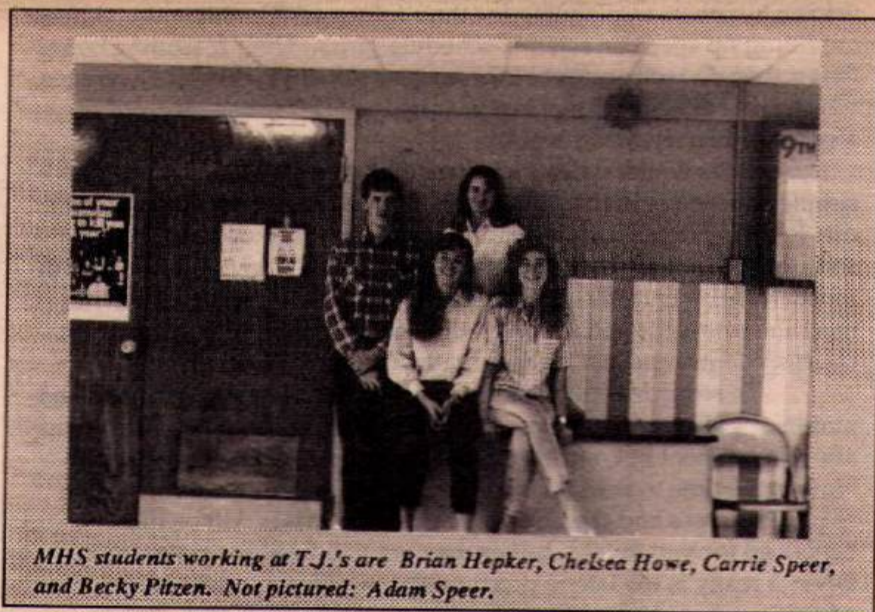
T.J.'s, which is short for Teen Junction, is the new hangout for high school students across Cedar Rapids and Marion. Since the opening on October 7, 1988, T.J.'s has had continuous success with their efforts in providing teens a place to party.

Little by little T.J.'s was put together. For a total of about two years the owners, William and Donna Jones traveled to other parts of the country to get ideas from other teen centers. After returning home to Cedar Rapids, the organization of T.J.'s began. A teen board was established to help the process run smoother. Fundraising and donations supplied them with the money they needed to start the center. Approval by the city was a big step toward its opening.

The necessity of finding a building and available D.J.'s took some time, but eventually they were found. With the building came many odds and ends like painting, lighting, and designing, which was all accomplished last summer.

The staff at T.J.'s includes four students from Marion: Chelsea Howe, Becky Pitzen, Carrie Speer, and Adam Speer. Their work at the center is basically volunteer, although they do get paid a little money for their time and effort. "Working at T.J.'s is a fun job, and I've been working for William and Donna awhile," says Carrie Speer. Being on the teen board and applying with the owners is how they got connected with T.J.'s. They consider the work to be a rewarding experience.

Those of you who haven't been to T.J.'s are probably wondering what they have to offer, right? A good time and a chance to meet new people is what T.J.'s is all about. It's a place for teens to let themselves loose and have fun without drinking. The cover charge of four dollars includes free pop, a free coat check, and entertainment for a fun-filled night. The hours are Friday and Saturday nights 7-12 pm. Starting soon it will be open on Wednesday nights for 18-20 year olds.



MHS students working at T.J.'s are Brian Hepker, Chelsea Howe, Carrie Speer, and Becky Pitzen. Not pictured: Adam Speer.

## Don't Take What Isn't Yours

Following an incident at Kennedy High School where several students took prescription pills and then became ill, the question that people are asking is if students will take a drug without knowing what it is for. "You wouldn't believe it. Kids actually take pills even although they do not know what they are actually taking," said Mr. Bailey. He suggests thinking of your body as a car. If you put pop into that car, it's like putting drugs into your body; the car slows down and will not run any more just like your body will slow down and not run. "Your body is the most incredible thing on earth. Your body is a machine. You cannot put parts back together," he says. "Kids take drugs because they are desperate for something to make them feel good. They do not realize that what they are taking might not be what they thought it would be. Some students even take the drug to get attention, or because they want to fit in the crowd better and think that if they take this drug it will get them the attention they desire then they will take it," said Mr. Bailey.

Bailey says the big question now is is there a way to prevent kids from taking unknown drugs? "It is so sad seeing kids take drugs and not knowing what is in them and then almost dying because they are so stupid to take that drug in the first place" he said. "I would like to stop this prescription drug dealing, but I need all of your help and so do the kids doing the drugs. They think they are getting away with something, but don't realize how obvious they are."

At Kennedy, seven students were taken to a local hospital after taking prescription sleeping pills stolen from one student's parents. Later the students were charged with criminal offenses.

## Staff Editorial: Get on the Ball!!

Many seniors are finding that as graduation approaches they are desperately searching for extra classes and continually thumbing through college brochures in preparation. Seniors are often seen scrambling around trying to complete the necessary credits for graduation, especially those credits concerning the completion of math courses. They don't seem to realize until this time of the year that they will have to make some serious decisions regarding their futures in less than a year.

One major decision that has to be made is what to do and where to go after graduation. College is often the biggest issue. Every day starting soon after taking the ACT tests, which for many are in the fall of their junior year, they begin getting mail from colleges. At first it's kind of fun to actually read this repetitious material, but as soon as it starts coming in in hordes and it takes two mailmen to deliver it all at one time, the letters are either deposited directly into the circular file or are tossed into the infamous college stuff stack. After reading some of this information, many seniors break out in a sweat realizing now that, due to their slack-off behavior throughout high school, many may end up at the local community college which has been the topic of a major joke since who knows when. Because of this dreaded fear, many seniors are cracking down and uncommonly opening and studying their textbooks with hope they will be able to get accepted into the college of their choice.

Raising grade point averages is also a concern for seniors in particular. After three years of either maintaining the same grade point average or in some cases, having experienced a drop in their GPA, seniors are deciding that a wise choice at this point in the ballgame is to make this number jump up and be noticed. Even after three years of doing absolutely nothing productive, many feel that if they show their capabilities now that they will be taken into consideration by others in planning for their future. To do this, easy courses are filling up space on seniors' schedule cards. Their reasoning being that if they do well and "ace" these classes their grade point averages, which were dragged down last year by the "D-"s they received in algebra or history, will shoot up.

Other seniors aren't always lucky enough to get by with such simple class loads in their final year. Instead they are finding out that due to their previous attitudes and sluggishness, they are sitting in some of the same classes once again. One problem with this is that in most arrangements, the students have to pass the course in order to meet the set requirements for graduation and, therefore, means that these students must eat, sleep, and drink the course's subject.

To steer clear of this drastic senior dilemma, sophomores and juniors should begin now to determine not only what they plan to do after high school but, moreover, the importance of their education. Now is the time to start taking and meeting the standards of certain required classes and the time to plan which classes will be most beneficial for you to take, rather than waiting until the last minute when it really is too late to produce serious effects. One's high school education should be taken with some sincerity as what you do in these four short years will begin paving the ways to your future. Lay down a solid foundation now, secure yourself for what is to come, and build monuments in your name after graduation instead of cleaning someone else's.

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## Letter to the Editor

Government: the act or process of governing. In 1776 our forefathers/mothers looked at a beginning government and determined what was the best way to make the government beneficial to the governed. As most of us know they produced a system by which government officials are voted in. Elections in the young life of the United States of America were won the majority of the time by the Republican Party, but remember the Republican Party at the time was the forerunner of the Democratic Party of today.

In our present materialistic age, we can clearly see the Democratic Party slowly becoming the underdog in the elections. Some people want BMW's, big houses and jobs in which they can "get rich quick" as the saying goes. What about the rest of America's population? In the Constitution of the United States does it not say "...promote the general Welfare, and secure Blessings" for the people? So

when you hear someone saying "the Democratic Party just gives things away," remember that what they are giving away is food to the needy, low-cost housing or houses to the homeless, and aid to foreign countries. Are they not in fact doing their job? Oh, boy, those Democrats are really bad! Look at the Republican Party. Generally they are against change but they want to decide for you what is morally correct. To cite two examples, they're for school prayer and against abortions. The Democrats, on the other hand wish to let the people choose what they think is best for them.

So let's be careful in upcoming elections. Let us step back and look at what government is and look at which party is closer to that. Let's not choose the party from which we will make the most money. We should believe Mr. Spock's dying words, "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few."

Chris Tope '89

## Election '88

This year's election between Republican George Bush and Democrat Michael Dukakis was a closer race than what it seemed, but this race was also much dirtier than ones of the past.

Even though President-elect Bush won a majority of states, quite often the races were closer than a landslide decision with the popular votes.

Both candidates really did a lot of mudslinging against the other. Bush brought up questions of Dukakis's patriotism and on his strong will to get more gun control. Dukakis then struck back at Bush with the Quayle factor and what Bush had done wrong as vice-president.

Here in school, a mock election was held by Mr. Messerli along with lots of help from the senior class. In the freshmen and sophomore balloting, Dukakis won by small decisions, while the Juniors declared Dukakis by a large margin. The seniors on the other hand, were the only group that had Bush as the winner by something like 10 votes. The teacher voting was closest to having a landslide winner, with Dukakis winning.

It is quite often true that

most younger voters are influenced by their family. Family, friends, work, and other surroundings give the voter influence.

There are also other reasons that people may vote for a certain candidate, maybe because they like certain plans that he intends to carry out or because of his objection to something else.

### WHY PEOPLE VOTED FOR WHO THEY DID

**DUKAKIS** - Reasons given for voting for Dukakis were his views on advancement in education, cutting defense spending, cleaning-up the environment, providing more economic aid to needy families, limiting de-regulation, more college loans and funding, developing a stronger policy on human rights, and because they hated Quayle.

**BUSH** - Bush voters liked his strong foreign policies, strong foreign relations background, and his status as the incumbent vice-president. There was also a belief that a smooth transition would keep the Republican economy going, that Bush has good leadership qualities and that he would decentralize the national government to give states more power.

### CORRECTIONS

In the last issue of The Vox, two MHS students were mis-identified. On page one, the field biology picture should have identified Frank Lochner, not Scott Lochner. On page six, Vicki Detling was identified as Vicki Eichhorst. We apologize to these students.

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## John Vox Says:

Thumbs up to All-Staters.  
 Thumbs down to the Oskaloosa-Pella game.  
 Thumbs up to being the Tri-Wamac champions.  
 Thumbs down to the students' attitudes at the Homecoming pep assembly.  
 Thumbs up to the volleyball team members' All-Wamac selections.  
 Thumbs down to early snow.  
 Thumbs up to the football team members' All-Wamac selections.  
 Thumbs down to not enough snow to ski with.  
 Thumbs up to the Economics class.  
 Thumbs down to California Raisins.  
 Thumbs up to the janitors.  
 Thumbs down to misuse of prescription drugs.  
 Thumbs up to T.J.'s.  
 Thumbs down to fights at T.J.'s.  
 Thumbs up to Thanksgiving vacation.  
 Thumbs down to immature students who think they rule the classrooms.  
 Thumbs up to no more campaign ads on T.V.  
 Thumbs up to Paul Davis' return.  
 Thumbs down to injuries during intramural volleyball.  
 Thumbs up to Mrs. Braun.  
 Thumbs down to inaccurate calls by referees at the volleyball intramurals.  
 Thumbs up to eager last-minute reporters.  
 Thumbs down to needing money for Christmas presents.  
 Thumbs up to job shadowing.  
 Thumbs down to cold weather crankiness.  
 Thumbs up to being over halfway through first semester.  
 Thumbs down to reckless driving.  
 Thumbs up to Mr. Bates' various video productions.  
 Thumbs down to changing back from daylight savings time.  
 Thumbs up to parent/teacher conferences being over until March.  
 Thumbs down to lack of participation in P.E. classes.  
 Thumbs up to ITED results being in.  
 Thumbs down to jealousy.  
 Thumbs up to the running club.  
 Thumbs down to prolonged winter colds.  
 Thumbs up to the wrestlers.  
 Thumbs down to people who chew with their mouths open.  
 Thumbs up to the basketball players (both guys and gals).  
 Thumbs down to teachers not giving enough class time to do in-class work.  
 Thumbs up to winter cheerleaders and pompon members.  
 Thumbs down to negative attitudes.  
 Thumbs up to winter clothes hiding fat.  
 Thumbs down to students always being tired.  
 Thumbs up to another issue of *The Vox* being completed.

## John Vox Wants to Know...

When you turn sixteen years of age, what are the two most important things to do? Getting one's drivers license and a new car to go along with it are almost a given. But also another thing of particular interest to this age group is to find a job. Having a job gives students the feeling of responsibility that they desire, a break away from the typical routine, and extra funds to spend as they please in most cases.

One problem that comes with finding employment is that students' free time becomes more limited once they are hired. This lack of free time causes students to cut back on other activities in which they are involved. In high school, extra-curricular activities are well recommended. Involvement in school activities is supposed to make high school more meaningful. They are things colleges and employers look at as this involvement shows your willingness to become a part of a team, to share yourself with others, and to expand your horizons.

Recently there has been a noticeable drop in the number of participants in certain extra-curriculars. For this reason, the *Vox* staff decided to have some of you fill out a questionnaire to try to

determine a reason for this decrease. The questionnaire consisted of questions concerning place of and reason for employment, how many hours a week a student averages at his or her job, extra-curricular activities involved in, and reasons for or against participation in these designated events. When we compiled the results we found some very interesting answers and we would like to share them with you.

Our categories and numbers were separated into four separate groups. The first group being those who work and are involved in extra-curricular activities, the second group being those who work and are not involved in extra-curricular activities, leaving those who do not have a job but are involved in out-of-the-classroom events as the third group, and finally those who are not employed or involved in extra-curricular events as the fourth and final grouping.

Out of seventy-two students polled we found that the majority (thirty-one students) fit into the first category by being employed and active participants in school events as well. It was also noted that the majority of these students are involved in

more than one school sport, organization, or club. These students also work on the average between fifteen to twenty hours a week. Some reasons they gave for wanting to continue working were mainly due to financial needs and desires, as well as personal satisfaction, experience, and to give them something to do outside of school.

Sixteen students represented the second group, those who work but are not participants in extra-curriculars. Their reasons for working were right along the same lines of the first group's responses with money being the main objective once again. Most of these students average right around twenty hours a week as well. Some reasons they gave for not being involved in school events were mainly due to their lack of time. Some students also mentioned that they felt they weren't competitive enough to be accepted into the sports world while others blatantly admitted to just simply being lazy. In asking these questions we also found that many employers will not schedule around their high school employee's activities.

Our third group's answers were compiled from the twenty-two students who do not have jobs

but are active in extra-curricular events. Their attitudes are that school takes up most of their time. They don't seem to have any financial worries and therefore do not feel the need to work. Although some wish they did have jobs and are in the process of filling out applications, most feel that they will have to work the rest of their lives so why should they start doing so now.

The final three questionnaires were from those students who do not work and do not participate in out-of-the-classroom events. Some reasons for their positions are that they are not really excited about working and at the same time do not feel as though they would be easily admitted into school groups do to their lack of coordination in sports and their lack of competitiveness.

Although the students we polled had a higher involvement background than we expected to see due to the fewer number of students participating this year in extra-curricular activities, our results still give explanations from the students themselves as to why they are not involved. Hopefully in the future we will see an increase once again, but for now we wish everybody good luck in whatever it is they do outside of the average school day.

## Can It Wait?

Have you ever gone away for the weekend with friends or family and when returning really late on Sunday night seen light all aglow in the windows of your friends' bedrooms? Why is this? Is it because there is a great movie on Cinemax? Well, it could be but I seriously doubt it. Could it be that they have an unfinished English theme lying before them that is due first thing in the morning? Maybe there is a test first hour in a class in which they've yet to open their books? If you guessed one of these last two suggestions over the movie option, my guess is that you are headed in the right direction.

But why do so many people wait until the last minute to finish, or in some cases, start their homework? Whether it be late the last night of the weekend, just before sunrise on the day it is due, during the period before the class in which the assignment is to be handed in, or as you are walking down the hallway, these are all common events in schools today.

Everybody has dabbled in the art of procrastination at some time or another. Procrastinate is defined by Webster as "to put off intentionally and reprehensibly the doing of something that should be done." Being high school students I'm sure many of us feel that we have mastered this fine art. And although the term procrastination seems most frequently to apply to the completion of schoolwork, it is also applicable to deadlines at work, chores at home, what time you finally pull yourself out of bed, or when you decide to come home after going out and having fun with your friends.

Even though some people are able to get by with positive results from procrastinating, problems also arise. What happens if you don't allow enough time for yourself to finish your job? Do you think people will pity you? Probably not. So even knowing that this is often the case, why do people do this time after time after time? I can't be sure but if you think about it for awhile you may notice how many excuses we use for doing so in our society, excuses that have repeatedly been accepted nationwide.

Procrastinate has also been defined by Webster as "to put off...habitually." This practice can be addictive. Sure it's not the same sort of addiction as to drugs, caffeine, or any other chemical substances. Instead of being physically addictive, it is mentally addictive. Don't get yourself... oh, I think I'll finish this later.

**This space is empty due to procrastination!**

## Activities Update

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

National Honor Society had a meeting on November 22, 1988, to decide on the special project they would like to accomplish this year. For Christmas and Easter they are thinking about organizing a food drive to help families less fortunate than others. We wish them luck in their efforts!

### BAND/CHOIR

Just a reminder that the band and choir are performing their first concert of the year on December 12, 1988. It starts at 7:00 pm in the gym. Also on December 19, 1988, the choir is performing at the Paramount Theater with other area schools. Both the band and choir need your support!

### STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council has started the 1988-89 school year with a number of ideas. The council is planning a lock-in for the whole school. There will be a dance, movies, games and food. Anyone can come and it should be lots of fun. Also, many of you have probably noticed the message board in the lounge. The student council has borrowed this and will buy it if it is successful.

## When the Going Gets Tough, the Tough Go to All-State

Most of you are probably wondering what All-State is about and who is involved. Well, to satisfy your curiosity, All-State is a group of students chosen from high schools around Iowa to participate in a concert. This concert consists of over 1000 high school students who are considered to be some of the best singers and musicians in the state. This year Marion had twenty-three students audition for All-State. Of these, only three were accepted, Karen Heitzman, Geoff Henderson, and Dieunn Young.

Preparing for the auditions took a lot of effort, hard work, and most of all, dedication. Practice was the key in perfecting the music and scales. Both the quartets and the musicians practiced at least four times a week because they knew the competition they were up against. "We arguably are in the toughest and most competitive section in the state," says Mr. Heim, the choral director.

What the judges looked for in the quartets were mature voices and musicianship within the group. They looked for tone quality and accurate scales from the band members. And with this perfection came the tension and fear of not making any mistakes. Does this give you some idea of how complicated these auditions really are?

The whole idea behind All-State is to maintain a positive attitude and the confidence necessary to help rid the nervousness of singing or playing in front of a judge. This helps a person learn the music and become sure of their individual part, making them a better singer or musician. And the reward for all this is making it into the final concert. "It's a worthwhile program and I hope we stay with it," says Mr. Heim.

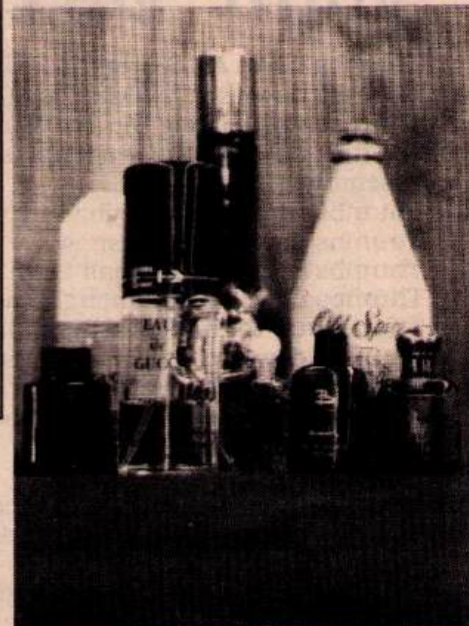
## Common Scents

"The pungent, splash-it-all-over and hope-for-the-best aftershaves linger on, but men today are becoming more aware of the power of good grooming." *Elle Magazine*

Marion High School men/boys are certainly aware that colognes and aftershaves are part of every high school student's life. Whether it be worn to make an impression, show expression, cause obsession or simply cover up the smell of sweat, the fragrances are certainly lingering as students around them stagger. Last year it was Polo, this year it is Obsession. Come on guys be original, quit sharing the same bottle and splurge on a stench of your own.

Topping the M.H.S. poll for favorite men's fragrance was that ever popular bottle of Obsession. Next in line was designer Ralph Lauren's outdated fragrance Polo. Others followed such as Drakkar and Brut, not to mention a whopping four votes for Old Spice. It must have been a hand-me-down from when Dad cleaned off his dresser. I can hear it now, "Here son, my dad gave me this when I was your age."

But the male of the species is not the only one concerned with fragrance, although perfume use among females has been more common throughout history. Our survey showed a wide variety of preferred scents. At the top of the list for women was once again Obsession with Liz Claiborne's tangy Liz fragrance close behind.



## Murder By...Mystery

Well, the drama department did it again! Their production of "The Butler Did It", by Tim Kelly, was a hit among students and parents.

The play was about a society lady, Miss Maple, who loves to entertain. She invites detective writers, who disguise themselves as the main characters of their novels, to stay at her manor for the weekend to experience some of her own mysterious charades. When an unexpected event occurs and Miss Maple realizes she has no control over the situation, she offers a reward to whomever can solve the crime. The intrigue begins when the writers go about solving the situation. Although the guests

are suspected of the crime, the real criminal, Haversham, is revealed suddenly, giving the ending a surprise twist.

Preparing for the play was the toughest obstacle the cast had to overcome. "The rehearsals started about the second week of September. We usually had three to four of them a week, lasting about three hours long each time," said Mrs. Balderson, the director of the play. Cooperation was also a challenge for the cast. They discovered it was necessary to work together as a group, not individually. As a result, the cast performed a job well done. As one cast member said, "I think, as with any play, there's always mistakes, but I was very impressed with the performances of the first show performers. Overall, we're happy."



Melynda Lantz, Stacey Hoth, Brad Simanek, and Cindy Sparks all wonder if *The Butler Did It* during the fall play.

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## Different Faces from Other Places

How would you feel if you started your school year at a school you knew nothing about, filled with unfamiliar faces? Well, there are many students in Marion High School who have done it more than once in their lifetimes. During the high school years it is especially hard because this is when you establish firm relationships with your friends. Even though it is rarely a student's choice to move, it does happen. This year there are 26 new students here at MHS.

Although new here, many of these students have already formed an opinion of Marion High School. It seems that education at Marion doesn't differ that much from other schools, but one thing sophomore Todd Lewis had a tough time adjusting to was the longer class periods. In his old school they had seven 40-minute periods, which he felt didn't make the class drag on as much. Junior Chelsea Howe stated that the smaller classes help because she feels students get more individualized attention. Chelsea came from a school that had 3,000 people in grades 10-12! Chelsea likes both the larger and smaller schools because "the larger school offers more excitement, and the smaller school offers closer friendships with everyone."

What would it be like if you had to uproot and go to a new school during your senior year? To just pick up everything and leave is something that senior Jim Pinger had to do this year. He said that he is used to moving because he has done it many times, but even so every new move is always hard.

Usually when new students arrive, they don't go out for activities because they don't know anyone, but these students said their interest in activities didn't change a lot. Some added a sport or an activity to get to know others. In some schools, students do not go out for sports because there is so much competition. Todd Lewis experienced this. "I wouldn't have gone out for football in Kentucky because there were 90 other boys to compete with."

Another problem is making friends. There are those people who are very outgoing and make friends easily, while for the shy people it's hard to do. For Chelsea Howe it wasn't very hard. She had been visiting her grandmother here for years, so she already had many friends. Todd Lewis got involved in football and made his friends there. His advice was to join an extra-curricular activity like a sport or drama in order to meet people. Jim Pinger said it was easy for him to make friends since he is involved in choir and was in the fall play.

For anyone who will be moving and changing schools, these students' advice would be to keep an open mind and accept change. If you take the move calmly, it will go smoothly.

Welcome these new students to Marion High School:

9th grade

Jill Blackwell  
Jason Blazek  
Cammi Coleman  
Stacy Conley  
Melissa DeWald  
Mark Garringer  
Tracy McNamara  
Lloyd Steitz  
Dan Stunes  
Brian Hepker

10th grade

Kara Burton  
Nicole Dougherty  
Mike Hoffman  
Todd Lewis  
Kimberly McMasters  
John McNeely  
Brett Merritt  
Krestin Olsen  
Sarah Langewisch

11th grade

Brandon Burton  
Traci Fields  
Chelsea Howe  
Gina Lown  
Christy Myers  
Dawn Pinger

12th grade

Teresa Bena  
Pascal Bizzarro  
Jim Pinger

## Au Revoir!

Paris, Cannes, Nice, and Geneva! These are often places you see on "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," but next summer Marion High School French students will have the chance to see this and more on their ten day trip. The trip is tentatively being scheduled for early or late July.

The first day of the trip the students will take an overnight plane ride to Paris and the following day will have the chance to explore Paris on their own. The third day will be filled with tours of the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, the Champs-Elysees, and Notre Dame, with a tour down to the Loire River to view the chateaus scheduled for the fourth day. The fifth day will be another day in Paris and that evening a train will take the group down to the South of France. Avignon, Pont du Gard, and Nimes will be the highlight of the sixth day and the seventh day the group will be traveling to Cannes where the Cannes Film Festival is held and then onto Nice, the Queen of the French Riviera. Day eight will be spent in Nice, Monte Carlo - where all the famous casinos are - and Monaco. The next day the students will be heading through the Alps to Geneva, Switzerland, and will then wake the following morning to bid farewell to this foreign land but will return home with many memories.

## Mexico Ole!

French students aren't the only ones who will be traveling this summer. Spanish students will take another trip to Mexico this summer as well. Usually the trip is taken every two years but since there were so many people interested in going they will take one this summer and in the summer of 1990. Students have sold cookies and Christmas ornaments to earn money for this eleven day trip which has been scheduled for July 25-August 4.

On the first day of their Mexican adventure the students will arrive in Mexico City. They will have a walking tour and spend the night there. Days two and three will be spent in Mexico City seeing many of its interesting sights. The pyramids of Teotihuacan will be the highlight of day four in San Juan de Teotihuacan. The rest of the day will be spent leisurely swimming and tanning. On day five the students will make the trip to Cuernavaca, south of Mexico City, where they will meet the families they will stay with for the next two days. On the eighth day the students will travel to Cancun, where they will stay for the next three days making trips to the beaches and to Isla Mujeres for snorkeling before heading back home.

## The Big Apple

As nervous as I was, I couldn't help laughing at my mom when she handed me two plenti-packs of Big Red, a snack size packet of Planters Honey Roasted Peanuts, and a roll of Life-Savers. "Just in case you get hungry on the plane!" she insisted. Little did I know that these things would be so important on my journey out East.

Well, here it goes. Please be seated, and fasten your seatbelts. The tower has okayed us and we will be taking off for O'Hare shortly. Nervous, no, not at all. My palms always sweat this much. Oh my gosh, the plane is moving. We are speeding up, and we are no longer touching the ground. Is it too late to let me off?

This was my first experience flying and I had to do it all by myself. The thought that worried me the most was making my connection in Chicago. I only had fifteen minutes to do it, but after I had completed it once, it was a piece of cake.

New York was worth every ounce of worry that I ever had. I never knew a city could be so full of personality and spunk. It was quite a culture shock, coming from Iowa. I had a few encounters with wicked bag ladies, but other than that, I was fairly safe. Everyone is in such a hurry and cars do not necessarily follow traffic laws. Crossing the street is a death trap for outsiders, but once you get the gist of it, nothing can stop you. Shopping at all the big department stores like Bloomingdales, Gucci, etc. was dazzling and tended to draw you away from the thoughts of muggers and murders. But outside of the sky scrapers, crazy traffic, and busy people of the city, New York is a very beautiful area. The countryside highways are all lined with stone fences and old oak trees.

It was really hard leaving, so I knew my flight home would be a little unpleasant in the first place, and it was indeed. To start off on the wrong foot, I had to sit by an over-eager-to-help-when-not-needed nun. She was very friendly, but sometimes you'd rather be left alone. We arrived at O'Hare a little later than expected, and I once again had fifteen minutes to catch my next flight. I ran to get there on time, only to find that the flight had been delayed 30 minutes. After we were loaded the plane, we taxied for another 45 minutes.

Don't get me wrong, I loved flying. The only true complaint, other than the trivial things that every traveler must deal with, was the two women that sat next to me on the final flight. They must have weighed at least 300 pounds apiece. Unfortunately they don't make seats for these people. I was so scrunched that I couldn't reach into my pocket to get those life-savers that, at the time, could have saved my life!

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## What the Stars Have In Store

### SAGITTARIUS-(Nov. 22- Dec. 21)

Be sure to finish your Christmas shopping early, rushing at the last minute is not your style. Don't be a procrastinator and let important duties slip behind you like a wet banana peel. Others are counting on you, be responsible. Steer clear of the 2nd, 23rd, and the 30th. Your lucky days are the 15th and the 24th.

### CAPRICORN-(Dec. 22- Jan. 19)

Ignore the nightmares you have on the 1st, 4th, and 5th. They mean nothing. You're simply entering a phase of paranoia. Superstitions will get the best of you if you're not careful on the 17th. Be strong and void them out. Go with the opportunities that arise but do not get too hasty.

### AQUARIUS-(Jan. 20- Feb. 18)

You've been a bit groggy. Perk up! The 1st, 7th, 15th, and 23rd is the perfect time to improve your attitude towards life. You and your mate are at a low right now but the outlook is positive. Your budget is in no condition to splurge. Hold back on Christmas shopping until the 24th.

### PISCES-(Feb. 19- Mar. 20)

Now is a good time to splurge on your mate. Get him/her something nice for a change. Do you feel out of shape? The 1st, and 11th are two good times to act upon improvement. You'll be rewarded when the month ends as your social life will climb to its all-time peak.

### ARIES-(Mar. 21- April 19)

It might take two months to discover what this new quarter brings in the way of new gossip and giddy excitement. Your partner is being quite generous but you'll still argue over who paid for last week's McDonalds. The mall is calling you around the 13th and 15th. Get out and update your wardrobe.

### TAURUS-(April 20- May 20)

Many of your prospects for a date are on to you, now is the time to make your move. Mid-month your weeknights are weighed down with excessive amounts of homework and intolerable stress. Use the weekend to unwind somewhere out of town and refresh your romance.

### GEMINI-(May 21- June 20)

On the 12th, a friend helps you turn a sticky situation with your "ex" into a pleasant experience. Be kind to your teachers around the 8th, these brownie points could be necessary when end of the week tempers flare.

### CANCER-(June 21- July 22)

You are less desperate to find a new love when someone of the opposite sex shows their extreme lack of sensitivity. But you can't help flirting around the 10th when you receive warm vibes from your recent prospect. Prepare yourself for a Christmas vacation filled with romance.

### LEO-(July 23- Aug. 22)

At work or at school you might be pressed to choose between greater independence or increased responsibilities. Your student-teacher relationships grow closer as you discover each other's weak spots. Personal rewards will come to you on the 14th, 17th, 20th, and 29th.

### VIRGO-(Aug. 23- Sept. 27)

Use your time wisely as Christmas time approaches. Waiting until the last minute could be disastrous. Be cautious around the 12th. Don't let yourself get stressed out! Lucky days this month are the 19th and the 22nd.

### LIBRA-(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Have sympathy for others around the 6th for it will pay off in the end. Your love life is at a standstill but improvement is expected. Lucky days this month are the 18th, 20th, and the 29th.

### SCORPIO-(Oct. 23- Nov. 21)

Don't let the sudden winter cold give you the blahs. A new relationship will bring sunshine and warmth back into your life. Stay cool on the 1st, 19th, and the 20th, for those are your bad days. Your good days are the 6th, 10th and the 27th. Be prepared.

## Running for Your Life

A new collection of students was put together on Tuesday, November 15. They came together to start the running club. There were 35 - 40 students wishing to participate.

Miss Schnieders decided to start the club for the athletes to stay in active in the off-season and for others who would like to stay fit or are trying to get ready for careers after highschool. The club was also started to help lift self-esteem.

The new club at Marion is part of the fitness craze of the '80's. Some people are part of the craze because they want to make sure they are healthy, ready for things like the army, and to look good for others or just for themselves.

Some of the activities people do to keep in shape are to run, do aerobics, lift weights, and ride bikes. Some are on set programs but others do everything on their own, which is cheaper.

"It gives me more energy and keeps me healthy. Statistics will show that your lifestyle choices can help you live a longer, fuller and more productive life and I strongly agree," says Mrs. Quinn of her exercise habits.

There are many benefits to exercising daily and to the people in the running club. When running it helps tone your muscles, muscles can work longer, and making you look and feel good about yourself are only some of them.

At the first meeting students were told of a 50 mile prize of a free pizza and a 100 mile prize of a t-shirt. These goals are to be met by February 15, which is the ending date for the club. If there is enough interest of non-track members then Miss Schnieders says it may continue. At the meeting the students also had their blood pressure taken which some showed they were a little too high.

They will meet every Monday and turn in a log sheet of the total number of miles run during the week. They will have guest speakers and most of the running will be done on their own.

To increase the fitness programs at Marion, if there is enough interest Miss Schnieders would also like to start a walking club.



The running club was started by Miss Schnieders and Mr. Ferguson.



At the first meeting of the running club, Bob Diedrick, Jason O'Brien, Michael Wright, Chris Tope, and Dan Stunes get their directions from Mr. Ferguson.

## Sports Editorial: School Spirit

Imagine you are playing the biggest basketball game of the season. You are ahead 50-32. You feel so great about having the lead but when you strain to hear the crowd applaud your lead basket you hear nothing. You look to the bleachers and there are two people! You can't even believe it, those two people are from the other team! They're sitting there because there is no more room on the visitors bleachers! This is not how bad it is at Marion, but if we are not careful, it could be. This year there was a good turn out for the football games, but that was because we had a fantastic season. What would have happened if our record was reversed? Then we wouldn't have had half as many people at the football games. And what about volleyball? How many can honestly say they came to a volleyball game this year? Some had only twenty people at the games - and this is for a WaMac champion team. And you have to remember that varsity teams aren't the only teams that play. The j.v., sophomore, and freshman teams need support also. Our teams need support - winning season or not. Marion High School spirit needs strengthening. Perhaps our school spirit is weakened because we are always being compared to the bigger schools in the area. We have to forget how much smaller we are than the other schools and believe in Marion High School 100%. Why don't we show the other schools how much spirit we have and have great student participation at all school activities.

## Sports Shorts

### Sophomore Girls Basketball

The Sophomore Metro Jamboree pitted the Marion sophs against Prairie. Prairie came out on top in their half of play, 16-11.

### Sophomore Boys Basketball

On November 28th, the sophomore boys team opened their season with the Metro Jamboree playing host Washington High School. Despite good scoring efforts by Travis Fuller and Bryan Seedorf (8 points each), the sophomores lost 37-27. Other scoring was by Todd Lewis (4), Brent Conway (2), Brennan Buckley (2), Jamie Tharp (2), and Jesse Grade (1). The regular season opened with the traditional rivalry against Linn-Mar, with the Indians falling 67-60 in overtime. Travis Fuller led all scorers with 26 points. Brennan Buckley (6 points) hit a jumper to tie the

game with three seconds left. Linn-Mar had possession but failed to get it in bounds, which gave Marion the ball. Tim Frake (12 points) hit a desperation shot at the buzzer to send it into overtime. Marion was hampered in overtime by having starters Bryan Seedorf (2 points) and Travis Fuller on the bench and Brent Conway (6 points) and Todd Lewis (5 points) playing with four fouls. Ryan Fowler also contributed 3 points in the effort.

### Fresh/Soph Wrestling

The Indian Fresh/Soph. wrestlers competed in the Belle Plaine J.V. Tourney on Saturday, December 3. John McNeely (189) placed second, Aaron Schultz (189) and Jarred Wilkinson (103) placed fourth. The fresh/soph coaches were encouraged by what they saw for the first meet of the season and because the Indians were wrestling mostly juniors and seniors.

## Cross Comes Through Girls Win Their First WaMac Crown

The last time you read about cross country was just before WaMac. The girls are now WaMac champs, the first Marion girls to win the WaMac trophy. "I am really proud of them. They did a great job," said Mr. Ferguson. At WaMac, Christian Hultquist was the individual champion, Kim Lochner was the 5th place runner and both were WaMac All-Conference. Kim Kester came in 6th place with Tressa Kinkead in 21st place. The girls who received their varsity letters this year are:

1. Christian Hultquist
2. Kim Kester
3. Kim Lochner
4. Tressa Kinkead

The boys who received their varsity letters this year are:

1. Chris Tope
2. Rob Bowen
3. Kurt Buck
4. Mike Wright

At WaMac the boys placed 4th. For Districts the boys placed

15th, and the girls placed 11th.

"I think the cross country runners did outstanding job this year," said Mr. Ferguson. "With everybody on the team, we have a good chance to win WaMac next year if they work together as a team, run all year, and have positive attitudes," said Mr. Ferguson. "I don't know if I was surprised that the girls won WaMac. I think I was more thrilled," he said. "I think the girls have a good chance at going to state next year if all of them go out for cross country. It's mostly all in the head. If you really want something, you go after it, just like the girls have to want to go to state. It is tremendous how much these runners run every day. These runners have a great talent, but people don't understand how much they work every day. Certain athletes have improved greatly," he concluded. He and the returning athletes are looking forward to another outstanding season next year.

## Serving for MHS

The 1988 volleyball season can now go down in history as one of the most successful ever for several reasons. "The girls won WaMac," said Miss Schnieders, "and got selected for the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union Academic award, for which they needed a group grade point of 3.0. The girls also beat Monticello, a highly ranked school. I think we will have a good season next year. We will win WaMac again if we work hard," she said.

At the volleyball banquet, the following awards were given:

1. The best server= Steph Robertson
2. The best spiker= Wendy Wittwer
3. The best center= Gigi Gann
4. Best reception= Kris Frasher and Kris Wheeler

5. Best blocker= Wendy Wittwer
6. Best hustler= Gigi Gann
7. Best digger= Steph Robertson
8. Coach's award= Lisa Adams
9. Most valuable= Wendy Wittwer
10. Most improved= Heidi Begley

At the WaMac tournament Wendy Wittwer and Gigi Gann were named to the first team. WaMac All-Conference Selections were:

1. Wendy Wittwer- First team
2. Kris Frasher- First team
3. Gigi Gann- Second team
4. Kris Wheeler and Heidi Begley - Honorable Mention

"You know how we did this year. Now just wait until you see us next year," says Miss Schnieders.

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## Football Postscript

On October 21st the Marion Indian football team beat Benton Community who until then had been undefeated in the Wamac Conference, which meant Marion would go to playoffs if Oskaloosa had beat Pella. As far as we knew we were playoff bound!

Fans anxiously awaited the excited players at the high school, but when the players came out of the locker room the mood had changed because Oskaloosa had lost, 24 to 14.

I asked one of the players their first reaction to not going to playoffs.

"I was really disappointed because we had just played the best game of the season. We did everything a team could do to get in. It's awful not getting in just because of the system!"

## Football Ends Successful Season

The football team ended an excellent season as the Indians only lost one game this year. Mr. Messerli feels happy about the past season and said that the Indians played to their potential and worked hard and improved in every game. "I am pleased with the WAMAC but a little disappointed with the playoffs," said Mr. Messerli. He is looking forward to next year's season now that good solid groundwork has been laid and some good players will be coming back. "We always look to fix and make improvements, but no major changes will be made next year," he added. Some of Mr. Messerli's goals next year are to qualify for the playoffs, to improve in every game, and to win the WAMAC title.

At the banquet, each player received an award. Mr. Messerli

also received All-Metro Coach of the Year and the following football players were chosen to All-Metro football teams: 1st team: Jay Brandt, Shane Ehresman, Cary Bender, Eric Mehlberger, Dan Junkins. 2nd Team: Adam Speer, John Royer, Todd Hutchins. Honorable Mention: Doug Walker, Aaron McLeod, and Brad Wilson.

When the INA All-State team for 2-A/3-A was named on November 26, Marion had placed two players on the first team. Carey Bender was named to first team offense and Jay Brandt was named to first team defense. Shane Ehresman, Todd Hutchins, and John Royer were given honorable mention. Named to the Des Moines Register All-State teams were Aaron McLeod to the 2nd team and Jay Brandt to the 3rd team.

## Boys Basketball: Turning Things Around

The basketball season is coming up soon, and Mr. Ross is looking forward to it. Nineteen regular season games will be played this year beginning December 2nd with the first opponent being Linn-Mar. Seventeen varsity players including six returning lettermen who make up the team are practicing hard in the afternoons starting from around either 3:20 or 5:00, alternating with the girls' basketball

practices. Fifteen sophomores are going out for the sophomore basketball team, while fourteen freshmen are going out for the boy's freshmen basketball team. "Some of our goals this year are to have fun, work hard and to improve in each game to make it into

the WAMAC Conference this year," said an enthusiastic Mr. Ross.

They opened their season in the Metro Jamboree against Washington at Regis. The Varsity Indians upset the Warriors 41-30 led by Ken Miell (13 points) and Shane Ehresman (10 points). The Indian defense did not allow any Warrior to score more than six points. On Friday, December 2, the Indians met the Linn-Mar Lions in the traditional crosstown rivalry. An intense overtime game culminated in a tough 91-90 loss for the Indians. Saturday's game against C.R. Washington was another tough loss, 67-62. Ken Miell was the game's top scorer with 19, aided by Tom Henderson (13) and Shane Ehresman (11).



The varsity boys basketball team jump over a stretched rope to strengthen their legs for the season ahead.



Travis Fuller goes up for a lay-up while the rest of the sophomore basketball team watches. Travis has been the leading sophomore scorer so far.

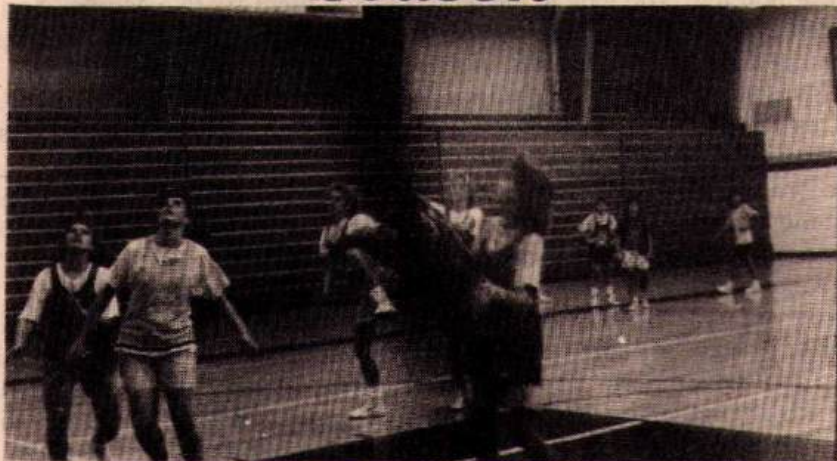
## Grapplers Go At It

Wrestling kicks off its season on Saturday, December 3rd with their first match going up against Belle Plain. Thirty-two total students from grades 9 through 12 are going out for wrestling this year. Some of Mr. Shaffer's goals this year are to see several individuals make the state tournament and place high. He also wants the team to achieve as much success as they possibly can and to see the younger kids develop. A lot of hard work goes into training as the wrestlers spend an hour and a half each night for six nights a week. The wrestling season lasts for three months. The assistant wrestling coaches are Mr.

Bates and Mr. Messerli. Mr. Shaffer said that the weight classes have been changed this year to 103, 112, 119, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 152, 160, 171, 189, Hwt. The wrestlers will also be training hard through Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays. "I am looking forward to the upcoming season. It should be a challenge," added Mr. Shaffer.

The varsity grapplers placed fourth in their first tournament Saturday, December 3, at Belle Plaine. T.J. Yi was the lone Indian champion at 135. John Royer (152) and Doug Walker (189) placed second, and Brad Wilson (160) was third.

## Young Girls Basketball Team Tips Off Tough Season



Dawn Ramirez, Cheri Mase, Wendy Wittwer, Kim Lochner, Tracy McNamera, Lisa Adams, Jenny Humphry, and DeGwen Chamberlain work-out during basketball practice.

The 1988-89 girls basketball is striving for a great season. "We have a good chance this year if we work together as a team," said Mr. Wikert. "The season should go pretty well considering that we only have 3 letter-winners back. We are young still." The Varsity team is made up of Stephanie Robertson, Jenny Humphrey, Wendy Wittwer, Susan Jensen, Tami Tasker, Melissa Port, Gigi Gann, Kim Lochner, Cheri Mase, Carrie King, and Tammy Taylor.

"The attitude I have towards this coming season is there is a bunch of girls who are hard workers and have the ability to play as a team. Our success depends on how fast we can make

the baskets," said Mr. Wikert. "The total of girls who went out for basketball is 23 players. I really don't know how the season this year will be, but I know the conference will be tough this year. I don't know how many wins or losses will fall in place. The goals I have this year are to improve each game, as individuals and as a basketball team," he concluded.

Twenty-one games will be played this season, with practices being held at either 3:15 or 5:00 every night. Their season opener was the conference tournament jamboree held November 28 at LaSalle. They played LaSalle for one half and lost 21-15.

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