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Decatheletes Use Their Heads



Shown with their trophy are (front) Julie Heald, Brad Simanek, Mrs. Braun, (back) Chris Tope, Ken Heitzman, Phil Hutchinson, and Mrs. Bennett. Not Pictured: Chris Willmsen

MHS is to be proud of this year's decathlon team. They participated in the nation-wide academic contest in Williamsburg, Iowa, on Saturday, February 11th. There were two different flights, or classes, in the competition. In Marion's flight there were four teams: two teams from Cedar Rapids Washington, Kennedy, and Marion. Marion placed second in their flight with one of Washington's teams placing first. Our members were quite pleased with the results.

The members of the decathlon team are chosen by their grade point averages and their knowledge on various topics. On a team there must be two members whose GPA ranges from 3.75-4.0, two in the 3.0-3.749 bracket, and two with a GPA under 3.0. Each of these groups compete in their own areas. This year's team consisted of six members- five seniors and one junior. They were: Julie Heald, Ken Heitzman, Phil Hutchinson, Brad Simanek, Chris Tope, and Christine Willmsen.

The team started practicing a few weeks before the competition, meeting before and after school. Mrs. Braun stated that the coaching and practicing of a decathlon team is much similar to that of an athletic team. They practiced on the various categories used in the contest: language arts/literature, fine arts, economics, social studies, mathematics, and science. Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Braun, the head coaches and sponsors of the team, had some help from other teachers in the different subject areas and special thanks go out to Mr. Boquist, Mr. DeWees, Mrs. Hoyt, Mr. Skilling, and Mr. Tesar.

The contest is intense and competitive. This can be felt in the air as the running point totals are posted throughout the day. The contest consists of multiple choice questions, interviews, speeches, and a super-quiz. Ken Heitzman, Phil Hutchinson, and Brad Simanek each won a certificate for overall 1st place in their specific subject areas.

Computer Give-Away

In *The Gazette's* Sunday, February 19th edition, there was an advertisement from SunMart and Nash Finch concerning a computer give-away for area schools. Its purpose is to supply schools which can use more computers with one free of charge to the schools themselves. All that is needed is for SunMart shoppers to save their cash register receipts and send them to the school of their choice. The school which receives \$100,000 worth of these receipts is eligible for receiving an Apple GS computer.

It is an easy and inexpensive way for our school to receive another computer for students and faculty members to use. Encourage your family and other people that you know to buy their groceries at SunMart and have them send their receipts to our high school. With your help and theirs, Marion High School may be the home of the free computer.

Lock-In!

A new attraction for the 1989 school year is the lock-in to be held March 10th at the high school.

There was a sign up sheet in the office so the student council will know the amount of food and room needed, however, this is not a commitment. And if you didn't sign up you are still able to attend. The cost is three dollars in advance.

There will be a dance from ten p.m. until one a.m., and the doors will be locked at midnight. If you want to only attend the dance you can do so providing that you leave before twelve o'clock.

After the dance pizza will be ordered and there will be refreshments for your midnight snack. While everyone is eating and afterwards there will be entertainment like board games, volleyball, basketball, ping-pong and movies -sorry no rated "R". It's sure to be a fun time. Hope to see you there!

The Epidemic

Influenza, a virus that affects your lives every year, makes your entire body ache, robs your strength and rushes you to the bathroom frequently, is as unwelcome as the common cold, sore throat or any other bug that irritates periodically.

Although the flu has been around for years, we are better prepared than we were during the flu epidemic of 1918-1919 when fifteen million people died. The use of vaccines have helped to reduce the severity of the more dangerous strands of influenza. Now when the on set of the flu season arrives people can get a vaccination to reduce the severity of the virus.

As many of you probably know the flu is once again upon us. Only this year it is more severe than in recent years. Due to the outbreak many schools have been closed to try and cure the problem. Here at Marion High School, the absence rates never got high enough to close the school. On Monday, February 13, the rate was 12% gone. This rose to about 15% mid-week before dropping to 10% by Friday the 18th. In an interview with the school nurse, Barb Brown said "Some of the symptoms were tightness in the chest, sore throat, temperature, and stomach ache." She felt the only way to get rid of it was to stay home and get plenty of rest and liquids.

Student Teachers: The Sequel

During the school year we have had many different student teachers at Marion. There have been teachers in the science department and in the foreign language classes. This semester there is a student teacher in the Home Economics department with Mrs. Bronson named Ms. Evans.

Ms. Evans is the student teacher in the home economics department. She went to the University of Iowa and wanted to become a life skills teacher because she likes doing things that are involved. She likes being around young adults and is impressed with the student body at Marion. She thinks it's really neat that the people are nice and friendly. Ms. Evans says that the students are really interested in learning. Ms. Evans says, "I like to see the expression on some faces when they have learned something." She thinks that the students are a great bunch of people. She feels that she has been accepted well by the students. Some of her hobbies are sewing and Tae Kwan Do.

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John Vox Says:

Thumbs up to lasting friendships.
 Thumbs down to people who steal from others.
 Thumbs up to having three Wamac wrestling champions and state qualifiers: T.J. Yi, John Royer, and Brad Wilson.
 Thumbs down to wrestlers having to starve themselves before each meet.
 Thumbs up to seniors who have less than a semester to go.
 Thumbs down to part-time friends.
 Thumbs up to Knowledge Bowl.
 Thumbs down to unsanitary people.
 Thumbs up to honesty in relationships.
 Thumbs down to high school hairspray queens.
 Thumbs up to winter sports' spirit week.
 Thumbs down to cheerleaders and pom-pom members who do not dress the same on the days of performances.
 Thumbs up to the new semester.
 Thumbs down to more homework this semester.
 Thumbs up to less homework this semester.
 Thumbs down to not having a ski trip this year.
 Thumbs up to a cooperative visit by the Linn-Mar journalism students.
 Thumbs down to students who give their teachers grief about the grades they receive.
 Thumbs up to the new journalism students.
 Thumbs down to students who complain about the articles in *The Vox* (Write a letter, don't complain to everyone else).
 Thumbs up to the new FrEdWriter disk and the English writing lab.
 Thumbs down to students who do not take questionnaires seriously.
 Thumbs up to students who previously dropped out and came back to finish high school.
 Thumbs down to bad referees at sports activities.
 Thumbs up to Tom Henderson for being the leading 3-point shooter in the Metro area.
 Thumbs down to unsupportive teachers.
 Thumbs up to Cary Bender for being the leading stealer in Metro.
 Thumbs down to wiped out class rooms because of the flu.
 Thumbs up to those who took a chance and bought Valentine's ads in *The Vox*.
 Thumbs down to people who think they have a correct answer for everything.
 Thumbs up to Jeff Weaver for the most blocked shots in Metro.
 Thumbs down to teachers giving work to keep you busy.
 Thumbs up to ambitious students at the beginning of the new semester.
 Thumbs down to people who are always putting others down.
 Thumbs up to supportive businesses.
 Thumbs down to people who always feel like they have to be in the limelight.
 Thumbs up to the first real snow of the winter.
 Thumbs down to the parking lot being slippery.
 Thumbs up to lasting relationships.
 Thumbs down to cold classrooms.
 Thumbs up to the Video Yearbook.
 Thumbs down to people who don't watch where they are going in the hallways.
 Thumbs up to rooms with heat.
 Thumbs down to morning practices.
 Thumbs up to "Triple Play."
 Thumbs down to Emerson closing and not MHS.
 Thumbs up to John Royer(145), T.J. Yi(130), Brad Wilson(152), Derek Wheeler(171), Gerry Bannister(Hwt.) for qualifying at sectionals, and the Varsity cheeleaders for 1st place at sectionals.
 Thumbs down to people who always have to fight to prove something.
 Thumbs up to the Academic Decathlon team.
 Thumb sideways to indecisive people.

Teen Pregnancy: A Problem that Doesn't Go Away

Last year *The Vox* did an article on teen-age mothers which received a lot of criticism, but it's a fact of life and to pretend it doesn't happen isn't going to make it go away. In the last two years there have been at least eleven girls who have gone on with their education or have graduated from Marion High School pregnant or with a child. Why is this happening with the protection available today? Do the mothers regret having a child so early in life? Are we in favor of teen mothers? No. But not liking a situation and dealing with it in a responsible manner are two different things.

Many girls and their families don't think it could happen to them. But it happens to those who least expect it. It's those girls still in high school who really didn't expect to get pregnant but did. Some of these mothers have quit school, and some have come back to finish their education. There are some girls that got pregnant who don't want to talk about it but others who don't mind it.

Shelly Addy had a baby boy and her babysitter watches her son most of the time when she's in school. When her baby gets sick the babysitter usually watches him, but if he gets really sick Shelly will stay home with him. Even though she enjoys being a parent there are times she feels like she's tied down. When other students found out she was pregnant they treated her a little different. She felt that some, if not most, of the guys acted like "stay away from me, you're pregnant." The girls, however, were friendly towards her and treated her just like one of the girls. Tammi Wood also had a boy and if he is sick her babysitter will watch him but, as in Shelly's case, if he is really sick she will stay with him. The girls have found that it's different being a mother. "Sometimes it feels okay, and sometimes it feels like you're babysitting permanently." When people found out she was pregnant, they didn't treat her any different, but if they did they would talk about it

behind her back.

Old friends, if they're really friends, stick by them and help the mothers and fathers out when they need it. Some of these people that the parents consider friends are with them during the pregnancy but fail to relate to them after they have had their baby. These types of friends slowly stop seeing the teen mother or father towards the end of the pregnancy and eventually stop talking to them except once in a while when in school.

Some of the people don't realize that it's harder for a teen parent to raise their child than it is for a parent who has been through school and had time to get their life to the way they want it. There are such problems as how to support yourself, go to school, pay bills, raising your child, finding a place to live that will except a child, and still keeping the relationships with your friends. They have the cleaning, cooking caring for a child, going to work and the homework that must be done for graduation to be able to receive a job that can make their life easier than it is now. As parents they no longer have time to spend alone with each other.

It's hard for these teens to be dependent on each other when most of them haven't had the chance to be dependent on themselves. They have gone from depending on their families to depending on each other and having someone highly dependent on them, and to go from being carefree and doing what they want to earning money and knowing it can't go to what they want could be one of the hardest parts of life if not prepared to support a family.

Remember teen pregnancies are a part of the world today and to ignore it is impossible. If a friend finds out she is pregnant, accept it and help her, don't ignore her because she's different than you. Just because these teens are parents doesn't mean they aren't human. They shouldn't be considered outcasts just because pregnancy has changed their lives.

New Kid In Town

by Joe Pisch

Have you lived here all your life or are you one of these people who must make frequent moves because of your family? It can bring many feelings to the surface that would never show up otherwise. This is how one senior feels about his frequent moves to new towns.

When I arrived in Marion, it was another town, another school. Having moved several times because of my dad's job, the anxiety of starting again each time became one of my nightmares.

I started to feel great sadness of always leaving my friends, and I felt I had no roots. This is my ninth school, but I know this will be the last move. I'll get to graduate.

When you first enter a new school, it's hard to make new friends because you tend to hate the fact that you had to leave the old ones. It hurts to see the closeness of the people around you and feel on the outside. After a few weeks you start to blend in and you make new friends, but more important, you keep the old ones and learn to treasure them all.

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Scheduling: Why it is the way it is

Since you started school you never knew your class schedules until a week or two before school and you didn't get to choose your classes. But when you were in eighth grade you finally had the chance to pick your classes ahead of time. Although we like this idea, we wonder why we must schedule for our next year's classes so early.

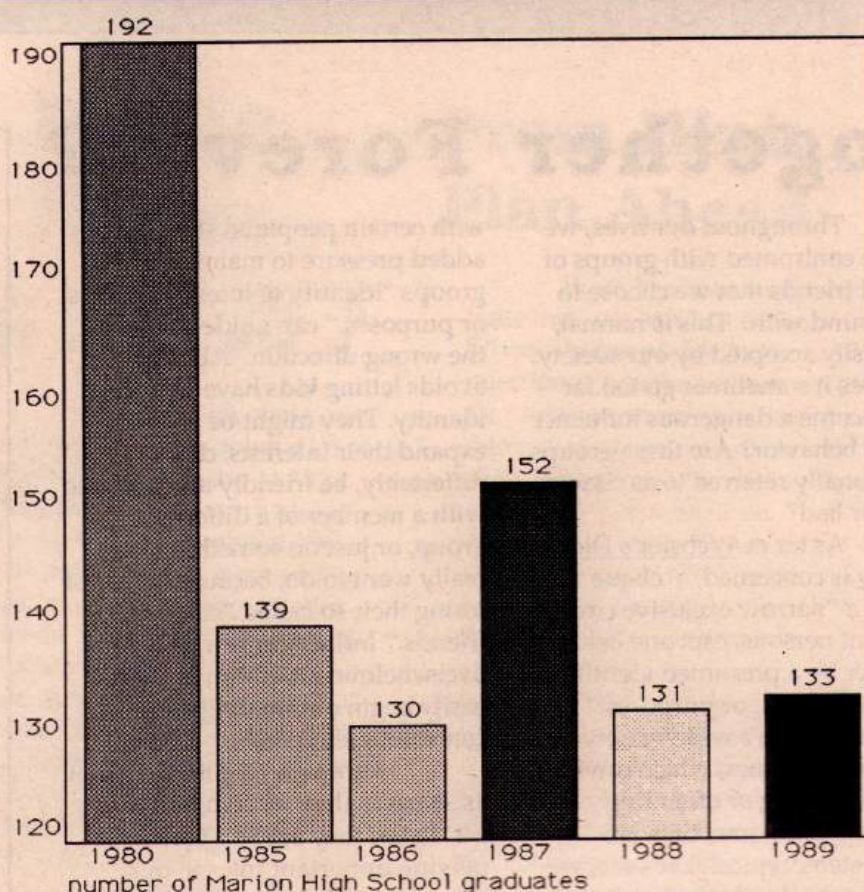
This early scheduling is partly because of an Iowa law. "Staff considerations are based on student request for classes," says counselor, Mr. Bailey. If there is to be a staff reduction for the coming year then those teachers to be let go must be notified by law by March 15th, of the year in session. So to get our schedules into the computer and back to Marion High School in time to notify these teachers we must decide what we want to take in the coming school year.

The other question many students have on their schedules is why we can't drop a class and add another in it's place instead of sitting in studyhall. This is also due to the hiring of staff. One year there were a number of students who wanted to take typing. Mr. Roger Hansen, P.E. teacher (no longer at Marion), was also a business teacher so

they had him teach the typing class and brought up junior high gym teacher, Mr. Ray Brainard, to teach a highschool P.E. class. After making the arrangements and getting started nine of the students dropped the class which left them with only five in the class. Due to this type of problem we are not allowed, as seniors or freshman, to drop a class and add another in it's place. This situation is also due to the declining enrollment in the Marion district. The senior class of '80 had 192 graduates yet nine years later, if all goes well, the class of '89 will only have 133 students graduating. "As our classes get smaller there will be less of a chance to change. Our number one goal is to meet the needs of the students," stated Mr. Bailey.

Many students this semester felt the need to drop a class and due to this feeling the studyhall at MHS are enormous. An example of this is the third hour studyhall had so many students that they resorted to sending all seniors with athird hour studyhall to lounge.

The next time you want to drop a class think of the teachers at MHS and the thought of them being jobless. If you don't care about that think of sitting in studyhall with nothing else to do and no way of getting out of it except to stay in the class.



Why Foreign Language?

Bon Jour, Hola, and Zdrastvuyte. You might have been hearing these words a lot lately. Why? New foreign exchange students? No just normal Marion High School students studying foreign languages. Suddenly colleges have really put an emphasis on having knowledge of a language other than English. Why is this so? America is suddenly involved in a lot of oversea business. With Rockwell-Collins ever expanding European business, they have constant need for foreign educated employees. It is important that we keep in touch with other countries. Some of the best jobs in the world are foreign related.

It makes you wonder why some people wouldn't take it in highschool. If your one of these people and you think, "Oh I'll just take it in college." I wouldn't advise it. Classes like this in college are much harder than in highschool. Plus did you know that the younger you are the better you learn. In college you're going to have alot of stress as it is without adding extra difficult classes.

There really are many occupations open to a foreign language major. Teaching, translating, trade, fashion, food, and politics. With so many opportunities for you to choose from why would you pass it up? Sophomore Michelle Cox who is in Spanish 1 says, "I think it's important to have foreign language class available because it teaches us not only how to speak another countries language, but how they live and also gives us an opportunity to visit other countries."

If your not quite sure about which language to take talk to some of your friends or upper classmen. Angela Watson, a junior, says her reasons for taking french was, "I wanted to be better prepared and I love Madame!" But Jason Zoubek decided the would rather take Russian because, "It's a language that not everyone gets a chance to take." What language you decide to take says alot about your individuality. "Because a foreign language is required, it's more of a challenge, and I wanted to meet Gorbachev!" was Shad Clark's reasoning for taking Russian.

But let us not forget Spanish. A real good reason for taking Spanish is the fact that the United States is the forth largest Spanish speaking state in the world. Mrs. Goldstein says, "Take foreign language now while it's fun, easy, and free!"

There is much more to foreign language than just the spoken word. There is culture, customs, and learning to accept others. Don't forget the class trips offeres by the school. If you can afford it and you have the time go on these trips. It really brings you in touch with the reality of the other countries.

Finally, Madame Virlee, gives this advice, "Take it (foreign language). What better place and time to learn than now. It is easy if you take it step by step." So go for it, you only can benefit.

Coaches' Corner: Things Have Changed

Marion High School coaches range in experience from 3 to 22 years. No matter how long or how short of time they have been coaches, they have all noticed changes. "The numbers have decreased due to the competition for the entertainment dollar," said Coach Shaffer. A lot of the kids are starting to become interested in activities outside of school. There is also a change in the community support. Not as many parents are going to the games and supporting their teams. There are changes in the attitudes as far as the effort the athletes are ready to put into it, too. "The attitude of wanting to be the best, but not wanting to work at it is being shown more often," said Coach Schnieders. This is the feeling of most of the coaches.

The athletes are making more and more excuses for not trying in the athletics they participate in. There is also an attitude of "If I don't start I won't go out," said Coach Messerli. A lot of the coaches are hearing about how the students need to work on their school work and that athletics will just get in the way of their academics. This is not true though. Studies have been done on this subject and it is shown that kids that are involved in extracurriculars are more apt to do better in school than those in volved in no school activities. "Activities are an outlet for stress not an addition," said Coach Clark.

The athletes aren't the only ones who are changing, so are the coaches themselves and they have noticed it. "I have noticed that the longer I have been coaching the more mello I have gotten" said Coach Bates. So not only the athletes attitudes have changed, but also the attitudes of the coaches.

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Together Forever?

Throughout our lives, we will be confronted with groups of special friends that we choose to pal around with. This is normal, and easily accepted by our society. But does it sometimes go too far and become a dangerous influence on our behavior? Are these groups, commonly referred to as cliques, good or bad?

As far as Webster's Dictionary is concerned, a clique means a "narrow exclusive circle or group of persons; esp: one held together by a presumed identity of interests, views, or purposes." Cliques include a wide variety of sub-species names, which can be either flattering or offending. Whatever the name, they are totally stereotypical. Let's see, we have the punks, dirts, shop boys, preppy snobs, heavymetal heads, jocks, goof-offs, band and drama fags, the brains, and the nerdy nobodies. It seems that everybody fits in there somewhere. You might even be a cross-species like a preppy-jock, or a dirt-brain. If you're multi-talented, they might have to go as far as the tri-species and classify you as a preppy drama fag that digs heavy metal. Whatever the circumstances, you have probably been classified falsely at one time or another by your classmates.

Cliques can be harmful in many ways. Peer pressure is a common problem during the developing years, and when you are associated

with certain people so strongly, added pressure to maintain the groups "identity of interests, views or purposes," can guide a teen in the wrong direction. Also, it avoids letting kids have their own identity. They might be afraid to expand their interests, dress differently, be friendly and sociable with a member of a different group, or just do something they really want to do, because of fear of losing their so called "circle of friends." Influences can be simply overwhelming to a teen and can easily begin dominating and controlling their lives.

Although "the lines are not as sharp as they used to be," says Mr. Bates, they are still here playing important roles in our lives. Most students will agree that cliques are by far, stronger and more stereotypical amongst underclassman. By the time you are a senior, you are mature enough to recognize that everyone is an individual and that everyone has good qualities to contribute to your class. For example, several people admit that during their younger years, they wouldn't even associate with their locker partners. But by the time they were juniors, they realized that their partner was actually a really nice, cool person, despite their clothes, family status, athletic ability, or their social qualities. When you are a senior, you still have your special friends, but the only true clique is your class.

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What is your purpose in life?

Some people in the school were asked the following question: "What do you feel your purpose in life is?" We had a few original responses and unique responses.

"The purpose of a man is to regenerate his own species. Have a fulfilling life and to get accomplished what I can in the time given to me." **Mr. Shaffer**

"To make this world a better place to live, providing love and support for my family." **Mr. Wikert**

"The purpose in my life is to be as good as I can be in anything I do and succeed in life." **Sean Phillips**

"My purpose in my life is to decorate houses and to be happy. Also to be with Charlie for the rest of my life and to move out of Iowa." **Chris Gagnon**

"To live." **Brad Wilson**

"To have Brad spoil me and move to Florida." **Andrea**

Ebaugh

"To make it out alive and rich." **Bena Coats**

"To help others and to be the best person I can be." **Colette**

Blazek

"To basically help people learn how to help themselves who are less fortunate." **Cheri J. Mase**

"To achieve my highest goals." **Tim Frake**

"To fulfill girls' needs." **Brent Conway**

"To become a professional golfer." **Doug French**

"To live forever." **Dan Knight**

"To grab a cold sandwich and spend the rest of my life on the top of a tall grassy hill surrounded by a daisy-filled meadow. The sandwich was wholesome." **Matt Locke**

"To help young people grow intellectually and emotionally."

Mr. Twachtman

"To make the world a better place." **Mr. Clark**

"To do something positive for somebody else." **Mr. Messerli**

"I don't have one, I'm still trying to figure it out." **Sue Findley**

"To grow up with a rich guy and be spoiled." **Susanna**

Reynolds

"To grow up the be Mr. Olympia, Pro football player, Olympic shot-putter and be a lover. One more thing beat Mike Tyson and a second thing stay at the level I am at right now." **Lonnie Rose**

"My purpose in life is to totally splurge on material things, food, men, but have fun with it to." **Uyen Nguyen**

"Meet a rich guy, marry him, divorce him, get his money, then marry someone I love and live happily ever after." **Dena Zeman**

"The purpose of life is to find the purpose." **Bryson Janey**

"To pick on as many people as possible." **Heather Stevens**

"To become what you want to become." **David Schoeberl**

"To be the best I can be." **Todd Lewis**

"To become one with the wind." **Brennan Buckley**

"Outdoor life, professional fisherman." **Flame**

"Die young and stay pretty." **Christine Willmsen**

"To look as much like Michael Stipe as possible." **Merrill**

Miller

"I am here to annoy people." **Renee Zalesky**

"To be a thoroughbred stallion at all times." **Jay Brandt**

"To help people." **Karen Daugherty**

"So we can kill each other off." **Robin Cleppe**

"To torment my brother Jay as much as possible." **Laura M.**

Brandt

"To be an individual and not to follow my peers." **Jennifer**

Kay Jennings

"To get over this stupid flu." **Carrie King**

"To become rich. \$\$\$\$" **Stacia Simanek**

"To be tormented by my brother." **Sarah Langewisch**

"To be criticised by my parents." **Kim Nevis**

"To annoy teachers." **Jessie Grade**

Winter Blahs

"Do I have to go?" ask students as they pry their puffy eyes open and search for the Sudafed in order to survive yet one more day with... The Winter Blahs. Throughout their classes students sniffle as they dream of school dismissal hence the work must still be done.

What's with this cloud of grogginess that lately lingers over Marion High School? It's time to decrease this cloudiness and spread a little sunshine before Hell freezes over.

Luckily, some of this pressure was released during the latest, most effective snowfall, but a substantial cure for The Winter Blahs is yet to be found.

Students walk around the halls many leaving during the day to go home and cure what they can of the blahs or the illness' that bring the blahs.

Music Notes



As many of you know, the band has been doing a lot of planning for their trip to New Orleans. The trip is scheduled for April 6th through the 10th. But amidst this excitement they also have other things on their minds, such as their upcoming recitals. On March 4th, they will be at Linn-Mar for the Northeast Iowa Jazz Festival. On March 7th, they plan to hold a concert at Vernon Middle School called the "Parade of Bands."

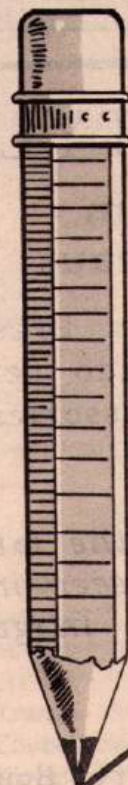
The music department's numbers have doubled from last year. Mr. Heim considers music a valuable program and hopes that people realize that the phrase, "if a guy sings he is not being very macho," is not true. Mr. Heim has planned three major projects for this spring. On April 1st there will be a small group, solo, and ensemble contest at Kennedy High School, a contest at which there will also be band members present. The musical, How To Succeed In Business, is scheduled for April 21st and 22nd. A large group of band and vocal members will be performing on May 5th.

Prom Hint: Plan Ahead

Prom has been a big issue this year at Marion High School. Many people have questioned whether or not they want to attend this year due to it being in our gymnasium. But now is the time to start making that decision. Although it is only the beginning of February it is time to start thinking and planning for prom. This year's prom is going to be held on the sixth of May. This is also the same date for many other area schools' proms. Because of this, tuxedo rental places are recommending that the guys start placing their orders so that everyone will be insured a tux. They are worried that as the time approaches they may not have enough for some people. So if you plan on going to prom this year, even if you don't have a date lined up, you may want to place your order. And girls, now is the time too, to start thinking of what kind of a dress you want to wear. Do you want a specific color or to have one made? If you've already talked with a member of the opposite sex about being your escort you may want to coordinate your colors and ideas now because last minute prommers may have some problems this year.

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MHS Presents Triple Play

Top - Twenty-two students participated in winter drama.
Center - "The Ladies of the Tower" cast.
Bottom - Molly Meroshek and Chris Tope in "Candid."

People Who Run The School

Part I of a series

When you walk through the lunch line do you ever find yourself saying "That's disgusting! Where does it come from?" The most popular misconception is that all of our food is from the government. Actually very little of the food we eat is from them since the government has made cut backs in the school budget. This forces the cooks to buy more other food for lunches, so lunches cost more this year. Oven-baked chicken is often served because "chicken comes from the government. That's why we have it," said Mrs. Wilson. The cooks don't like to use the surplus food so they use it as soon as they get it.

Everyone complains about wanting better lunches, well you have to pay for it. For those of you who would rather eat at Burger King or McDonald's for lunch, it would cost about \$1.50 more every day. If you eat at the school, you get a larger variety of food at a lower cost.

Did you ever wonder what the cooks feel like when you go through the line and make these obscene remarks? Mrs. Wilson says, "It doesn't really bother me that much because I know they're just trying to be stupid, but some times it gets to me."

Remember the cooks and the prices when you decide to make a rotten comment about the school food. It could be worse, you could be eating Army food.



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Boys VBB Shoot to Improve

Improvement. That's what it seems the Marion team has been going after all year, and it is getting results. After a year of many crushing close losses, they are looking to find a spark to start them.

Marion played West Delaware here on the 23rd of January, and went down on a last second falling down bank shot. The final score was 73-72, after a gallant Marion attempt for a comeback. The Indians trailed 42-34 at the half and was down by as many as 13 in the third quarter. Marion then took a one point lead with 4 seconds left, when W. Delaware hit the shot.

But Vinton came in the next night and went home defeated by Marion 74-55. This was the team's first WaMac win, putting the conference record to 1-5, 3-8 overall. Marion dominated on the boards, out rebounding the Vikings 46-24. Ken Meill had 13 bounds and Jeff Weaver had 10. Leading scores for Marion were Tom Henderson who had a career high 23 points, and 4, 3 point goals and Kenny Meill had 16 points.

Marion played conference foe Regis. Marion lost 83-59, despite a first quarter lead and Carey Bender's 26 points.

Marion then caught fire, while playing LaSalle, outscoring the Lancers 27-3 in the final four minutes and winning 92-84. Jeff Weaver sank nine straight free throws and ended up with 19 points and 19 rebounds. Ken Meill had 21 points and Carey Bender had 20 points while Tom Henderson had three 3 point goals and scored 11 points.

Marion traveled to West Delaware seeking revenge, but came up short losing 83-63, then rebounded back to the winning track when they played Independence at home, winning 89-85.

Despite Tom Henderson hitting 5 three point goals and Ken Meill's 19 points, Marion lost to Benton Community in overtime 70-67. Although trailing at the half by 2, Marion tied the game at 61 at regulation. Marion was leading by 2 points and had the ball when a technical was given to the Marion bench, and a controversial flagrant foul called after that, put Marion out of the game.

Marion won a game against Vinton before closing out the regular season with a loss to Washington, Ia., on Feb. 25. Carey Bender was named 2nd team all-metro with Tom Henderson and Jeff Weaver named honorable-mention.

Sophs. Finish Seasons

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Sophomore Carrie King commented, "I feel that this year on sophomore, we were plagued by a number of injuries and by those who were reluctant to come out." The girls had a total of eight on their sophomore team and during the season most had some sort of injury. When asked what she felt about the season, sophomore Nicci Port said, "Even though we lost Kim Lochner, I think that we had a great season

Happy Trails Girls Track Takes Off

On February 27, 1989 girls track will begin with seventeen possible returning letter winners. Coach Ferguson in his fifth year feels quite impressed with the schedule, and with the experienced team. Seniors returning this year Heidi Begley, Teresa Dittmar, Chris Wilmsen, Stacie Fiechtner, and Holly Conway all have done well in the past. Tami Tasker and Amy Aswegan are some upcoming leaders.

From last year all the state qualifiers are returning Wendy Wittwer, Heidi Begley, Kim Lochner, and Tami Tasker. This year's track team has some serious potential and could bring Marion some awards or state titles, from the experienced relay team or from some of the other track and field events, which we have done well in the past.

I just want the WaMac to know that Marion's going to be back next year, only we'll be bigger and better than the rest. I guarantee it. We have room for improvement, everyone does, but if we work hard and together, we'll be just fine." All in all this year's sophomore team has done very well considering all of the obstacles they had to overcome.

Sophomore boys finished the year with a 16-2 record and were co-champs of WaMac, sharing the title with Regis. They collected wins this weekend from both Vinton and Washington Ia.

Starting on the 23rd of January, the sophs beat West Delaware 56-41, then played Vinton on the 24th and beat the Vikings 62-46. The next game was against conference foe Regis and slipped out a victory, 48-47, Travis Fuller led scoring 13 points. Marion then went up against LaSalle and roughed up the Lancers 68-38.

When asked about next year's outlook, Bryan Seedorf said that they were looking forward to a challenging yet successful year, while trying to convey teamwork between the players. While during this year, he said their main goal was to get through the season undefeated, which didn't happen, but we also felt we accomplished some major goals, using teamwork as the strength of our team. Good luck next year!

Volleyball League Gives Struggles Experience

This year, same as last year, Kirkwood hosts a volleyball league for all the area school. Marion has seven girls on it's A squad, captains of which are Tammy Taylor and Trish Kos. Other members of the team are Lisa Adams, Colette Blazek, Nicole Dougherty, Andrea Ebaugh, and Mary Stover. Six freshman also make up the B squad. They are Brei Balvanz, Christy Harapat, Julie Lentner, Shannon Meader, and Angie Seagren. Every Sunday afternoon the teams meet for an hour to play at the Prairie Jr. High. The purpose of the league is to help keep the skills you learn during the season. Sophomore Colette Blazek said, "It gives me the opportunity to stay in training and better my skills for the next year."

On the squad you also learn how to work as a team. Junior JV player Trish Kos said, "During the regular season you don't really get a chance to know the people on the younger team, (fresh/soph) the league is a good thing because you get to learn how they play. Freshman Shannon Meader replied, "Being a freshman we don't have much experience playing and it helps with that." Coach Schnieders commented, "This is the second year in which I've been able to get some of the volleyball athletes to participate. I see the league as a good opportunity for the girls to get to know each other better as teammates, and also have the chance to improve on their skills. It has been a real positive experience for the girls, and I hope it continues."


Girls VBB Young Team Looks to Future

This year's girls varsity basketball season has been disappointing for both players and coaches. Varsity player Tami Tasker said, "The season has been fun, but it was disappointing because we lost so many times, but I still look forward to next year." This year the team was very young, it had 10 girls, with only one senior. Mr. Wikert is the coach of the varsity team said "We are a better team than our 6-15 record. The girls played hard and never quit in any game. We were hurt by our inability to make free throws and not make good passes, but all of the girls made great improvement. We are a young team, and many of the girls had to play positions that they were not accustomed to. If they work hard in the off season. Next year they can really be tough. I enjoyed working with the girls and I am very proud of them," he said.

The players felt the same. "It will be different because we were such a young team, we didn't have a lot of experience. Next year we will have more experience." Another varsity player, Steph Robertson said, "At first I wasn't sure what would become of the season- it looked grim, (considering we had lost our offensive players and their leadership for the previous year.) Though, improvement was made each time we were on the court, gaining more experience and confidence in ourselves and as a result we achieved many things, not all things which was to be desired, (Wamac Champs or going to state!) but I do believe it is possible for those ultimate goals to become more realistic next year."

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Wilson Takes Fourth

John Royer has become only the second wrestler in Marion High School history to win a state wrestling title when he won the 2-A title match at 145 lbs. last Saturday at the state meet in Des Moines. The Marion team placed tenth overall in the standings. "When we went down, we didn't even think of placing that high team-wise," said assistant coach Jim Bates. "With only three kids, it's a real long shot, but all three wrestlers added to the point total."

All three Marion wrestlers advanced through the first round, Yi and Royer with decisions and Wilson with a pin. The second

round had Wilson wrestling the eventual state champion and losing in a decision. Yi lost 6-2, and Royer won 10-7.

Wilson had to wrestle three times Saturday to place, winning the first match 4-4 OT on a referee's decision. He won his next match 6-3 but dropped the third 6-2 to take fourth place in state.

Royer's trek to the title included a tough match in the semi-finals, where he won 4-3 to advance to the final. Trailing 5-3 with 30 seconds left in the match, Royer used a spectacular throw to put the Hampton wrestler on his back, scoring five points, two for a take-down and three for a near-fall. Royer held him there to end the match and claim the state title. "When we left I thought they would all do good. I was really pleased with the placings," said Coach Shaffer.

Young Team Looks to the Future

"The Indians this season are having their ups and downs. They could have been undefeated this season, but this is a young team", said Coach Bates. This year's team consists of ten freshmen, eight sophomores, one junior, and five seniors.

Being a young team, the Indians are expected to be a prominent factor in the Wamac future. Since the majority of the team is freshmen, they are going to be strong in the years to come.

"They have made a lot of improvement so far this season," said Coach Messerli. "They are working hard and learning from the older members of the team." When they look ahead the coaches, and the wrestlers themselves see a winning season in the 1990's.

This year the seniors have been making a name for themselves and leaving a goal for the freshman to shoot for. At the sectional meet in Anamosa the

seniors showed their stuff. Three of this year's seniors advanced to the district meet in Benton. T.J. Yi placed second at 130 lbs, John Royer (145) was the champion in his class, and Brad Wilson placed second at 152 lbs. Along with the three seniors, two sophomores advanced to districts. Derek Wheeler (171) and Gerry Bannister (Hwt.) both placed second in their classes at sectionals. As a team Marion placed second at sectionals due to the excellent showing by our Indians.

After a second place finish at sectionals, Brad Wilson came back as the champion at districts. John Royer and T.J. Yi both placed second in their weight classes and advanced to the state meet in Des Moines. Along with the fact that three of our seniors have advanced to state, Marion placed third out of thirteen teams at Van Horne during districts.

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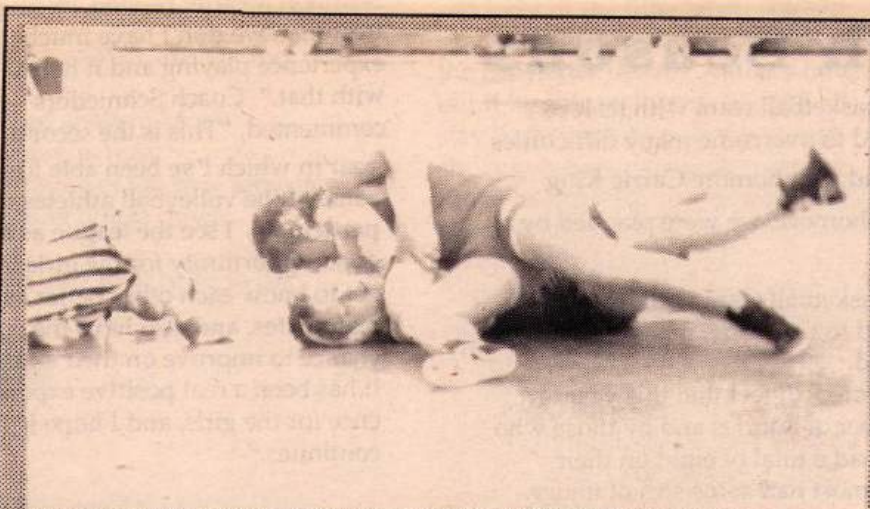
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Top - Derek Wheeler advanced at sectionals held at Anamosa.

Bottom - Cheerleaders Amy Aswegan, Lea Klingler, and Julie Miller, statisticians Collette Blazek and Sara Bliss, and wrestler John Royer relax before sectional action begins.

Bowlers Are State-Bound

Did you know that Marion has a bowling team? Not only do they have a team, but the team is going to represent Marion High School April 15 at the state meet.

The team was formed in February by Mr. Hoyt, who put an announcement in the bulletin asking for interested students. Ten students volunteered to be in the team - Mike Adams, Eric Arp, Mark Churchill, Steve Deck, Doug French, Matt Frake, Jason Moore, Cody Jordan, Cory Seedorf, and Jeff Weaver. The team of ten then competed in a seventeen-team field for sectionals. The top five bowlers from each of the top four teams advance to state. Marion's top five were Eric Arp, Mike Adams, Steve Deck, Cody Jordan, and Mark Churchill. The Marion team finished third out of the seventeen entrants. Vinton finished on top of the field with Benton second, Marion, and Kennedy. Cody Jordan led the team with a 556 series, followed by Eric Arp (532), Mike Adams, Steve Deck, and Mark Churchill. The state meet will be held in Des Moines.

Says team member Eric Arp, "I thought it would be fun. Mr. Hoyt asked me, so I said 'sure'." Although Arp, Deck, and Churchill bowl just for fun, Adams and Jordan are active in bowling leagues, and Jordan works at Jubilee Lanes. This is the first year Marion has had a bowling team, but Jordan, Churchill, Moore, and French could form the nucleus of another state-bound team next year.