

Homecoming 1989

FULL WEEK OF EVENTS FOR MHS

Homecoming '89 has arrived, the first big event of the school year. It's a week full of fun and exciting events. The festivities begin on Monday with

"Idol Day" followed by "Twin Day" Tuesday, "Pajama Day" Wednesday, "Hippie Day" Thursday, and the ever so popular "Red and Gold Day" Friday. Other events during the week were Thursday nights pep rally at the Marion Football Field. It began at about 7pm, yelling and cheering was heard through out the town. The Marion Indians were chanting their Victory Cheer getting ready to defeat the Vinton Vikings. The bonfire consisted of the usual events, class

floats, anything goes competition, burning of the M and of course the Homecoming court was presented. They were freshman Kristen Wilson and Kathy Foster, sophomores Candida Orend and Angie Schuller, juniors Kim Lochner and Michele Cox, and last but not least Queen candidates Candi Gongwer, Carrie Speer and Gigi Gann escorted by King candidates Matt Andrew, Mike McCormick, and Carey Bender. To top it all off there is a

pep assembly Friday afternoon. It allowed everyone to let go and show their school spirit. Friday night everyone is invited to come out and show their school pride as the Indians take on the Vikings. Saturday night, the big event, the Homecoming Dance will be held at the Mentzer gym beginning at 8pm with guest D.J. Ted Burton Jacobson. The Homecoming theme this year is "Girl, I'm Gonna Miss You," by Milli Vanilli.

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Global Cedar Rapids BRINGING THE WORLD CLOSER TO YOU

Global Cedar Rapids is "an exciting development of community cooperation aimed at bringing Cedar Rapids and the world closer together," according to a news release, concerning the upcoming conference, quote from Gary Goldstein, president of the local non-profit organization. The organization began in 1988 through an "exploratory inquiry" by various organizations interested in creating a community level conversation on current issues in the world. Dan Clark of the Stanley Foundation in Muscatine brought together a concerned group of Cedar Rapids citizens to form Global Cedar Rapids. Now the group is ready, after over one year of preparations, to launch the four day first annual Global Cedar Rapids Conference to be held October 13-16 at Kennedy High School. Their interest is in bringing together Cedar Rapids citizens and leading authorities in world affairs in conference to promote "global understanding and peace."

In a September 11th news release concerning the upcoming conference, the theme "Citizens Making a Difference in World Affairs" and goals were presented, the goals, according to the newsletter, being: sharing significant dialogue on national and international issues, enhancing the interaction among local and national organizations dealing with world issues and finding channels of connecting the views and opinions of local citizens with decision makers at various levels of influence globally." An early example of the groups concern will be demonstrated in the Global Cedar Rapids Awards, created by Iowa sculptor Steve Maxon, Kalona, to be given to people who have demonstrated "positive influence in world affairs." Awards will be presented on the first night to people on local, state, national, and international levels along with an address concerning the situation of our planet from the President of the Iowa Peace Institute, Ambassador John McDonald.

Saturday, October 14, will bring a day full of addresses focusing on "international relations" beginning at 8:30 am. College professors from the surrounding area will lead one of eight topics in small groups, those topics being: Global Environment: Reassessing the Threat, The Soviet Union: Gorbachev's Reforms, Mexico and the U.S.: Ambivalent Allies, Middle East: Dangerous Drift?, Latin American Debt: Living on Borrowed Time?, Ethics in International Relations: Power and Morality, Farmers, Food and the Global Supermarket, and International Drug Traffic: An Unwinnable War?. There will also be a "Citizens Making a Difference" conference that will follow and allow "summarizing of the ideas presented in discussion and emphasize suggestions and strategies for citizen involvement."

On Sunday "Media and World Affairs" will be discussed from 2:00 until 4:00 pm in a meeting designed for high school and college students. Jim Miklazewski an NBC correspondent at the White House and Patrick Esmonde-White, producer of the program "New Voices" for the National Public Radio, speak and answer questions of attendees.

The culmination of the four day event will take place at the Roosevelt Hotel on Monday, October 16, with a luncheon and address by Mary Lord, executive director of Access Security Information Service, Washington D.C.. She will speak on "issues of inter-relatedness of world economies following the meal."



Gary Goldstein, President of Global Cedar Rapids, talks with student journalists.

Marion Mall Changes the Face of Uptown



The Marion Mall hopes to offer shoppers an alternative.

As last December rolled around, most people got excited about Christmas, but for some, the new Marion Mall, construction was finally coming to an end.

Mr. Movies was the first to move in while the rest of the mall was still being built. They really want to educate Marion people about what Mr. Movies is all about. By putting the tapes on the shelf with the boxes they were able to have a bigger variety of movies. The business has improved since stores have moved in, and they feel it will get even better as the mall is completed.

Jamison's was the next store to move in, opening on May 20, 1989. Owner Mary Jamison wants to meet people from Marion to get to know what styles they like. Since winter will be here soon, her business will pick up tremendously, because clothing retailers traditionally sell more in the winter.

On July 5, 1989, Sports West opened. Store manager Barry Whitson felt that Marion needed a sports retail shop, and he feels they market some of the finest sporting clothes in the business

Advertising in many papers and on radio has helped his business improve.

By the end of this year all but two stores will be filled since Apex Computers opened just last month. Some of the stores that will be moving in are a restaurant, Cost Cutters hair salon, an eye clinic, a children's apparel store, and another women's apparel store. In October the mall's grand opening will take place.

As the Marion Sesquicentennial celebrated the birth of Marion, they also celebrated the rebirth of Marion's downtown. On September 8, 1989 there were festivities in the square. The following day there was a pancake breakfast, a parade which ran through the middle of Marion, a beard judging, and a talent contest, and the last day was Kids' Day at Thomas Park. The following weekend saw the finally with amateur and professional bike races throughout the day and children's Big Wheel races at Emerson Elementary. So Marion is improving more and more each day.

Will you shop at the Marion Mall?

No, there's nothing I like there. Ben King

No, I have better places to shop. Jenny Crowley

Yes, because it's closer to my house and there are different styles of clothes there. Nicole Dougherty

No, because it's stupid to have two malls so close together. Mary Stover

Yes, because it's new and we like to check out new things. Kim Lochner and DeGwen Chamberlain

Staff Editorial:

LACK OF SUPPORT FOR BAND HURTS THE SCHOOL AS A WHOLE

While walking into the gym for a pep assembly on those anxiously awaited Fridays, we hear the war beats of the drum, and then the school song. We all clap and cheer to the beat, the cheerleaders do the school cheer to the school song. Would all of these things be the same without the band?

We all love it when the band is at the football games, and playing to pep up the basketball games, yet many think of the people in this type of activity as a "bandhead." As a result of this attitude many people have dropped band as a class. Now if we all sit back and think about it, band was the thing to do in junior high, so why should those people who continued to stay in it over the years, be treated like they are? They get all kinds of razzing and name calling. I'm sure we have all said our little thing about the band once in awhile, but they deserve respect too.

When talking to the teachers around school you will find that a large number were in the band or the choir in their high school days. There are even some who still play in the community band. They never received as much hassle as the members of our band get now. People appreciated what

they did. I'm sure that we all say that we appreciate the band but then we still talk about them and treat them differently from people in other groups.

Maybe some of the problem is that the uniforms are too old, maybe they get embarrassed when their friends yell at them at games, or maybe they just don't like being considered as any different from others in activities.

A member of the band said that at the first football game the war beats had started late, not purposely, but some of the football players were upset. The thing that she couldn't understand is that she always hears negative things that some of them say, yet those same people right there to jump when something didn't go their way. She also couldn't understand why the people who used to be in band in junior high and loved it can make such comments about it now.

Let's get behind the band - they need the support of everyone at school. Without our band, without the war drums, without the pep band, MHS is shortchanged all the way around. Let the band people know we need their talents as much as talents in other activities.



Darren Matthes, Anne Thurman, Jason Miller, and Sandra Kalous march to the beat of Socorro. The band and band boosters are trying to earn between \$20,000 and \$25,000 for new uniforms.

Students honored for Hard Work

Monday, September 11, marked the first occasion of an official academic awards ceremony at Marion High. Granted that in past years, awards have been given at class gatherings on the first few days of school; this was the first time that an assembly was called to present the awards in front of the student body with the superintendent and president of the school board present and delivering awards. A few years ago Marion

began applauding students for their academic achievements with the presentation of academic letters, bars, and certificates for raising grade point to recognize those who strive in scholastics as well as extracurricular activities. We wish to congratulate all of the students at MHS who received an award and encourage them and others to continue their efforts. When we say "all" that includes a large percentage of each class—the sophomore class had ten students who received awards (all academic letters), the juniors thirty-three (seven letters, ten bars, and seventeen certificates for raising grade point by .5), the seniors thirty (one

John Vox Says...

Thumbs down to scheduled activities the same day as the Homecoming bonfire.

Thumbs up to academic awards.

Thumbs down to bees in the classrooms but...

Thumbs up to teachers chasing them.

Thumbs down to questioning the results of Homecoming balloting.

Thumbs up to Phil Hutchinson and Scott McDonald being National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists.

Thumbs up to increased sports coverage for Marion.

Thumbs up to walking classes.

Thumbs down to room changes.

Thumbs down to no doughnuts.

Thumbs up to KCRG at the pep assembly.

Thumbs down to couples joined at the hip.

Thumbs up to seniors getting fitted for caps and gowns.

Thumbs down to car alarms.

Thumbs up to Cheri Mase as the mascot.

Thumbs down to graduates complaining about paying adult prices to attend events.

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Feeling like a Frosh Again

At the beginning of each school year a new group of freshman comes to MHS. For these ninth graders everything is new - the classes, the teachers, even lunch. Occasionally you'll see one scurrying down the hall after the bell trying to find their class-room, but this year, mixed in with these freshman newcomers, you might find a few juniors and seniors getting lost too. This mass confusion is due to quite a few changes that have taken place at Marion this year.

True, now everyone has gotten into the swing of things and everyone knows where to go. However on the first day of school as you breezed into the building as

an all-knowing upperclassman, you might have been pretty peeved to find everything different. "I'm a senior and I was lost the first day. It was kind of embarrassing," said Mel Port.

The changes in the classrooms were made, in part, to bring the departments closer together, such as English and foreign language. There was not only a change in classrooms but in classes as well, like this year's combined journalism/yearbook class and a new sales and marketing class. And how about the raise in lunch prices? There was another ten cent increase this year. We now fork over a buck ten for our delectable school quisine.

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Starscope For October

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 22)

Be careful not to slack off in the work areas of your life. You will have a variety of challenges this month, and the results may be slow, but they will pay off for you in the end. An old secret may be revealed and a friend might be disapproving. Lucky days: 1, 10, 18, 27, 28

SCORPIO

(October 23 - November 21)

The beginning of October starts off great! But watch out for problems around the fourteenth. Situations or people may not be as they seem. But you'll get yours in the end, around the twenty-ninth. Be patient with a love relationship. Lucky days: 2, 3, 12, 20, 30

SAGITTARIUS

(November 22 - December 21)

This month you'll be enjoying the social spotlight. Money should be flowing in now, but don't be too quick to spend it. Look for an Aquarian to spice up your life. Make time for that special person and it will pay off. Lucky days: 5, 6, 14, 22

CAPRICORN

(December 22 - January 19)

You might be under some strain, trying to balance your social life with work. This month shows promise from that lonely feeling. You may also be recognized for an accomplishment, either at school or at work. Don't jump to conclusions with a loved one. Lucky days: 7, 8, 16, 25

AQUARIUS

(January 20 - February 18)

This month will be very busy for you. You may be encountering different kinds of people and your phone will be ringing off the hook. Look for a Sagittarius to spice up your life a bit. Lucky days: 10, 11, 18, 27

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)

Your social life may be slowing down, but now is the time to concentrate on making money and getting the grades. Trust your intuition, it may bring a reward at the end of the month. A love relationship heats up. Lucky days: 3, 12, 13, 20, 31

ARIES

(March 21 - April 19)

You may be a bit touchy this month, but don't be so quick to believe the latest gossip. Keep a love relationship strong by spending time together. Now is the time to buckle down and get to work. Lucky days: 5, 14, 15, 22

TAURUS

(April 20 - May 20)

Don't hold on to things of the past. Endings signal new beginnings. A carefree love relationship may be deeper than it seems. Things may be difficult in the beginning of the month, but be willing to make some changes. Lucky days: 8, 16, 17, 26

GEMINI

(May 21 - June 20)

October will be a blast for you! Make sure you don't get carried away with your social life and forget the work you must do. Your wit and humor will pay off now, use it to your advantage. Around the twenty-ninth a promising offer could come to light. Lucky days: 1, 10, 18, 19, 27

CANCER

(June 21 - July 22)

Be ready to deal with whiny people, but be willing to take time for yourself. Start planning for your future now. A sudden change may be coming. Look for romance to heat up around the end of the month. Lucky days: 3, 13, 20, 21, 31

LEO

(July 23 - August 22)

Be ready to get a little wild. People will take notice of you at the beginning of the month if you are willing to be a little off beat. Be ready to take on more than one love relationship at a time. A decision will have to be made in the end. Lucky days: 6, 15, 22, 23

VIRGO

(August 23 - September 22)

Expect surprises around the fourteenth. Be ready for a confrontation, find comfort at home. A tid-bit of information may prove useful in the long run. You'll be in luck's path for a while at the end of the month. Lucky days: 8, 17, 25, 26

Open Enrollment:

WHAT'S THE FUTURE FOR MHS?

Have you ever had one of those days at school when you felt that everyone hated you, you are not going to pass because the teacher won't let you make up the work you missed four weeks ago, you invariably can't find a parking space, and the only way to get around all of this frustration, you think, is to transfer to a different school. Well, most people have heard of the idea of open enrollment, and though the aforementioned reasons probably wouldn't substantiate a change in place of enrollment, students in the future will be allowed to transfer to another district without paying tuition as was previously required in the state.

Open enrollment is new to Iowa, though the neighboring state of Minnesota has had a similar policy instituted for a few years, so it is not a new idea. The law went into effect on March 9 of this year but has remained a vague issue in the minds of many. Mr. Twachtman himself views the law as a very complicated matter with many questions still existing, and the Iowa Department of Education acknowledges a number of problems created by the new statute and intends to "conduct a three-year study of the implementation of open enrollment which will focus on graduation rates, staffing patterns, curriculum offerings, school standards, student attendance and athletic participation" according to the IASB report on the new law.

Many controversial issues were addressed in the consideration of an open enrollment policy

in the state, among them the recruiting of athletes by schools and repeated transfers by a single student. In order to attempt to prevent recruiting, the law prohibits a student from participating in extracurricular activities except in certain situations such as: joint participation between district of residence and the receiving district in the activity, the district of residence does not offer the activity, or the student has paid tuition to the receiving district for at least one year prior to March 9, 1989, to attend that school. The problem of repeated transfers is addressed by requiring a student to attend the receiving district for a minimum of four years following transfer.

People planning to transfer to another district next year were required to submit an informal statement to their district of residence by last Friday, September 15, in order to be eligible to attend the desired school next fall. For those people who did take the first step, it must be followed by filing formal documentation for their school and the Department of Education which must include reason for desiring the transfer. Review and approval by the school boards of both districts (residential first) is then required.

Because of the size and quality of education of Marion Independent Schools, it can be considered an ideal district to transfer to. Our size is not too large to prevent transferring students from being able to participate in extracurricular activities, upon eligibility, nor too small to limit our curriculum.

An Issue Put To Rest

Last year there was much controversy over whether Linn-Mar and Marion should become one district. Principal Mr. Twachtman gave his perspective by saying, "I predicted the vote would turn out the way it did. The final decision on the merger doesn't bother me at all, nor do I feel it has bothered the students or staff members, if it has it surely hasn't been evident to me. The students seem to be doing rather well in their classes. There are many positive things to look at here at Marion. Our school is not

too big, not too small; it's just the right size. The students get the attention they need. We have an average of fifteen students per class, that seems to work out very well." He feels that because of the satisfaction in both school districts, he questions if the issue will arise in the future.

It is time for both schools to get past the issue, and go on with their own development. Mr. Twachtman feels it is necessary to market our school district by stressing our independence, intellectual level, and the involvement of students.

Marion Students Take Off to See the World

CANCUN HIGHLIGHTS MEXICO TRIP

NYC BUSY, DIRTY

FRENCH STUDENTS SEE PARIS AND MORE

This last summer, from July 25 through August 4, fifteen students from Marion High School ventured out of the country for eleven fun-filled days in Mexico.

Flying from Chicago and stopping first in Mexico City, the group then went on to Cuernavaca, a city of 800,000 1 1/2 hours south of Mexico City. This is where the students experienced a family stay, spending two days living with a Mexican family, learning their cultures and experiencing their traditions. Most of the host families also knew each other, so Marion students were never far from their friends.

The next stop was sizzling Cancun, a beautiful resort on the Caribbean Sea. One of the remarkable aspects that the students noticed about Cancun were its white sand beaches and turquoise colored water, which is then surrounded by palm trees. This was obviously the favorite part of the trip for many, as one could go snorkeling, jet skiing, or yachting.

One highlight of the trip was most definitely the shopping, but there was also great weather, new friendships, and very few stomach aches. The students also had many opportunities to learn about the country by realizing that many people don't have the bare necessities and that some have to beg for what they need. The students certainly learned for themselves how much America means to them.

Plans are already in the making for trip to Mexico next summer. Ideas include having the family stay at Cuernavaca again, visiting the city of Taxco, the silver capital of the Mexico, and making a stop at Acapulco.

On June 5, 1989, eight Marion High School students embarked on a five day adventure to New York City. Accompanied by Mrs. Boyer and her family, the group left for N.Y. from the Des Moines airport. These Marion students were part of a "drama trip" that not only included two Broadway musicals, but several N.Y. City landmarks.

Their first day in New York the group toured Radio City Music Hall, had dinner at the Rockefeller Center, and saw their first musical, Les Miserables. Dawn Rameriz, one of the students on the trip said of the stage production, "I'd never seen a Broadway production before. It was different but I enjoyed it alot." Day two included even more sight seeing. First they went to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, followed by a tour of Central Park, and then on to Lincoln Center. "Lincoln Center was fascinating," said Mrs. Boyer. That night the students got a choice of two Broadway musicals, *Cats* or *Phantom Of The Opera*. Lisa Adams, who went to *Cats*, said, "I didn't enjoy it. It wasn't what I expected," but Stacia Simanek loved the show. Molly Meroshek, who saw *Phantom*, said, "This made the whole trip worth it." Day three started off with a ferry to the Statue of Liberty, followed by a trip to the South Street Sea Port, Wall Street, and a dinner in Chinatown. That night the students went to the Hard Rock Cafe to pick up a few souvenir T-shirts.

Day four, their final day in

This past summer Marion High School students and the Virlee family visited France for ten days. For some, it even meant their first airplane ride.

During the first four days, the students stayed in the romantic city of Paris. They found "romance" ranging from a drunken guy jumping on Renee Carter's back, to a rose and address given to Lisa Sweet and Nikki Miester, to an actual marriage proposal from a Parisian to Vicki Detling.

Among the highlights of the trip were the Louvre Museum, Notre Dame, Chambord, Chenonceaux, Pigalle, Montmartre, Sacre Coeur, and Centre Pompidor. Many of the students agreed that day three in Paris was one of the most exciting. It was on this evening that the students travelled all the way up the Eiffel Tower. That same night the students ended up in the middle of the Champs Elysees (a well-know street in Paris) in time to enjoy the fireworks commemorating the French Revolution.

Day five included a quick trip on the TGV, and the last five days were spent at places such as Pont Du Gard, Nimes, Cannes, Nice, the "Queen of the Riviera", Monte Carlo, Palace of Monaco.

While in France, the students met a lot of interesting people. According to Stacey Hoth and Tami Tasker, "The French culture was much different than ours in that the women don't shave their legs and often fail to have good bathing habits." For many, the trip proved to be an educational and exciting experience.

New York City included a shopping trip to Macy's Department Store. After an excellent Italian lunch at Mama Leone's the group returned to LaGuardia airport for the three hour flight home. "It seemed weird to land in Des Moines and see a corn field after all that cement in the city," said Mrs. Boyer. Would they go back? "No, it was too polluted," says Lisa Adams. However, Dawn Ramirez would like to live there.

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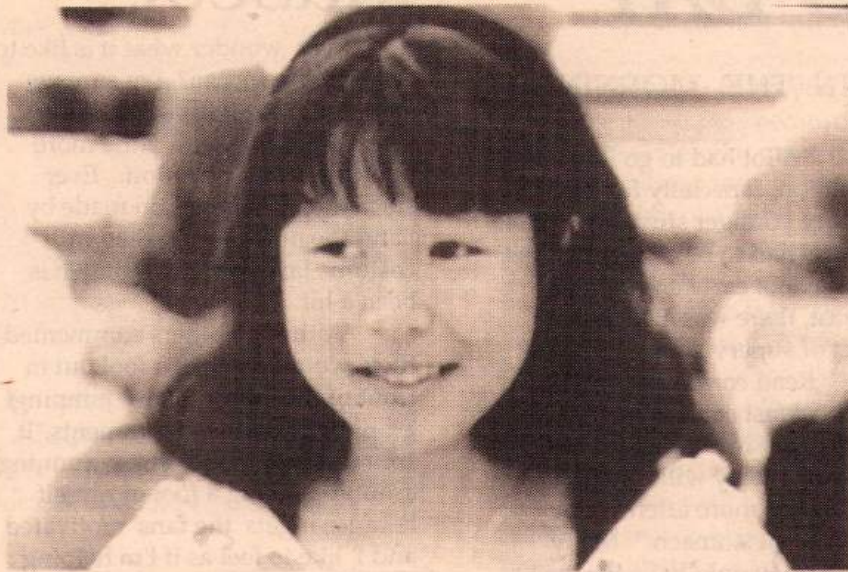
THREE EXCHANGE STUDENTS ADD INTERNATIONAL FLAIR

In the new school year of 1989-90 we have three new exchange students from all over the world.

Yasuko Baba comes to us all way from Tokyo, Japan. She notices many differences between the two countries. "School life is more enjoyable here," she says. Yasuko comes from an all girl school, and wearing the same uniform everyday became tiresome. She enjoys many of our extra-curricular activities here, especially participating in cross country, and enjoys going to football games. She also enjoys the convenience of fast food restaurants, especially McDonald's. She finds school a lot easier here, although in Japan they had different classes every week. Yasuko plans to attend Tokyo University next year, but she has not yet decided what she would like to do. Yasuko is staying here in Marion with the Ed VanDee family.

From the Spanish-speaking country of Ecuador came our second exchange student, Alexandra Mejia. Alexandra is living with her aunt, who has been here for fifteen years. She likes it here and finds the classes much easier, although she finds English a hard language to speak and learn. Next year she plans to go to the University of Ecuador, where she will study to become a chemical engineer. In Ecuador she had to decide her career at the age of 16. She noticed many differences here, one of the largest being a coeducational school. In Ecuador most of the schools were divided. She is very interested in the American form of football, although she does not understand it very well. She is looking forward to the upcoming gymnastics season. She has never seen snow, so an Iowa winter should be quite a shock for her.

Our third exchange student comes from the Spanish capitol of Madrid. Her name is Ana Vazquez, she is 16 old. She is staying with the Lentners. "America is very different from Spain." Ana says the schools are bigger in Spain, but the teachers are friendlier here. Ana enjoys going to the football games even though she doesn't understand them too well. She plans to go out for track in the Spring. When Ana goes back to Spain she plans on going to the University, where she will study to become a psychologist.



Yasuko Baba came to Marion from Tokyo, Japan, where she hangs out at Disneyland.



Alexandra Mejia from Ecuador and Ana Vasquez De Parge Benitez from Spain have added spice to MHS.

NEW STUDENTS COME FROM EVERYWHERE

Walking through the hallway not knowing where you are going for sure or knowing anyone would probably be your worst nightmare, but it's the first day of school for a new student. This year at Marion we have 26 new students - eleven freshmen, three sophomores, seven juniors, and three seniors.

Senior Jody Glubka transferred here from Washington High School, but this is his fourth school since kindergarten. He went to Mentzer through elementary and was at the junior high until sixth grade, when he moved to California. He attended Sea Side High School through the tenth grade. From there Jody moved to Germany to attend Badkreuznach AHS (American High School), but now he's back at Marion to finish out his high school years.

Jody said he liked the fact that he knew everyone here at Marion but that he wasn't used to a school this small. Jody also said he liked to play basketball and baseball and that he was good! Hopefully he will help some Marion teams.

Junior Darren Reid moved here from Roseville, California, where he attended Roseville High School. Their school life was much different than ours. School went from 7:45 to 2:30, the lunch cycles were longer than ours, the campus was open, and the total number of students was 2,400!

When talking about football Darren said, "Football here is a little more serious and we are dedicated to our team a little bit more. I'm glad to be part of the school with the best football team in Iowa."

Senior Mike Webb moved here from Iowa City where he attended Iowa City West. Mike moved in with his Dad, who moved here from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mike said there were a lot of differences between the two high schools, such as the dress codes. "The atmosphere there was a lot more liberal. No one cared if you wore a hat or not," Mike commented.

Our other new students at Marion this year are, freshmen Chad Coons, Bill Hrdek, Steve Hird, Sheri Lee, Julie Jorgensen, Jenny Nagel, Scott Schroeder, Shawn Shuttleworth, Carolyn Tullis, Tina Willard, and Jason Vavra. Sophomores: Jason Pipho, Jennifer Sharp, and Jenny Wilkinson. Juniors: Brian Borst, Chad Cleppe, Lisa Roberts, Judy Pisch, Andy Streevy, and Trent Svoboda. Seniors: Debra Winter and Wendy Peterson

MHS Art Club

A new art club is now being formed at MHS. Students who feel art is their strong point are encouraged to join the group. Freshmen are not yet eligible, but once they have completed a semester of art, they may sign up with Mrs. Hoyt or Mrs. Schultz, who are co-sponsors of the group.

The group's first activity was the sign painting contest for Homecoming. On October 14, club members will join Iowa sculptor Chris Langille at the Art Educator's Conference at Coe College as area high school students build a modular sculpture. In addition, for selected club members, there will be a luncheon with Dr. Sidney Parnes and a special session on portfolio preparation presented by a panel of representatives from art schools.

Other activities prosored by the art club this year are yet to be determined by student interest, but will probably include the "Snosculpt '90" competition, field trips to Kirkwood, Coe and Mount Mercy Colleges, contests, displays, and workshops.

There are tentative plans being made fro a trip to the art institute in Chicago so that talented juniors and seniors can participate in "Portfolio Days."

"Advanced Placement" opportunities will be available to students looking toward college degrees in art. A National Art Society will also be open to 10-12 grade students who have achieved at least a 3.0 in their art classes.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in the art club should see one of the art teachers. Meetings will be approximately every two eweeks before and after school.

MAKE IT A WHEATIES DAY

NOW SERVING BREAKFAST IN THE MORNING

For the past four years, the government has been pushing for breakfast to be offered in all schools. This year, Tom Read decided to do something about that, he decided to bring breakfast to M.H.S.

Read has worked in food service a total of six years. Four of those years were spent at Linn-Mar. Then Read decided to break away and start his own business, soon after, he returned to the Marion School District, "I wanted to get back into food service, I enjoy it more."

The cooks prepare cold cereal, juice, toast, eggs, and bacon for \$.45. "Usually cold cereal is only offered because of the low percentage of participation." Just under twenty kids show up for breakfast, but in the Marion District, one hundred-seventy kids participate. Mr. Read stated, "if there were more participation, there would be a bigger and better variety, but there needs to be more community and faculty involvement also." A letter has been sent to the Marion Chamber of Commerce, inviting them to experience the program.

"A lot had to go into preparation, especially for the schools of younger students." Bus schedules had to be changed to get kids to school early enough for breakfast, there was also the conflict of supervision.

Read commented, "I'm not a breakfast eater myself, I live on coffee, but in children, it has been proven they will function better and be more attentive in class on a full stomach." Many children often only have the one lunch a day, so Read has been pushing for free and reduced prices to low income families, "we'd like to help as much as possible."

Read would like to see the morning breakfast at M.H.S. continue and succeed. This is the first year Marion High has offered breakfast, Mr. Read feels, "No matter what, once breakfast is offered, it can't be taken away."

In the past, the salad bar was offered at noon lunch cycles and failed. Read is asking for some response to see if the students would be interested. "Would it be appreciated?" Feedback is definitely needed.

Madcap Mascot

Ever wonder what it is like to be a Marion Indian? I'm sure we all know what it feels like, but for Cheri Mase it takes a little more dedication and devotion. Ever since Mrs. Chamberlain made by hand the new Marion mascot costume last year, the indian has been a hit.

Although others commented they would feel like a fool out in front of the Marion fans jumping around, Cheri Mase comments, "It sounds stupid, but I enjoy running around making a fool of myself because it gets the fans motivated and I like to feel as if I'm helping out the football players." "It is my senior year and we have a great chance to go to state, and when we do, I want to be there to support the team."

According to Cheri, "The parents probably yell the loudest, but the students put up a good fight." "The alumni '89 graduates are too cool to yell, and the seniors this year often hesitate to stand up," said Cheri. "The kids are the greatest because they like to give me high 5's and sometimes they just want to shake my hand, that makes me feel good."

"I think it is great when the parents and students also attend the away games, it really makes a difference to the guys on the field," says Cheri. "It really made me feel good when Lonnie Rose said thanks during a previous pep assembly.. I didn't really think anyone cared that much, that's great."

MHS Moves to Tuna, Texas

The Marion High School Drama Students are at it again!!!! Greater Tuna, a mystery-comedy about Tuna, Texas, U.S.A., will be presented under the direction of Kathleen Braun. The play is tentatively scheduled for October 27th, and 28th at 7:00, depending on the upcoming prospect of this season's football playoffs. The story takes off in the southern Texas town, Tuna. The comedy surrounds a typically strange town and their southern-style radio station. The mystery centers around a judge found dead wearing a Dale Evans swimsuit with fringe. The play first performed on Broadway by two men, was a personal favorite of Mrs. Braun. This will be her first try at directing and she looks forward to it with much enthusiasm. Her only goal for herself, and her students is that everyone thoroughly enjoys themselves. In the beginning the shortage of boys was speculated to cause problems, but Mrs. Braun says that it will not be a problem. More boys have recently joined the cast of twenty, and the show is all coming together, although she can always use help with sets and designs. She is delighted to have such a wonderful group to work with and feels honored to be given so much support by all.

Surprising Shawn

Marion students were surprised to see a new student in a wheelchair, and even more surprised to see him racing down the hallway dodging students. Shawn Shuttleworth, a new freshman student from Roosevelt in Cedar Rapids, has a disease which makes his bones break very easily. This disease, which he was born with, hasn't stopped Shawn from going to school and participating in extra activities. Shawn is a manager for the varsity and J.V. football teams and is involved with V.T.R.

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Spikin' Fine in '89

This year the Marion Volleyball Team, Varsity and Junior Varsity, have been fighting for a grade a season.

The Varsity team has 15 wins, 7 losses, and 3 ties. Coach Dostal has said that this is a pretty good season so far. The team has already played four tournaments, placing fourth at Metro, second at the LaSalle Invitational, second at the Prairie Invitational, and first at the Benton Invitational.

This year Coach Dostal has only three returning letter winners, Gigi Gann, Wendy Wittwer, and Stephanie Robertson. Also on the varsity team are DeGwen Chamberlain, Cyndi Stoos, Allyson Eichhorst, Lisa Adams, Trish Kos, Andrea Ebaugh, Vickie Detling, Susan Jensen, and Kim Lochner.

Individually the statistics look pretty impressive. Wendy Wittwer leads blocking coverage with 132 blocks, and she leads in kills, also known as spikes, with 123. Gigi Gann is ahead in serving with 240 out of 258, and she has 115 assists, which are great sets or great spikes. Stephanie Robertson is ahead with serve reception at 173 and she is also high on digs with 73. Allyson Eichhorst had one hundred percent for serving at the Benton Invitational. The other

team members are doing an outstanding job individually also.

This year Wendy Wittwer is ranked in the state, she is in tenth place for blocking and forty-fourth for kills. "Impressive," says Coach Dostal.

The varsity team has been playing hard, and they know that "team" is the key element.

So far this season the junior varsity team has lost two out of three for matches and six out of seven for games. The players on the junior varsity team are Melissa Port, Colette Blazek, Carrie King, Jennifer Jennings, Nicci Port, Nicole Dougherty, Lue Turner, and Tammy Taylor. The team has not had a very successful season so far this year, but hope by the end of the season to turn it a round with some more hard work.

Some of the standings for the junior varsity team are Colette Blazek with 18 out of 21 spikes, and Carrie King with eight stuffed blocks. Jennifer Jennings is a solid all round player. The setters, Nicci Port and Tammy Taylor, have been doing a good job on keeping the ball up for play.

This year's volleyball players' statistics are high, and they are hopeful for a successful season's end.

Making Tracks



Matt Masters and Christiane Hultquist take part in the Indian Invitational held at Mentzer.



Wendy Wittwer sets the ball up for a kill.



Stephanie Robertson passes the ball to the setter.

When our gym teachers warn us of the 'dreaded' mile to be run in class next time, there's an echo of moans and groans from unhappy students throughout the school. Except from the selected few Cross Country members, which say just one mile instead of the daily practice of two or more?

Although the girls team has lost a few of its members to other commitments, the seven girl team has worked harder and have become stronger in both spirit and times. "We're doing better than last year, but if more would've gone out from last year, we would be a lot stronger," replied Christiane Hultquist. The hard part is that people are reluctant to go out because of the running it involves. Finding support from the school is another factor which needs to be improved. Very few people want to go to watch people just running, is the feeling of most kids, but this is just as important of a sport as the others. "We are a strong team, but could use some encouragement from somebody other than just parents!" commented Tressa Kinhead.

As for the young boys'

team, led by juniors Kurt Buck and Mike Wright, they are a good mix and are quite experienced due to their age. They are steadily improving with each meet and look to be promising in the future. "You're dealt with the hand you get, and are forced to play 'em!" replied Coach Ferguson "There's no cutting what you've got" Other strong runners for the boys' are Jason O'Brien and freshman Tevis Grisso.

The team has improved with each meet by finishing anywhere from fifth to third place. Christiane medaling within the top four several times as well as Kurt for the boys'. As the team hosted six other teams at the Indian Invitational September 21, both teams finished second with all five varsity girls finishing in the top five of fifteen.

With the newly passed standings of state qualifications allowing the top ten instead of six to advance, Coach Ferguson feels that Christiane may have a chance to qualify, due to her ninth place finish last year, as well as some of her other teammates. Best of luck to them with the road ahead.

'89 Football : Going in Style

With fall rapidly approaching comes the ideas of trees changing color, sweaters and turtlenecks, and the football team in full gear. Not only have the trees changed, but so has the look of our Indians in new uniforms. This isn't the only surprise Coach Messerli had for devoted fans.

Beginning the season with a number four rank in the state was nothing to be surprised about due to the return of almost all the letter winners, anxiously awaiting juniors, and Coaches Clark and Ross assisting. This bit of information helped the players to shoot for a successful season to come. "It's a great honor and credit to the program to be one of the better teams in the area," replied Coach Messerli. With this kind of recognition the team was on their way to a very challenging year.

Maquoketa was the first of several victims. As the home crowd watched with anticipation, the game was quickly under way. Tri-captains Carey Bender, Nick Perkins, and Lonnie Rose headed toward center-field for the coin toss and the support began to ring throughout the stands from fellow classmates and family members. With Nick leading the team as QB and the fast feet of Carey at a running back position, Marion was a tough team to compete against offensively, not to mention the defense with a great deal of talent led by Lonnie.

It was a game in which every person in the stands surely got what was expected from the mighty Indians. Not only did Bender have a fantastic game, tallying just shy of 300 yards, but some other members such as Jason Northway, Brennen Buckley, and Bryan Seedorf were able to show their abilities. When the siren sounded to end the game it was a successful victory of 49-28. Next on the agenda...the LaSalle Lancers.

With that win beneath their belt, the Indians felt they were ready for the Lancers at Kingston. The only problem was would the fans be able to keep up the morale as they had in home games? But, this was no problem. Cheri Mase, the team's mascot, was sure to help

out in this department, and the student body made up a great deal of the audience. Before anyone got a chance to look, the scoreboard had read 40-0 at halftime. Marion ended up winning the game 47-8.

The next hill to climb was the Regis Royals. With the Indians retaining their fourth place rank and the Royals being ranked within the top ten also, it was publicized as one of the top games of the week. The seniors on the team had a score to settle since Regis was just about the only team to ever beat them from their freshman through junior years. As the days grew closer to kickoff time, so did the desire to beat them in front of the home crowd.

The day of the big game arrived, and the players were as ready as could be expected, as well as the fans! When a quick flash of an unauthorized sign was displayed by the Regis crowd the fans were quick to notice. After a large uproar from the home crowd, the referees ordered its removal. It was a hard fought game, but it unfortunately ended in Regis' favor 7-6. When asked the following Monday about the game, Travis Fuller replied, "That was Friday, today is Monday."

The school had received a bit of attention during the week with Carey Bender being on the cover of the weekly publication of the "Sports Plus", but this didn't seem to bother any of his peers, in fact it encouraged them to try harder in their areas. "They are really a close knit team," commented Coach Messerli. "There are no signs of jealousy or gloating from one player to another." The team has worked hard for what they have achieved, and will remain to do so until the time has run out. That philosophy is shared by Jason Northway who said, "The Regis defeat was a disappointment, but hopefully we will meet again in the playoffs and change the outcome."

With the season just beginning, there is a sense of state qualification on some minds, but this team will just take it one game at a time.



D.J. Trenkamp runs against Maquoketa.



Dale Moyle expresses the feelings of many varsity players after a disappointing loss to Regis.



Carey Bender scrambles through the hands of a tough Regis defense.

Freshmen, Sophomores keep FB program going strong

The Freshman football team is an unknown area to most of the other grades throughout the school, and it's time that they be recognized. Coach Wikert and Coach Shaffer are the masters of this young, yet promising team. "They have the desire and quickness, but need to be guided in putting these two skills together," quoted Coach Shaffer. They currently are 3-0, and are striving for a successful season.

Coaches Weisinger and Bates, ringleaders of the sophomore squad, feel the guys are doing as well as could be expected. "We are down in numbers, but make up for it in spirit," stated Coach Bates. Their current record stands at wins and losses. "They aren't playing up to their potential," Coach Bates added, "but with a positive attitude comes achievement!" The sophomore record stands at 2-2 with losses to Maquoketa and Regis and wins against LaSalle and South Tama.

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