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MARION 2000

Committee Maps the Future of MHS

What is Marion 2000? Marion 2000 is a committee that was formed to examine the Marion School Districts curriculum and propose changes to the school board. The committee was formed following the regulations from the state this fall. It includes parents, students, teachers, people representing industry, and higher education. The students on the committee from the high school are Trevor Cook, Heather Hay, Chad Pinter, and Karen Heitzman. Some of the areas the committee were to evaluate were reading, writing, speaking, listening, mathematics, reasoning, studying, and technological literacy. The committee was divided into six subcommittees consisting of parents and patrons, business/industry/labor, higher education, teachers and administrators, graduates, and students. The subcommittees were to see how

the Marion schools met the standards set by each group and if we weren't how we could. Each subcommittee went about collecting their own information from a variety of sources. Some sent out surveys to the parents in the district to see how they feel, others had the seniors answer a survey and used that in combination with graduate surveys from the classes of '78 and '83. The higher education sub-committee compiled the entry requirements for the colleges in the state of Iowa to decide if we were preparing students well enough. The business/industry/labor division talked to businesses to see what is expected of the students.

Once the sub-committees have compiled their information into one report it is to be presented to the school board including the findings and making recommendations for which the school board can decide whether to act upon.



DECATHLETES SHINE

On March 3, Marion High School hosted the annual Academic Decathlon competition, an interschoolastic event pitting teams of students from schools of comparable sizes in academic competition. Sixteen schools took part in the competition including a team from MHS consisting of juniors Heather Hay and Mike Write, as well as seniors Brian Boland, Phil Hutchinson, Jennifer Jennings, Karisti Cormier, Shawn Korn, and Eric Kroeger. Two students who qualified were selected from each of three grade point ranges: 4.0-3.75; 3.75-3.0; and up to 3.0. Competition included categories in English, math, fine arts, social studies, speech, and finally a Super Quiz in which the teams gathered in the auditorium to answer questions in a Jeopardy style. Questions in each category surrounded the 1920's and the historical events of the time. The Marion team placed second overall competing against Kennedy, Prairie and multiple teams from Washinton.



MUSIC TEACHER JOHN HEIM AND SOPHOMORE LAURA BRANDT WORK ON DANCE STEPS FOR THE MUSICAL *OLIVER*. THE ORPHANS AND PICKPOCKETS ARE BEING PLAYED BY FIFTH GRADERS FROM MENTZER ELEMENTARY.

On April the 20th and 21st the MHS auditorium will be the sight of the spring musical, *Oliver*. The musical will portray young Oliver and his trials and triumphs as he is tossed around the community. All cast is under the direction of Mr. John Heim and Karen Balderston. The main characters are as follows:

Oliver: Played by Danny Johnson.(a fifth grader)

Mr. Bumble: Mike Hoffman
Fagin: Krestin Olson
Bill Sykes: Chris Dougan
Nancy: Laura Brant
Widow Corney: Lue Turner
Mrs. Sowerberry: Sherri Benke

Although the musical is only a month away, Jenny Livingston, a cast member, said, "Everyone is working hard, and I think it will be well worth coming to."



Student council president Scott McDonald laughs as he enjoys the lockin on March 23.

THUMBS UP THUMBS DOWN THE TEACHERS' TURN

Thumbs down to students who brown-nose (and think teachers don't know).

Thumbs up to students who speak in the hall.

Thumbs down to 28 hour work weeks on top of school.

Thumbs up to Mr T. knowing everyone's name.

Thumbs down to work as an excuse for not getting assignments done.

Thumbs up to laughing together in class.

Thumbs down to erratic heating system.

Thumbs up to effort.

Thumbs down to chalk dust.

Thumbs up to students who ASK for help.

Thumbs down to people who eat all the treats in lounge before 3rd hour.

Thumbs up to the balance of extra-curricular and academics.

Thumbs down to students who put down other students.

Thumbs up to Student council's teacher appreciation week. (submitted by many teachers)

Thumbs down to students who steal your parking spot.

Thumbs up to spring.

Thumbs down to thoughtless remarks.

Thumbs up to Spring break (however short).

Thumbs up to seniors who had enough good artwork to fill the display case with solo shows.

Thumbs up to the competitors in Knowledge Bowl and Decathlon. They're neat!

Thumbs down to loud yawning in class.

Thumbs up to Student Council for a fine Teacher Appreciation Week.

Thumbs down to the profane language heard in the halls.

Thumbs up to Girls' Track.

Thumbs up to preparing for Physical Fitness Testing.

Thumbs up for the Juniors help for Prom.

Thumbs up to the MHS students traveling to the USSR and Mexico this summer.

Thumbs down to kissing in the halls.

Thumbs up to REACH students who tutor students in the elementary schools.

EDITORIAL: PROM'S PURPOSE

You spend hundreds of dollars on a tux, flowers, dinner, a hotel room, a dress. And all for what? Prom is something that we all love, right? It's a chance to get dressed up and go out with your 'significant other' or a friend, and when you get to the dance... What happens to all the excitement of prom after you walk through the arches of the grand march? Prom, after all the anticipation and pre-dance excitement turns into a dance at which you can't dance because of the way you're dressed. After spending anywhere from \$200-\$500 on one night, you can't wait to get out of there.

Now it's true that prom is a very special event and one you will always remember, but really does it make sense to spend that much and not even enjoy yourself? An average date of a pizza and a movie costs around \$20-\$30

dollars, a walk in the park and a picnic cost even less and these are things you enjoy and remember, and things you don't want to leave early. Just spending time with friends or the one you love doesn't have to cost you a fortune.

Your parents and older brothers and sisters all tell you that your senior prom is something you never forget and to buy the best dress you can find, to go all out. "This is your only senior prom, enjoy your youth," but what about all the other things they tell you like, "Work to earn money for college. Spend your money wisely, you need it for college."? Then there are your friends, "Who are you going to prom with?" When you say no one the first reaction is that you couldn't get a date but the prom is not "the social event" of the year, spend it the way you want to spend it, and with whom you want.

STUDENT THUMBS UP/THUMBS DOWN

Thumbs Down to students who haven't paid the second half of the Quill.

Thumbs Up to a good showing by band and vocal up at Van Horne.

Thumbs Up to the Lock-In.

Thumbs Up to the band The Express who gave a great performance.

Thumbs Down to the D.J.'s at the Lock-In.

Thumbs Up to The Last Chance Dance sponsored by FBLA

Thumbs Up to Mrs. Stout as a new librarian.

Thumbs Down to Mr. Shaffer hurting himself.

Thumbs Down to cold weather in April.

Thumbs Up to Spring sports getting off to a good

start.

Thumbs Up to the last quarter.

Thumbs Up to everyone who tried out for cheerleading and pom-pom.

Thumbs Up to Shawn Shuttleworth for being able to participate in track.

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Tony Luse and Sheila Holmes are busy making paper skeletons in Mr. Clark's Human Anatomy class.



While Larry Loney studies hard in Mr. DeWees's general science class Sean Wedding spaces off.



Jennifer Garlow quietly reads a note in study hall.



Angie Seagren and Susie Frasher cheer on the Marion Wrestlers at a home meet.



Brandon Eakins seeks help from Mr. Wikert during a math help session.



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A MAN'S PROM

It is a perfect May morning, the temperatures are in the Eighties, it is sunny, not a cloud in the sky. And the typical high school guy rolls out of bed, oh let's say about tennish. You have to pick up your tux at 10:30, and then stop and pick up the corsage at the florist, confirm the dinner and hotel reservations, and make sure that everything is to go as planned. You want this night to be a very special night for both of you to remember.

The average cost of a tux runs about \$49.99 for an evening rental. Then that flower costs anywhere from ten to twenty dollars, (depending on style). Dinner can run from about twenty to forty dollars, again depending on where you go. The hotel can cost anywhere from \$50.00 to \$100.00, depending on where you get a room.

Many people just bum along with others and go to the hotel with friends to save a little money and have some fun at the same time.

Not everyone goes out for dinner, some stay at home and have a romantic candlelight meal in the privacy of one of their home's. Some just order pizza and sit in front of the T.V. until it is time to leave for the dance. What about a picnic? Mike McCormick and Debbie Dalton are planning an evening meal in the setting sun.

(weather permitting)

And not everyone needs to come to prom in a tux. So if you are a little short of cash don't worry, there is no need for a tux. Simply a shirt and tie, maybe a sports jacket will do. So no need to worry.

PROM SHOW

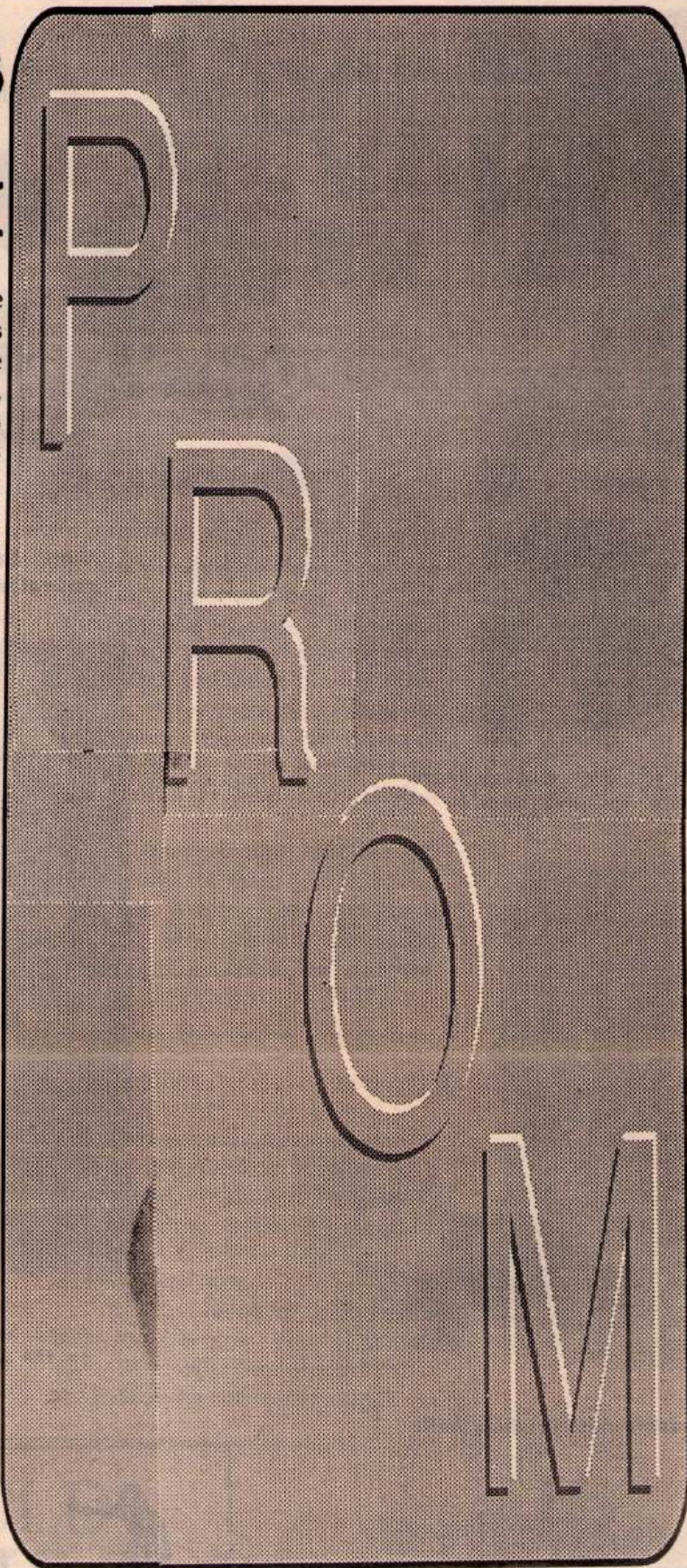
BENEFIT FOR ARC DAY CAMP

Prom! Prom! Prom! It is the one thing that most Junior and Senior students have on their minds right around this time of year. The answering of questions seems endless. "Who are you going with?" "Where are going to eat?" "What are you doing afterwards?" And, of course the biggest question of all, "What are you wearing?"

On Sunday, March 4, Wedding Belles and Beaus helped many Marion students answer that question. They, along with DeSoda's, helped sponsor a Prom fashion show to benefit the Association of Retarded Citizen. The show lasted about two hours and free door prizes were given to those who had made a contribution to the ARC. Two Marion students, Tracy Nesteby and Toni Luse, were on hand to model the newest looks in prom apparel along with other students from various area high schools.

The show featured many new and exciting looks including one dress that is known as the "mermaid dress." This dress is very slim and form-fitting until the knee area where it poofs out in tu-tu material. Another look that is back again this year is the wrap around the shoulders look. And by far, the most popular color again this year is black!

The prom show ended with the models pulling people out of the audience to come on to the dance floor and shake it up a bit. The show was appreciated by all and hopefully the ARC raised enough money to continue their summer day camp programs.



NEWEST TREND MAKING YOUR DRESS

"What are you going to wear to Prom?" is a question you hear a lot lately. Of course most guys will be wearing the standard tuxedo, but a lot of girls at Marion are making their dresses this year. It used to be uncool to wear a dress, but now have chosen this style for many reasons. "My mom can make it fit me exactly...", when asked said Michelle Cox why she was having her dress made, "and this way I can have the colors I want".



Another main reason is cost. Store bought Prom dresses can range

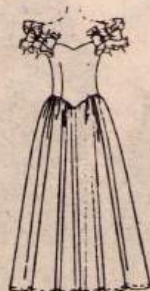


anywhere from fifty to over 200 dollars. "My mom is making a dress that only cost seventy-five dollars for the fabric and all the extras", said Sara Bliss. Considering the cost of

room, money

their factor and factors for. "In dress

it's individual. It's like my own personal style".



dinner, flowers, and possibly a limo or hotel people are looking to save anywhere they can.

Not all girls are having dresses made for the cost however. Individuality personal style were two Tami Tasker was looking the long run making my hasn't saved me any more money," says Tami, "but

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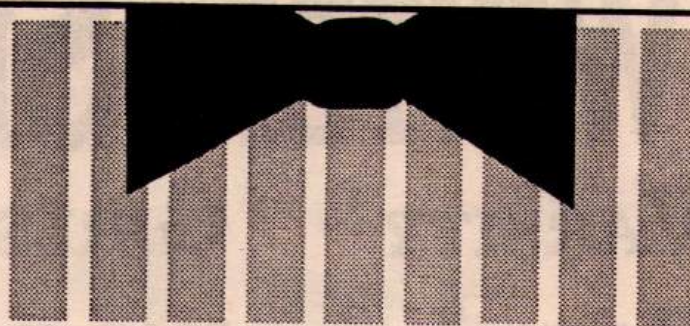
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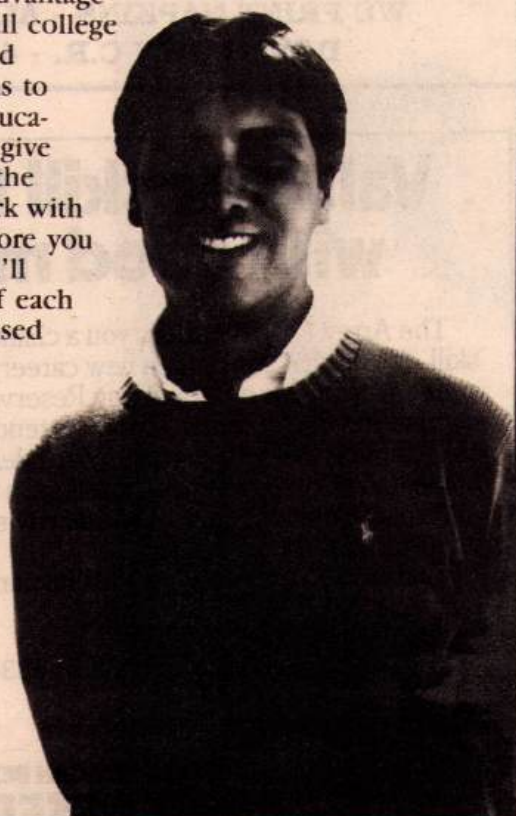
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WINTER SPORTS ROUND-UP

VARSITY BOYS LOOK HAS TOUGH AHEAD

GIRLS BB SEASON

The Indian varsity boys basketball team started the season with a bang by winning against Regis with Brent Conways save from the NBA three point line. As the season progressed, the Indian team began to slump. Bryan Seedorf decribed the slump by saying, "We weren't clicking as a team and our inexperience began to show." The team got things going again by the time the tournament came. "Our only senior on the team contributed his three point marksmanship to keep us alive in the LaSalle game and kept us in the tournament," says Travis Fuller. The boys played well against Center Point. Then came Regis for the third time. The Indians played well for the first three and a half quaters, but was outmatched by the Royals in the last four minutes.

At the banquet on March 19, awards were given out for Mr. Hustle, Mr. Defense, and most valuable player. Mr. Defense went Tim Frake because of his great rebounding talent. Mr. Hustle

This year's basketball season for the varsity girls came to an end with a disappointed team. Mel Port, a varsity player, says, "The season started out very slowly with Wamac conference and the beginning of the season. We were losing the majority of the time. There were also a lot of disagreements at the beginning on who should play and who shouldn't play."

Mel also adds that through mid-season the team accepted who the main players were and got it together. She feels that the season was about the same as last year. The girl's overall record was 10-12.

went to Brent Conway. Brent played almost every minute of every game and never seemed to tire. He suffered from and ankle injury during the season, but came back stronger than ever. The MVP award went to Travis Fuller, who gave his all during the season, even when he was hurt.

The outlook for the Indian team looks bright. Travis Fuller says, "State will be in the mind's of the Indians all summer long."

STATE AGAIN NEXT YEAR?

T.P. Yi's advancement to the State tournament in Des Moines ended the season on a somewhat positive note. Although he didn't get far in the brackets, T.P. was the only Marion wrestler who made it to state this year, and that alone is a great achievement. After being beaten in the first round T.P. was eliminated from the meet, but hopefully he will return next year,

accompanied by many of his teammates.

After winning the 189 pound WaMac championship, and keeping a twenty year streak for the school in doing so, Aaron Schultz ended the year by making second team All-Metro. Three other wrestlers recieved honorable mention: Brian Borst at 119, T.P. Yi at 125, and Gerry Loney at 171.



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PUTTING BOYS OFF INTO A NEW & RUNNING SEASON

Tee up!! Golf season is here, and it's taking off better than ever. Although there are not many people out for the sport, the students who are, are as ready as they ever could be. The boys' golf team consists of: Matt Locke, Darren Reid, Dan Knight, Dusty Naughton, Doug French, Jason Ciha, Justin Turner, Jason Vavra, Matt James, Randy Smith, Brandon Nesteby, Jason Rubalcava, Bob Perrin, Scott Brauer, Bryan Seedorf, Matt Long and Jim Angel.

Last year the boys record of thirty-seven wins to eleven losses has encouraged them to do their best this year too. Last year Dustin Naughton placed first in WAMAC and was one of the top golfers in the state, let's see if he can make it two years in a row!!

Coach Messerli says, "The golf team is looking forward to the upcoming season. Finishing third in the state tournament last year has given this year's team a boost of confidence. Four letterman return to the team of 16 golfers. Letterman returning are senior Scott Brauer and juniors, Dustin Naughton, Doug French and Bryan Seedorf."

The golfers have set some lofty goals and with a lot of hard work and dedicated time they can reach those goals.

This year the Wamac Tournament is at Independence on May 7. The golfers are defending conference champions. They also have four home dual meets at Indian Creek. As the season progresses, watch the student announcements for meet results.

Also, the golfers would love your support, so any student is welcome to go out and watch a golf meet.

SOME NEW ADDITIONS

This year's boys' track season has started out strong. Coach Ross expects to send several relay teams and individuals off to state this year. There is a total of twenty-seven out. Of the twenty-seven, eight are returning lettermen, they include: Mike McCormick, Lonnie Rose, last year's state qualifier at the discus, Brandon Burton, Brennan Buckley, Brent Conway, Brad DeWoody, Mike Wright, and Andy Ehresman.

A change this year is there will be no district meet. To qualify for state, they will take the top times and distances throughout the season, but it must be during a meet with four or more teams. An addition for this season are wheelchair events. Shawn Shuttleworth will be competing for us in the 100m and the 800m races.

Mr. Ross, the head coach, is assisted by Mr. Schneekloth, who works with the sprinters, and Mr. Clark, who helps with the shot put and the discus. Mr. Ross expresses his feelings for the season, "I am very excited about the possibilities we have in the conference and at state. I am also excited about the numbers out for the team. Brent Conway sums up the outlook well, "Although we are a fairly young team, I feel that what we lack in experience we make up for in desire. This year's team will compete well with the other Wamac schools."

GIRLS LOOK FOR STRONG SEASON

With a stampede of twenty-seven girls, the track team is off and running. This year's number of girls is down from past numbers but the team's anticipation is enough to make up for the loss.

Mr. Ferguson and Mrs. Dostal are especially impressed with the work ethic shown by the freshmen this year. The four year veterans on the team are Amy Aswegan, Cheri Mase, Tressa Kinkead, Tami Tasker, and Wendy Wittwer. These girls are the biggest strong point for the team. Other promising athletes are juniors Kim Lochner and Cyndi Stoos.

Due to their early start on practicing, the whole team is jumping with anticipation toward their first meet on April 3, with West Deleware and Monticello. Prior to their first meet they will be attending the Wamac Indoor meet at Cornell College on March 30.

This year's season is yet to be decided but the team is heading to be a sure success.

GIRLS GOLF, TENNIS ADD NUMBERS

The girls' tennis team, coached by Barb Kalkwarf, has twelve girls this year. With a strong contingent of young players, the future looks bright.

The girls are led by seniors Cheri Mase and Tracy Nesteby. Tracie Kocher is the only sophomore, but freshmen Johnanna Bushlack, Shelley Canady, Amy Dippel, Jenny Gobel, Carrie Holstad, Jennifer Livingston, Alison Moe, Michelle Scott, and Billie Jo Garien make up most of the team.

After representing Marion by herself on the Marion-Linn-Mar golf team last year, this year she has some company. Joining junior letterwinner Allyson are seniors Chris Garien and freshmen Jennifer Janssen, Amy Knight, Jennifer Newlin, and Kelly Sheeley. The girls practice at Linn-Mar.


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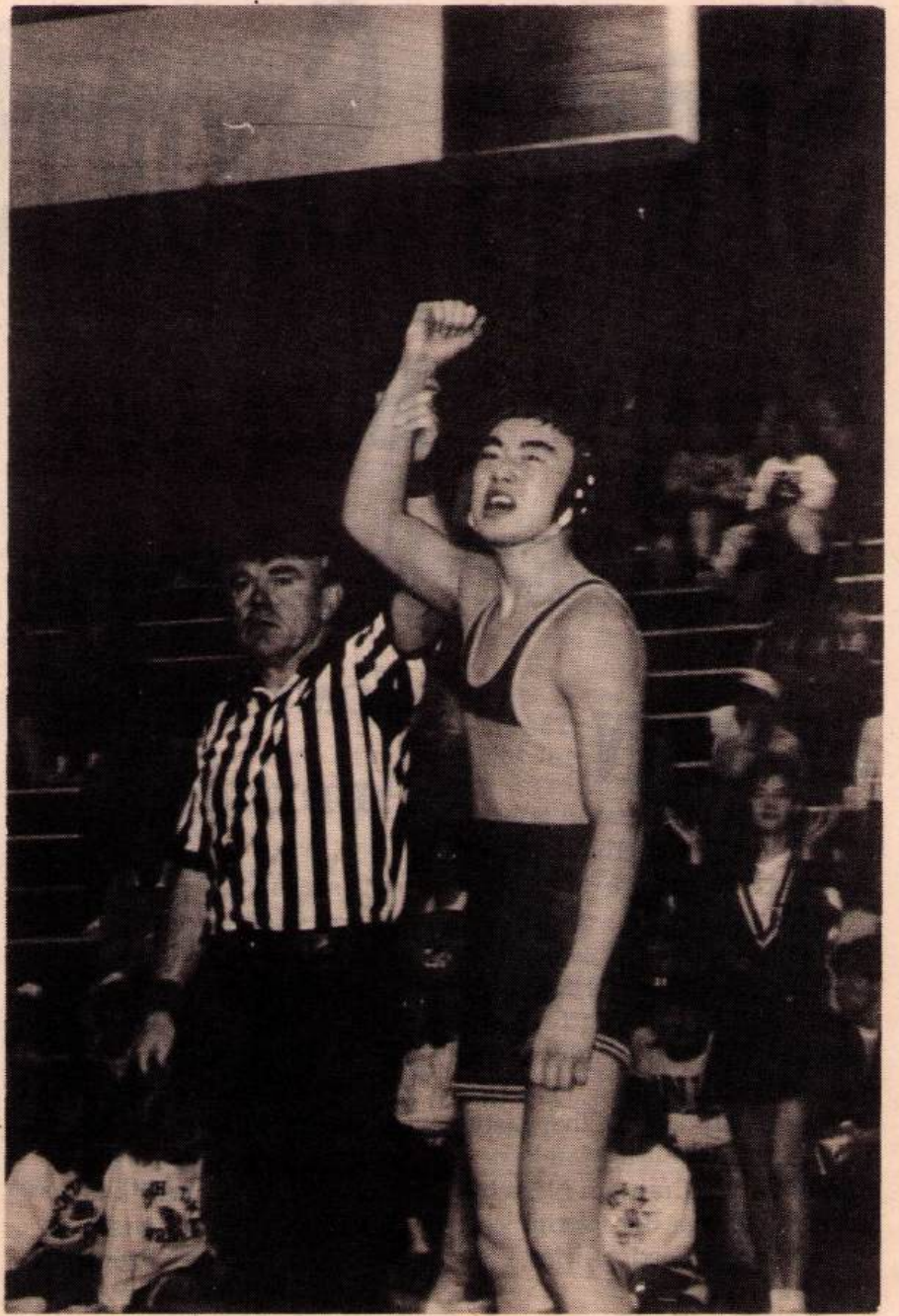
Kristin Wilson keeps her eye on the ball while dodging her opponent.



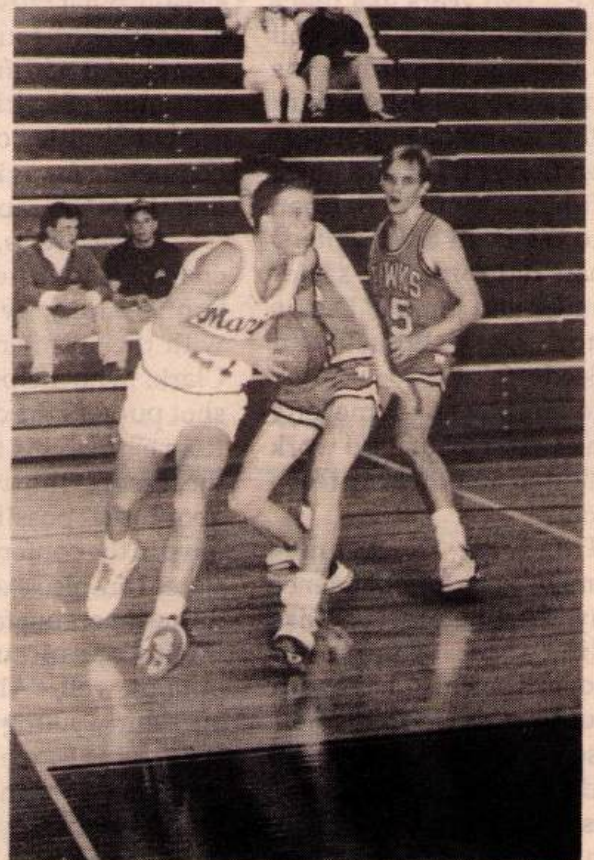
Jason Rulbacava pins his opponent as the referee looks on.



Thad Shaffer going up for a lay-up.



T.P. Yi raises his arm in victory after defeating his opponent at sectionals.



Travis Fuller driving for the basket.