

A DEDICATION TO RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM...

The Vox

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Flip side of fun

Recently a 1985 graduate of Marion High School was involved in a motorcycle accident, which occurred in Chicago. Both of the people on the motorcycle were wearing helmets and were hit by a drunk driver in a van. Both riders were seriously injured.

Every year in Iowa there are about 1700 motorcycle accidents a year. Which 42 of those are fatal ones. Out of those 42 accidents 31 were the motorcycles fault. 83% were not wearing helmets. According to Gus Horn of the Iowa Dept. of Transportation.

The average cost of a Ninja runs from \$3,400 and up. The Suzuki runs from \$4,500 to \$6,999. Harley Davidson's run anywhere from \$4,400 to \$144,000. The cost of a helmets are \$69.99 to \$139.00.

Insurance can run anywhere from \$144 to \$1,200 a year. It just depends on the type of person you are and how good your driving record is. T.P. Yi quoted, "I have a helmet and wear it once in a while."

Sgt. Greear of the Marion Police Dept. stated, "Most accidents happen in town and not on a highway. In any accident involving a motorcycle there is a 9 out of 10 chance that the cyclist will be injured. Most people forget that the motorcycle has no protection to protect you from an accident."



It's fun, but is it safe? The popularity of motorcycles has also caused an increase in motorcycle-related accidents.

Motorcycle Mania

It's motorcycle mania! This year we're seeing more and more motorcycles on MHS campus. What's the reason for this new fad? When Jason Jorgenson was asked why he bought one he said, "Cause they're fun to ride and I love the freedom." Other opinions are they're cool, relaxing, fun and FAST! Brad Duncan commented, "Riding motorcycles are fun but they make your hair greasy." But motorcycles aren't only for guys, women like them to, and not just for a ride on the back of one, but to own one of their own.

Hoping to buy a Ninja 600R, Rocky Damiano said he'd like to get a motorcycle cause he likes to ride

bikes and go fast. Rob Smith commented, "My bike's a chic magnet. It's cheaper on gas and it's going to get me to Sturgis, South Dakota next summer for a Biker Rally." Rob's favorite bike is a GSXR.

Motorcycles aren't only at MHS, they're all over. But the question is, how safe are they? It all depends on the rider, the passenger, and how they're ridden. Tiffani Achenbach commented, "I'm sometimes scared on the back of a bike cause guys like to race down busy streets and someone could easily be thrown off." But everyone wouldn't hesitate to go on a bike ride, they're fun. The question is, how many more are yet to come?



Jason Jorgenson and T.P. Yi ride their motorcycles through their neighborhood during nice weather.

A New Deal

After meeting as a committee last year, a faculty group made certain recommendations on incentives for students. These incentives will take effect next semester in the form of red and gold cards for students with from a 3.5 to a 4.0

Numerous students gave their opinion about the red and gold incentive cards. These are the responses. As Cyndi Stoos stated "It's cool if you get your homework done." But yet Amy Grosskreutz said "You shouldn't have a 3.5 or a 4.0 just to get the cards." Michelle Zimmerman made the comment, "You should do it quarterly for those people who graduate early. Chris Schoon had mixed feelings, "It's good for the people who try and get the cards, but what about the people that try and don't get the grades?" Eric Schaefer said, "I don't know what you're talking about." And Danielle Andreson requested something different on the parking.

Chris, here's your answer to that concern. Every semester Mr. Twachtman has awards going out to people who raise their grade point average, even the smallest bit. September 10 there was the awards assem-

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Marion High School students were asked "If you were riding a motorcycle would you wear a helmet?"

Heather Stevens: "Would wear one all the time."

Sean Phillips: "Would only wear one on highways and long trips."

David Schoberl: "Would only when he is racing."

Dan Knight: "If it was a smooth helmet."

Bradon Clark: "No cause don't like the tunnel vision."

Jason Young: "Only on long distance."

Tony Ruggiero: "On long distance."

Brian Borst: "All the time."

Amy Riggins: "No fun with one."

Lisa Stamos: "Yes all the time."

Mrs. Braun: "Yes, if it had neat designs on it."

Amy Nielsen: "Only on interstates otherwise never."

Mr. Wikert: "I have one but, I like the freedom and I don't know where to put it."

Mr. Bates: "Yes all the time."

Mr. Bailey: "On the highway."

Paul Davis: "All the time."

Josh Bauer: "Sometimes."

Pat Peterson: "Yes I would."

Dawn Willson: "Helmets are gay."

Michelle McSweeney: "No they mess up your hair."

John Foster: "Careful enough don't need one."

Scott Benest: "Don't need one."

Chris Gagnon: "All the time."

Scott Hand: "Yes, all the time."

A dedication to responsible journalism...

What does it mean?

The Vox. A dedication to responsible journalism. But what is responsible journalism and can we go too far? Being a high school newspaper we are limited to what kinds of articles we can write and how we cover them. Some time ago, The Vox did an article on shoplifting. Unfortunately, since high school newspapers aren't protected the way professional newspapers and reporters are, the school attorney told the staff that they would be required to name sources. Few students are willing to speak under those conditions. Before each issue is sent to press, it is checked over by the principal to make sure there are no articles that would be libelous. Because our audience tends to be conservative (you and your parents) the staff tries to stay away from sensitive and controversial topics that could cause a problem amongst readers. Unfortunately this can sometimes make for boring reading, since the more interesting topics tend to be based on some sort of controversy.

Larger schools in

the area have the freedom to do more in their paper since they have a larger, more diverse group of readers. They can get away with stories and ideas that The Vox perhaps could not. For instance, in last year's October 20th issue of Kennedy High School's, The Torch, they did an article about steroids with the headline, "Do you want to shrink your balls?". When The Vox staff saw this article it immediately got our attention, as I'm sure it got the attention of their students and definitely their parents. In The Vox we couldn't run such a headline because of the controversy it would cause. Also, other schools have been running ads from Planned Parenthood and Aid to Women, for some time. This is the first time The Vox has run these ads.

Not only are certain topics controversial, but so are the way they can be covered. Recently senior Nicole Weltha was found seriously ill at school. The staff chose not to run pictures of the incident or an article on Nicole. We didn't want to exploit Nicole and her family. Nor were our photographers "up close and personal" during this occurrence. We have to

weigh the price of "news" against the fact that this is a high school newspaper, and we are dealing not with the general public, but with students.

Responsibility in journalism is something that isn't something that is always carried out. Some journalists can go too far with their reporting, as can the public. Very often, suggestions for Thumbs up, Thumbs down contain very specific and negative references to people. Thumbs up/down was not designed for students to use for personal grudges.

Responsible journalism also means a responsible reading public. Since The Vox resumed publication almost three years ago, we have received two letters to the editor and no suggestions, except from teachers about what they would like to see covered.

The Vox staff will continue to work to improve, but remember, this is a class. How would you like your homework published? Any suggestion may be put in the Thumbs up, Thumbs down box in the office or dropped off in room 24.

John Vox Says:

Thumbs up/Thumbs down

Thumbs up to a great start in the football season.
Thumbs down to Cardinal fans who make fun of Cub fans.
Thumbs up to Shawn Fluharty.
Thumbs up to Nikki Weltha getting better.
Thumbs down to not that many candid shots in the yearbook.
Thumbs down to not having the proposed Honors Lounge.
Thumbs up to athletes getting recognized in the Gazette.
Thumbs down to athletes not getting recognized in the Gazette.
Thumbs up to the M.C. Hammer concert.
Thumbs down to the homecoming days of the week.
Thumbs up to the boys cross country team for their first place finish at Linn-Mar.
Thumbs down to pushy freshman.
Thumbs up to the Hy-Vee deli.
Thumbs down to people complaining about the way the yearbook was done last year.
Thumbs up to seniors.
Thumbs up to longer lunch cycles.
Thumbs down to rap.
Thumbs up to being groovy.
Thumbs up to new band uniforms.
Thumbs down to people who hog the phone during lunch.
Thumbs down to higher lunch prices.
Thumbs up to all the fall sports.
Thumbs up for Mrs. Jackson.
Thumbs down to freshmen who tuck in the front of their shirt and leave the back out.
Thumbs down to homework you don't understand because your teacher doesn't explain it.
Thumbs down to people who try to steal other people's girlfriends.
Thumbs up to the recycling boxes.
Thumbs up to cooler weather.
Thumbs down to flirts.
Thumbs down to loud car music interrupting class.
Thumbs down to a yearbook full of the same faces every year.
Thumbs up to rap.
Thumbs up to the red and gold card system.
Thumbs down to support only for football.
Thumbs down to conceited people.
Thumbs up to all the NCYL nominees.
Thumbs up to homecoming.
Thumbs down to Iraq and Saddam Hussein.
Thumbs up to all the thumbs up, thumbs down in this issue.

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What the stars have in store -

October Horoscope

VIRGO: The romance you have been waiting for will come to you this month. An older mate will sweep you off your feet. Be careful though, love is not always what it seems. Try not to get carried away with work and forget about friends and family, they should come first. Lucky days 1, 15, 16, 23, 28.

LIBRA: This is your month to shine! You will have good times and do great at work. Don't get wrapped up in the excitement, a kind word now and then does not hurt the tongue. Be on your best behavior this month, you never know who's watching you. Lucky days 3, 11, 18, 20, 29.

SCORPIO: This is the time to break away from a dieing relationship and recendle an old flame. Someone who you dated before secretly wants you back. Let your true feelings roar this month and you will be a much happier person. Keep up with current events. Lucky days 11, 13, 22, 23, 25.

SAGITTARIUS: At the beginning of the month things will seem dull, but don't worry your social life will definitely pick up towards the middle of the month. Romance will overcome you and decisions will need to be made. It won't be easy to pick but your heart will lead you the right way. Lucky days 2, 5, 8, 14, 21.

CAPRICORN: Be willing to take time for yourself this month. Enjoy a new job and have fun spending the money you will earn. Spending time with your mate will be time well spent also. Keep on this path and you will be a stress-free person with a positive attitude. Lucky days 15, 25, 26, 28, 31.

AQUARIUS: Don't hold on to the past. Start living in the present. Make this year the best year you've ever had. If you set goals and try to stick to them you will succeed in what ever you do. The 27th of this month you will be offered a great opportunity, don't be afraid to say yes. Lucky days 14, 18, 19, 23, 27.

PISCES: The first couple days of October will seem hopeless, but don't let this bring you down. If you keep your head up and try not to let others get to you things will pick up and start to go your way. Romance will heat up after the 14th, you will meet a mysterious mate. Lucky days 10, 17, 19, 22, 29.

ARIES: New love and romance will come your way this month. Don't be so trusting until you know for sure this romance is the real thing. Listen to a close friends advice, this person is only looking out for your best interest. Don't slack off on importand issues. Lucky days 14, 22, 24, 25, 28.

TAURUS: Don't mope; make that person you have had your eye on notice you. The secret to winning your mates attention is a friendly and positive attitude. This will grab that certain someones attention and then the ball will be in your court. Lucky days 4, 8, 12, 18, 23.

GEMINI: Stop running with the wind in your face, and say good-bye to a friend you may not see for awhile. It is time to cut down on the socializing and start getting your act together. You will run into an old flame and be saddened. Don't let this bring you down. Lucky days 1, 2, 3, 17, 19.

CANCER: October 3rd, the night of the full moon, you will be in a wild and crazy mood. Try not to get to out of hand, during October. You will meet lots of new people and have exciting times this month. Don't get wrapped-up in all the fun times and forget about your studies. Lucky days 2, 3, 16, 19, 27.

LEO: So, you think you had a great summer and now the scool year is dragging on. Well snap out of it and start tending to your responsibilities. Summer will be back before you know it and then you'll wish you were in school again. Pay close attention to your friends. Lucky days 16, 17, 22, 29, 30.

The Mascot ?

Lately, there has been discussion about whether schools should be allowed to have as mascots such things as demons - because of the Satanic influence - or such groups as Indians. The question is if it may offend people because of the fact that it's an ethnic group of Americans who are so important to our history. So, what if we were asked to change our school mascot, what would you change it to? When a group of students were asked this question, they livened it up with a joke suggesting, "The Marion Mutant Ninja Turtles."

But seriously, a few other suggestions were, the "Eagles," suggested by Oahn

Nguyen, or the "Marion Rebels," suggested by Rob Hammill. But over all, whenever this question was asked, people would shake their heads and say, "We wouldn't even think about changing the name. That's the way it has been, and that's the way it always will be!" said Chad Vozenilek.

And as Mr. Twachtmann responded, "There has been no pressure in changing our school mascot, and I don't anticipate any in the future."

So for right now, nobody seems to be worried, or affected by the changing of the mascot, but think about it, what if the time comes when we do have to change it, then what??

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bly for grade point averages being raised.

If we would have had the incentive cards then these would be the results. One freshman would have gotten the gold card, five sophomores, nine juniors, and ten Seniors. With the red cards eight freshmen, seventeen sophomores, eleven juniors, and thirty-five Seniors. Those are some good numbers, although Mr. Twachtmann will be looking for higher numbers.

Eric heres to you and confused others. The benefits of a Gold card requires a 4.0. The gold card includes one free admission pass to all activities, 50 percent discount on the current yearbook, a free parking tag, complimentary lapel

pin, one free lunch-pizza day, and the Gold card serves as a pass to the library, counselor etc. When expectations have been met. This is not a pass to leave the school.

The benefits of a Red card requires a 3.5 to a 4.0. The red card includes one free student activity pass, ten free admissions, 50 percent discount on parking tag, one week free lunch, complimentary lapel pin, and red card serves as a pass to the library, coumselers etc. Again when expectations have been met. This is not a pass to leave the school.

One question, why start now? "It's a new idea almost everywhere, kids wan't something in return having to with money."

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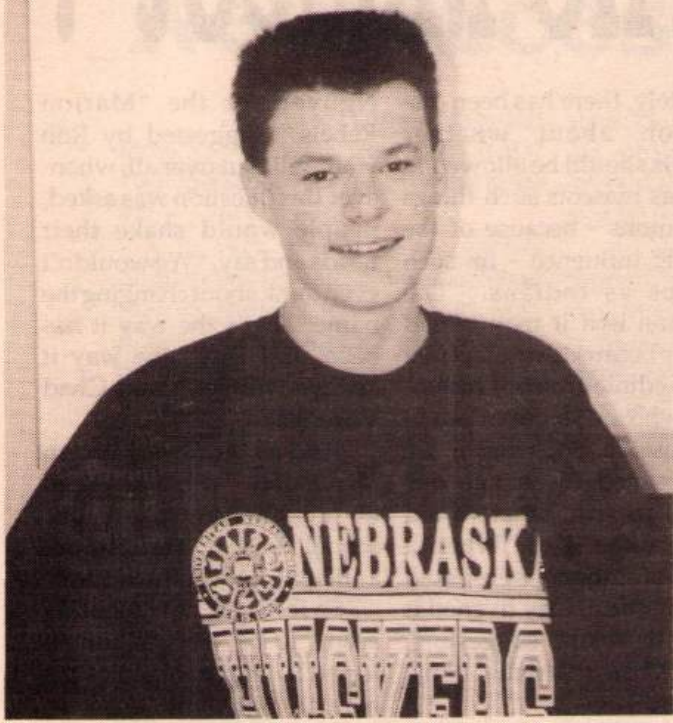
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Danish exchange student Thomas Jacobson is finding American life different and sometimes amusing.

Seniors discover the stress of Getting Ready

Applying for a college can be a very stressful time for seniors. There are many things they must do before applying to a college.

To begin with an ACT or SAT test must be taken and the results need to be sent to the college of your choice along with grade transcripts.

Then the senior must obtain an application form fill it out, and send it out and send it to the college. Our guidance office sends a copy of the students transcripts to the admissions office. The admissions office will then either set then up with an appointment or send the applicant a letter tell-

ing if he/she has or has not been accepted. This could take up to five weeks.

But how do you know what college is right for you? The three most important things to look at are: cost-can you afford it? The program of study- do they have what you are looking for? And location- is it in the right area for you?

Requirements for college vary, but most of the universities have the same requirements.

Heather Hay has applied to Iowa and Northwestern and she said, "It's confusing and there is lots of pieces of paper."

PSAT test planned

PSAT/ACT Testing is held nationally each year all around the U.S. PSAT is a two hour test in English and Math which measures your abilities for college examination. Any junior who wants to compete for the National Merit Scholarship must take this test. Sophmores are eligible to take the test, but not for scholarship competition. The sign up deadline for the PSAT test is September 27. The testing day is October 23. The test is held in the high school study hall.

While PSAT tests are held once, ACT tests are held 5 dif-

ferent times. One in October, December, February, April, and June. The ACT/SAT tests are required for admission to most four year colleges or universities, and many two year institutions. It's important to find out what you need to take in order to apply to your college. Most Iowa schools require the ACT test. You can prepare for this test by studying with materials which are furnished in the guidance office. Study nights are also available for the PSAT test. The dates and times are in the guidance office also.

European Flair

Thomas Jacobson from Bornholm, Denmark finds himself roaming the halls of MHS. Thomas lives with sophomore Scott Benest and his family. Although Thomas is having fun meeting new people and going to football games, he misses his family and friends in Bornholm. In Thomas' school in Denmark they only have one classroom that they stay in all day. "In Bornholm we are less formal in school. We call our teachers by their first name." When asked how he likes switching classes he remarked, "It's okay for a change but you have to get use to it."

"The students here have treated me very well. They've also helped me around alot too." He also commented on clothes and attitudes, "Clothing styles are about the same here as they are in Denmark. The teenagers here act the same as teenagers from home."

After graduation, Thomas plans on going back to Denmark and maybe taking up to three more years of school.

Imagine going to school from 8:00 a.m. to 1:20 p.m., but carrying a full load of thirteen subjects, two of those being foreign language classes.

Well it's not impossible for foreign exchange student Nora Maisch. At Nora's school in Germany she starts at 8:00 and gets two breaks of twenty minutes and fifty minutes. They have no lunch cycle so they eat during a break or after school. When she started here at Marion she was used to staying in

the same room and the teachers changed classes, but here the students change classes. Another thing is they don't believe in study halls so you usually have a lot of homework to take home.

She feels that being a foreign exchange student will help herself confidence and she gets to experience different cultures and people. "By being an exchange student it gives you better job opportunities in Germany," stated Nora.

When Nora arrived in Iowa it was 2:00 in the morning and she was greeted by her new family Eugene and Rosella Kane. After school Nora was used to going to the cafe, but here everyone goes to a fast food place, or the mall. One big difference between the U.S. and Germany is the drinking age and smoking age. You only have to be sixteen to do both. Where here you have to be twenty-one to drink and eighteen to smoke in the U.S. They also have many bars and disco's there to just hangout.

She has noticed the different types of clothes and different types of characters which she really enjoys seeing. Nora is happy to be in the U.S. and have many friends.

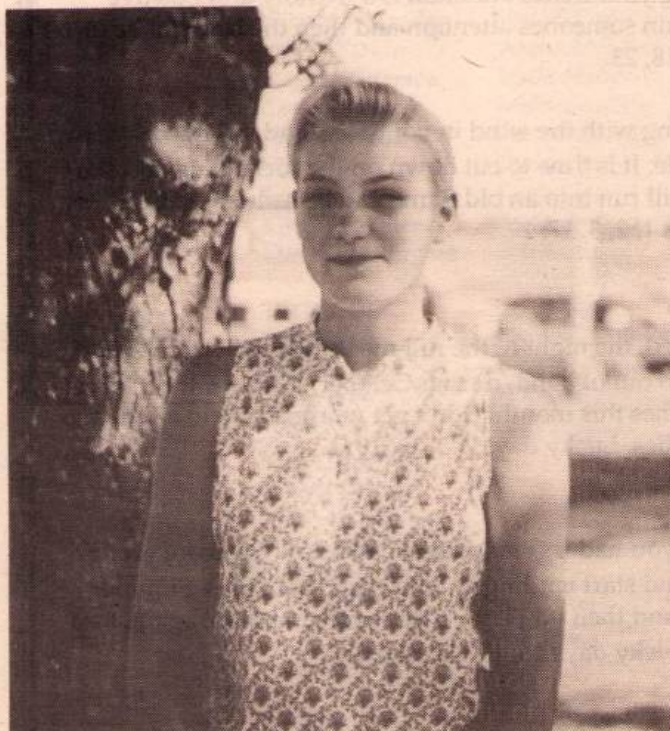
Eleven honored at conference Senior Leaders

The National Council on Youth Leadership recognizes students each year who are leaders in their school, church, and community. Eleven Marion students, along with 160 other students from various schools, were nominated by their school administrators to take part in this program. The students attended a two-day seminar, lead by Chairman Berry Spear, vice president of St. Lukes.

On September 23, the students spent the day at Kirkwood College. They heard from various speakers, like Norm Neilson, president of Kirkwood, his wife Mariann, and motivational speaker Carol Harder. The Marion students participated in activities that helped them get to know the other students and the group discussed leadership and its affects on them. "I met a lot of students that I had heard about in the paper, through school, etc. It broke down the stereotypes and I left liking everyone I met." Heather Hay said. Sandra Kalous who also attended, told what she learned from the experience, "Because I hold leadership positions at school, the seminar gave me information on how to be a better leader and how to help others be a leader too."

The following day, the leadership nominees met at the Five Seasons Center. They heard from several more speakers who discussed leadership with them and how to improve one's lifestyle and attitude. That afternoon the nominees had lunch with the Cedar Rapids Rotary Club, where they had the chance to meet business leaders of the community.

Following more activities that afternoon, the group adjourned until 7:00 that evening. They returned to the Five Seasons with their parents for an awards ceremony. All the nominees were given certificates for their participation, and Heather Hay received the Jamie Harder award and a one hundred dollar scholarship. Those students who were nominated for NCYL were:



Nora Maisch from Hanover, Germany, is finding Iowa a very friendly place.

Activities Update

National Honor Society
Mr. Bates and his National Honor Society are collecting paper put into boxes, by students and teachers and recycling it. Its purpose is to help save the environment. This year's president of National Honor Society is Heather Hay, vice-president is Nicci Port, secretary is Colette Blazek,

and treasurer is Brennan Buckley.
Band
In addition to all the home football games, On Saturday September eighth, they marched in the Swamp Fox Festival, up-town Marion, along seventh avenue. On Saturday September 22 at 1 p.m., the MHS band performed in the 10th annual

Marion Marching Invitational at the Marion football field. On October 13th at Kingston Stadium, they will march in the state marching contest. Finally on October 27th, in Independence, Iowa are all-state auditions.

Choir

The casting for the musical "Once Upon A Mattress" has already been cast. Mr. Heim commented the only thing that is going on is practice for the musical.

Drama

Mrs. Braun, (a new but not so new teacher at MHS) has started a new speech competition club combined with Linn-Mar. Their first meeting was September 11th held here at MHS. Their first meet is October 20, with Cedar Falls.

FBLA

Mr. Ross and his FBLA officers had an officers meeting September 13th. On September 20, Mr. Ross had a introductory meeting. Everyone that attended got to make their own ice cream sundaes.

President this year of FBLA is Mike Wright, vice-president is Tim Bennett, secretary is Jim Gregory, treasurer is Kyle Carter, reporter is Bob Diedrick and Historian is Lynde Krull.



The band first showed off their new uniforms in a parade during the Swamp Fox festival in Marion.

The Stage is set...

The Marion High School drama department has a musical every spring. But this year they are performing the musical "Once Upon A Mattress" in November. The traditional spring musical has been moved to the fall because it fits better into the schedules of those involved. Mr. Heim is directing the musical comedy this year, along with Mrs. Boyer, who has directed the show in the past.

"Once Upon A Mattress" is the musical version of the "The Princess and The Pea". Sophomore Jennifer Livingston plays Princess Winnifred and Senior Mike Hoffman plays her true love, Prince Dauntless. "Unlike most productions, the comedic couple (the Prince and Princess) is in the forefront more than the romantic couple (Sir Harry and Lady Larken, played by Merrill Miller and Laura Brandt)," claims Mr. Heim, who added, "It's a really funny show and musically very different. It has strange twists and turns with some really fast numbers."

The cast of twenty-six has started practice and is looking forward to opening night. "The cast has a lot of fun. We've gotten to know each other well. It should be a good performance," said Darren Matthes, who plays King Sextimus.

We have a good cast but we a lot of work to do before opening night," Mike Hoffman stated. The stage crew hasn't been put together yet, but when it is, they will be working with a revolving set designed by Mrs. Boyer.

"Once Upon A Mattress" will be performed at 7:30 on November 2nd and 3rd in the MHS auditorium.



Merrill Miller works on his Sir Harry character during rehearsal.



The cast rehearses "Song of Love," the Act I finale of the musical.

Behind the curtain

How many of you would dare to vacation in the mysterious, misunderstood county of the Solviet Union? Well twenty students from Marion High School confronted the challenge. They left June 7, 1990 ignorant of what they'd find. When they returned they had seen first hand the truth. Our students traveled to Russia, Leningrad, and Berlin.

In many ways the Solviet Union is different. Their time is 12 hours ahead and this caused much confusion for the students. Another difference was the white nights. In the summer months the sun goes down only for one hour. Stacy Pizark noted, "It was really hard to fall asleep, it would be 12:30 A.M. and light out side."

Some of the students brought back many Russian souvenirs from the black market. Angie Seagren came home with a army hat, some watches and a black box. Bena Coats brought back a soldiers cap and some Russian champagne.

The students ventured to the Berlin Wall and Check Point Charlie. They were able to hit the wall with hammers to take a piece home. They wrote on the wall, including signatures and the date. Susan Findley was saddened by the sight of silver crosses that sat in front of the wall. These were memorials if the people who died trying to climb the wall. The last date was February, 1989, just one year ago.



Pictured with members of their Mexican families are Marion group members Jennifer Keith, Kelly Horning, Billie Jo Garlen, Nicole Dougherty, Traci Kocher, Trish Jirouch, Kyle Carter, Julie Lentner, Treva Feickert, Mrs. Goldstein, Katy Boyer, and Holly Goldstein.

South of the border

Mrs. Goldstein, Mrs. Boyer, their young daughters and 9 Spanish students took a trip to Mexico this past summer. The group started off in Chicago and took a four hour flight to Guadalajara where they stopped to change planes, and from there continued on to Mexico City activities including the Mex-

ican pyramids, Maximillian's castle, and The Museum of Anthropology, which is home to the world famous Aztec calendar. They also did some shopping and bargained for Mexican jewelry and blankets.

"The weather was excellent," said Mrs. Goldstein. "It was the best we have had in the six years of trips."

After their stay in Mexico City they took a two and 1/2 hour bus ride to Taxco, the silver capital of Mexico. There the students bought silver and saw the sights. Then they were off to Cuernavaca where all the students met their families that they were going to be staying with. They stayed with their family for three days and very much enjoyed the first hand

look at modern Mexican culture. From there they returned once again to Mexico City and flew to their last stop, which was the ever popular city of Acapulco. There they stayed in an ocean front hotel and enjoyed a Pacific Ocean cruise and CiCi, a water park which included many waterslides and refreshing activities. They all watched as the professional Acapulco cliff divers jumped from a cliff hundreds of feet high. And to top it all off, they ate at the popular restaurant, The Hard Rock Cafe.

The Spanish students will have an opportunity to travel in Mexico again this summer. The trip will visit Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Puerto Vallarta.



Front: Susan Findley, Bena Coats, Stacia Simanek, Lynde Krull, Leah Virlee, Angie Seagren, Heather Hapgood, Drew Virlee, Lisa Hoskins, Teresa Sparks, Nancy Hatch. Back: Kim Nevius, Ray Cross, Jay Vavra, Justin Turner, Stacy Pizark, Matt Long, Trevor Cook, Chad Little, Jeff Pizark, Brad VanDee.

The Russian people are economically depressed. They don't have the finer things in life. Widely seen were beggars called jypies. These people of all ages, begged for food and money. they were persistent enough to grab onto your leg and not let go. Our highschool tourists had to get physical to remove these beggars.

The loss of weight you may have noticed from our

Russian tourists may have been from the food: raw fish and old bread, but salvation laid ahead at McDonalds. The got a normal \$4.00 meal here but in Berlin it was \$10.00!

Bena Coats stated, "The whole time I was there I wanted to come home, But now I'm home I'll do anything to go back."

Same places, New faces

Do you see some unfamiliar faces as you walk down the halls? Well this school year Marion has quite a few new teachers.

Mrs. Braun, who teaches English, isn't exactly a new teacher at Marion, she taught here in '89. Mrs. Braun taught at Linn-Mar last year, but Braun is back and we're glad to have her.

Mrs. Braun has always wanted to be a teacher. However before she became involved in teaching she worked in television and public relations. Mrs. Braun has two sons (whom have graduated from Marion) and a foster child. She enjoys reading, running, gardening, and playing the piano. Mrs. Braun feels her job is very rewarding. She likes the atmosphere and the people here at Marion.

Another one of our next new teachers this year is Mrs. Rickey who teaches Special Education. Before she came to Marion, Mrs. Rickey substituted at Kennedy, Washington, and Metro. She enjoys riding on motorcycles with her husband and playing with her two cats Lucy and Jake.

Mrs. Rickey comments "I find my job as a teacher very important and also fun. I feel Marion is a great school and she loves being here."

The new teacher for Global Studies, Psychology, and Economics is Mr. Immerfall. Before he came to Marion, Mr. Immerfall taught at North Linn for 13 years.

Mr. Immerfall lives in Marion. He is married and has three

sons. He enjoys spending time with his children and running. Mr. Immerfall says he's happy to be here and he really likes the students.

Mrs. Hampton is our new counselor and Reach teacher. Before she came here, Mrs. Hampton taught at McKinley for four years and at Harrison for one year. In her free time Mrs. Hampton enjoys playing tennis, reading, taking walks, baking natural foods, and spending time with her boyfriend David and with her son Andrew.

When asked the question "What made you become interested in becoming a counselor?" Mrs. Hampton answered "After being home with my son and going through a divorce, I realized that I wanted and needed to grow intellectually and professionally, so I decided to go back to graduate school to become a counselor."

This year at Marion, aside from the new teachers there are old teachers in new positions. In addition to teaching Intro. Algebra, Algebra, and College Prep., Mr. Wikert is our new Athletic Director. Mr. Wikert enjoys these new challenges, however he misses being in the classroom all day and football coaching.

Mr. Wikert says "Being the Athletic Director is a full-time job in a half-time position." He feels that he has a lot of help from others and that Marion High School has good students.

The other new teachers will be in the next issue of *The Vox*.



During the Academic Awards assembly, some students were honored for perfect attendance during 1989-90.

Effort is rewarded

Academic Awards

At the beginning of the school year, an assembly was held to honor those students who had achieved certain goals: to maintain or raise a grade point. Those students honored at an all-school assembly are as follows:

STUDENTS WHO HAVE INCREASED THEIR GRADE POINT .5 DURING THE 89-90 SCHOOL YEAR

STUDENTS MAINTAINING 3.5 - 4.0 GRADE POINT AVERAGE DURING 89-90 SCHOOL YEAR

10 GRADE

Brei Balvanz
Jason Blazek
Laura Brandt
Kyle Carter
Nicole Clark
Sean Clark
Ray Cross
Debbie Dalton
Kim Gongwer
Nancy Hatch
Venus Horton
Lisa Hoskins
Karmen Johnson
Julie Lentner
Stacy Luense
Matt Masters
Shannon Meader
Amy O'Dean
Angela Peterson
Lynn Peterson
Jennifer Schultz
Shane Scott
Lisa Stamos
Cassie Toomer
David Westergren

11 GRADE

Lisa Adams
Matt Davis
Tim Frake
Bryson Janey
Chris Gagnon
Jennifer Keith
Chad McNamara
Derek Pelley
Stephanie York

12 GRADE

Matt Andrew
Sara Bliss

Brian Boland

Scott Brauer
John Bunting
Kelly Christiansen
Mark Churchill
Jeff Cole
Lora Folden
Candi Gongwer
Kevin Haas
Jackie Hammes
Adriane Hartmann
Tonya Heister
Todd Henry
Phil Hutchinson
Cary Jordan
Gayle Koonts
Todd Lamphier
Cheri Mase
Jim McGrew
Aaron McLeod
Jason Moore
Melissa Rohde
Aaron Schultz
Randy Smith
Carie Speer
Tammy Taylor
Brian Tharp
Heather Thein
Tara Thein
Nicole Urbanek
Julie West
Kendra Whitcher
Lisa Wiyrick

9 GRADE

Christie Bulman
Johanna Bushlack
Nathan Hoffman
Matthew James
Larry Loney
Jennifer Newlin
Katherine York
Diane Zillman

10 GRADE

Tim Bennet
Kyle Carter
Jason Ciha
Jim Gregory
Kristy Harapot
Nancy Hatch
Lisa Hoskins
Julie Lentner
Oanh Nguyen
Angie Seagren
Teresa Sparks
Dan Stunes
Justin Turner
Jason Vavra
Jason White

11 GRADE

Lisa Adams
Sherri Bencke
Collette Blazek
Brennen Buckley
Melanie Burr
DeGwen Chamberlain
Bob Diedrick
Treva Fieckert
Tim Frake
Julie Haltmeyer
Heather Hay
Mike Hoffman
Lynde Krull

Matt Long
Kim Nevius
Nicole Port
Nikki Roehr
Mike Wright

12 GRADE

Amy Aswegan
Shaun Black
Sara Bliss
Brian Boland
Jeremy Bushlack
Kari Cormier
Traci Eakins
Chris Garien
Candi Gongwer
Paula Hatch
Karen Heitzman
Phil Hutchinson
Jennifer Jennings
Lea Klinger
Toni Luse
Mike McCormick
Scott McDonald
Aaron McLeod
Dale Moyle
Kathy Paine
Dawn Pinger
Chad Pinter
Melissa Rohde
Carrie Speer
Bryan Tharp
Lue Turner
Wendy Wittwer
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Homecoming '90

Games, fun, and activities are definitely what Marion had this homecoming week.

It started out with the cheerleaders days of the week. Monday-College Cloths Day, Tuesday-Wild West Day, Wednesday-Sock Day, Thursday-Jewelry Day, and Friday-Red and Gold Day. These activities were favored by many.

As the week progressed the students voted for the top ten students in each class, then went on to vote for the royal court. The winners of this were Freshman- Danielle Andreason and Dawn Schoeberl, Sophmores Kathy Foster and Kristen Wilson, Juniors Deb Dalton and Angela Schuller. The three king canidates were Travis Fuller, Brent Conway, and Brennan Buckley. The kings were Travis Fuller and Brent Conway. The three Queen canidates were Kim Lochner, Cyndi Stoos, and Michelle Cox. The winner was Kim Lochner. Congradulations!!!

Thursday the annual Burning of the M was held at the pep rally. Activities included announcing the royal court, a pom-pon routine, cheerleading skits, and class floats, which was won by the freshman class. The only contest held this year was the popular balloon toss, which had to be divided into junior/senior and freshman/sophomore divisions.

The conclusion of a successful week was the crowning of the 1990 queen, Kim Lochner, and co-kings, Brent Conway and Travis Fuller, during halftime of the football game.



Queen Kim Lochner is crowned by the 1989 Homecoming Queen, Gigi Gann.



Manned by Eric Schaefer, the freshman float took place in the annual contest.

Volleyball takes it to the net

The members of this year's volleyball team have had a challenging season of wins. They were also looking forward to taking first at Wamac for the third year in a row, but had to settle for third place.

There are three juniors, Shannon Meader, Julie Lentner, and Niki Boots, playing on the varsity court with Cyndi Stoos, Kim Lochner, Nicole Dougherty, Andrea Ebaugh, Lisa Adams, Nicci Port, Colette Blazek, DeGwen Chamberlain, and Allyson Eichhorst.

Varsity coach Mrs. Dostal says, "I personally feel pretty good. We're working up to a strong course in Conference, with tough kids on the floor. I feel like they can go anywhere without being intimidated."

Player Lisa Adams agrees, "I feel really good about volleyball this year. We lost a lot of good seniors last year, but we're holding our

own."

The freshmen, sophomore and JV teams have also had a challenging season. Angie Hutchins and Jenny Weaver both agreed that, "We want our team to do well, and we know we can do it if we work hard enough!"

JV player Debbie Dalton said "I think that we'll do really good this year but I think that we will all do better next year playing on varsity and getting more support and attention."

Several players agreed that they are very disappointed with the crowd support at the volleyball games. They wish that more teachers and students would go to the games and to be there to cheer them on to victory. They wish that they would get the same attention that football gets like locker signs, and signs in the lounge.



Julie Lentner leads the varsity team onto the floor during Senior Parents' night.

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Flying Footballs

Aerial attack - a new look

When you think of the Marion Indians football team you think of a powerful running attack with running backs like all-staters Todd Twachtman and Carey Bender. This year Marion is without an all-state running back, but they do have a talented quarterback in Travis Fuller and a group of receivers Brent Conway, Brennan Buckley, Bryan Seedorf, and Tim Frake who can catch the ball. The running game is still in Marion's playbook, led by backs Andy Ehresman and Brad DeWoody who do get the job done, behind a line filled with desire in guys like Todd Lewis, John McNeeley, Jamie Tharp, Rob Hammill, and Tadd Miller. This pack of guys along with many others is what makes up this year's Marion football team, "The Bomb Squad!" This team is definitely different from past Marion teams because of their powerful aerial attack offense. It also means practices are based on pass oriented techniques and many questions are asked from the players.

Assistant coach Mr. Ross says, "It's exciting to be able to work with the skilled athletes we have this year and to do some things that previous Marion teams haven't done." The Indians feel that they're a very explosive team and fun to watch. So far Marion has started the decade off almost perfectly, with a record of four wins and one loss. Their loss came to Regis at Kingston Stadium and ended with a score of 35-14. Although it was Marion's first defeat, the team felt this could be a spark for the rest of the season. Marion's four wins were very impressive ones, starting with Anamosa, then Maquoketa, LaSalle, and South Tama.

Marion raided the Raiders of Anamosa 37-14 in a game where Marion owned the air due to excellent performances by Travis Fuller, throwing for almost 300 yards and a number of catches by receivers Brent Conway, Bryan Seedorf, and Tim Frake.

Next on the list for Marion were the Cardinals of Maquoketa, who defeated the senior class during their sophomore year, so the sense of revenge was in the air along with the ball. Travis Fuller had another outstanding performance behind a line that did an excellent job filled with guys like Todd Lewis, John

McNeeley, Jamie Tharp, Rob Hammill, and Tadd Miller. Playing big roles in the win were Andy Ehresman, who returned a kickoff for a 86-yard touchdown run, Jeremy Braden and Brent Conway, who both caught long bombs late in the game to seal the 35-18 victory.

Their third win came over LaSalle, a very fired-up team, and it showed. With a halftime score of 6-6, Marion knew they had some work to do in the second half. They succeeded once again, after rallying back to take a 30-6 win over the Lancers. The passing yards kept piling up in this game also with almost 400 more to add to the total. After the successful first half of the season Travis Fuller feels, "going into the season and experimenting with a new offense was exciting and the victories early in the season was payoff for the hard work done."

Marion's final win in the first half of the season was over the South Tama Trojans, 33-27. This was the homecoming game for Marion, and it was an exciting one. Marion was down 20-13 at halftime in a game that some thought would be over by then. A second half full of courage led Marion to a come from behind win over the Trojans from South Tama.

The Marion JV team is off to a bang also with their first win over West Delaware 28-7. Jesse Grade scored two touchdowns running and Thad Shaffer passed for two more to lead the team to their victory. Jesse Grade sees the JV team as "looking forward to the rest of the season and having many goals left to achieve."

The Sophomores have suffered two losses in their first four games after going undefeated their Freshmen year. The two wins were over Anamosa and LaSalle, both crushing victories. In the victory over Anamosa, Marion was led by running back Ben King and the Indians running attack, in the 26-0 stampede. In the 42-8 blow-out over LaSalle, Marion had a number of standout players, such as Mike Tope, who threw for five touchdowns, and Ben King, who caught three passes for touchdowns and ran one in for another score. The sophomore Indians' two losses have been to Maquoketa and Regis by scores of 20-12 and 36-14.

The sophomores feel confident going into the second half of their season and hope to finish strong. They showed this desire in a convincing 38-20 win over South Tama. Marion was led by Ben King's six touchdowns. One problem for the young Indians were injuries. Both King and quarterback Mike Tope had to leave the game in the fourth quarter with bruised thumbs, and Jake Miller is listed as out for the season with a broken leg. The sophs also lost P.J. Long with a dislocated kneecap.

The Marion freshmen team has also looked impressive with a 3-1 record. Their wins over Center Point, Vinton, and West Delaware came after an opening loss to Regis. The freshmen revenged their only loss of the '89 campaign with the West Delaware win. The frosh are a running team based behind a line made up of Chris Canyon, Brion Fairbanks, Kevin Gills, and Mark McCormick. Michael Pessman has scored all four Marion TD's in the wins over Center Point and Vinton, two on throws from quarterback Chad Seagren. Coach Shaffer feels "...the season started off slowly, but the team is gradually developing."

Cross captures Marion title

Running Strong

The cross country season is off and running again this year. The 1990 boys' team is expected to compete well. The team has four returning seniors and support from the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.

Mr. Ferguson, the cross country coach, said the boys' team is WaMaC material and should be qualifiers for state. Senior Mike Wright would like to end his four year cross country participation by winning WaMaC and state. Mike, along with the other three seniors, Kurt Buck, Brett Steele, and Jason O'Brien are top contenders in the team who have all done well this year.

The girls' team is expected to do well, considering they are only five members strong. Despite the low turn-out, their team spirit has not been broken. Junior Christiane Hultquist is once again lead-

ing the girls' contingent.

At the team's first meet in Williamsburg the boys placed fourth with Brett Steele as their leader, and the girls placed eleventh. At the Linn Mar Inv. the boys' team placed first, and the girls took third with Cristain Hultquist in a first place finish. The boys took third place at both Tipton and Monticello, while the girls took ninth at Tipton and sixth at Monticello. There was a fifth place finish at Vinton for the boys and a ninth place for the girls.

Most recently, the boys team won their own Indian Invitational. Brett Steele led with 2nd, Mike Wright with 4th, with Tim Bennett ninth, Dave Westergren 10th, and Kurt Buck 12th. The girls team finished fourth with Cristian Hultquist taking 3rd overall. Matt Masters led the JV team to second place with his own 2nd place finish.



At the Homecoming bonfire, Mike Wright shows off the trophy the cross boys had just won at their own invitational.



Brent Conway runs past through the defense in the game against LaSalle.