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A Day in the Life...



Most people have the impression that all a principal is there for is to walk the halls handing down restitution, but on Wednesday, February 5th, the Vox found out what being a principal is all about. The following is the telling of "A Day in the Life of Mr. Twachtmann."

6:30a.m.-Spends this time filling out surveys. Mr. T. added that he will sign his name up to 50 times a day.

7:00- Mr. Twachtmann had 2 over-the-phone conferences with parents dealing with the suspension of students.

8:10- Hurries students off to class.

8:20- Had a meeting with Mr. Fruehling to set up a time for observation and evaluation.

8:27- Had a meeting with Mrs. Virlee to discuss volunteerism.

8:38- Received a call from Dr. McCarville, the principal at Regis, about an incident at a recent basketball game.

8:55- Had a breakfast appointment with the eighth grade home ec. class.

9:05- Back in the halls.

9:10- Student Senate meeting.

9:15- Call to Mr. Yeisley, Starry's principal, to discuss volunteerism.

9:20- Meeting with Colloquium Day committee.

10:00- Call from Mr. Shaffer about a student misbehaving in class.

10:03- Student in for discipline.

10:10- Meeting with the head of the science dept., Mr. Sloan.

10:30- Signs papers.

10:45- "Cleanup time" before lunch.

10:50- Personal call to parent.

10:55- A-Lunch cycle.

11:30- Personal call to parent.

11:40- Meeting with Mr. Pantini to discuss the possibility of a student teacher.

11:45- Personal meeting with Mr. Messerli.

11:55- Student in for discipline.

12:00- B-Lunch cycle.

12:20- Hallway time again.

12:25- Eighth grade lunch.

12:35- Student in for discipline.

12:45- Meeting of the head of the music dept., Mr. Bobe.

1:20- Meeting with Brent VanWey.

1:25- Meeting with Mrs. Mahraun.

1:35- Student in for discipline.

1:45- Call to a parent.

1:47- Opens mail.

1:52- "Cruisin' the halls."

2:17- Call to VMS.

2:30- Student in for discipline.

2:45- More cruising before dismissal.

2:50-3:05- "Unwinding time."

As you can see, being a principal is a very busy and demanding job, and we would like to thank Mr. Twachtmann for his time.

Winter Spirit Thaw

Winter Spirit Week started out this year with Pajama Day on Monday. MHS students got a chance to wear their special P.J.'s to school and sport their just-out-of-bed look.

Tuesday was Twin Day. Even though there weren't many twins, people still enjoyed the day. The Student Senate admitted all students into the wrestling meet against Washington, Iowa for free in honor of Spirit Week. The poms also did their spectacular light routine between the j.v. and varsity matches.

A blast from the past came on Wednesday which was Hippie Day. Many "hippies" were spotted displaying their duds from the 60's and 70's.

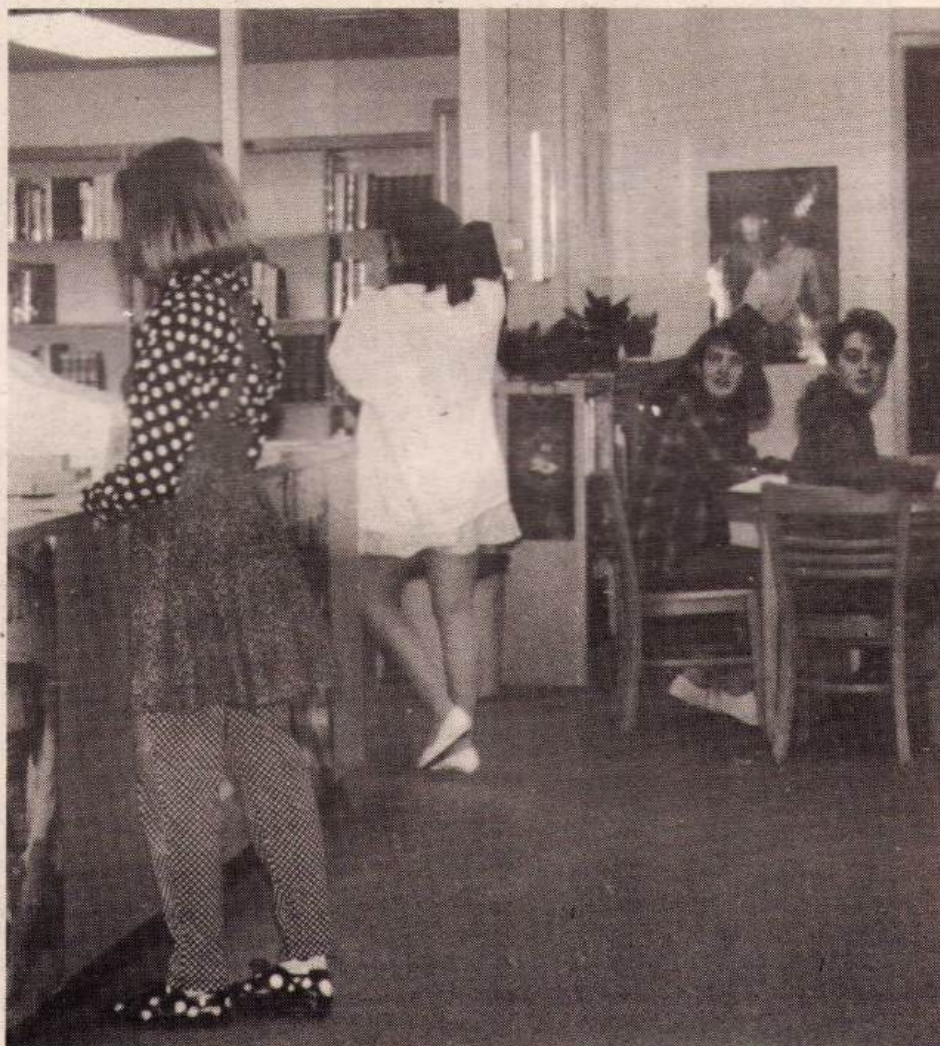
Polka-Dot Day was on Thursday. Students got in to the spirit by wearing polka-dots all over their clothes.

The traditional Red and Gold Day was on Friday. During seventh hour, the cheerleaders held a pep assembly. That evening, the Student Senate again admitted all MHS students into a boy's basketball game for free.

The week ended with the second annual WPA Dance put on by the cheerleaders and the poms. The cost to get in the door was \$3.00 a person and \$5.00 a couple. The DJ was Sensory Overload and pictures were taken by Portraits Unlimited. Pink and silver streamers and balloons were the decorations that transformed the lounge this year.

It seemed like any other dance except the women paid and the 8th graders were dressed up and out on the dance floor right along side the 9-12th graders. Were they in the way? Lindsey McNeely didn't think so. "I think they acted maturely compared to some other people. They weren't in the way at all, plus there weren't that many of them there." The fashions that were displayed at the dance ranged from soft pastels to vibrant oranges and reds for the women and black and many other different colors for the guys. Jennifer Livingston was heard saying, "I thought the cheerleaders and poms did a great job. I know that I had an all around great time."

The cheerleaders and poms were pleased with how successfully the dance turned out.



Carrie Ciha and Kelly Austad view Sarah Jackson's outfit as she participated in polka dot day.

Thumbs Up Thumbs Down

Wrestlemania

Thumbs up to the early graduates.

Thumbs down to the low number of people at girls basketball games.

Thumbs down to boyfriends/girlfriends who don't call when they say they will.

Thumbs down to the lunch menu.

Thumbs down to racism.

Thumbs down to guys who shower in their cologne.

Thumbs down to cross burning in Dubuque.

Thumbs down to playing country songs at the dances.

Thumbs up to sideburns.

Thumbs down to some JV cheerleaders not wearing their uniforms the day of a game.

Thumbs up to the Christmas lunch.

Thumbs down to research papers, themes, poems and anything else you have to write.

Thumbs up to Mrs. Bennett.

Thumbs down to rap.

Thumbs down to neon clothes.

Thumbs up to volunteers.

Thumbs up to candy cane sales.

A recent article about a high school girl on a varsity wrestling team provided a lot of discussion as to how individuals would react in the same situation and whether any girls at MHS have considered wrestling as a sport.

Would you wrestle a girl?

1. Tony Ruggiero - yes, it depends what she looks like.

2. Jason Chappell - no, I already did in fourth grade.

3. Brandon Nestebly - yes, to prove men are superior.

4. Brad Beachel - yes, if she was good looking.

5. Ben Balvanz - yes, to show her how aggressive a man's sport is.

6. Chad Vozenelik - no, be afraid of hurting her.

7. Roet Plang - yes, just to beat her.

8. Brad Henderson - yes, to prove it's a man's sport.

9. Justin Turner - yes, when you are on the mat you just wrestle.

10. Rob Madren - no, because there aren't any girls that deserve

Thumbs down to people who think you have to dance like rappers or get off the floor.

Thumbs up to foreign exchange students.

Thumbs down to stolen objects in the locker rooms.

to be on the same mat as me.

11. Andy Ehresman - yes, if I was a wrestler.

Girls would you go out for wrestling? Why or why not?

1. Oanh Nguyen - no, I'm no good and can't cut weight.

2. Kristin Wilson - no, it's a guy's sport.

3. Cari Cummings - no, too much contact.

4. Alisha Fishwild - yes, it's sexist if we can't.

Coaches what would you do if a girl went out for wrestling?

1. Mr. Immerfall - Try to make her be as good as she could be and point out all the problems she would have.

2. Mr. Bates - Discourage her to go out.

3. Mr. Weisinger - Would discourage her to go out because the physical demands are for a man not a girl.

Thumbs down to not having an AIDS assembly.

Thumbs up to the COED Volleyball tournament.

Thumbs down to the cold and flu

Thumbs up to participating in Spirit Week.

Roy,
I love you with all my heart and I hope we are together always.

Love,
Little Lady

Renee,
You're the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. I will always love you!

With all my heart
Love,
Jay

Thaddeus -
You are the most special person in my life. I'm glad you're mine. I love you!

Forever yours,
Tracie

Nancy -
Thanks for being my shining light in our hellish world!!

Love always,
Beth

Ben -
Thanks for being there EVERY time I need you. Your heart is in good hands. Happy Valentine's Day!

Love, Oanh

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Aries (March 21- April 19) Keep your schedule flexible on the 18th, 19th, 20th. Don't over-indulge on the 17th, 19th, 15th. Weekend is delightful for romance and good news. Don't be quick to spend money, a big expense could be coming. Be patient with annoying people.



Taurus (April 20- May 20) Conflict may occur at home. Social life improves on the 19th and 15th. Be careful not to slack off this month. An important decision has to be made on the 20th. Hard work will pay off later this month. Don't jump to any conclusions you could be wrong.



Gemini (May 21- June 20) You shine at parties and find romance on the 21st and 14th. Social life brightens on the 18th. Avoid quarrels on the 14th. Money is promising later this month. Try and cope with stress calmly. Balance social and work aspects of your life.



Aquarius (Jan. 20- Feb. 18) Extra money comes your way soon. Expect frustration to come on 18th and 19th. Good news will arrive soon. Be happy and celebrate it wildly! Don't spend too much money this month. Don't forget to tend to your loved one, show how special they are to you.



Pisces (Feb. 19- March 20) Avoid revealing secrets on the 18th and 19th. The 20th makes an upbeat on the rest of the month. Be careful trusting people you don't know too well. Have fun at social events, but be sure to take time and relax with that special someone.



Cancer (June 21- July 22) Avoid over spending this month, it could lead to severe consequences. Be good to your loved one, it could be very rewarding! Start planning for your future now. Be willing to compromise.



Leo (July 23- Aug. 22) Good news will arrive soon!! Romance will heat up around the 20th. Be sure to take time out of your busy schedule for yourself. Don't believe gossip on the 17th. Be sure not to slack off at the end of the month!



Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept. 22) Work hard on the 16th and recognition will come. Be patient with a love relationship. Situations or people may not be as they seem, be careful! Things will pick up around the 19th, don't get caught up in shuffle!



Libra (Sept. 23- Oct. 22) A problem will arise soon, be calm and the solution will come through. Romance is sizzling this month!! Be sure to make time for that special someone, especially on the 14th. Make creative plans for the weekend, don't be too crazy!



Scorpio (Oct. 23- Nov. 21) This month you'll be in the spot light, enjoy it while you can. Don't forget your special someone or there could be consequences. You will find money you forgot about on the 22nd. Spend it wisely.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22- Dec. 21) Look for an Aquarian to spice up your life. Romance is in the air, if you make the first move. You will be recognized either at school or work for big accomplishments. A reward will come around the 16th. Be thankful.



Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan. 19) This month will be very busy for you. Make the best of it. Enjoy yourself at social events on the 20th. Make realistic goals for the next two weeks. Be sure not to forget your special someone, it could cause conflicts on the 17th.

Real High

Not Too Cool How to Handle a Teen

In everyone's lives, there are those moments when we are not at our most smooth and cool. Some MHS students share a few moments with us:

Roeut Plang- "I was at a basketball game last year and one team had called a time-out. I wanted to go and get something to eat, so I started down the bleachers and I fell off in front of everyone."

Scott Hunter- "My family and I went to a water slide park one year for vacation. One of the rules for the slides was to take off your shirt. Well, I didn't want to and so when I went down, I got stuck. A couple of people that worked there had to help pull me out."

Ticey LaKose- "I was at Amy Dippel's house helping with the junior class float. We had just finished and everyone was playing football. I had my video-camera there filming my friends. And I was filming, Roeut Plang pulled down my pants and exposed my bare butt. Everyone saw it, and plus, it was on tape." And of course, Ticey has another one!

"During Driver's Ed my partner was Rob Madren. We were learning to park by buildings. My teacher had me pull up to the wall at Sun Mart. I was waiting to hit the little cement blocks, but instead I hit the wall. Rob thought that he was going to die and so did I."

Carrie Holstad- "During the summer, Ticey and I were 'cruising the ave' and we were at a red light. All of a sudden some girl slammed into us. She didn't even see the red light. Well, we had to pull off to the side of the road and fill out police reports. As we were standing there, all of our friends went by waving and laughing."

Mike Tope- "I was in 4th grade and I had a solo in a song for the Christmas Concert. Right in the middle of my part, I forgot my lines. And of course I turned bright red!"

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Teen

Through the years parents have had their own ways to punish their kids, either by whipping them with a switch or simply by scolding them. Now each and every parent has their own way to ruin their weekends, such as grounding or taking prized possessions away, or even the good old-fashioned way of spanking. Though myself I got the wooden spoon, sometimes I got so lucky as the spoon would break on the first shot, that has ended but others as they grow older get less the punishment because of their age. Being 18, for example, has its advantages, I mean what can a parent do for such punishment?

But what about the younger ones, like the frosh? What kind of torture do they get when it comes to being a rebel? I don't know, so I ventured out to find out what do high school students get for creating trouble.

Staci Jirouch- sent to her room

John Maske- loss of T.V.
Lon Copper- gets grounded for a month

Natalie Detling- perfect angel

Dave Westbrook- T.V. gets taken away

Jay White- mom makes him work for free

Thad Shaffer- nothing - I run my house, (yeah right Thad!!)

Kelly Austad- no phone

Brad Holub- groundage

Bryan Balvanz- ground action

Jason Chappell- take the car away

Becky Plambeck- take her phone away

And Myself- I still get the spoon - NOT!!!

Tony Ruggiero

EXCUSES!

You're at your locker talking to your friends catching up on what everyone did last night, you happen to glance at the clock and you realize that you only have ten seconds to get to your class at the other end of the school. You take off sprinting down the halls only to step in the door 15 seconds late. What excuse will you use today?

Scott Bemisdarfer: "I was at the office."

Sean Wedding: "I went to the bathroom."

Chris Dougan: "I was making up a test."

Jill Wilson: "I went to the wrong class, or I grabbed the wrong books."

Dan Erkel: "My leg's broken."

Jason Westphal: "My last teacher kept us after."

Jon Cormier: "My locker was jammed."

Cliff Mather: "Aliens trashed my locker and I had to give someone directions."

Dianna Findlay: "I was here and you were gone so I went ahead and went to the bathroom."

Others included:

"I was at the nurse's office."

"It's a woman thing."

"I tried to get an admit but she was too busy."

"Wikert stopped me."

Some favorite and most used lines heard 1st hour by Mrs. Braun and Mr. Sloan are:

"I lost my retainer."

"My dog got loose and I had to chase it."

"The roads were slippery."

"I was stopped by a train."

So now that all the teachers know what your excuses are you had better either get to class on time or make up some more excuses.

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School Life

Easy Come, Easy Go

Even in a year of recession people spend their money so fast. People spend their money on a variety of things such as clothes, food, dates, stereos for cars, and buying their cars.

Freshmen seemed to spend most of their money on clothes, cassette tapes, and saving money for cars.

Sophomores spent their money on movies, clothes, school activities, and the one's that have vehicles spend a lot of money on gas.

Most juniors and seniors said most of their money was spent on gas, clothes, boy/girlfriends, and shoes.

Here are some Marion High School students and an example of what they spend their money on.

Brian Benest - clothes

Kane Lakose - clothes and tapes

Jenny Mast - gas
Nicole Chamberlain - movies

Kevin Rose - gas
Ben King - the woman and hunting

Wanda Bradley - boyfriend and clothes

RaeAnn Pierce - car payments, clothes, makeup, food, and tapes

Brian Hughes - country tapes, his car, and gum

Stacy Holmes - clothes, gum, and pop

Mike Tharp - clothes, food, gas, and shoes

Becky Plambeck - clothes and food

Rob Madren - shoes and food

Lynn Peterson - clothes, makeup, food, and gas

Mr. Ferguson - clothes, dinner, movies for his wife, and things for his dog

Something New

Chess Club is one of the new features in school this year. It is a group of MHS students, mainly seniors, gathered around the chess board, for a challenging game of chess. The idea of organizing this club came from Mrs. Madsen, a MHS math teacher. The Club rely on students and Mrs. Madsen just supervise them.

The club is meeting once a month. They still do not know what to do with the club. There are two options; one is to play tournaments with other schools, and another is to play between themselves. Whatever it be, it will have to wait for next year, because, as Mrs. Madsen said, "This year will be just ground work. Real results will come next year."

The spirit of the students is what keeps this club alive. You can see that from the quotes of two members, Tim Bennett and Justin Turner. Tim said, "I feel that playing chess makes me a better thinker and problem solver, and may help me with my sex life," and Justin added, "The first time I played my black horse guy took the white castle..."

Something Different

Besides the many activities available to students which are school-related, many are also involved in activities which are not directly related to the school, although they may have other advantages.

Dianna Findlay, a sophomore at Marion High School, has been involved in a girls' club called the International order of Rainbow. Dianna has been in this club for a couple a years and she was also crowned Rainbow girl of the year on January 9th, 1991. I asked Dianna how she feels about this club. She said, "It is very interesting. I was proud and amazed at being named the Rainbow girl of the year."

Here at Marion High School she is involved with volleyball and track she also was a red card student. She said, "In order to reach that goal you have to study hard and keep up with all your assignments."

Some other students of Marion High School are also in the same club as Dianna. The students Amanda Bocock and Sarah Hughes and both are sophomores.

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Activities Update

Drama

The date has been changed for "The Worst High School Play in the World" to March 27 and 28 at 7 PM. The cast consists of over 30 kids including Ben Balvanz as Prince Ivanha, Alison Moe as Nina, Chandra Jordan as Sister Corsicana, and Chris Dougan as Viscera.

Knowledge Bowl

Knowledge Bowl is held every year in Waverly, Iowa to test kids' general knowledge. There are a total of sixty-four teams from both Iowa and Minnesota. Tim Bennett, Kyle Carter, Jim Gregory, Roet Plang, Dan Stunes, Justin Turner, Jay Vavra, and Diane Zillman will be representing Marion High School this year. Let's wish them good luck on March 14.

Decathlon

Decathlon is a National Academic contest that consists of a combination of six different pencil and paper tests, an interview, speech contest, and a superquiz. It will be held here this year. Marion will have three teams out of the eleven participating. On these three teams are Jill Blackwell, Kyle Carter, Trevor Cook, Chris Dougan, Mark Garringer, Jim Gregory, Rob Hammill, Dan Stunes, and Jay Vavra.

Band

The All American Concert will be held at the high school at 7 PM on February 20. Parade of Bands is next at Vernon Middle School also at 7 PM on March 3. The Solo and Ensemble Contest will be held at the high school on March 28.

NHS

In the next couple of weeks, the National Honor Society is going to locate all those with at least a 3.25 GPA. These people will then be contacted to see if they qualify to join. National Honor Society is still picking up papers to be recycled. They are also working on raising

money to grow trees in front of the school.

FBLA

Business Horizons is a week long business camp at Drake University in the summer. If you'd like to sign up or receive more information on this, contact Mrs. Young. FBLA will be hosting the "Last Chance Dance" sometime in April. They are also working on getting an essay contest for the whole school which would be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Prizes will be given away to the award winning essays. Also, the Spring Conference will be held on April 9, 10, and 11.

SADD

SADD sold flowers and suckers for Valentine's Day again this year. Post Prom party is in planning. They are selling Buttons for .50 and keychains for \$1.00.

Student Senate

Student Senate is planning their upcoming activity lock-in and dance. They are starting a cover design contest for the graduation program. They sent Miya Sioson, the victim of the Iowa City shootings, a \$100 from the penny drive.

Choir

The choir sang the Star Spangled Banner for the Girls Basketball game on Jan. 21 and for Boys Basketball game on Jan. 31. They are working on pop music for the All American concert on February 20. Mr. Heim feels "this is the strongest concert of the year and it's my personal favorite, because we get to eat," he says with a grin.

Speech Competition

Amanda Henry, Chris Dougan, and Alison Moe make up our competitive speech team along with 6 others from Linn-Mar. They went to compete at the state speech contest February 8 in Pella. The three students performed an acting ensemble piece from Greater Tuna and received a I rating.

Young Guns

In the opener of the 8th grade boys basketball game the A-team was defeated in close one, 35-39. Leading scorers were Spencer Northway with 12 and Casey Swanson credited with 8.

The B-team came a point closer but they were beaten 13-16. Top guns in this one were Kris Meek shooting for 8, Mickey McDowell with 1 and Nick Springer also scoring 1.

Jason Hyduk and Dave Thompson lead the way for a victorious C-team, Hyduk scoring 7 and Thompson with 5.

On the road to Monticello where the Indians played their second game of the season. Although the A-team was beaten, Coach Schneckloth was surprised by the athletic ability of his kids.

The B-team was also defeated 16 to 31 with a well rounded game played by Kris Meek who scored 8 points who along with Jamie Hoth were the leaders of the win for the C-team.

Back at home where the Indians took on the Mustangs of Independence. Play and effort was put forth by everyone especially

by Swanson and Northway who came through with 11 points each. The final score showed no comparison to the effort that was used through out the game. The final score of the A-game was 35-65.

In the B-game we were again defeated but there was no lack of effort. The final score being 35-11.

In the C-game Blair Gordon shot for 10 but couldn't pull out the victory as they lost in a tight one 18-20.

The Indians first drew blood at home against Benton Community, with Claypool showing signs of a steady player scoring 13 to boost the Indians to their first win 33-25.

During the B-game Dean Ratzlaff, Jason Hyduk and Nick Springer chipped in to score 4 points each in the loss against the Bobcats, 15-42.

Even though their losing record shows losses Coach Schneckloth says, "the kids come to play and they're ready to play. They're not quitters, they work hard in practice."

Part of the Team

Anyone who attends an athletic event may notice how well an individual is playing or how well the coach has brought the team together this year. But one factor many of us overlook, is the team manager.

"You have to like being a manager because you don't get rewarded or anything," says senior Tracy McNamara. The 1991-1992 boys basketball season will be her second and last year managing.

Tracy became a manager for personal reasons. After playing basketball for her first two years of high school, Tracy decided she really didn't want to play anymore. Tracy then decided managing boys basketball would help to keep her busy, and it does.

During practices, Tracy says that she does basically whatever the coach needs done and to keep them on task. During games, she is required to make charts and take stats of the players' performances.

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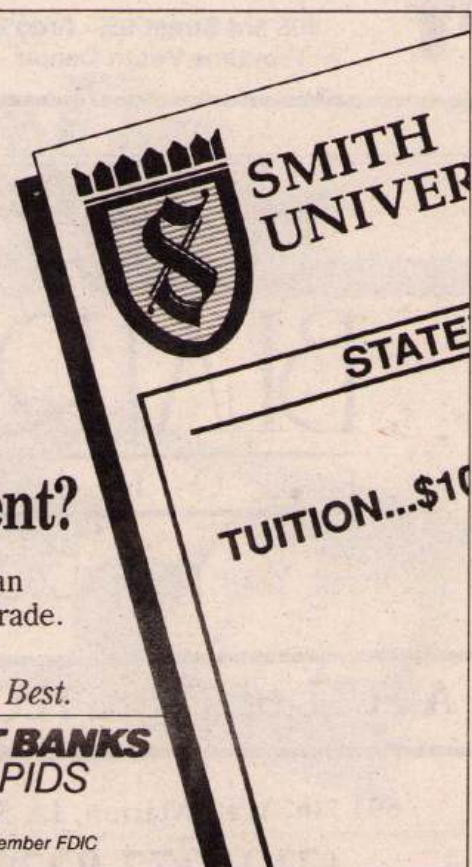
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Young Guns II Sophs Don't Stop

This year's freshmen have been doing an excellent job with win against Jefferson, Kennedy, and other high class schools. One of their goals was to go undefeated, but even though that goal didn't come true they still are working hard to win the rest of their games. "We're just going to use this season as a learning experience," said Mitch Long.

The freshmen have had close games to Jefferson, 45-42 where they won a hard battle. Jeff Kinney was the leading scorer with 19 points. Marion also had another

close game with Linn Mar where they lost by only two points, even though they are playing class 3A schools their determination to win is greater than the beginning of the year.

While in their own conference Independence came to be one of the freshmen's victims. Jeff Kinney lead again with 36 points, 17 rebounds, 8 steals, 7 assists, and four blocked shots. Mitch Long had 9 rebounds. Though Kinney gives his all, there is still credit to be given out to the whole team to make them have a positive winning attitude.



The girl's sophomore basketball team is composed of four freshmen and three sophomores. They are very inexperienced, and haven't won a game as of Feb. 7, 1992. In all of their games, though, they've never quit.

Unlike the team last year, this year's team seems to depend more on each other. The two teams are similar in some ways. "They're both fun to work with," stated Coach Cooksley, "and they both have a good work ethic."

In the rest of the season, they are expected to do exceptional in some games, and hopefully well against other tougher teams. On February 14, against South Tama, they are expected to have a really good chance of winning against them.

Compared to upcoming opponents, most players are a year younger age wise, but have worked to make up about a half of a year playing wise. In the future, they will be tougher because of having more playing experience. Overall, expectations are for them to become a very good ball club in the future.

After putting up a shot, members of the sophomore girls team gets into position for the rebound.

The referee takes a good look at freshman Calvin Henderson as he gets the pin against Washington, Iowa.

Scott Bemisdarfer shoots for two in the sophs' loss to Anamosa.

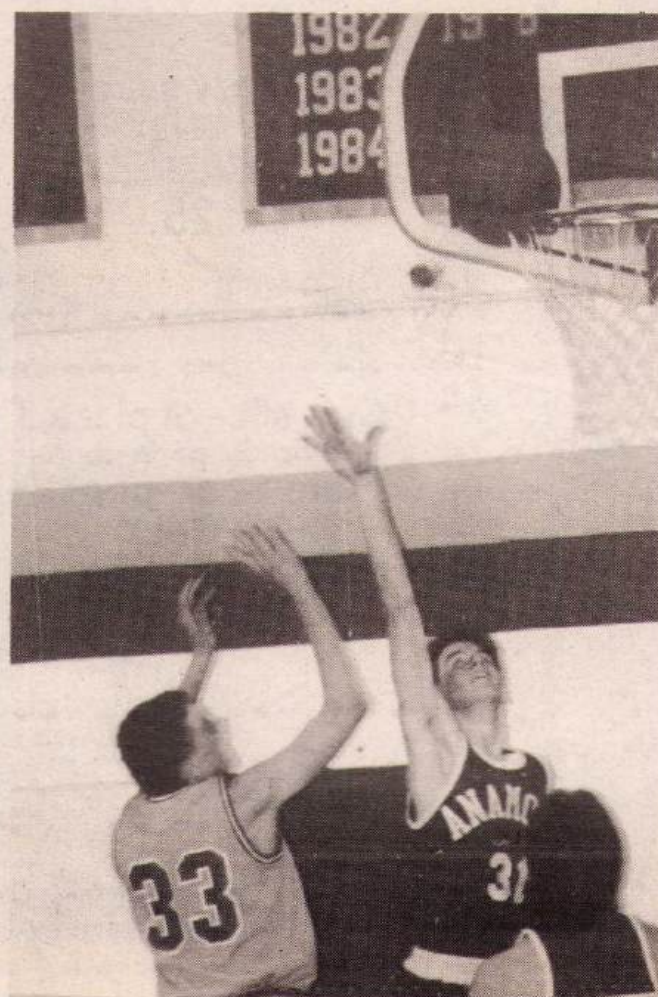
The sophomore boys basketball team hoped to start the new year off with a positive note, but lost their first 1992 season opener to West Delaware on January third. Scott Bemisdarfer lead the team with the most rebounds. The sophomore boys have had games against Independence, Benton Community, South Tama, Vinton, and LaSalle.

Their latest game was against Regis where they lost another hard battle. Scott Bemisdarfer lead the team in rebounds with 12, assists with four, steals three, and deflections three. Chad Borst, Andy Logston, and Jeff Kinney all had four rebounds. When asked what problems faced them the most they said having 26 turnovers doesn't help to win a game. The sophomores hope to improve in rebounding and in holding their turnovers below 10.

When the sophomores went against West Delaware on Thursday, February 6, they hoped and hoped for a win, but were unfortunate to get that win they needed to boost their confidence up for the next six games.

Scott Bemisdarfer lead the team with twelve rebounds, three deflections, and three steals. Tybee Sever was second in rebounding with four.

A complete overview of the season will be held in the next issue.



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Wrestling Wraps Up

The wrestling team is a young one this year. There are only three seniors on the varsity squad - Jason Rubalcava, Chad Vozenilik, and Jason Blazek. Senior Justin Turner is also on the team but is suffering from injuries.

This year's season is beginning to wind down with only one more week left until the sectional tournament at Benton Community February 15th. The following week is the district tournament at Anamosa. The champion and runner-up from sectionals advance to the district meet and compete against the champion and runner-up from another sectional. The champions wrestle the second place winners. Champions and runner-ups advance to the state tournament at Veterans Auditorium in Des Moines.

Since the season is coming to an end, the wrestlers feel they have to pick up the intensity one more notch, because wrestlers can be 0-25 going into the sectionals and districts and advance if they wrestle

well enough.

This year's line-up is as follows:

103	Brad Beachel
112	Ben Balvanz
119	Bryan Balvanz
125	Chad Vozenelik
130	Mike Kalkwarf
135	Chris Krull, Roeut Plang, or Calvin Henderson
140	Jason Rubalcava
145	Brad Henderson
152	Jason Blazek
160	Chris Cannon or Justin Turner

Justin Turner

HWT Nate Werneberg

A major disappointment this year has been the fact that at every meet, Marion has had to give up twelve points for forfeiting at 171 and 189. Marion lost to the 3rd ranked team in the state (Washington, Iowa) by only four points and even more recently to C.R. Washington by one point. Both these meets could have been wins in the Indians' column with some strength in the empty-weights.

Shooting Hoops

BOYS SURPRISE FANS, OTHERS

The Varsity boys basketball team has finished half of the season with a seven and four record, better than it has been in a while.

"This very unselfish team consisting of juniors and seniors has worked good together," says head coach Steve Ottoson.

The team has outstanding individual play from junior Scott Benest who is leading the Metro area in scoring 23.3, rebounds 8.8, and field goal percentage at 73.3 percent, but the team is not only based on one individual. Senior Rob Madren is averaging 1.6 three pointers but he closely followed by junior John (Henry) Martinson averaging 1.4 a game. Senior Andy Ehresman is third in the Metro in

steals with 2.5 a game. The defense Ehresman plays in the game could be a reason why he gets the Mr. Defense shirt which is awarded in practice.

Marion has surprised a lot of people except for themselves by the way play and the way they are winning.

"It's great to see the students are at home games and traveling with the team on the road, maybe not to see the team win but to see Benest dunk a few," say team and coaches.

"The crowd helped us win two of our home games this year against Independence 74 - 66 and Benton Community 65 - 53, and I'd like to see the crowd keep following us," says head coach Steve Ottoson.

GIRLS KEEP UP EFFORT

Keeping their heads up and pushing to get a few more victories before the season's end, the varsity girls basketball team is looking forward on beating Monticello on Monday February 10 at Monticello.

With a record of 2 and 13 the girls are still giving their best effort. There are only 15 girls out for basketball and 3 of them are injured. "It gets very hard to make out a line up when you are missing a couple girls because of injury or illness," says Coach Kielty.

The teams two wins were against South Tama at South Tama and West Delaware. At West Dela-

ware they won by one point. In overtime Jennifer Janssen popped up a three pointer and made the winning shot, but not only one shot won that game. There was a tremendous effort put out by the whole team. The final score was 69-68.

"The girls only need to win 3 more games and they will have won as many games as last year. I think they have a great chance to pull it off with 3 games remaining in the season," says assistant Coach McNutt.

The Indians will be playing Cedar Rapids Jefferson in the first round of the sectional tournament.

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