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# The Vox

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## An American Evening

by Travis Clarke

At 7:00 on February 25th the All-American Concert was held here at the High School. It was a combined effort by the Choir and Band to put on a evening of entertainment. The Admission was 2.00 for adults and 1.00 for students. Refreshment were provided and there was a cake auction during intermission.

Both of the Jazz Bands played two numbers each and the Concert band played four numbers, "Raging Thunder", "Spectacular", "Blue and Gray", and "Habitat". "Raging Under" was a marching song and "Spectacular" was a Dixieland song.

The Choir performed six songs, "Hush! Somebody's Callin' my Name", "Masterpiece", "I Love a Rainy Night", "Imagination", "Angels Watching Over Me", and "Heart and Soul".

Alison Moe did a truly outstanding job on her solo in "Angel's Watching Over Me. Other solos were performed by Steve Zaruba, Steve Walker, Jennifer Livingston, Amanda Kleeberger, and Mike Parks.

The evening was a huge success and the crowd seemed to really enjoy the concert. Both the choir and the band received standing ovations and the support was appreciated by both groups.



Marion' Jazz Band A stands to recieve the applause of the crowd after their performance at the All-American Concert.



"Angels Watching Over Me," with a solo by Alison Moe, was a big hit during the vocal portion of the concert.

## Decathletes Advance



Chad Seagren gives Diane Zillman a high five after she got a Super Quiz answer very quickly during Decathlon competition at Marion. Marion's team won the Super Quiz

by Mike Tope

The Marion Academic Decathlon team consists of Alison Moe, Roeut Plang, Larry Loney, Diane Zillman, Trampus Nevius, Mike Parks, Shane Howe, Rob Cihla and Chad Seagren.

Marion moved on to the state competition in Denison after getting second place to I.C. Regina at the regional competition held at Marion on February 14th. Marion thought they had first place, but a computer error revealed that they had actually got second and their was a sense of false excitement. Marion lost by a margin of less than one point per person.

There are nine categories in the decathlon: economics, fine arts, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, interviews, speeches and the Super Quiz. In the content areas, students take tests over specific things they have prepared for.

Larry Loney did the best for the Marion team on the Super Quiz and says: "I thought the Super Quiz was much easier than I expected it would be. I felt I performed very well in the competition."

"I thought the competition was harder than I expected, but I did well in the areas that I thought would be challenging for me." says Diane Zillman.

Roeut Plang: "I am very proud to have finished second overall and I hope I can work on my weaknesses to help the team more."

Marion didn't expect to place high because they didn't feel they were ready to compete. The major reason for this lack of confidence was due to the fact that they are all rookies. The team is thankful to Mrs. Bennett for sponsoring them and taking her time to make them better. They hope they can achieve their goal of a state championship.

## Thumbs Up Thumbs Down

Thumbs down to the seniors who think that they can do anything.

Thumbs down to underclassmen who complain about upperclassmen stealing their girlfriends.

Thumbs down to freshmen and sophomore girls always fighting in the halls.

Thumbs down to rude, inconsiderate teachers and upperclassmen who cut in the lunchline.

Thumbs up to the Chicago Bears.

Thumbs down to teachers letting their students go early to second lunch. They have the same amount of time as everyone else to get to the lunchline.

Thumbs up to all of the wrestlers for a great season. All of you deserved to go.

Thumbs up to the three wrestlers who went to state.

Thumbs up to W.P.A.

Thumbs up to the Administration delaying school when the streets were dangerous.

Thumbs up to Student Senate for recognizing those students on Honor Roll.

## Clinton's First Battle

by Kelly Austad & Carrie Ciha

To start off Clinton's presidency, his first fight was whether or not gays should be allowed in the military. He passed this law after many years of the gay rights activists fighting to be able to serve their country. Now recruiting officers have to stop asking volunteers if they are gay, but the commanders can still force gays to transfer out of their unit and homosexuals about to be discharged will be suspended or discharged from active duty. There were 700 such "administrative separations" in 1992. Clinton pledged to enforce "rigorous standards regarding sexual conduct" that presumably would not allow a gay soldier to sell himself to a straight soldier. Now that the law has been passed the United States joins the following countries enabling gays to join the military. Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, and Spain.

Social Studies teacher Mr. Immerfal said, "I think they should be allowed in. If there was a ban there would still be people in the military that lied to get passed. They can probably do as good of job if they meet all the qualifications."

## Violence in Our Schools

Violence among teenage students has been on the rise in the past few years. Some people are worried that the problem will get out of hand. Many schools are taking steps to keep guns and other weapons out of their schools. In one school in Lincoln, Nebraska, students aren't allowed to wear coats or hats to school, and they cannot carry school bags. In a school in San Diego, all of the lockers were removed from the school. Many schools have begun to install metal detectors that all students must pass through before entering the school.

This may help keep out weapons, but the only people who can eliminate the actual violence is the students themselves. It is inevitable that students will have encounters with other teens, but we have to learn to walk away. I know what you are thinking by now. We've been hearing this for years- "the real winner is the one who can back down from a fight." But have you ever asked yourself this question: What do I really have to gain? The problem may get solved for the time being, but the person who loses the fight will consider the problem way short of solved. This will only escalate the problem and may lead to more than just a fist fight. Is that really worth it? Wouldn't it have been easier to talk than to risk someone really seriously getting it hurt? The time has come for us to stop being a bunch of macho idiots and start talking out our problems. This isn't the 16th century. I suppose it is hard for you to believe that a little fight after a football game or at Burger King could end up costing you your life, but try telling that to the 100,000 students who carry guns in school every day, and the 160,000 who skip school every day because they are too scared for their lives to go to school, and you can't leave out the 40 who are killed by one of their classmates every day. Students aren't the only ones at risk. Each day 6,250 teachers are threatened with bodily injury, and 260 are physically assaulted.

No one is ever going to go through their whole lives without a disagreement with someone else, but it is time that our society as a whole learns to communicate with each other and stops being so violent. One good example of this is the L.A. riots following the Rodney King trial. What did anyone gain by that? You guessed it. Not a thing. So, next time you have a disagreement with someone, be it your boy or girlfriend, or just some complete stranger, either talk it out or just walk away. This might hurt your pride for awhile, but that's a small price to pay for what could happen if you stay and fight. Think about it.

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## Activity Update

### BAND

MHS's Jazz Band started practicing around Thanksgiving for a contest they participated in on Jan. 16th at Oelwein. The contest consisted of other schools from Northeast Iowa and Marion came home with a Division 2 rating. From Feb. 11th-13th, 6 students from Marion participated in the activities of the University of Northern Iowa Honor Band in Cedar Falls. Those six students were Amy Boland, Diana Findlay, Jason Kellerhals, Andy Toomer on trombone, Josh Sova on trumpet, and Dan Reid on tuba. On Sun., Jan. 17th and Mon., Jan. 18th, nine of Marion's band members spent some time practicing for a concert held the night of Mon., Jan. 18th at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. Those that went were Amy Boland and Joy Sueppel on flute; Jennifer Hartmann on clarinet; Sarah Hughes on alto saxophone; Jason Kellerhals and Shelley Canady on french horn; Jason Grimm on trombone; Diana Findlay on baritone; and Brady Hite on percussion. On Feb. 21st-22nd, five of Marion's students participated in the activities of the University of Iowa's Honor Band in Iowa City. Those students that worked with the Honor Band were Amy Boland, Jennifer Hartmann, Jason Grimm, Jason Kellerhals, and Diana Findlay. On Thurs., Feb. 25th, the Music Department presented it's annual All-American concert featuring music of American composers. Marion's Jazz Band, Concert Choir, and Concert Band participated in the performance. The performance began at 7 P.M. in the MHS gymnasium and refreshments were served to those who attended the event. Upcoming events will include the Parade Of Bands that will be held at Vernon Middle School on Tues., Mar. 9th. The concert will start at 7

P.M. There will be no admission charge to the concert and it will feature Marion's 5th-12th grade bands.

### SADD

SADD members took place in the Winter Fest in Cedar Rapids on Sat., Jan. 30. They were involved in the snow sculpting. SADD has also formed different committees on an alcohol hotline, and a letter to the Iowa Legislature on Iowa's laws pertaining to drunk driving. SADD's candy sales weren't as successful as predicted. SADD members are involved in Reap which stands for Reality Education Alcohol Prevention. They have recently toured the St. Lukes morgue and had a chance to interact with OWI offenders.

### NHS

NHS is doing many of the same things as were reported in *The Vox's* last issue. NHS is still active in the Adopt A Highway program where NHS members pick up a certain area of a highway and clean up the road once a month. NHS is assigned to take care of Alburnette Road from the bridge that goes over Indian Creek to Robins Road. NHS will be selling keychains in an effort to buy trees, and last but not least, NHS is continuing its effort to make the world a better and cleaner place to live as part of their white paper pick-up as part of the recycling program here at Marion. A new addition to what has been going on with NHS: During the most recent weeks of the second semester, applications for entrance into the National Honor Society were sent out to sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have a 3.25 grade point or higher.

### KNOWLEDGE BOWL

Mrs. Bennett and the Knowledge Bowl team is practicing as much as time allows. Our

Knowledge Bowl team is practicing very hard so they can compete with 96 other teams at Wartburg on Mar. 28th, which is two weeks later than in previous years. The team just finished figuring out which members of the team work best together so that Marion can take a successful team to competition.

### SUN MART BOWL

On Wed., Jan. 27th, Mrs. Bennett attended an organizational meeting for the Sun Mart High School Challenge that was held at the Sun Mart on Mt. Vernon Rd. The meeting was held to discuss the rules and the information available so far this year. Marion's Sun Mart Quiz Bowl Team will first compete with LaSalle to advance to the next level of the Sun Mart High School Challenge. KCRG TV9 will broadcast the competition between LaSalle and Marion at noon on Sat., May 1st. The Sun Mart High School Challenge consists of public and private high schools from throughout our Metro area and is held in conjunction with Sun Mart and KCRG TV9.

## NEVER TOO LATE FOR S.T.A.R.T

by Amy Kraus & John Maske

On January 7, Planned Parenthood held a conference that was attended by high school newspaper students, mostly editors, in the Metro area. Speakers included Ms. Fran Hansen, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood, Ms. Daun Hooley, Nurse Practitioner and Planned Parenthood Clinic Director, Ms. Ann Taylor, Sexuality Educator of GWAEA, and Ms. Monica Lyons, START (Sex Talk Among Responsible Teens) Coordinator/Facilitator. Two teens that spoke about the START program were recent graduates Sayde Brooker, a C.R. Washington junior, and Brian Engel a Linn-Mar junior. Topics discussed ranged from statistics on teen sexuality in the area and teen pregnancy, to the different services provided by Planned Parenthood, but mostly they talked about the START program.

This program was started in 1989 by Planned Parenthood. The basic goal of the program is to inform teens about sexuality and let them become more comfortable with it, to promote self-growth and help them understand the influence of their peers, and let them become more familiar with Planned Parenthood and its services and procedures. All meetings are informal and usually last somewhere around 90 minutes. Along with group discussions, guest speakers and films are an integral part of the curriculum. The program lasts for 10 weeks, and can be very beneficial to teens. If you would like more information about the START program, contact John Maske or Amy Kraus, or call Planned Parenthood at 363-8572.

### STUDENT SENATE

Student Senate met February 3rd, 7th hour, in room 304. The main topic discussed was the lock-in and dance. They are still working out some of the details. They also discussed Teacher Appreciation Week, which will be March 15th-19th. There will be a pancake breakfast on Wednesday, March 17th at 7a.m. the next meeting will be March 3rd, 2nd hour in room 10.

### FBLA

Garbage bag sales are coming to an end. They have sold 250 boxes to Camanche High School and have 89 boxes left to sell, which will be sold for \$7-\$10 a piece. Presently, they are doing a fund-raiser selling suckers for fifty cents. The FBLA State Leadership Conference will be April 2nd and 3rd at the Five Seasons Center. Trampus Nevius is running for State President. They are also planning to have a basketball game with the court jesters in March.

## Keeping In Touch

by Kathie York

Unlike other graduates, foreign exchange students go much farther away than Iowa State or Kirkwood. If you have been wondering what Evelyne, Tomas, Zlatan, and Emilia have been up to. Well, here you go!

Evelyne got home alright and is now attending a secretarial school, which she is doing very well in. Her host family, which is very political, said that Evelyne called the day of the Presidential Inauguration, and said she watched it with interest, and then called to discuss it.

Zlatin is attending Mt. Mercy College, majoring in Business and Marketing, but will probably change it soon. He says he likes Mt. Mercy, is passing all of his classes, and is even playing soccer for them. He still keeps in touch with his host family and his Marion friends.

Emilia had a rough first two months. From the second she got back to Spain, she spent three weeks taking college entrance exams. When she finally got back to Cadiz, she spent a month in the hospital for foot surgery. She is now studying Pre-law at the University of Madrid, and, believe it or not, still with Pablo.

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# Features

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

DURING OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER -

WHERE WAS MR. TWACHTMANN?

by Kelly Austad

Did you know that when Mr. Twachtmann was 17 years old he was serving in the U.S. Marine Corp.? It was during this time that Mr. Twachtmann injured his knee when he jumped off an aircraft landing. That injury has plagued him throughout his life, at least until a few months ago. He went to a doctor and was diagnosed as having Miniscus arthritis and a torn ligament. The Miniscus bone can be healed by tearing the Miniscus near the cartilage and it will heal if held in place. To correct the problem with his knee Mr. Twachtmann had arthroscopic surgery and ligament repair. He amazingly was in and out of the Hospital in 7 hours.

After surgery he was instructed to wear a knee brace until the knee was completely healed. Now he has no knee brace and says his knee is almost 100% better.

## FreeTime

By Dawn Ginther

### WHAT THEY DO AFTER SCHOOL...

**Mr. Immerfall:** I have wrestling practice, then I go home and spend time with my family, relax, and sometimes I go running.

**Mrs. Madsen:** I go to my son's soccer games, and go to his band concerts. And on my free time I read magazines, and do counted cross stitch.

**Mr. Vaske:** I go home, relax, read books, eat popcorn, watch T.V. and correct papers.

**Mr. Dewees:** I get my daughter off of the bus.

**Mrs. Marlin:** I walk 3 or 4 times a week or I use the treadmill.

**Mr. Heald:** At 5:00 p.m. I watch Cheers!

**Coach Meis:** Coach wrestling practice, shoot darts, and just plain relaxing.

**Brad Henderson:** I go to wrestling practice, and I like to eat.

**Mike Kalkwarf:** I go to wrestling practice and I like to eat.

**Charity Henderson:** I like to talk on the phone and go places with my friends.

**Heather Bauer:** I go home, talk on the phone, eat and do my homework.

**Maria Clark:** Finish my homework, listen to music in my room.

**Caroline Davin:** talk on the phone and eat.

**Jennifer Kinhead:** Play with my son.

**Erin Casey:** Do my homework and eat.

**Adam Coats:** Go home, see what is in the mail, talk on the phone, and go to work.

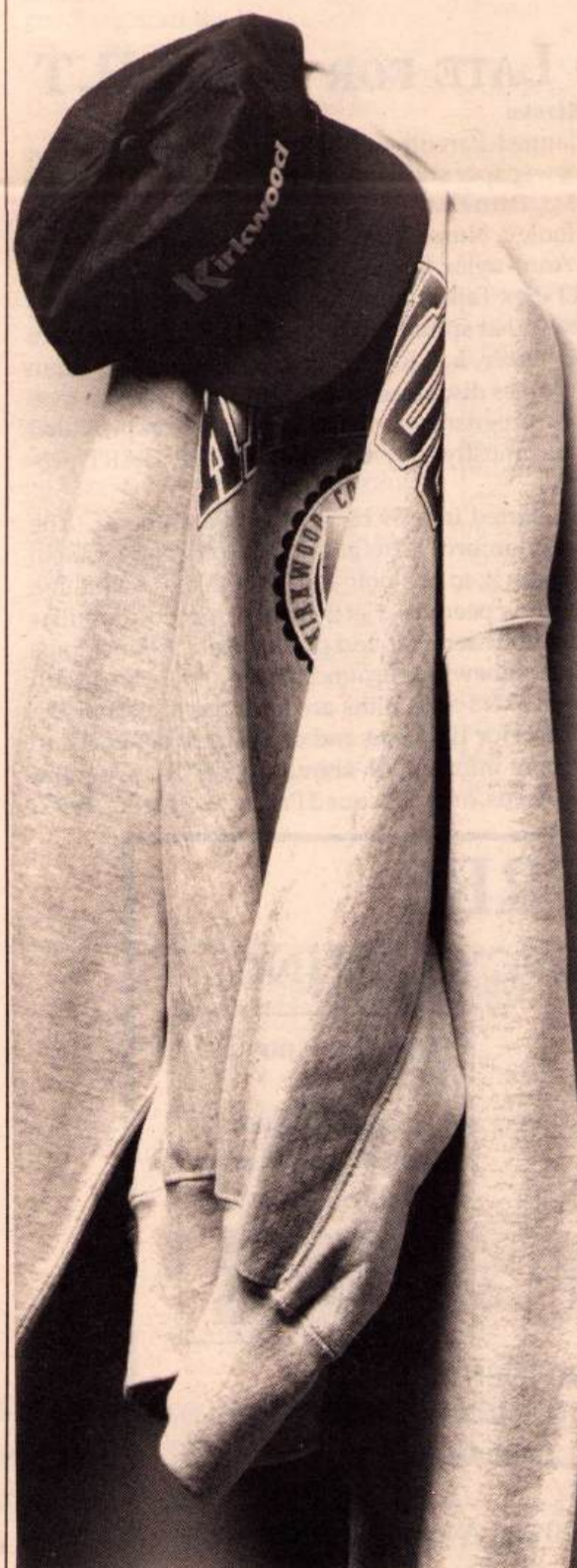
**BJ Rudish:** I go to wrestling practice.

**Tim Enneking:** I go to work.

**Jami Zdankus:** Go to work and watch Tiny Toons.

**Chad Merritt:** I usually go home and stretch out, and practice Martial Arts either free hand or on a bag.

**Ben King:** I like to go hunting.



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## AROUND MHS:

### Winter Spirit

#### SPECIAL DAYS HELP THAW WINTER BLAHS

by Carrie Holstad

The beginning of the school year is behind us now, as is Homecoming and all the activities that go along with it. Next comes WPA, with all of its glory. This seems to be the guys' favorite dance of the year. Basically it's not too hard to figure out. The fact is, the guy gets a free date for once. Oh well girls, we have to compromise sometimes, right? The Spirit week for this '93 school year was full of exciting activities. During Beach Day on Monday, the hallways looked like it could've been about 90 degrees outside. Everyone was running around in shorts and beach attire. Next was Pajama day on Tuesday. Wednesday was Western day, it seemed Marion was suddenly transformed into Hicksville. On Thursday, Super-hero day did not prove to be a huge success, however, Sarah Jackson

(Rhoda Morgenstern) and Alison Moe (Wordy Woman) got especially caught up in the spirit of it all along with a few others. Friday, of course the always popular Red/Gold day, our school colors were everywhere you looked. Finally came the end of Friday, and the pep assembly festivities. The Pom pon squad performed their new routine, which went over wonderfully. The winners of each day from the week were announced. The winners were: JBeach Day-Shelly Canady, Pajama Day-Megan Bates, Western Day-Shawn Little, Super-hero Day-Jennifer Mumm, and last no winner for Red/Gold Day. The highlight of the assembly was definitely the pie eating contest. The winner of that was finally decided to be Tony Sitterly. Finally we all were on our way out of the gym, buzzing about the next day, the WPA dance, who's going where to eat, who's wearing what and what they were doing afterwards.



Jennifer Mumm and Alison Moe Showed their special winter spirit during Super-Hero Day. Jennifer was SuperGirl and Alison was her own Super Heroine, Word Woman.

### 8th Graders Plan Production

#### SECOND ANNUAL MUSICAL WITH 7TH GRADE

By Dawn Ginther

The Twelve Dancing Princesses is being played by 7th and 8th graders. There are a total of 46 people involved and 41 roles in the play.

Eighth graders in the play are: Cowherders: Jake Bahnsen, John Wennekamp, Mike Wortman, David Walker, Sam Chapman, and Matt Balk. Prince Youngblood is played by Danny Johnson. The 1st page is Mattie Renfer, 2nd page is Kendra Hatcher. The king is Chad Zrudsky. Lady Sniffles is Kate Parks.

The Attendants are: Harmony Henderson, Angela Logsdon, Eryn Peterson, and Sarah Westergren. The Princesses are: Megan Whitcher, Dana Hines, Keri Hansen, Alison Kraus, Angela Henry and Anna Lensch. Cherry Laurel is played by Rebecca Hockey and Rose Laurel is played by Erin Bullock. Bells are played by Brooke Bruce. Hope Diamond is played by Katy Boyer. The Princes are John

Wennekamp, Richard Chapman, Jake Bahnsen, Mike Wortman and David Walker. The lead parts of the play are: Michael (Matt Balk), Linda (Anna Lensch), King (Chad Zrudsky), Youngblood (Danny Johnson), Hope Diamond (Katy Boyer), and Lady Sniffles (Kate Parks).

The story of the play concerns a king with twelve unmarried daughters. Every night he locks them in their room and every morning when he unlocks the door, the princesses are there and have worn out their shoes. He has said that any prince who can discover where the princesses go every night can marry whichever one he wishes. However, until the beginning of the play, ten princes have disappeared from guarding the door.

The play is being directed by Miss Carstens and Ms. Boyer with help from Mr. Heim and will be presented April 5th at 7:00 PM in the auditorium.

### Competitive Speech: SPEAKING WELL FOR MHS

by Travis Clarke

Speech Contest has gotten well under way for the 1993 season. There are many different things involved in this challenging activity. For a group to go to state they must receive a one at districts. Everyone works very hard and puts in a lot of effort.

The one act play "This is a Test", which is just a shorter regular play, did extremely well this year. The group received a rating of one, which is the best, at WaMac (Marion), Districts (Monticello) and four ratings of one at State (Pella). To get to All-State the hard working group needed to earn all ones and get recommended to attend. Although they didn't perform at All-State, they did receive Honorable Mention and All-State Medals.

There were also two groups of improvisational acting. Improv, which it is called, is when a group of 1-5 people draw two lines and a

situation. They then have to make up a scene and perform for five minutes.

One of the groups performed at WaMac and received a rating of two. At districts both groups went and the group that performed at WaMac received a one and the newcomers got a two. At State the group that moved on received four two's.

The other group involved in group speech contest was Ensemble Acting. This is when you take part of a play and act it out. At WaMac this group, made up of Amy Kraus and John Maske, did a cutting from The Dining Room and received a one and at districts they got a two.

There are many more activities involved in Speech Contest including individual contest, besides the ones that are going on this year. The contests are fun but take a lot of work and are a very important part of MHS.

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# Features

## Varsity Seasons

### BOYS CONCLUDE UP & DOWN SEASON

by Mike Tope & Scott Benest

On January 5, the Independence Mustangs left town just as fast as they arrived as the Indians smashed them 60-40. Scott Benest led the assault by pumping in 21 points and muscling down 17 rebounds as did Mike Tope who chipped in with 16 points of his own.

Next up for the Indians were the LaSalle Lancers. Marion played well but couldn't come through in the clutch as the Lancers won the contest 62-59. Leading the Indians once again were Scott Benest and Mike Tope with 29 and 11 respectively. Mike Tope was 3 for 3 on 3-pointers for the evening.

Marion then traveled to Benton. The Indians started out rather sluggish the opening half and found themselves down by a whopping margin of 33-19 at halftime, but thanks to a wake up call by the coaching staff the Indian ball players came out on fire to open the second half. Marion out scored Benton 35-15 in the second half to escape with a 54-48 victory. Scott Benest scored 22 points and joining him in the scoring ranks was "Long John" Henry Martinson who lived up to his name "Long John" by nailing 5 3-point bombs to end up with 15 points.

When the Indians took the court against Waterloo Columbus they hadn't forgotten what took place the first time these two teams met because the Indians got kicked all over court and lost by 20+ points, so they meant business. The game was close throughout with the Indians edging out Columbus 71-69. On the night, senior Scott Benest put up a new career high with 45 points. "Long John" also had a good game making 3 3-pointers and finishing up with 16 points.

Marion brought its show back home and entertained West Delaware.

W.D. proved to be the better team on this night getting a lay-up with ten seconds left to make the score 57-56. Benest led the way with 23 points. Mike Tope had 9, Jeff Kinney and "Long John" each chipped in with 8.

Marion was at home for the second game in a row. The latest victims for the Indians were the Panthers from Monticello. By half-time the Indians had dominated the game and in doing so they basically put the game out of reach. Benest scored 24 but his performance was over shadowed by the super sophomore Jeff Kinney who had career highs of 16 points and 10 rebounds. "Long John" turned in another stellar performance nailing 3 treys, and the final score was 64-44.

Up next for Marion was LaSalle. Unfortunately the Indians ended up losing 84-82 in 2 OT's. Down by the score of 28-17 at half-time, the Indians rallied behind the play of Nick Northway and got themselves right back into the ballgame. Though the Indians didn't come away with the win they played an exceptional game. Benest scored 31 points and cleaned off 17 boards, but he wasn't the only one to score on this night. Henry Martinson scored 22 of his 25 in the second half. Jeff Kinney and Mike Tope combined for 22 points and 7 rebounds.

The Indians returned home for a battle against Benton. Marion started off slow once again only to pull ahead for good in the final minutes of the contest to earn a 65-61 victory. Thad Rahn nailed two free throws down the stretch to help the mighty Indians seal up the victory.

Against Vinton, Marion had control of the game from the tip-off and cruised to a 59-51 victory. Only three Indians - Benest, Tope, Martinson - scored on this night. Marion then traveled to Independence for an exiting overtime win

## End For Hoops

### GIRLS BEAT PRAIRIE IN TOURNNEY

by Carrie Ciha

After Christmas break the girls Varsity Basketball team resumed playing basketball games on the 5th of January. They played Independence and lost 41-53. Stacy Winistorfer led the team with 16 points and 13 rebounds. Their next game was the 8th of January when they played LaSalle. Jen Janssen led the team with 17 points and Stacy Winistorfer led with 14 rebounds. Even though the girls put up a good fight they lost 45-52. Against Waterloo Columbus Stacy Winistorfer led the team with 16 points and 10 rebounds. The team lost 31-42. Jen Janssen led the team against West Delaware, scoring 15 points and Stacy Winistorfer led the team with 6 rebounds. They lost 42-60. Al-

Down by 5 points with under a minute left in regulation the Indians tied the game up with a three pointer by Tope and a two pointer with seconds left by Benest. Using their momentum at the end of regulation Marion blew out the Mustangs in OT to win 81-69.

Marion hosted Washington, Ia., on parents' night. Washington was rated number 5 in state and had a 16 game winning streak going into the game. Marion was not about to be intimidated as they were in the game up to the final two minutes to play when Washinton sank their free-throws and went on to win 62-53. Leading the Indian charge was Scott Benest with 21, Jeff Kinney 12, Henry Martinson 10, and Mike Tope rounded out the scoring with 7 points.

though Stacy Winistorfer scored 12 points and got 8 rebounds. Their next game was with Anamosa. They lost 35-62. Jen Janssen led in scoring with 12 points and Stacy Winistorfer helped the team with 8 rebounds. Marion lost to Benton Community 39-49 and to South Tama 51-67. Stacy Winistorfer led the team against Regis with 13 points and 6 rebounds while Jen Janssen and Staci Jirouch had 20 points between them. Marion lost 44-64. In February, Marion lost to LaSalle, Independence, and Benton Comm. Although the girls lost 48-49 in overtime Nicole Chamberlain commented "This was the best and closest game we've played this season." Jen Janssen scored 18 points, Andrea Wilson had 15 points and Stacy Winistorfer had 7 points and 17 rebounds. On the 12th of February Marion played Vinton. Even though Marion lost 53-32, Stacy Winistorfer had 11 points and 14 rebounds. When tournaments started, Marion beat Prairie 58-55. Stacy Winistorfer and Jen Janssen had 13 points a piece and Kim Hammill and Andrea Wilson helped with 8 points a piece. Stacy Winistorfer also led the team with 11 rebounds. Their last game of the year was against top-ten ranked Cedar Rapids Washington. Marion lost 51-71. Jen Janssen led the Indians with 14 points. Stacy Winistorfer, Kim Hammill and Staci Jirouch added 6 points a piece. Stacy Winistorfer also had 7 rebounds.

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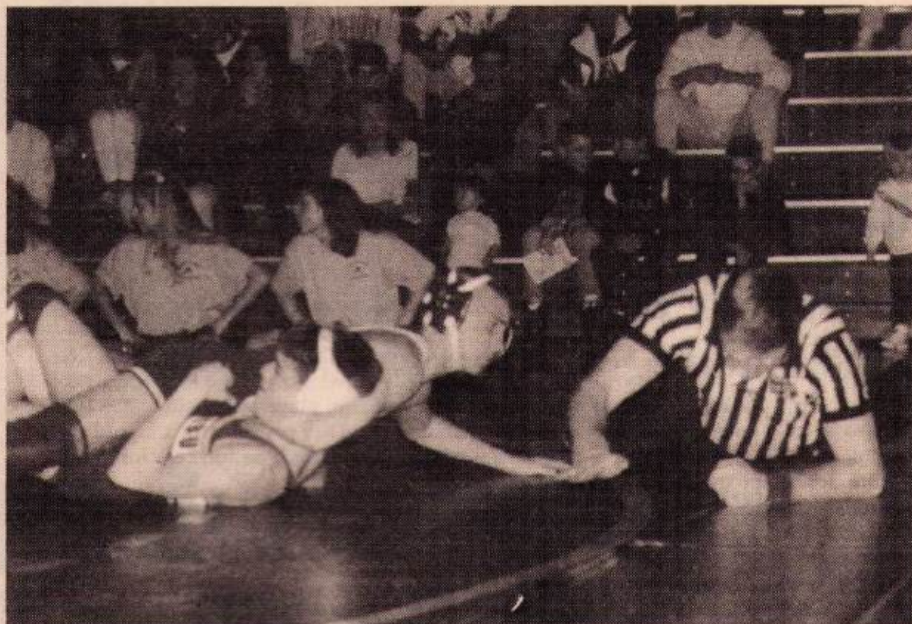
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## Wrestling Ends

by Chad Borst

Marion Wrestling has had it's ups and downs this season. Starting with the Bobcat Invitational where the Indians placed 8th out of 12 teams. Highlights of the Invitational were Ben Balvanz who placed 1st, Chris Krull 2nd, Brad Henderson 2nd, and Nate Werneburg 3rd. Then at a dual meet against C.R. Washington the Indians lost 22 - 41. Then the Indians hosted the Indian Invitational where as a team they placed 6th. We had 7 place winners they are: Brad Henderson 1st, Ben Balvanz 2nd, Brad Beachel 2nd, Brian Noltensmeier 3rd, Chris Krull 3rd, Nate Werneburg 3rd, and Bryan Balvanz 4th. Then at a triangular Marion lost both duals against West Delaware and South Tama. By scores of 27 - 45 and 26 - 37. Then at home Marion had a close dual with Regis but due to lack of wrestlers Marion lost 29 - 36. Four more duals turned out 2 - 2. Marion one the first dual against Washington, IA 36 - 33. Then took a loss to Anamosa 31 - 33. and again loss to Wilton 24 - 38. Then went on to win the last one against Mt. Vernon 48 - 27. Next Marion gained two more WAMAC champs Ben Balvanz and Brad

Henderson. who won at 119 and 152. Other place winners were Chris Krull 3rd, Nate Werneburg 3rd, Bryan Balvanz 4th, and Brad Beachel 5th. Then it was the road to state which 3 wrestlers succeeded on, they are Ben Balvanz, Bryan Balvanz, and Nate Werneburg. First was Sectionals held at Anamosa where Marion had 4 champs who were Ben and Bryan Balvanz, Brad Henderson, and Nate Werneburg. Also advancing to Districts was Chris Krull who got 2nd place. Then in Durant where Districts were held once again brothers Ben and Bryan were champs and qualified for state. Also qualifying was Nate Werneburg who got 2nd place. Brad Henderson and Chris Krull placed 3rd. At State Bryan Balvanz and Nate Werneburg both got beat out in the first round and also lost their first consolation matches. Ben Balvanz lost his first match and then and won his second and third matches. He got eliminated in his fourth match. About the State experience Bryan Balvanz said, "I thought going to state was a good experience for me and I think it'll help for my season next year."



Against Waterloo Columbus. the referee signals that Marion's 119-pounder, Ben Balvanz, pinned his man.

## LEARNING SEASON FOR SOPHS

by Mike Tope & Jon Stickney

The Marion Sophomore Boys Basketball team ended the season with a 9-11 record, 9-5 and tying for second in the conference.

Highlights included come-from-behind victories against LaSalle and West Delaware. Leading the team were Ben Meader, Kane LaKose, Brad Holub and Mitch Long. Kane LaKose had games against West Delaware and Independence in which he scored 31 and 27 points respectively. He also netted 6 - 3 pointers at West Delaware and averaged 8 rebounds a game. Meader had 37 points at Independence. He averaged 23 points and 5 rebounds a game. Blake Crane made his presence known inside

and steadily improved through the season. Ryan Miller didn't play until the second half of the season but showed his outside shooting ability. John Heald was a factor on defense, harassing opposing point guards. Other important contributors were Ryan Hargraves and Dean Druecker.

The Marion team felt they had a good season but feel there is still room for improvement. They felt if they had played a little harder in a few more games, the season would have been even more successful. "Although the season didn't go as well as we had expected, we had a lot of fun playing together for Coach Efting," said Ryan Hargraves.

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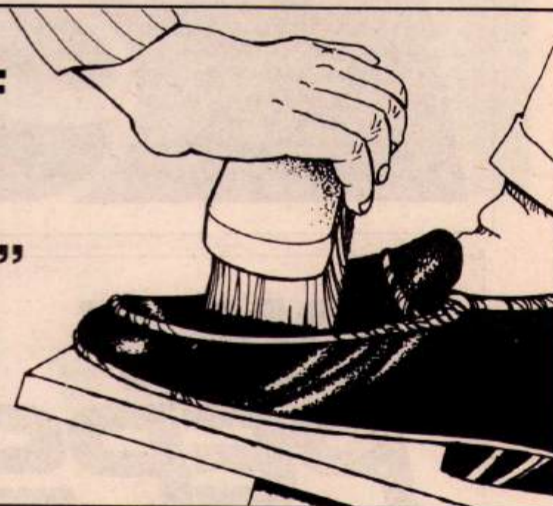
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## FRESHMAN BOYS

### BASKETBALL

Coach Lewis noted improvement through the basketball season. There were a lot of fights and talking back after the Anamosa game. It was apparent that the team would need attitude adjustments. A tough schedule with the metro teams and both Iowa City teams slowed down the team. Plus, everyone played in either A or B games, so the players could count on being tired. There were also problems with playing in smaller gyms. Our freshmen have beaten Linn-Mar, Regis, and Kennedy, but the most celebrated victory came when Marion beat Linn-Mar 48 to 43. Their overall record was three and fifteen. Josh Claypool was the A team's leading scorer.

## SOPHOMORE GIRLS

### BASKETBALL

This season their record is four and twelve and for the conference, four and eight. They've improved individually and have learned to play as a team. The coach hopes to improve the shooting percentage,

passing game, and self-confidence. The team has improved overall at least one-hundred percent since the beginning of the year. The girls play tired most of the time because of the number of players being less than they should be. They played with a lot of heart and pride-the coach couldn't ask for more.

## FRESHMEN GIRLS

### BASKETBALL

The girls' record this year was zero wins and nine losses. The team improved as a whole with their free throw shooting and they've improved hustling on defense and better shot selection. A good example of the team's potential was their game against cross-town rival Linn-Mar. The team really hustled and ran their offense well, despite having to face an always rested Linn-Mar team due to the large turn out for girls basketball.

## 8TH GIRLS

### BASKETBALL

This year the 8th grade girls bas-

ketball team had two teams. There were a total of 14 girls out. The coaches this year were Lois Blankenship and Tami Begley. The girls had a losing season on both the A team and B team. Coach Blankenship said "We finished out 8-game season without a win, but feel proud of the improvement made from the beginning to the end of our season." She also said that the their improvement showed up in the statistics as comparisons were made between the first and last half of the season. Into half their season the girls played a more aggressive style of play and that resulted in more steals and more offensive points scored in their games. They also rebounded more and permitted fewer defensive points to be scored against them.

As the season progressed, invaluable playing experience produced better players who learned the meaning of "teamwork." Coach Blankenship and Coach Begley had this to say about the girls, "Improved statistics along with improved teamwork in the game contribute to a general feeling of success by the players and coaches alike just like a job well-done."

Here are the leaders in each category- in Scoring on the A team were Tiffani Bowden with 29 points, Tonia Tasker with 22 points, and Mattie Renfer with 20 points. On the B team they were Harmony Henderson with 24 points, Molly Grimm with 15, and

Nicole VanderSanden with 14 points. The leading rebounders were of the A team Jill Hildebrand with 46, Mattie Renfer with 44, and Tonia Tasker with 37. On the B team they were Molly Grimm with 19, Harmony Henderson with 16, Angie Logsdon with 15, and Christie White with 15. The leaders in steals were Jessica Loge with 23, Jill Hildebrand 22 and Mattie Renfer with 19 on the A team. On the B team Harmony Henderson 11, Molly Grimm 9, and Nicole VanderSanden also with 9.

## 8TH BOYS

### BASKETBALL

Coached by Mr. Schneekloth and Mr. Brandt, the 8th Garde Boys Basketball Team had some real highs and lows to their season. Although the A Team won only one game, against Anamosa in the VMS gym, the B team also won a game against Anamosa in their opener. The C team also showed real improvement with the play of Cory Rubel and Braden Griffith and won against Anamosa, Monticello, and West Delaware. Over 30 boys participated this year.



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