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Renee Conway and Mark McCormick were crowned 1993 Homecoming Queen and King during halftime of the game.



Before the Friday pep assembly, the cheerleaders and pep band ran through the halls and collected fans.

European Adventures

by Sarah Jackson

This past summer students who are taking French left the U.S. on a trip they would never forget.

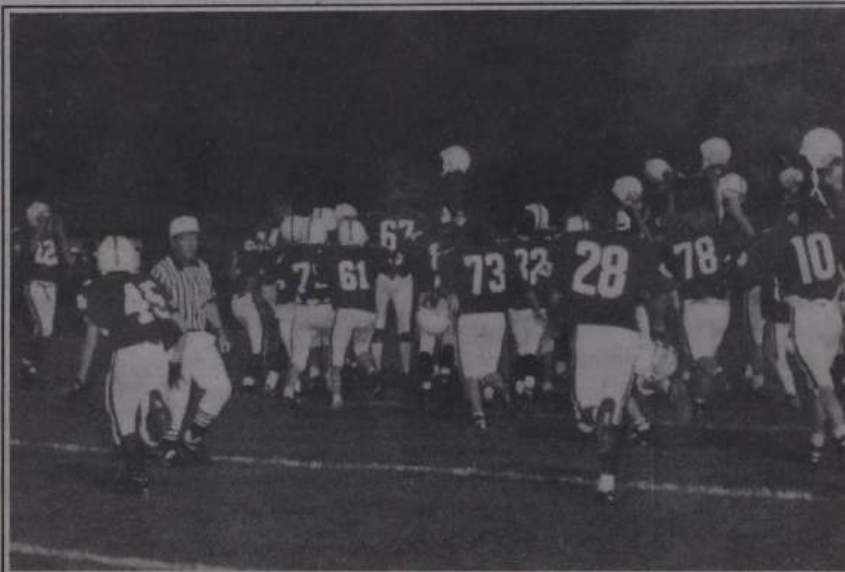
On the morning of June 8, 1993, they all piled into a caravan of cars to Chicago, where they would board Swiss Air and fly across the ocean to Geneva, Switzerland. They would leave Geneva the next day for Nice, France. They reached Nice with plenty of time to take a dip in the Mediterranean, relax and soak up the atmosphere, or hang with the natives. The group spent three days in Nice and visited a perfume factory that has created such perfumes and colognes as Drakker, Obsession, Polo, and Poison. They also went to Monaco and the French Riviera where they had a full day of shopping and sight-seeing.

From Nice they took a char-

ter bus through many small towns and cities along the coast of the Mediterranean sea. At the end of the day they boarded a night train bound for Paris.

They arrived in Paris on a miserably rainy day, but that didn't stop them. Once they were off the train they got on a bus that took them directly to Notre Dame, after they drove to all the major sight such as Arc de Triumph, and the Louvre. That evening they went to the top of the Eiffel Tower in spite of the rain. They rode home on the Metro and only lost three students (successfully found) on the way. They spent three days in Paris trying to see as much as possible, although they couldn't see it all. They did visit the Hard Rock Cafe, Pompidou Centre, and saw the Mona Lisa.

Homecoming '93



Fresh/soph football players celebrated after their 28-20 Homecoming victory.

by Kelly Austad & Sarah Jackson

Although it seems like school has just started, Homecoming Week has already come and gone. The traditional days of the week were held with a new addition being Grunge Day. Thursday's burning of the "M" had to be cancelled because of the wind, but the pep assembly was held at the football field. The juniors won the float contest with the freshmen second.

As usual the pep assembly started out with many fun games and skits. The two games were tug-o-war which involved the senior football players against the cheerleaders and pom-poms. Following the tug-o-war was the banana game. Students taking part in this event were a couple cross country runners, a couple volleyball players, and a person from pom-pom and cheerleaders. The banana-eating contest was won by cross country runner Bryan Balvanz.

To get the crowd pumped up and excited for the game the pom-pom and cheerleaders led the crowd in some crowd involvement cheers including a routine performed by the pom-pom. Other activities that took place were a SADD skit and a senior skit. The voting of Mr. Marion was also held at the pep assembly. This year's winner was senior Cliff Mather.

Friday night's game may not have ended the way MHS students would have liked, but there was the excitement of the crowning of the king and queen. Homecoming royalty crowned this year were seniors Mark McCormick and Renee Conway.

MUSICAL PREPARATIONS BEGIN

by Kelly Gongwer

Monday, September 13, students trying out for The Wizard of Oz were finally able to see what parts were in store for them!

Although having many talented people leave with the senior class last year, there was still definitely a good mix of experienced and fresh actors waiting to provide a successful musical for their audience.

As we all know, Little Shop of Horrors was very successful, so would this musical be just as exciting? "If the cast can pull together and make a strong effort, it will be just as good," says Travis Clarke.

Many students were taking a part in this particular play, but only nine people could be chosen to play the major roles. Kelly

Westergaard was given the role of Dorothy. The scarecrow will be played by Travis Clarke. Bryan Balvanz will play the role of the tinman and the lion is going to be acted out by John Cormier. Jill Wilson got the part of the good witch, and Lindsey McNeeley will finally show her evil side by getting the part of the Wicked Witch of the West. Nicole Rollie was chosen to be Auntie Em and Uncle Henry would be played by Josh Sova. Last, but not least Corey Brown would show his expertise on portraying a wizard! Rounding out the cast is a chorus of 26 Munchkins and over 30 citizens of Emerald City. The Wizard of Oz will be presented the week-end of November 5-6 at 7:30 pm.

Viewers' Choice

Dear Ms. Boyer,

I am writing in response to a call from one of your students about one of the programs on the ABC Network this Fall, NYPD Blue.

NYPD Blue has attracted a lot of attention because the producer, Steven Bochco stated prior to the show's release that this would be the first "R" rated primetime network television program. Understandably, this had a lot of people concerned including the General Managers at ABC Affiliates across the country. When the pilot program was screened for them this summer, many expressed deep concerns that this didn't meet their community's standards. They called for the producer to "tone down" the program. This has been done, by the way. Now, let me give a few thoughts about this program itself.

I watched the pilot program and had major concerns about some semi-nudity and strong language contained within. There is very little of the reported violence in this program. It just doesn't exist. There is one shooting but the violence is not glorified nor gory. The time spent on this scene is extremely small. You can get a lot more violence just about anywhere else on television or in the video arcade these days. So violence is a non-issue AT LEAST as contained in any of the first three episodes.

The nudity issue was another matter. In the pilot, there is a love scene where a naked butt is shown as well as the side of a woman's naked breast. I felt this aspect of the show was unnecessary and gratuitous and I objected strongly to it. That is the portion of the pilot that was cut out of the

show that will eventually air on Tuesday, September 21 at 9:00pm. I should say that the semi-nudity was reduced to some very brief shots, but they are still there. I have seen no other examples of nudity in either of the next two episodes.

There is some very strong language in the first program that will be unlike anything you've heard to date on Network TV. There is non "taking of the Lord's name" but there are four or five incidents of strong language that I believe are in the first program for shock value. Again, in subsequent episodes, the language problems seem mysteriously vacant. The uses of this language were not enough for us to pull the program entirely.

This is a tough issue for us and any television station. How do you determine what the "community standards" are and how do you enforce them without censoring the material.

I believe that the CHOICE to watch this, and any other program, should and must be made in your own home. I will not abdicate the decisions about programming to third parties with their own agendas. I do not want these third parties to decide for me what I can and can't watch. Similar situations of attempted censorship appear with regularity in Iowa Schools. Books get banned from libraries because certain groups try to place their values and moral judgments upon us all. Of course, there must be some lines drawn. We will not clear anything and everything hiding behind First Amendment rights. But NYPD BLUE is not the program to define

THUMBS UP / THUMBS DOWN

Thumbs up to Volleyball players cheering at football games.

Thumbs up to Varsity football cheerleaders.

Thumbs up to crowd cheering at home J.V. Volleyball games.

Thumbs down to crowd not cheering at home Varsity Volleyball games.

those lines.

This show has been hyped by the producer to create controversy in an effort to draw attention to it. Free promotion plain and simple. Bochco has done this before, effectively. HILL STREET BLUES and COP ROCK were highly controversial in anticipation of their debuts. The groups that are trying to prevent this program from airing have played directly into Bochco's hand. The show will have tremendous first night numbers because of their attempts. Whether the show will continue is a matter of choice. The choice viewers make while turning the dial on their television sets.

One last note: The program is excellently produced, shot, and conceptualized. It probably doesn't deserve the attention it is getting, but I would suggest watching more than one episode to make our own choices.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my views and concerns and I do have concerns, but let me stress this one more time. You should make the decision whether you watch this program or not. The decision should not be made by me or by any other group or individual for you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
John J. Ganahl
Programming and
Production Manager
KCRG TV-9

Thumbs up to the new Sophomore Volleyball coaches.

Thumbs down to Dostal not having a baby yet.

Thumbs down to the high-priced juice machine.

Thumbs down to people not standing during Onward.

Thumbs up to people cheering at football games regardless of the score.

Thumbs down to the break-ins at the concession stands.

Thumbs down to no days off.

Thumbs up to the football players for hanging in there.

Thumbs up to the academic awards assembly

Thumbs down to people not coming down to get their awards.

Thumbs up to the sophomore football team beating Pella.

Thumbs down to no one supporting Cross Country.

Thumbs up to the Brent Conway and Travis Fuller benefit dance.

Thumbs up to the Homecoming candidates.

Thumbs down to people who make fun of other people that are different.

Thumbs up to the Alice in Chains concert.

Thumbs up to Kirkwood Drama workshops.

Thumbs up to Notre Dame beating Michigan.

Thumbs down to people who still think they can put down specific people in this column.

DEEP THOUGHTS

Some people are able to eat Cheetos without getting crumbs all over themselves. However, very few people can eat Cheetos without getting at least some yellow on their fingers. This can be compared to life. Figure it out.

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Shandell Bach
Lisa Johnson
Amy Kraus
Trampas Nevius

11TH GRADE

Dean Druecker
Alisha Fishwild
Nicole Francis
Beth Hatch
John Heald
Rich Kerslake
Teresa Mitchell
Duane Ockenfels
Sally Thurman
Chuck Zaruba

10TH GRADE

Bill Gregory
Jay Hoffman
Dean Ratzlaff
Katie Reynolds
Tracy Thomas

9TH GRADE

Jake Bahnsen
Katy Boyer
Keri Hansen
Dan Johnson
Alison Kraus
Ryan Lantz
Anna Lensch
Jason Osborn
Katie Parks
Eryn Peterson
Chad Zrudsky

RED CARDS

12TH GRADE

Scott Barcz
Kristi Bassett
Amy Boland
Natalie Detling
Shawn Dougherty
Kevin Gilds
Jennifer Hartmann
Carson Hilliker
Sarah Hughes
Stephanie Lubbock
John Maske
Mark McCormick
Nicole Osborn
Sara Peterson
Thad Rahn
Jenny Raymond
Sheila Schmidt
Tracie Schmitt
Chad Seagren
Tybee Sever
Tony Spinks
Joy Sueppel
Chad Warden
Jennifer Wennekamp
John Young

11TH GRADE

Kelly Austad
Carrie Ciha
Blake Crane
Kelly Gongwer
Kim Hammill
Mitch Long
Andrea Nelson
James Parks
Dan Reid
Sarah Robertson
Ryan Rogness
Michelle Rude
Chris Stewart

Katie Straub
Nicole Swierk
Meghan Turner
Fred Wilcox
Jennifer Winberg

10TH GRADE

Amy Bassett
Brandon Bausch
Vickie Bennett
Amy Bulman
Scarlett Canady
Josh Claypool
Marie Cross
Brenda Freese
Jason Hatch
Corey Hite
Jeremy Johnson
Josh Johnson
Christy Jones
Jennifer Long
Jessica Macal
Erin McCleary
Christine McGlaughlin
Jonah Nemec
Kim Ozburn
Carrie Peiffer
P. J. Schultz
Jeremy Steepleton
Jennifer Warner
Maryann Zamora

9TH GRADE

Michelle Casey
Jeremy Koeppen
Angela Logsdon
Jessica Pipho
Aaron Rogers
Cory Rubel
Kevin Schultz
Stacy Tschantz

ACADEMIC LETTER

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INCREASED GRADE POINT .5 FROM END 92-END 93

11TH GRADE

Alisha Fishwild
Jeri McGrane
Jim Schwiebert

12TH GRADE

Leslie Benegas
Kevin Gilds
Chris Healy
Carson Hilliker
Jon Young

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

9TH GRADE

Braden Griffith
John Wennekamp
Blake Wilson

10TH GRADE

Jon Bruce
Erin McCleary
Jonah Nemec
Royce Sanks

11TH GRADE

Alisha Fishwild
Duane Ockenfels
Meghan Turner

12TH GRADE

Shannon McCleary
Tybee Sever

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Natalie Detling
Nicole Chamberlain
Joy Sueppel
Monica Ash
Alisha Fishwild
Melissa Gehring
Kim Hammill
Jennifer Hartl
Beth Hatch
Suzi Hoffman
Jennel Lien
Kelley McNamara
Michelle Rude
Katie Straub
Meghan Turner
Andrea Wilson
Jennifer Winberg
Amy Bassett
Amy Braden
Amy Bulman
Scarlett Canady
Megan Dorgan
Elizabeth Fraley
Sheli Huffman
Jennifer Long
Jessica Macal
Erin McCleary
Kim Ozburn
Carrie Peiffer
Katie Reynolds
Leah Schneider
Katie Wennekamp
Julie Erkel
Shannon McCleary
Nancy Chiafos
GIRLS TENNIS
Jane Campbell

Nicole Chamberlain
Sarah Hughes
Lisa Johnson
Jenny Raymond
Joy Sueppel
Kim Hammill
Vickie Bennett
Amy Bulman
Erin Casey
Erin McCleary
Carrie Peiffer
Katie Reynolds
Leah Schneider

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Bryan Balvanz
Ben Meader
Kevin Bockenstedt
Andy Toomer

FALL CHEERLEADING

Shandell Bach
Renee Conway
Lindsey McNeeley
Nicole Osborn
Dawn Schoeberl
Jill Wilson

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Nicole Chamberlain
Natalie Detling
Jenny Weaver
Kim Hammill
Beth Hatch
Jennifer Hartl
Meghan Turner
Andrea Wilson
Amy Bassett
Amy Bulman
Scarlett Canady
Jennifer Long
Christine McGlaughlin
Kim Ozburn
Carrie Peiffer
Shannon McCleary

WINTER CHEERLEADING

Kristi Bassett
Holly Beck
Dustin Johnson
Steve Zaruba
Lisa Johnson
Lindsey McNeeley
Jenny Raymond
Joy Sueppel
Tia Tallman
Sarah Sparks
Kelly Austad
Sarah Robertson
Kelly Gongwer
Chris Noltensmeier

GIRLS TRACK

Renee Conway
Natalie Detling
Dianna Findlay
Angie Hutchins
Kristi Bassett
Kim Hammill
Beth Hatch
Teresa Mitchell
Shannon Schuler
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Megan Dorgan
Elizabeth Fraley
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Features

"CUDDLING" SUCCESS STORY

by Melissa Walderbach

In January of last year Marion High School started a partnership program with St. Luke's hospital called "Cuddle".

Cuddle is a program that allows high school students to work with children in the pediatrics department at St. Luke's hospital.

Madame Virlee came up with the idea for this program after reading an article in the Cedar Rapids Gazette telling about adult that volunteers at the University Hospitals in Iowa City. After talking with the pediatric department heads at both St. Luke's and Mercy hospitals St. Luke's was chosen. "I felt that St. Luke's was the best choice because of the intensive care unit," says Madame Virlee.

At first there were many

concerns by the St. Luke's staff on how effective the students would be. After many reassurances, the "Cuddle" program was under way. To participate in the "Cuddle" program students first have to take an introductory three hour training session that teaches them how to wash, gown, change diapers, and other important tasks required for volunteering.

"The responses to 'Cuddle' has been a positive one," says Madame Virlee. "Last year we had 16 students participate in 'Cuddle'; this year we have 12 new students along with the following students returning from last year: Sarah Jackson, Jennifer Hartmann, Monica Ash, Kelly Gongwer, Jennifer Hartl, Nicole Francis, Michelle Rude, Kim Ozburn, Jenni Long, and Sheli Huffman.

Coming to America

by Jason Hyduk

Marion High School welcomes Saskia Langenberg, this year's only foreign exchange student at Marion. Saskia is from Den Bosch, Holland. She arrived here August 26 and is staying with the McNeeley's. Saskia enjoys life in America and has made a lot of new friends. She keeps in touch with her family by calling them every week. Saskia has a brother, Jaap, who is 16 years old.

Life is a little different there though. They still go to movies, but they also like to disco. She also plays badminton and tennis and likes to snow ski. She has found that leaving her friends and the food was the hard part, and the easy part being her one week winter vacation to Hollywood, California. Her favorite thing about America would have to be the mov-



ies, as she can see a movie here and three months later it will come out in Holland

Like any parents, Saskia's said they were going to miss her but are glad she gets the experience.

CONCESSION STAND BREAK-INS

by Tina Betts

Lately there's been a rash of concession stand break-ins. The first time was last year at the home football side stand. The thieves ended up getting away with \$100 in candy or food but no money. Just recently it has happened all over again, but this time the thieves hit the baseball concession stand and got away with \$80 of supplies. They broke all of the locks on the doors and broke a cupboard door. Now absolutely nothing is kept down there.

Mr. Wikert commented, "I don't know the feelings of the police, but since the damages are more than \$50, I'm pressing charges to the fullest extent on behalf of the Marion School District." Lt. Turner of the Marion Police Department said that the punishment would depend on their age, prior convictions and the feelings of the court and Marion Independent School District. Sgt. Busse commented that the only reason he could think of that the break-ins occurred was because that they might have thought that there was money and when all they found was candy that, had to have been good enough. He also said if by any chance they would catch anybody they could also serve 3 years and pay up to a \$500 fine due to the law of breaking and entering.

FIELD BIOLOGY

by Nicole Swierk

For the 1993-94 school year at Marion High School a new class has been initiated: Field Biology/Composition. This class is two hours long and combines both writing and science.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays time is spent in the classroom. On classroom days you may do such things as writing either in your journal or one of numerous other writing assignments. On a biology note, there are labs and experiments that also get finished in the classroom. Some of the activities that are covered on the field trips include: a day of fishing, a population study on crawdads, chemical tests on the creek, a nature walk or visiting an open field.

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Censorship- Who Decides?

by Joy Sueppel

There has been a rising controversy in the Cedar Rapids/Marion area over the airing of "N.Y.P.D. Blues," on KCRG Channel 9. Various groups are picketing this show due to their belief that it contains excess violence, severe language, and sexually explicit scenes. The pilot show aired Tuesday, September 21, 1993 at 9 p.m. The Director of Programming at KCRG, John Ganahl, feels that the show is getting much more hype than it deserves. Now that the controversy has reached the point that it is getting television coverage, many people watched the show simply to see what people are so upset about.

Mr. Ganahl has viewed the second and third shows in the series and has found no objectionable language, no violence, and no nudity on these episodes. Steven Bochco,

the producer "N.Y.P.D. Blues," did cut about 15 seconds out of the pilot episode due to complaints from ABC and affiliates about a scene containing partial nudity. Other than that particular scene, other concerns are seen as unnecessary. Mr. Bochco wanted to "set the world on its ear..." with this new show and he appears to have done so.

"N.Y.P.D. Blues" is a lot like "Hill Street Blues" with a 90's kind of twist on it. People are worried about what is shown on prime time television, yet they do not want to be censored. If something is objectionable, one opinion is to do something about the show itself, possibly trying to get it off the air. Another opinion, and one that seems much more reasonable, is to learn about what is on and use your own discretion on whether to have the show viewed in your home. Cen-

sorship is a constant problem in our world of changing views and generation gaps.

The question is where to draw the line and who is to draw that line? That question arises often in relation to what is acceptable in public schools when the school is attempting to serve a variety of populations with different opinions about what is suitable. Iowa is ranked 13th in the nation (People for the American Way) in cases of censorship, jumping from a ranking of 16th last year. There have been at least 13 attempts to censor in our state and 38% of these attempts have resulted in censorship of some type. In Tama, all Stephen King books have been removed with the principal's approval and are now unavailable to students while the librarian reviews their content.

Here at Marion High School, there are several steps that must be taken in order for a book or other public reading material to be removed from the shelves. The person who is objecting to the book's availability must fill out a form. From there a committee is formed

containing teachers and people from the community. Each member of the committee must read the entire book and judge it on its strengths and weaknesses, not simply on the area of concern. The committee then makes its recommendation on whether the book should remain on the shelves or be censored out. If the objector disagrees with the committee's decision, he or she may go to the school board and ask that the book be reviewed again. When this happens, normally the decision of the committee will stand. In the four years that Mrs. Tarwater has been here, there have been no formal complaints. A few verbal complaints have come in but they are generally worked out fairly easily. Marion High School has been lucky in the fact that most people are open to different ideas, cultures, and ways of expression so that we are "allowed" to keep our library selections open to all students. The Stephen King books at M.H.S. are kept behind the desk in the library in order to stop people from stealing them off of the shelves, not in order to censor them from the students.

Some MHS students and teachers were asked to watch the controversial show *N.Y.P.D. Blue* that premiered on Tuesday. People's opinions of the show varied greatly from student to student, teacher to teacher. One question posed was "What do you expect to see on this show before you watch it?" Answers ranged from "Not much," to "Severe language and explicit scenes."

Most people found the one bedroom scene to be too much for prime time television. There were no other specific things that anyone found to be offensive. Some objected to the language throughout but no specific instances were given.

There was also a wide variation on if those people I asked to watch the show would become repeat viewers. Many felt that the show didn't hold their interest enough to watch it again. Others found the show to their liking and plan to watch each episode.

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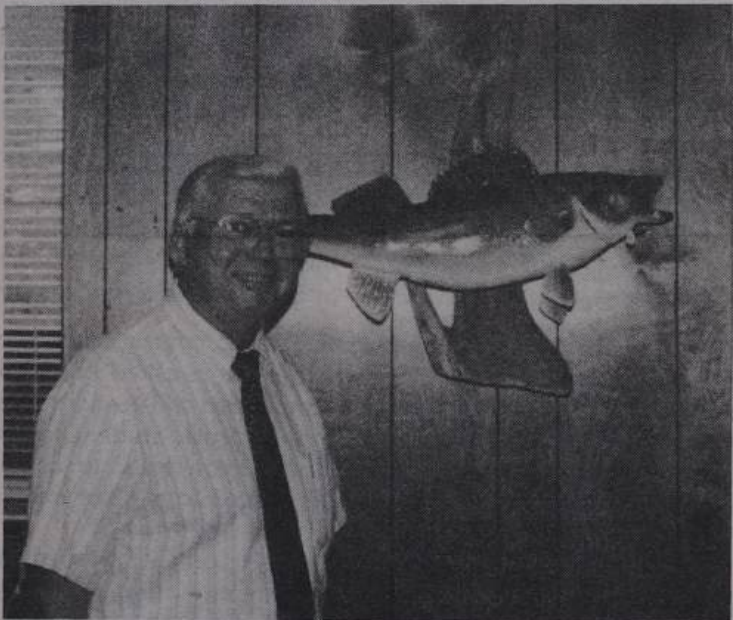
Big Ol' Fish

by Dan Erkel

Mr. Twachtman spent the beginning of his summer vacation on a very successful fishing trip to Canada. Mr. T. went with 2 friends to a lake 600 miles north of International Falls, Minnesota.

The trip started on June 17 and ended June 24. During this time he and his fellow fishing buddies caught more fish than any of them had ever caught in their lifetimes. Our own Mr. T caught the biggest fish, a 10.5 pound walleye. Stories about this fish have already been circulating. One version was that the fish weighed in at a whopping 14 pounds, others said that the fight lasted for more than an hour. The truth is that the fish was 10.5 pounds and the fight

lasted 10 minutes, not a half an hour. He also went on to describe how the fish was caught. "We were in about 10-15 feet of water trolling a five of diamonds tipped with a nightcrawler. As we began to make a turn, the line went slack and the five of diamonds fell into a deep area where the fish apparently had been laying in wait for food." He continued, "I thought I was snagged on something, but when the drag began to run, I realized it was a very large fish." Ten minutes later Mr. T netted a personal-best walleye. The threesome continued to catch many large fish that week, one weighing 8 pounds and many 5 pounders as well.



Mr. Twachtman's prize wall-eye has been mounted and is proudly displayed in his office.

Activities Update

by Fred Wilcox and Nicole Swierk

BAND

Mr. Bobe and the MHS Marching Band have gotten off to a busy start this year. On September 11th at 10:30 a.m., Marion's marching band played at the Swamp Fox Festival Parade. The pieces that were performed were "Blazing Saddles," and "Onward." On September 25th, Marion was scheduled to host the 1993 Marion Marching Invitational at the football field. The invitational was to involve fifteen other high school bands from Eastern Iowa. However due to weather problems, the invitational was cancelled. Marion's band will be just as busy as ever in the near future. On Saturday, October 9th, Marion will participate in the State Marching Band contest at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. The music performed by Marion will have a western theme. The band is also scheduled to perform at the Marion home football game against Grinnell on October 15th.

FBLA

Members of the FBLA program had their first meeting on Tuesday, September 7th. Officers for this year are: Pres. Trampus Nevius; V.Pres. Sarah Hughes; Secretary Jenny Raymond; Treasurer Joy Sueppel; Reporter Amy Boland; Historian Jason Kellerhals; and Parliamentarian Ryan Rogness. FBLA is planning the annual Children's Halloween Party which will be held on Sat., Oct. 30th, from 3-5 p.m.. The party will be open to 3 year olds up to the 5th grade. On November 4-6, 14 FBLA members will attend the annual National Youth Leadership Conference which is scheduled to be held in Cedar Rapids. Other activities include planning for a fund raising project. Selling options include candy and poinsettias. FBLA is now taking in memberships from the 8th to 12th grade level.

VOLUNTEERISM

Marion's volunteering program is entering its third successful year. Already this year, many students

have participated in the Jerry Lewis telethon that was held on Labor Day weekend, while others participated in the Swamp Fox Festival and Art in the Park activities held on Saturday, September 10th. In addition to the telethon and Swamp Fox, Madame Virlee is organizing the volunteering programs for cuddlers who volunteer in the pediatrics unit at St. Luke's, tutors at Emerson and Starry, volunteers for the Marion Library, and volunteers at the Rap-tor center out at Kirkwood. In addition to those activities, Mrs. Baty had been organizing a program that is focused on helping kindergartners. Also, Mrs. Braun is coordinating efforts for the YWCA's Fairy Tale Trail.

ACADEMIC TEAMS

Mrs. Madsen is beginning to receive information pertaining to this year's Academic Decathlon and Knowledge Bowl teams. After getting the necessary information, she will work on assembling the 1993-94 teams.

SADD

SADD had their first meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 21, right after school. All students were welcome. Topics discussed at the meeting included preparation for red ribbon week and putting a float together for homecoming. New officers were elected and are as follows; Pres. Lindsey McNeely, V.Pres. Melissa Walderbach, Secretary Beth Hatch, and Treasurer Nicole Rollie. Elected promotional staff included Holly Beck, Dawn Schoeberl, and Stacy Kohout.

NHS

Four National Honor Society members met on Mon., Sept. 20th, to organize the first meeting for NHS. Those attending were Pres. Sarah Hughes; Vice Pres. Joy Sueppel; Sec. Lisa Johnson; and Treasurer Tybee Sever. NHS has already begun its white paper pickup for recycling. The first planned cleaning of Alburnett Road was cancelled because of the weather.



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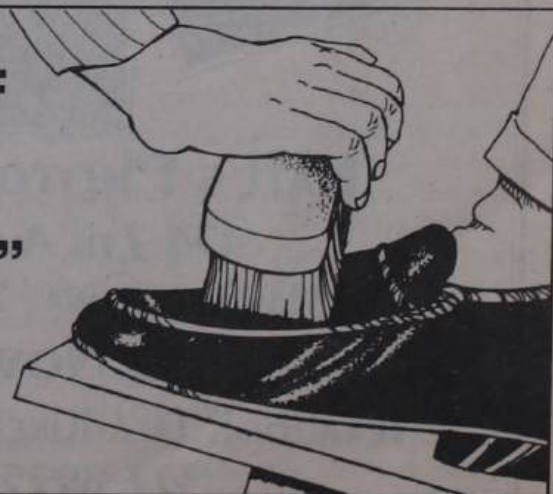


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8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

by Tina Betts

Five of the 8th graders played in U.S.V.B.A. (United States Volleyball Association) last year. Coach Blankenship believes that with all of the practice the girls have had that they should have a pretty good year. Since last fall many of the girls played in two volleyball leagues, one at Vernon Middle School and the other at Volley's. She commented, "If their goals are anything like mine, it is to become better volleyball players and to just enjoy the year. No winning, no losing. We're just out there to learn and enjoy the game." This year the girls also play a seven match season. On September 24, the girls played Independence. Setting leaders were Breana Carillo, Amber Eganhouse, and Sam Cook. Erin Logemann, Katie Chapman, and Michelle Freese had 7-8 spikes a piece. Raychelle Griffith and Heather Dirks rallied their team to victory with 8 and 7 aces apiece. Against Vinton the gold team won its match with accurate serving from Karen Hoover and Amanda Bair. Amber Corum pounded 4 spikes while Trina Anderson and Sarah Kremer passed the ball well. The Chargers lost the 3rd game which had gone into overtime. Carrin Lien had exceptional passing and Kate Humiston had 4 spikes. For the red team Erin Logemann served 19 out of 21 serves, 6 of them being aces. Against Benton Community serving and passing leaders for the Indians were Erin Logemann, Sam Cook, and Amanda Bair. Michelle Freese had 5 spikes and Amber Eganhouse had 10 sets.

8TH GRADE FOOTBALL

by Fred Wilcox

On Thurs., Sept. 16, the 8th grade football team opened the season with a game at Vinton. The A game was won by Marion 30-8, and the B game was tied at 0-0. On the first play from scrimmage, Wade Feickert scored a touchdown for the Indians on a 63 yard run. Travis Offerman scored on a 51 yard reverse and Matt Post ran 20 yards up the middle for a touchdown. Alex Dvorsky ran 15 yards on

a busted play and scored, and Aaron Stillions ran 5 yards for the last touchdown. Marion's defense allowed Vinton to score with thirty seconds left in the game. Other standouts on defense were Brad Jones, Ben Lohr, Steve Locke, along with Seth Scott, Nathan Stewart, Paul Zillman, and Eric Wright, who blocked well on offense. Against West Delaware, the Hawks jumped off to a 20-0 lead in the first half, capitalizing on a blocked punt and a fumble. The little Indians came back in the second half and outplayed the little Hawks with Matt Post scoring on a 5 yard run. Steve Locke caught a two point conversion pass from Alex Dvorsky to make the final score West Delaware 20, Marion 8. Travis Offerman and Brad Jones recovered fumbles. The score for the B game was West Delaware 16, Marion 0. Greg Willey and Mike Burroughs played well on defense and Nathan Allen ran well on offense. On Tuesday, September 28, the team hosted Anamosa. The score of the A game was Marion-14, Anamosa-28. Two touchdowns were made by Travis Offerman on runs of 60 and 37 yards. Steve Locke caught an extra point pass from Alex Dvorsky. The B game results were Marion 6 Anamosa 8. A touchdown was made by Jason Cleppe on a pass from Jared Rogness.

SOPHOMORE VOLLEYBALL

by Greg Wilkinson

The sophomore volleyball team opened with a match with Anamosa which they won 2-0. Then they moved on to Linn Mar, which they won one out of three, but played till the end and never gave up. Next, they went up against Waterloo Columbus which was a tough game. They were zero for two, playing their hardest. They then went on to LaSalle losing two games to none, but fought till the end. The girls came roaring back and were ready for South Tama, whom they defeated 2-1. The girls then went to the Iowa City West invitational where they won fourth place out of twelve. Their first match was against Wilton, whom they beat 11-2 and 13-11. Then they moved on to play C.R. Prairie

losing 9-11 and 8-11. Next they competed with I.C. West. Marion was defeated 8-11 and 8-11. They then got pumped up for Regina and defeated them 15-13. Against Kennedy, Marion defeated them also 15-10. Their last match was against Linn Mar losing 13-15. Their next meet they had Vinton at home. They were defeated 13-15 and 11-15. Next came West Delaware whom they had trouble with the first game but then rolled over them, 17-15 and 15-4. Amy Bassett and Sheli Huffman commented that the new coaches, "...works well with us and is fun to have as a coach." They also said "we need to work as a team."

FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL

by Melissa Walderbach

The freshmen volleyball team is fighting hard against the Mississippi Valley conference. Already this season they have come home with some outstanding wins. Iowa City High and Iowa City West, two of the toughest teams to beat in the conference were dominated by Marion. They defeated Iowa City West 2 games to 0, while taking a tremendous win over Iowa City High by defeating them 15-3 and 15-2. Also this year they have played Kennedy's green and gold teams. They beat Kennedy green team two games out of three after losing two games out of three to Kennedy gold team. Even though the girls lost to both Jefferson blue team and white team they played with integrity. The girls have taken part in both the Jefferson and the LaSalle tournaments. At the 12 team Jefferson Tournament the girls beat out C.R. Washington to go 5 and 5 to take home 7th place. The LaSalle tournament went 0 and 3 to bring home 6th place. This was a tough tournament for the girls, because of their busy schedule the week before. The team really worked together at the Prairie Tournament and brought home

third place. "With the tremendous amount of talent on the team this year we should come out on top. There is a lot of talent on the team this year. The girls have a good word ethic and improve with each day," says freshmen coach Steph Robertson. The girls are working hard to put together the final pieces to together to make a stronger more supportive team.

SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL

by Jason Hyduk

West Delaware rolled over the Marion sophomore squad in a 22 to 8 victory for the Hawks. Marion did show signs in what they call a "hopeful season," meaning back to back sophomore championships. The two quarterbacks, Casey Swanson and Greg Wilkenson, completed 50% of their passes with a combined total of 15 for 27 and 152 yards, including Swanson's touchdown pass to Josh Claypool. The yards weren't all in the air for the Indians. Spencer Northway rushed for 86 yards on the night. Coach Bruce Weisinger said, "The team has a lot of talent, but with a few injuries in practice, it's too early to tell." Against Monticello, Marion showed they still need improvement. The assistant sophomore coach, Jim Bates, had this to say, "We saw signs of improvement over the last game, but we still need to maintain consistent level of competitiveness; in other words, we play hard for awhile and then we let up a little, giving the other teams a chance to stay in the game. When they learn to play a full game they will be successful." In the next game against Pella Marion finally gave it their best as they won the game 22-14. Marion won the sophomore homecoming game against Vinton-Shellsburg 28-20. Brian Wendling ran for three TD's and Josh Claypool returned a punt for the 4th soph score. Greg Wilkinson added a 2-point conversion.

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TOUGH VARSITY**SEASON FOR FOOTBALL***by Dan Erkel*

In the first game of the season, West Delaware proved they were worthy of their #1 preseason ranking by shutting out the Indians 0-33. The size and strength of the Hawks were too much for the inexperienced Marion squad. Marion's defense was expected to be the team's strength, and may be, but the Hawk's offensive line had Marion on their heels all night long.

Things did not improve for the next game, when Marion was again shut out 14-0 by Monticello. Marion only managed 122 yards of total offense. Brad Holub managed 72 yards on 21 carries. The defense did a fine job of holding Monti to 14 points considering they seemed to be on the field for the majority of the game.

So far this has been a difficult year for the Indians. Marion has been facing highly rated opponents whose defenses seem to know about the one thirty-two stinger. Pella for one had the stinger figured out as they held the Indian rushing attack to 67 yards. One highlight of the 42-8 loss was Chad Seagren's 70 yard bomb to Brad Holub for 6 points. It was there first score of the year and came with 5 minutes left in the fourth quarter.

This year's Homecoming

**IMPROVED TIMES AND NUMBERS HELP
CROSS COUNTRY TEAM***by Kevin Bockenstedt*

A bigger, better team this year has drastically improved the look for Indian Cross Country. This year there is an actual girls team which has a chance to grow even more. The boys team is looking better and stronger with every stride.

September 1 was the first meet at Williamsburg with Bryan Balvanz placing 18th with a time of 17:44. Matt Balk had an 18:35, Andy Toomer 19:23, Dean Ratzlaff 19:33, and Kevin Bockenstedt 19:57.

Unfortunately Melissa Walderbach sprained an ankle during the meet and was unable to compete for the remainder of the season. Teresa Mitchell came in 28th with a time of 16:26. Jenny Warner came in at

game against Vinton-Shellsburg was not a total loss. It seemed the game was within striking distance of a win. The Indians lost a heart-breaker, 22-6. The score did not reflect the playing. The highlight of the game was Jon Stickney scoring the only touchdown of the night, but the team did not gain the extra two points we needed to close in on Vinton's lead. Captain Chris Cannon sums up the game by saying, "If we stay together as a team, good things will happen."

16:41 and Maria Bockenstedt with an 18:48.

Bryan Balvanz has led the team all season with Matt Balk finishing second. Dean Ratzlaff has shown improvement in his times, as has Kevin Bockenstedt, who has shaved nearly two minutes off his last year's times. Andy Toomer's runs have been hampered by problems with his knees.

After running twice at Mentzer, at Tipton, Monticello, and Vinton, the team was looking forward to a fairly flat course in Independence. Horrible Saturday weather hampered times and possible record breaking performances for the team. Bryan Balvanz was three seconds short of the junior record with a 17:47. Matt Balk was eight seconds shy of the freshmen record. Teresa Mitchell finished in 15:17.

Cross returned to Sport Hill Golf Club in Williamsburg. Bryan Balvanz captured 20th place in 17:24. Jenny Warner traveled in with a time of 16:18.

The very evident wind at Western Dubuque slowed times slightly. Teresa Mitchell stammered in with a time of 15:36. Bryan Balvanz came in a 18:53. Matt Balk breezed in a time of 19:26.

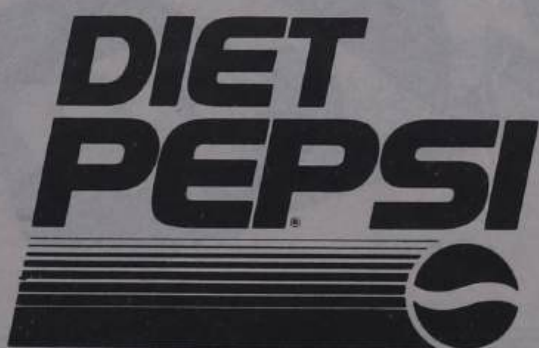
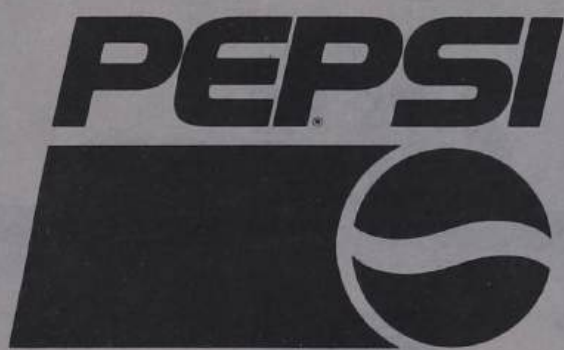
**VOLLEYBALL PLAYS
TOUGH***by Bryan Balvanz*

Even though Marion's varsity volleyball team only has two seniors, Natalie Detling and Nicole Chamberlain, and only twelve players total, they look very promising. Marion has a 4-2 record and placed third in both the Prairie Invitational and the Benton Tournament.

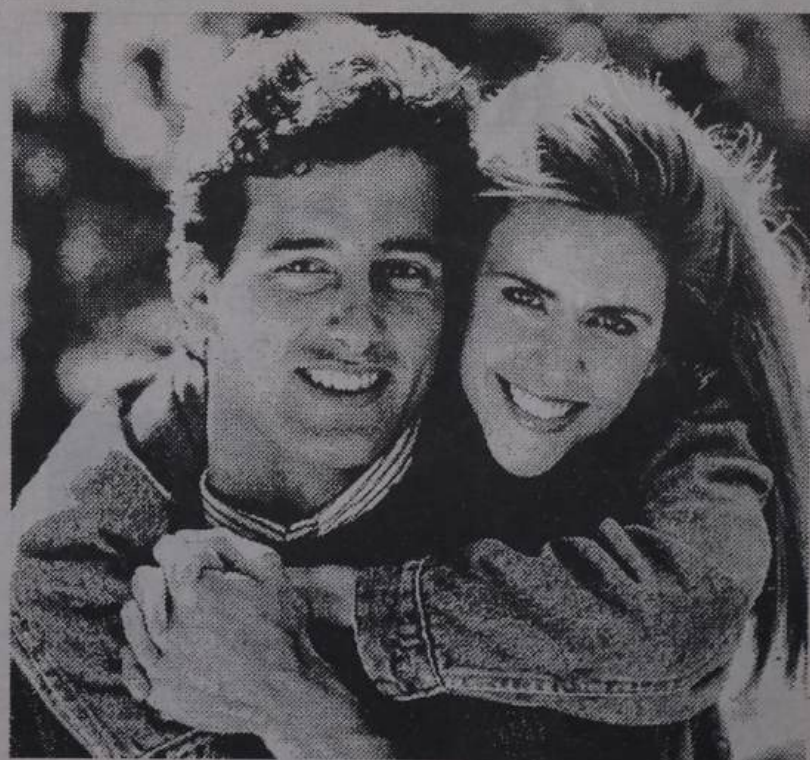
Nicole Chamberlain and Natalie Detling are the team leaders. Chamberlain leads the team in aces, kills, and digs. She's one of the team's strong servers. Jennifer Winburg and Melissa Gehring also have been serving well. Nicole was also named to the "all tournament team" at the Benton Tournament. Natalie Detling is a leader in kills, spikes, and blocks.

Andrea Wilson and Beth Hatch are "super studs," says Coach Dostal. "They hustle all the time, they're quick, and they cover a lot of ground. Andrea alone has 171 assists and 58 digs.

The girls are "good students, good citizens, and good players, which makes for a good team," she concluded.



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