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Following the Yellow Brick Road

by Kelly Gongwer

On November 5 and 6, The Wizard of Oz captured the attention of everyone in the sold-out audiences.

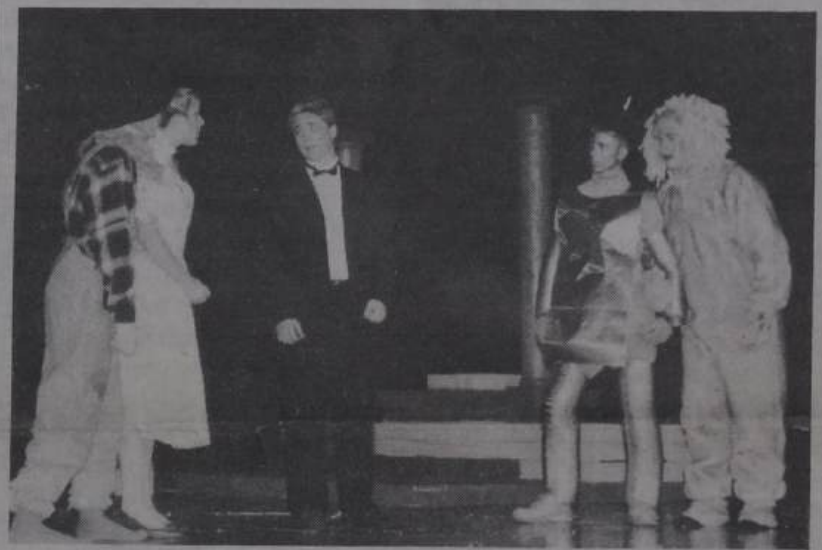
As the cast came out onto the stage only perfection was going to be made. Kelly Westergaard gave an outstanding performance as Dorothy and says, "It turned out a lot better than we all thought it would. It exceeded everyone's expectations. I'm really glad I could be a part of it all." As Travis Clarke mimicked the role of the scarecrow, it was his first debut to sing. "I loved being in the Wizard of Oz and I'm really glad that it was a great success." The Tinman, Bryan Balvanz, soon learned that it wasn't easy dancing in a tin suit. And Jon Cormier states, "It was very hot to play the lion because I was ex-

tremely hot in the costume, but I loved being a part of it."

Although doing the play some what like the actual movie there were a lot of differences to be seen. The Jitterbugs were something kind of different but not exactly new, since in the real movie they were going to have it but instead cut it from the script.

Once the play was over musically, it wasn't quite over personally. The four main charectors were signing autographs for at least a half an hour after the Saturday matinee and also received a standing ovation Saturday night.

As co-director, Mr. Heim states, "I thought Boyer had a good idea. The idea of it being a children and adult theater made it a success."



Wizard Corey Browne confesses to the Scarecrow (Travis Clarke), Dorothy (Kelly Westergaard), the Tinman (Bryan Balvanz) and the Cowardly Lion (Jon Cormier) that he's really not a wizard.



The Wicked Witch of the West (Lindsey McNeely) threatened Dorothy after Dorothy's house fell on her sister. Lindsey said she liked doing the musical for the chance to just be herself.

PARADE KICKS OFF RED RIBBON WEEK

by Melissa Walderbach

Surrounding schools and area businesses helped kick off Red Ribbon week with a parade in down town Cedar Rapids.

The parade started at 10:00 a.m. with marching bands, floats, banners, baton throwers and many other community representatives were there to show there support in Red Ribbon Week.

The ages Ranged from young to old, and businesses ranged from fast food restaurants to Jane Boyd Community Center all egar to help young teens say no to drugs and alcohol.

Marion's SODA members organized a float entitled "Horse play with drugs and alcohol takes it's toll." Officers Lindsey McNeely, Melissa Walderbach, Beth Hatch, Holly Beck and Dawn Schoeboel with the help of Jon Stickney and Josh Sova presented the float in the parade. "It took a lot of time and effort to get ready for the parade, but it was well worth it," says SODA secretary Beth Hatch.

The day proceeded with a rally in Green Square park. The rally started off

with a sing along. Throughout the day there were various speakers to volunteer their time to talk students about the peer pressure of drugs and alcohol.

The day was benifical with inspirational speeches that influenced many young people to believe in themselves and take pride in what they believe in.



SODA secretary Beth Hatch posed with the float members built for the parade.

"America, the Tarnished"

By John L. Maske, Vox Editor

Recently there has been a lot of talk on the news, in newspapers, and in magazines across the nation of the high amount of violence in television today. The MTV show *Beavis and Butt-head* has been blamed for the death of a two-year-old girl, and the Walt Disney movie *The Program* has been blamed for the death of several teens, and the injury of others.

The way I see it, the people that make such accusations, such as U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, and Senators Paul Simon and Ernest F. Hollings are grasping for an excuse for the short comings of our society and find that the entertainment industry makes a good scapegoat. I feel the time has come for society to accept responsibility for its own problems, and leave everyone else alone.

Not only does it aggravate me that these people are trying to limit our rights and freedom, several of them, including Sen. Hollings have admitted that "I haven't seen it, I don't watch it..." in referring to *Beavis and Butt-head*, and he couldn't even

get the name of the show right! How is it right for a man to condemn and attempt to censor a show, book, or movie that he hasn't even seen? Is he perhaps just getting on the political bandwagon? I didn't realize that there was an election coming up so soon.

Many times I have heard students remark "Why should I care, it doesn't effect me?" when they are asked about censorship, but I say it is time that the younger generation start caring, because in a few years, it will be us who will make the decisions about how our country is run, and we cannot let this travesty of justice continue. What happens if we let shows like *Beavis and Butt-head* and *NYPD Blue* and movies like *The Program* be censored and/or canceled? What is next? Pretty soon we may lose our rights to choose altogether, and we cannot allow that to happen. I think TV producer Chris Crowe summed up my thoughts pretty well when he said "They want to tell us what we can see. If Thomas Jefferson were alive, he would walk into Senator Simon's office and kick his a**."

The time to act is now, kids before it is too late.

DEEP THOUGHTS

With the opening of a new sub-shop, it brings to mind that it's nice to have places to go where you can get the sandwich made fresh to your specifications. If you don't want onions, you don't have onions, and there's no waiting for a special order. Life is like this - you can have it spicy or mild, with all

the toppings or bare. That's not to say you're a bad person for not taking the jalapeño peppers, but realize you're the person responsible for what is or isn't in your life. If it's not the way you want it, put in a special order to change it to be the way you want it.

And remember - basically everything in life can be related to food.

THUMBS UP / THUMBS DOWN

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| Thumbs up to Barb Jackson cheering at football games. | Thumbs up to the moshes at Linn Skate. |
| Thumbs up to the Nirvana concert. | Thumbs down to Florida State. |
| Thumbs down to Barney.... How dumb!!! | Thumbs down to no support for Cross Country. |
| Thumbs up to students that work. | Thumbs down to Janet Reno. Building parks <u>will not</u> solve the teenage violence problem in this country. |
| Thumbs up to all coaches. | |
| Thumbs up to the Sophomore football team having a good season. | Thumbs up to fall athletes who were able to endure the less than ideal season and just have fun. |
| Thumbs up to varsity cheerleaders and volleyball players. | Thumbs up to Lenny Kravitz. |
| Thumbs down to people not thinking cheerleading is a sport. | Thumbs down to Shannen Daugherty. Where's the straight jacket!? |
| Thumbs up to day's off. | Thumbs down to parents who can't accept the responsibility for their children's problems. |
| Thumbs up to Halloween. | |
| Thumbs up to the cheerleading sponsor | Thumbs down to people who need to use hickies to advertise their relationships. How pathetic. |
| Thumbs down to the rain. | Thumbs up to Thanksgiving vacation being right around the corner. |
| Thumbs up to good relationships. | |
| Thumbs down to the girls yelling at each other in the hall. | Thumbs up to Pickle Barrel Subs. |
| Thumbs up to journalism. | Thumbs up to the Fairytale Trail. |
| Thumbs up to Notre Dame being at #2. | Thumbs up to Subway. |
| Thumbs down to students who put down other students. | Thumbs up to Howard Stern. |
| Thumbs up to the Halloween dance. | Thumbs up to diversity. |

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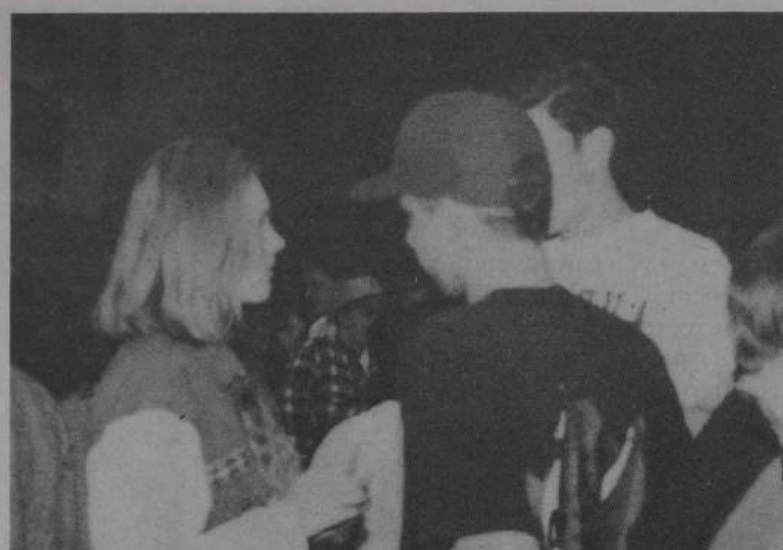
by Kelly Austad

Every year the Regis High School Senate invites area student journalists and foreign exchange students to attend the Regis International Round Table.

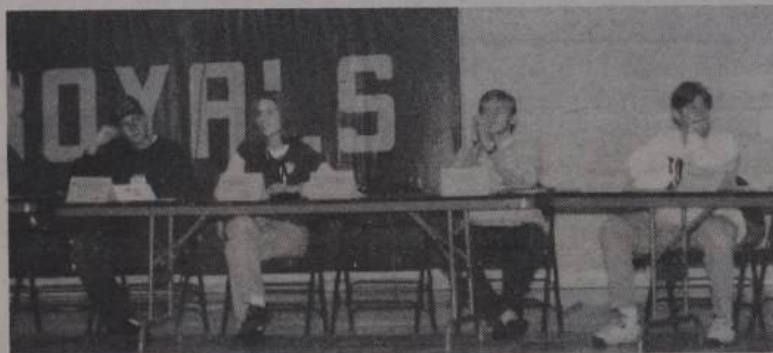
This year Dan Erkel, Kelly Austad, and Saskia Langenberg were the delegates sent from Marion. The day started at 9:00 with an introduction of everyone who was attending. Then the student journalists proceeded to ask the foreign exchange students questions about their culture. A question asked was "Are American schools more fun than your own schools?" Most students replied yes, there are a lot of fun activities to do after school and you are able to choose your own classes. The students also thought that the foreign exchange classes are much easier in the American schools than in their own countries.

So that the foreign exchange students were able to find out more about the United States the tables were turned and the student journalist were asked questions including "What country would we choose to live in if we were a foreign exchange student?" Some of the most frequent responses to the question were Italy, Sweden, Holland, and Germany.

In listening to the responses and questions over the course of the day it was obvious that all of the foreign exchange students are hav-



During the Regis Roundtable, Saskia Langenberg sits with the other exchange students (bottom) to answer questions from the student journalists who attended. At break time (top) Saskia visited with two other Dutch students who attended the Roundtable. The other students attend Washington High School and Mount Vernon High School.



ing very positive experiences here in Iowa.

Sharing Talents

By Kevin Bockenstedt

Kelly Westergaard and Sarah Jackson did a 6' x 11' painting of a train depot for the Christian Womens Club. The two of them worked for Louis Buckley, representative for the group. Although they had one and a half weeks to complete the painting, Kelly and Sarah finished it in eight hours the night before. The painting was done in stippling, which is painting with a series of dots. Their painting was the center piece of the entire mural

at a meeting of 600 hundred people at the Collins Plaza Hotel and Convention Center. The mural was done in Kelly Westergaard's garage. They had both said that it was cold in there. They relieved the stress by having a paint fight between the two of them. Kelly and Sarah mentioned that they would have gone insane if it wasn't for the music (Alice in Chains, Stone Temple Pilots) they had to listen to.



DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY - SODA SPONSORS HALLOWEEN DANCE

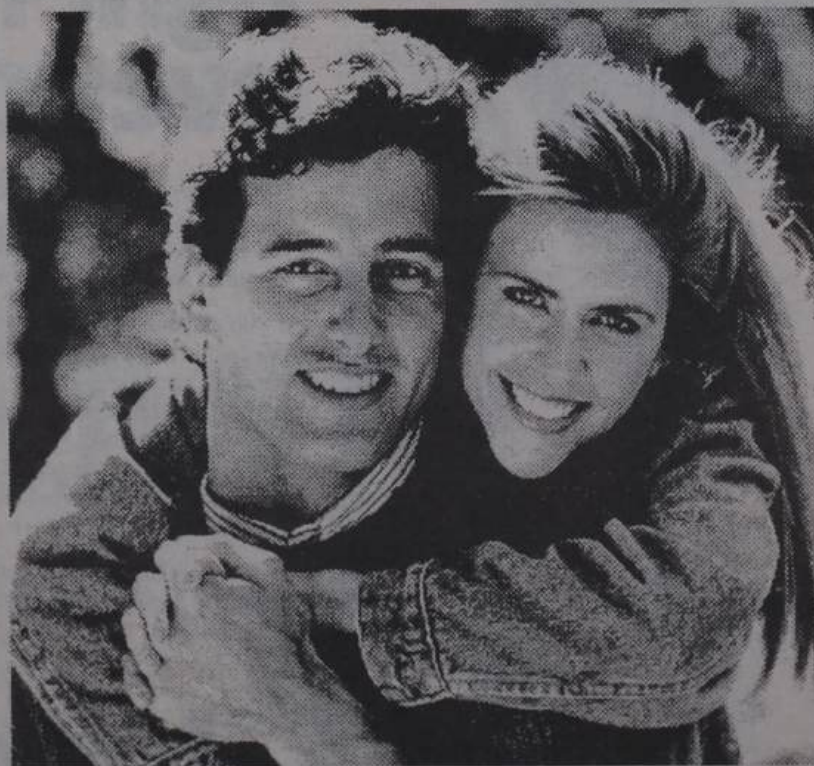
by Sarah Jackson

Witches, ghosts, spooks, A member of the Star Trek crew, Elvira and even the Blues Brothers had enough courage to leave their domiciles for one night of fright.

On the night of Thursday the 28th, three nights before All Hallow's Eve, S.O.D.A. presented us with a dance that awoke the dead. To be found at this ghoulish event were clowns, werewolves, a couple of Toga partiers, and prom dates from Hell. The dance even had visitors all the way from Oz.

Although S.O.D.A. didn't rake in any cash. It was successful in how much fun everyone had. To help out with the cash flow problem S.O.D.A. will be having many fund raisers through out the year.

To make next years dance a bigger success everyone apply some added facial hair, dig into your parents closets and put on your dancing shoes



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On the Trail to Halloween Fun

by Nicole Swierk

The weekend of Halloween is a time for children (and some adults) to dress-up and enjoy the experience of the fun and games that go along with the holiday. However the dangers have become more and more prevalent. The YWCA recognizes this problem and has an annual "Fairy Tale Trail" to keep the spirit of Halloween going and create a safe place for kids at the same time.

This year, a handful of our students have taken the time and effort to be part of this activity. Within the trail you can adventure into various familiar stories and be a part of them. Together with ???, we sponsored "The Secret Garden" room. The room was filled with multitudes of plants, trees and shrubbery with a small path running through it. On your way through the path the children encountered the little boy and girl that were characters in the story.

The activities of this event were held on Halloween and the days that surrounded it. Many long hours were put into the once-a-year deal to help make the holiday more enjoyable for all. Those students that played a part in this activity, crew or actors, you should feel proud knowing that you helped create a positive memory in many children's lives.

Nicole Rollie is Mary in the fairy tale trail presentation of *The Secret Garden*. The Halloween event was held at the YWCA.



Just Horsin' Around

by Fred Wilcox

Mr. Shaffer does many other things besides teach here at the high school. Mr. Shaffer has coached wrestling and football for a number of years at Marion. In the summer, he does a lot of concrete work in the area.

In addition to concrete work, coaching, and wrestling, Mr. Shaffer has a horse stabling and breeding business that he runs on the side. He and Mr. Wikert opened Martin Creek Stables around six years ago through a partnership.

Mr. Shaffer says that he's been around horses for around 46 years of the 51 years that he's been around. At age five, his father bought him a horse and since that time, he's been in the horse business. At age 14, Mr. Shaffer was buying and selling horses with his father. During his career at Maquoketa high school, Mr. Shaffer started to take horses to rodeos and horse shows. This on the side job of buying and selling horses helped pay his college education and football/wrestling career.

Horses have been a large part of Mr. Shaffer's family. He says that his wife, Marty, a city girl from Chicago, and his two sons, Tim and Thad, have all been involved in raising horses from the start. Tim was the Midwest barrel racing champ in the Opaloosa division.

Mr. Shaffer recalls his main horse that he had for 27 years. Rex was a Palitino that he got when he was 7. He also used to take Rex to rodeos until he died on the farm.

Among the horses that Mr. Shafer has raised over the years, there have been a few that have won distinguished awards. He once had a quarter horse that won the Cornbelt Futurity and the snafflebit Futurity for the 2 year old division. Also, Shafer had a colt that had won first place at Prairie Meadows.

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It's Not Fun & Games Anymore

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Harassment is defined by the dictionary as "constant annoyance."

Many are worried about what will qualify as harassment now that public awareness has increased. The truth of the matter lies in the surrounding circumstances of each situation. Each case is different and although many times harassment is not the intention, it is the result.

Students here at Marion High School are subject to harassment each day. It may be in the form of verbal, or even sexual harassment. Students need to be educated in the ways that harassment can appear to them so that they do not needlessly hurt someone, or be hurt by another.

Verbal harassment appears in the form of joking, teasing, or simply kidding around. Verbal harassment can lower self-esteem and cause one to close themselves off from their surroundings, among many other horrible results. Mr. Twachtman sees many cases of verbal harassment which started as simply name-calling or giving sarcastic comments. He says some start in jest, but when the victim gets

upset, the other students tend to gang up on him or her and do even more. "We need to see this as a place where students can be supported, not cut down. Comments need to be measured to see that they are appropriate for that particular situation. Friends know what to say to friends and where to draw the line.

Comments made to those who are not as close to the

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other personal matters relating to sex can also be taken as sexual harassment. In high school settings, the majority of sexual harassment complaints are from girls about guys. In one recent study, both boys (79%) and girls (85%) reported being the target of harassment, but girls are more often that target during their school lives. Marion students thought that sexual harassment is scary because no one knows where it will stop, although they don't find it to be much of a problem to them. Unfortunately, as in the case of the Spur Posse in California, too many students and adults see such comments as "just being a kid." Until such actions are taught by parents as being unacceptable, the problem will escalate. Another study conducted by the Wellesley College's Center for Research on Women and the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, found the almost 40% of the 4200 girls surveyed said they experienced sexual harassment at school on a daily basis. Nan Stein, who conducted the survey, said, "They weren't horrific examples. It's not getting

abilities hurt others.

Every day Mr. Twachtman sees harassment in the halls - whether it is pushing and shoving to get a reaction or a group of kids watching - and enjoying - someone else be humiliated. "We see a lot of problems also with the girlfriend/boyfriend situation. There is such possessiveness - no one else can talk to him/her. That just isn't the real world." Although he finds most kids are smart enough to keep it out of school, he worries about what goes on off the school grounds. Most students feel that there is some 'harassment' among kids, but they don't classify it as harassment. Most of it is "simply fighting over a little matter that doesn't mean too much." In order to put a stop to the "simply fighting..." that could result in harassment the school administration is implementing some new ideas to educate the students. The Life Skills classes will soon involve a section dealing with education about sexual and other types of harassment. Posters will be implemented into classrooms as a reminder to students where to draw the line. Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Grant will speak to all third hour classes about the things that have and could happen at M.H.S. regarding harassment. These things are being done to help, but as of now, the administration does not have a formal policy for dealing with harassment among students.

People who commit harassment of any form, need to realize why they are doing what they are doing. Low self-esteem, bad family situations, and peer pressure all add to the increasing amount of harassment being committed.

A stop needs to be put to the senseless hurting of people. What we see and experience is how we

thrown into the bathroom and having your clothes ripped off; it's the pinching, the patting, the grabbing, the touching stuff that is observed by other kids." She also comments that one of the biggest problems is that bystanders - usually other kids - often see the behavior go unpunished. They then think the behavior is acceptable. School leaders nationwide are adopting the attitude that peer sexual harassment is wrong because it hurts girls the same way racial comments or comments about dis-

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Activities Update

The Student Senate sent several students from the school to a Youth Leadership Conference in Ames. The conference was held on a weekend in the latter part of October. These students have shown leadership abilities in school and were sent to the conference to strengthen these abilities. The idea of a school-wide food drive, to be pursued before Thanksgiving and Christmas, has not yet been brought to it's maturity.

The Concert Choir is very busy with music for their annual Holiday Concert and up and coming Madrigal Dinner. The Holiday Concert is on December 14 and a variation of holiday arrangements are being performed by the students that evening. On December 21, musical entertainment for the Madrigal Feast will be performed by the choir. Songs for the feast are written with a Medieval tone.

On Sat., Oct. 9th, Marion's marching band earned a division 2 rating at state. Mr. Bobe says that the Indians had a great performance and performed better than he's seen in the last six years. They played halftime at the Marion vs Grinnell home football game on Oct. 15th. Before the game, they were joined by the seventh and eighth graders in performing the "Star Spangled Banner". On Oct. 29th, the marching band gave it's last football game performance at the Marion vs Oskalooska home game. On Sat., Oct. 23, seven of Marion's band members took part in the all-state auditions. They are as follows; Joy Sueppel and Amy Boland on flute, Jennifer Hartmann, Keri Hansen, and Toni Zimmerman on clarinet, Jason Kellerhalsen french horn, and Jason Kelly on trombone. Amy Boland was selected to participate in the all-state orchestra, and Jenni-

fer Hartmann and Jason Kelley were selected to participate in the all-state band. The all-state band, orchestra, and choir will perform on November 20 at Hilton coliseum on the Iowa State campus. A video of the performance will be broadcast on Iowa Public Television on Thanksgiving evening.

On Thurs., Oct. 7th, a SADD meeting was held up here at the high school at 7 p.m.. Linn Mar's drug prevention specialist, Kevin McCauley, was a speaker at the meeting. The idea of changing SADD to SODA (Students O.K. without Drugs and Alcohol) was discussed at the meeting. In the next meeting, SADD was changed to SODA. Also discussed at the Oct. 7th meeting was to enter a float in the state parade that would kick off "Drug Free Schools" week. Marion took up the idea and participated in the Oct. 22 parade, which was held in Cedar Rapids. The state theme for the parade was, "Don't Horse Around With Drugs and Alcohol." Marion's theme was, "Horse Play With Drugs and Alcohol Takes It's Toll."

FBLA held the annual Childrens Halloween Party on Saturday, October 30th. The party was open to 3 year olds up to the fifth grade and was a great success. From Nov. 4-6, 14 FBLA members will attend the National Youth Leadership Conference held here in Cedar Rapids. FBLA is also in the middle of their candy and poinsettia sales and sales seem to be going very nicely.

On Saturday, October 16, National Honor Society had their "Road Pickup". Twenty MHS students spent two hours cleaning a stretch of Alburnett Road that extends from Indian Creek to Robins Road. When the cleanup was com-

pleted, the group met at Denny's for an informational meeting. The following Saturday, October 23, NHS helped in the clean-up at Squaw Creek park. NHS, SODA, and FBLA sent volunteers to help. NHS will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving food drive and a food drive in December for Christmas.

Currently, 25 MHS students are completing their second phase of training (supervision with a mentor) for the cuddling program at St. Lukes. On Saturday, 23, 1993, many volunteers from our school went to Squaw Creek to clean up flood damage. Some brush cutting and painting were done.

A New Class At M.H.S.

by Kelly Gongwer

In Mrs. McCulley's class, achieving goals is very special to her and to her students.

Not only has Mrs. McCulley taught in Special Ed classes, but she has taught in Spanish classes as well which both have been found to be exciting and challenging. She has been teaching for about fifteen years and is yet to see a dull moment.

Greg Willey, who has decided to get his education here at MHS states, "I was supposed to be going to Linn-Mar." Lenny Baker, who enjoys coming to school states, "I like the teachers and my classmates."

Mrs. McCulley's class consists of no more than ten students and she says, "I like working with a smaller amount of students." She's able to get to know her students and to understand their special needs.

For all of these students who have been adjusting to high school life, Greg Willey says, "It's pretty good!"

The class had a bake sale on October 27, from 7:30-10:30 a.m. and again at 12:15-3:15 p.m. They enjoyed selling their different selection of cookies and earned \$70. The class is putting all of their money in to savings and will have a charitable and fun activity at the end of the school year.

Sports Opinion

Student Voices Muffled at Sports Events

by Jason Hyduk

If you were to look at most schools around you will find that the student body has their own little cheering section for football and basketball games where they stand and support their team, but if you were to look at Marion, you would not find that, and especially for the varsity football team. They could have used a little more support.

You can ask any of the varsity volleyball players when they had their last home game, students stood and cheered as the team played their hearts out. The girls said that got them fired up.

The advantages of this, would be, at the football games we wouldn't be in the parents way when we try to stand and cheer. It would make us look like a better school with more school spirit. Varsity cheerleader Sarah Jackson said, "It would help the cheerleaders out, and it would also make the games more fun." Students need to act now if they want this to happen, so when they reserve seats for parents there will be a designated space for students, which should not be way out in the boonies, but well enough where you can see all the action. With this section it would make more room for parents and others to sit. But the answers will all lie in Mr. Wikert's hands, and we will leave it up to him. If you have any input in this topic, please drop us a line here at the Vox, or stop and have a little chat with Mr. Twachtman or Mr. Wikert. Our teams need our support.



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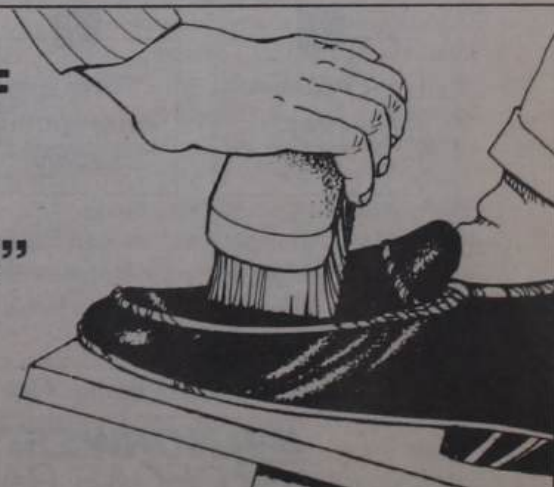


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SEASON ENDS QUIETLY FOR THE INDIANS

by Dan Erkel

Finally the varsity football team proved they could play with a tough opponent. Although the final score of the Benton game was not what the handful of soaking wet, loyal fans were looking for, you could tell there may be light at the end of the tunnel. The 6-7 halftime score seemed to raise the temperature and calm the winds of a bitter fall evening. The beginning of the second half cooled the temperatures off quickly as Benton Community marched to a 14-6 lead. Benton went on to a 29-12 homecoming victory and Marion went home with hope for a win in their last four games.

That win was evidently not meant to be against Grinnell as they cruised to a 32-19 victory. Marion's points came as a result of 3 touchdowns, the most scored in a game this year. This game seemed to resemble all the other games that Marion has played this year. Not much defense and a slow developing offense is just not getting the job done.

At South Tama with Coach Sloan at the offensive helm and Coach Messerli calling the defensive plays, Marion gave up 60 points. The offense never really had a chance to prove themselves under Sloan as the Tama backs rolled over the defense. Tama came out very quickly with a 70 yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage. They added another touchdown only minutes later as Tama rolled to a 60-12 win.

The team's last chance at a win this year fell just short. The 20-19 final score against Oskaloosa was probably the hardest loss to deal with for both the players and the coaches. Probably the hardest hit by the reality of a no-win season was taken by this year's seniors. "It hurt to run onto the field tonight and look over at the half-empty stands. It kind of made you feel like the school had given up on us," said Chris Cannon, co-captain of this year's squad. One thing that was not questionable was the fact that the thirteen Seniors on the field that night left everything on the field. It is also obvious that the future looks bright, with juniors getting valuable playing time at key positions.

CLOSE WAMAC FINISH FOR VARSITY VB

by Bryan Balvanz

Even though Marion's varsity volleyball team only had two seniors, Natalie Detling and Nicole

Chamberlain, and only twelve players total, and got off to a rocky start, things began to look very promising. Marion had a 4-2 record and placed third in both the Prairie Invitational and the Benton Tournament.

Nicole Chamberlain and Natalie Detling were the team leaders. Chamberlain led the team in aces, kills, and digs. She's one of the team's strong servers. Jennifer Winburg and Melissa Gehring were also strong servers. Nicole also received the "all tournament team" at the Benton Tournament. Natalie Detling was a leader in kills, spikes, and blocks.

The girls are "good students, good citizens, and good players, which makes for a good team," is what Coach Dostal said about the team.

With only one game to win to grasp the conference title, the girls went in strong, winning two and losing two to Benton Community. It was up to the last game, the tie breaker. The team went in strong and with a great attitude and the crowd cheered, hoping the girls could grasp the title and add a year to the pennant. The players bumped and served and dug well, but the Bobcats shattered the girls' hopes for a conference title. The girls still had another chance though. They had not yet competed in the Wamac Tournament. Going in with positive attitudes they tied West Delaware, lost to Waterloo Columbus and beat Vinton in their pool. The points were very close for the three teams. To make it to the finals the referees had to look at defensive points with our game against W.D. It was close, but they came up with the upper hand.

Coach Dostal's goals for the team next year are, "I think every team's goal is to make it to the Five Seasons Center (The State Tournament). The tools are there, but it depends on how much the girls will work on the off season."

SOPHS BREAK EVEN WITH 4-4 RECORD

by Jason Hyduk

Benton and Mother Nature rained on the Marion sophomore football team as the Bobcats storm to a 16-6 win over the Indians. Marion tried to bring in some sunshine with a fake punt by Josh Claypool for a Marion touchdown. Though unfortunately it seemed to cloud back up for the Indians, as they had their season low of 50 yards rushing and 72 yards passing. Marion got back on track for the next game as they hammered Grinnell 41-21. Greg Wilkinson showed where the end zones were as he ran for 73 yards, 2 touchdowns, and an extra point. Josh

Claypool also having an excellent night as he had 2 touchdowns including his interception which he returned for a 88 yard TD. Spencer Northway and Brian Wendeling (Wendel) each added a touchdown.

South Tama was not a good evening for the sophs as they lost 36-12. The line was driven back consistently by a South Tama defense which went on to win district.

The final game of the season was against Oskaloosa. The sophs won 26-7 to end with an even record. Josh Claypool had a punt return and a fake punt to score. Jay Hoffman added to the Indian total. Jeremy Steepleton added extra points. A real bright spot for the team was the consistently good effort by the defensive team. Oskaloosa ran mostly up the middle where they were stopped by Wilkinson, Wendling, Hoffman and Steepleton.

CHEERLEADERS GET NEW COACH

by Sarah Jackson

If you have noticed that the cheerleaders have gotten more creative then last year, there was one person to thank and that is Lanae Smith, the new cheerleading sponsor/coach. She has made all the difference.

Lanae Smith graduated from Marion High in 1984. She was a football cheerleader for her whole high school career plus her 7th and 8th grade years at Vernon. She says that there were more girls who tried out for cheerleading then, opposed to now, so tryouts were much harder. She also claims that the crowd, including the parents, were much more involved then.

Lanae says, "The cheerleaders are doing a wonderful job, they have improved a lot, and they look like they are having a great deal of fun this year."

Lanae got the job at the end of July, but the cheerleaders couldn't start practice until August 19. For the job she had to complete four coaching classes at Kirkwood. She hopes to coach Marion's cheerleaders next year also. She says that she likes to coach this sport because she enjoyed it so much when she was in high school that she wants this year's cheerleaders to have as much fun as possible.

CROSS COUNTRY FINISHES

by Kevin Bockenstedt

West Delaware proposed problems from the very start. Andy Toomer fell and got stepped in the chest. Bryan Balvanz got an 18:24

placing 44th. Teresa Mitchell clocked in at 14:57.

The North Linn Invitational was a good race for the most of the runners except for a slight wind. Bryan Balvanz placed 55th with a time of 17:56. Kevin Bockenstedt had a personal record of 19 minutes, 30 seconds. Josh Bauer returned to run with the team placing 133rd in 20:43. Teresa Mitchell placed 88th in 14:30. Maria Bockenstedt placed 99th in a time of 17:09.

Bryan Balvanz again placed first for the team in 18:55 and 14th place at WAMAC at South Tama. Teresa Mitchell placed 24th in 15:47.

Districts was better for the team than usual. Matt Balk strided into 67th place in a time of 19:35. Bryan Balvanz was close with a 19:36 and 68th place. Andy Toomer ended in 75th place at 19:49. Dean Ratzlaff finished the race in 20:12 and 90th place. Josh Bauer and Kevin Bockenstedt stayed on each others heels throughout the entire meet only to have a fastest kick contest at the finish. Josh finished 106th in 20:46 and Kevin finished 107th in 20:48. The Indian runners finished the year out on the right foot. Few injuries and plenty of good times kept the team together.

VB SOPHS PLAY WELL

by Greg Wilkinson

To start the second half of the season, the girls went on to challenge West Delaware at the Hawks' gymnasium. Even though West Delaware had the home court advantage, Marion still went on to win 17-15, 15-4 and 16-14. The girls then hosted the Independence Mustangs whom the girls defeated two games to one. After losing the first game the girls came storming back to win the last two. They then traveled to North Linn which they had no problem with. Winning the first two games 15-11 and 15-7. The team ended the season with Benton Community. Losing the first game, they were determined to win the other two and defeated the Bobcat's two games to one. The girls weren't finished yet when they went to the Wamac tournament. Starting with Waterloo Columbus, they won one and tied one to move on to Vinton winning 15-6 and losing 13-15. Playing La Salle next, fighting for a win they were defeated 6-15 and 10-15. The Metro tournament was their final tournament as sophomores. They defeated Kennedy 17-15 and 15-10, but were beat by Jefferson 10-15 and 7-15. The girls managed to tie with La Salle but lost to Iowa City High and Prairie to finish off the season.

The Sophomore girls Volleyball team ended the season with a record of 24 wins and 27 losses. Overall in Wamac they finished with a record of 11 wins and 8 losses.

8th VB

by Tina Betts

The 8th grade volleyball girls had a very good year. There were a lot of good players this year and then there were some girls that excelled more than others. Showing excellence were Michelle Freese, Breanna Carrillo, Erin Logemann, Kate Humiston, Kate Chapman, Sam Cook, and Amber Eganhouse. The squads improved a lot on running a multiple offense for the fact the depth of skills the girls contained. While playing against Independence they shut out their girls 15-0 which in turn made this a very meaningful season. All three squads had match victories and Michelle Freese had three blocks in this match. The girls had come out with good moves. Rachel Spalti and Heather Dirks had the most ace serves. Amber Bair and Erin Logemann had the most consistent serves. Sara Derby and Michelle Freese had the most ace passes, Michelle Freese and Breanna Carrillo were the most consistent passers, Amber Eganhouse and Breanna Carrillo had the most sets and Michelle Freese had the most

blocks. Our match record is not a good indicator of the talent on this team. The A and B squads played at a higher level than most opponents. The girls are well prepared for the high school game of volleyball in their style of play. Their skills will continue to improve with practice.

Bright Future Ahead

by Amber Eganhouse & Bethanne McBurney

On Tuesday October 5th, the 8th grade Indians hosted the Benton Community Bobcats. By halftime, Marion had jumped off to a lead of 8-0. Travis Offerman scored a touchdown with a 50 yard reverse. Jared Rogness threw an exceptional pass to Eric Wright which provided a two point conversion. The Indians were unfortunately unable to hold off the Bobcats in the 2nd half and lost 14-8. In the B-game Marion rolled over Benton, 22-8, giving the B team their

first win of the year. The runs that had scored were made by Nathan Allen and Seth Nemec. Shawn Conway scored on a pass from Jared Rogness.

On October 12, they traveled to Monticello and delivered the Panthers a 43-12 defeat. Travis Offerman scored 3 touchdowns on runs of 27, 43, and 10 yards. Travis also scored a 15 yard screen pass from Alex Dvorsky. Awesome standouts on blocking were provided by Ben Lohr, Seth Scott, and Brad Jones. Travis scored his fifth touchdown of the day when he picked up a fumble and carried it 20 yards right into the end zone. Aaron Stillions ran 56 yards on a counter play for a touchdown. A total of 7 extra points were scored as follows; Eric Wright on a pass from Jared Rogness, Matt Post on a pass from Alex Dvorsky, and Aaron Stillions kicked 3 points. A first for a very long time at Marion. Allen Carter and many others played well on defense. In the B game, Marion and Monticello tied 6-6. Nathan Allen scored one touchdown on a twenty yard run.

The season record for the A team was 2 wins and 3 losses. The B team record was 1 win, 3 losses and 1 tie. Good job for this season.

Frosh VB Improves

by Melissa Walderbach

The freshman volleyball team finish their year strong with a dominating win over West Delaware while splitting with Cedar Rapids Prairie. They defeated West Delaware 3 games 0. "The girls work well as team, and they showed this in the West Delaware game," says varsity volleyball player. Their final game of the season was against Cedar Rapids Prairie. They beat Prairie's black team 2 games to 1, while being defeated by Prairie's orange team 2 games to 0.

"This year has been a very positive year for the girls. They tried hard to get the win, supported each other when things weren't going so well for them, and most of all they

had a positive attitude towards each other and got along well with coach Robertson," said a team parent. The girls finished the season with an overall record of 13-11-3 and placed 3rd in the Mississippi Valley Conference. "I'm very proud of the girls and the way that they work with each other as a team" says coach Steph Robertson.

Frosh FB Starts Strong

by Jason Hyduk

After a disappointing eighth grade season, the freshman football team got off to a great start as they stomped the Vikings 22-8. Chad Zrudsky, Robert Wiley, Justin Kensigner and Cory Rubel were mentioned as having an excellent game.

It seemed as if that great start would not last as Center Point shut down the Indians 8-0. In the next game they found they weren't ready for the Mustang attack, as they were beat 30-6. After losing the last 2 games they found hard practices were needed, but it seemed as if that wasn't enough as West Delaware shook them up a little 36-12. So you can imagine it would be a tough ride for these guys losing the rest of their games against Regis, South Tama, Benton, and Prairie. Despite only having 1 win the fans and coaches were proud of their never say die attitude, in hopes for better luck in the future.

"Turnovers and lapses in concentration plagued the team," said Coach Singleton. "Every contest showed signs of improvement."

The coaching staff also noted that the team seemed to shut down opponents in the second half, but they had already dug themselves into a hole too deep to get out of.



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