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## Sowing Wild Oats

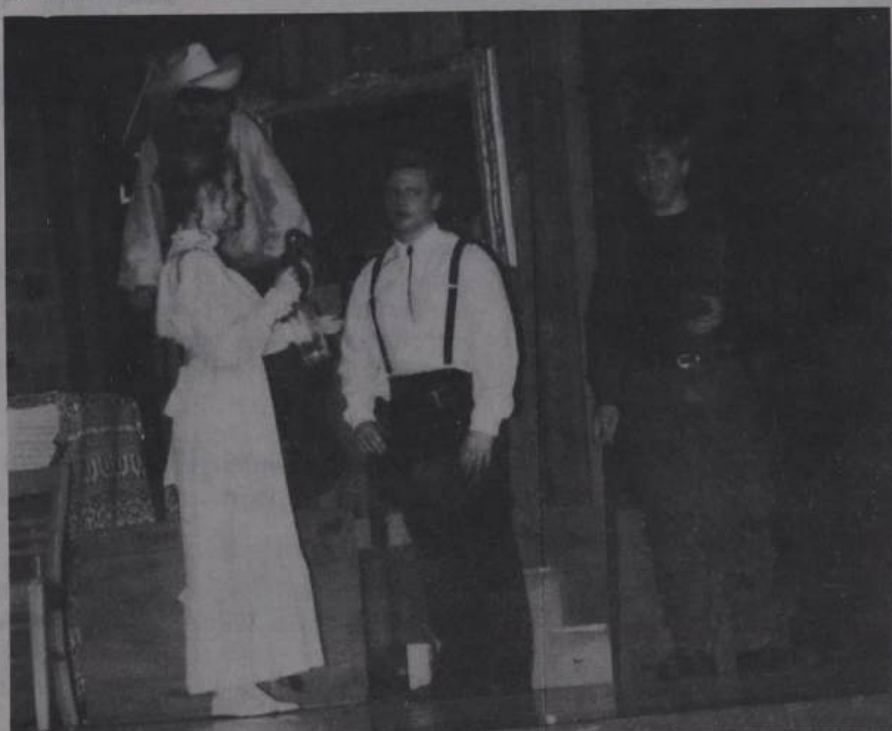
by Chris Krull

On April 8-9, the Drama dept. presented Wild Oats. It is the story of one man impersonating another in an attempt to win over a girl. The main characters are Rover and Kate portrayed by Steve Zaruba and Sarah Jackson. Other actors involved in the production were Travis Clarke as Emphraim Smooth, Kelly Westergaard as Jane Gammon and Chad Zrudsky as Ike Gammon. Theresa Garthwaite, Corey Browne, Josh Sova, and Amy Kraus also had important roles in it. Also involved were a sheriff, several bar girls, and three dangerous deserters from the Seventh Cavalry.

Travis Clarke had a challenging role as the western minister, but gave an outstanding performance. He summed the experience by saying, "I really enjoyed working with the cast and I think that everyone made a great effort."

It was the last play for many of the seniors and many had mixed feeling. Nicole Rollie stated the general attitude, "It was very fun and I will miss not working with my friends on any more plays. The thing I will remember most is all the people that I would have never met if it weren't for the play."

The cast and crew met nightly for a month and a half preparing for their performance. After many hours of patience and practice they were ready. The director, Mrs. Braun, summed up the play by saying, "This is a play I will never forget. I had a lot of fun working with and yelling at the cast."



Amy Kraus, Josh Sova, Steve Zaruba and Corey Browne react differently to discovering they are all related to each other.



During the Thursday dress rehearsal, Mr. Twachtmann practiced for his role as the Marshal. Kate Parks gave him a badge and hat to complete his characterization.



Surrounded by the characters in the saloon, Corey Browne and Theresa Garthwaite discuss their search for the deserters.



Travis Clarke hoped to educate Kelly Westergaard into the Church of Christian Suffering and Denial. She needed more lessons.



Unlike his real self, Chris Krull's character needed to be told when his part was over and her had to leave the stage.



# Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

Thumbs down to students not being able to make their own salad.

Thumbs up to the Varsity and Sophomore basketball players. Nice Job!!!

Thumbs up to people who drive other peoples trucks around the parking lot.

Thumbs up to seniors who can pronounce their names backward...you're sooo smart.

Thumbs up to everyone who gives me money to buy a pop in the afternoon.

Thumbs down to people who quit the play.

Thumbs up to some people being mature enough to let jerks be jerks and not listen to all the trash they say.

Thumbs down to people who tell jokes and then mess up in the middle, so you never get to hear the punch line.

Thumbs down to people who whisper.

Thumbs down to people who know they smell and don't do anything about it.

Thumbs down to guys who are so desperate that they will do anything to get girls to notice them.

Thumbs down to people who get offensive when one of their friends shocks the world and goes on a date.

Thumbs down to people who think it's cute to pour pop on people's cars.

Thumbs up to people who wrestle free style...GREAT JOB!!!

Thumbs up to the last quarter of school!

Thumbs up to Mr. Bean.

Thumbs down to prejudice.

Thumbs up to new spring sandals.

Thumbs up to Schindler's List.

Thumbs down to having bones in your chicken and noodles.

Thumbs down to people who cut in the lunch line and don't even care.

Thumbs up to the Oscar Awards.

Thumbs up to the Lock-In.

Thumbs down to sexual harassment.

Thumbs down to no fans showing up at girls games.

Thumbs up to the Chicago Bulls still going strong without Michael Jordan.

Thumbs down to the people who get their kicks making fun of others during activities (like the play). It's too bad they're so unsure of themselves they have to put others down to make themselves feel better.

Thumbs up to spring break.

Thumbs down to spring break being over.

Thumbs down to teachers and students who don't keep commitments and show up when they have promised to.

Thumbs up to those who went on the MS Walk.

Thumbs up to Wild Oats.

Thumbs down to people with no sense of humor.

## Student Section

by Greg Wilkinson

"Sit down!"  
"Down in front!"  
"Whooo, did you see that play? No, I had this kid standing right in my view!"

Have you been told this once or twice at the football games? Well if not, you probably will unless we get a student section. I went down to talk with Mr. Twachtman about it and he said, "It's not a bad idea to create a student section at the South end of the bleachers. It would be about 10 to 15 feet and either have the whole section or the middle to the top depending on the number of students attending. It would only be for High school students only, no middle school students allowed."

Varsity head coach Messerli thinks that this is "...a good idea. It would promote school unity and spirit and cheer on the team. It wouldn't be good if it is used only as a hang-out. We need to cheer the team on and give the students something in common. They can make a commitment to the team and not be disruptive to the other fans."

Cheerleader Sarah Jackson feels it would be a positive thing. "Parents would be able to watch the game without any disruption from the students. Cheerleaders could get the crowd more involved because all the students would be together."

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# Opinion

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## The Horoscope for April 1994



Pisces 2/20 to 3/20

If you and your parents disagree this month stand up to them, your in the right, they just might see it your way. Enjoy all the attention you are going to get from your peers, you will find a new friend among them.



Virgo 8/24 to 9/23

Get ready to spend some money this month. You will receive great sums of moola. As your having fun with all new items you have purchased don't forget your friends that are having a tough month.



Aries 3/21 to 4/20

An unexpected guest will offer a once in a lifetime deal, you may not be able to trust him/her, use your best judgement.

Congrats on your report card, maybe this is the time to be asking Mom for the new shoes.



Libra 9/24 to 10/23

Get ready to let your hair hang down! There are some parties with your name all over them. Be aware of peer pressure, you don't need to try that bottle of Zima, you'll have more fun without it..



Taurus 4/21 to 5/21

This is the month to relax, The grades are out, the play is over, and summer is just around the corner. Have fun with this time that you have. Take up a new hobby like kick-boxing or painting.



Scorpio 10/24 to 11/22

Don't be shocked if your parents extend your curfew or are exceedingly generous this month, your parents are just starting to trust you, don't take them for granted. And have fun.



Gemini 5/22 to 6/21

Enjoy the new company of the opposite sex. But don't take it to serious, it may not last. Although you seem to be having a great month so far, beware of the fork in the road, you never know what is coming up next.



Sagittarius 11/23 to 12/21

Get ready to do some serious studying after you finally have enough guts to show your parents your grades. It will pay off in the end. Have fun with your friends with your time off, their as bored as you are.



Cancer 6/22 to 7/23

You had a great month last year and it seems to be pouring into this month, congratulations on the many awards and compliments that you have been receiving. But keep a handle on your stress.



Capricorn 12/23 to 1/20

Don't be afraid to ask your dream date to prom, they just might say yes. Have fun if they do, but don't expect to much, they are probably just looking for a good friend.



Leo 7/24 to 8/23

Although adventurous as you are you need to take extra precautions, the safety net won't always be there. Keep your friends no mater what new fling enters your life.



Aquarius 1/20 to 2/19

Last month you couldn't trust many people this month relax and let others make the decisions. Don't get too excited when some good news comes your way it may just be a rumor.



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# Features

## All Locked Up and Nowhere To Go

by Holly Beck

On March 18 the Student Senate held another successful lock-in at Marion High School.

To start the night off, a dance was held in the lounge from 7:30p.m. to 11:30p.m. to get students pumped up for all the excitement following the dance.

While people were snacking on pizza from Little Caesars, there were various activities going on to participate in such as free throw shoots, slam dunk contest, ping-pong, and volleyball games. John Heald took 1st place in the 3 pt shooting contest, John Cannon got 2nd, and Greg Wilkinson got 3rd. In the Slam Dunk Contest, Tim Mooney placed 1st, Jeff Kinney placed 2nd, and Kane Lakose 3rd. Dean Ratzlaff won the Ping-Pong tournament. The Pizat in the

Twizat Volleyball team won 1st. Those involved with that were Thad Rahn, Tim Mooney, Scott Bemisdarfer, Darin Andresen, Dan Erkel, and Chad Borst.

Those who weren't as active, spent time in the movie rooms watching *The Fugitive*, *Sleepless In Seattle*, *Son in Law*, *Robin Hood Men in Tights*, *Hot Shots Part Deux*, *Airplane*, and many others! BINGO was being played in the lounge including TWISTER and board games.

Donutland provided donuts for those who were still up from the long..... night.

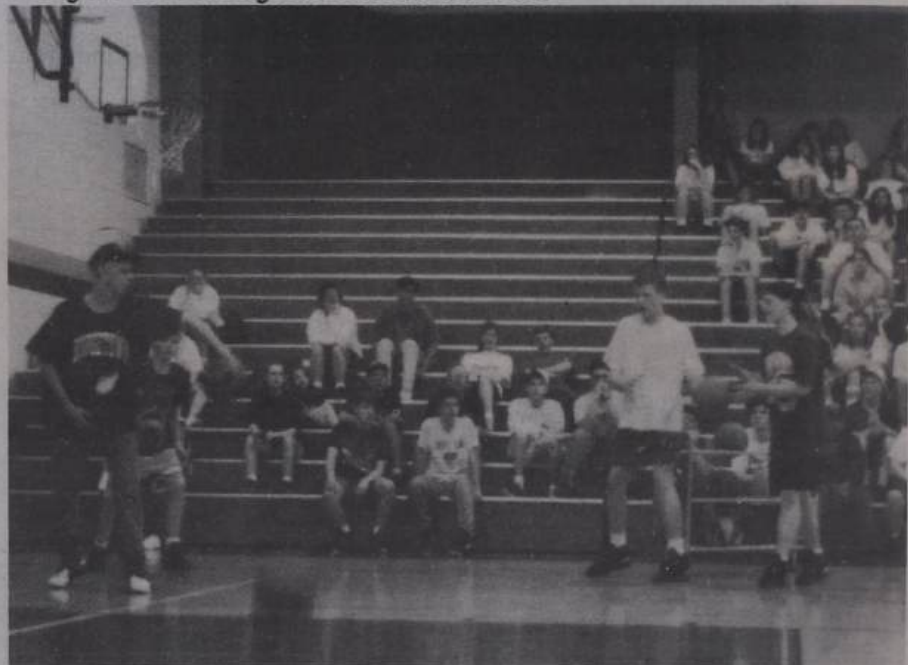
"The lock-in was a real success, and everyone helped out a lot", commented Senior Student Senate President Jill Wilson. "I'm going to miss all the fun times we had at these lock-ins".



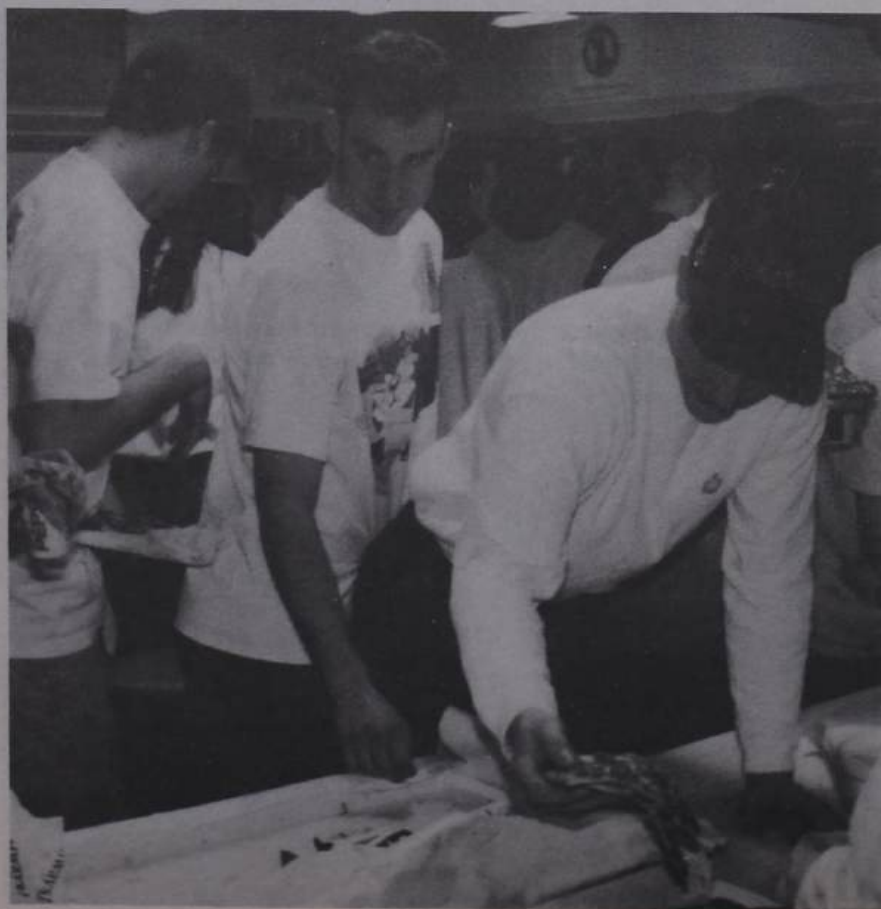
During the lock-in dance, Blair Gordan amazes his friends by actually noticing the stars through the cafeteria windows.



Holly Beck has her arms full of the eagerly awaited pizza from Little Caesar's. As soon as the pizza was opened, the hungry throngs made short work of it.



The gym was a popular place during the evening. With an audience watching, Lon Copper, Eric Borst and Casey DeShaw played basketball.



Student Senate member Marcie Pinger started cleaning up and organizing as soon as the breakfast donuts were put out.



# Features

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## Activities Update

### ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

by Nicole Swierk

#### NHS

National Honor Society will be busy the next month or two in preparation for the first annual School-Wide Carnival. On May 21 the circus tents go up and the games and great food will be dished up in large quantities for "Carnival '94". Between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. you and every other student will have the chance to enjoy a carnival setting on the school parking lot (Unless it rains, of course, then it will be moved into the lounge and gym!) and help various organizations to earn money at the same time. After the carnival, a dance will be held from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. or just until the cows come home. They are also going to be doing their road clean-up during the months of April and May, but specific dates have not yet been established. And for the moment, you all have been waiting for, you will find out if you are a new member of the National Honor Society. This great day will be sometime during the second week of May. But just remember, with your new membership comes your initiation. Are you brave enough?

#### SODA

S.O.D.A. enjoyed an evening full of fun, food, games, and of course movies! On March 21, members and their friends engaged in a "Fun Night" here at the high school from 6:00-8:30 pm. The night gave them a chance to organize their thoughts and ideas on Post Prom. At the carnival, SODA will be selling pizza and running a pie throwing booth. Now, who would you like to see underneath a pile of whip cream? Maybe they can arrange for it! Each member is anxiously awaiting their scheduled trip to Adventureland on April 30. It should be a nice break from school and work. The final thing on their agenda is Post Prom. This year they are giving away more big prizes than last year for the lucky winners to cherish and admire for the years to come.

#### FBLA

F.B.L.A. is going to savor their time spent at the Five Seasons Hotel on the weekend of April 8-9. No this is not a regular activity, but it is the Spring Conference, which to a lot of the students means both

work and a fun time. Presently, there are many members that are investigating the addition of a FBLA trophy case in memory of Justin Turner. An idea with a dangerous twist is the fact that they are operating a balloon dart booth at the up and coming school carnival.

#### STUDENT SENATE

Student Senate has rallied up all of the cans that were possible on a "Cans For Kids" drive at the school. For a school of our size we collected a total of more than 2600 cans, all for a good cause too, kids! Big plans that were on their mind was the Lock-In that was held on March 18. It consisted of a dance from 7:30-11:30 and then all kind of things happened behind the closed doors, including volleyball, a three point shoot-out, movies, and a ping-pong tournament. For many people this night is now a part of their memories. Most of the members feel that this was the best Lock-In that has ever been held, but they are always open and ready to listen to new ideas. For a new twist, how about Dragon Boat Racing? They're trying to get a team started for the summer and can use all the help they can get. If you want to participate in an activity you will never forget, get some of you friends together and tell a member that you are interested in it. As of right now they have plenty of the man-power, but are in need of more woman-power, how about giving it a try girls?



Ready for prom are Chris Krull, Brian Lala and Thad Rahn in tuxes from Mr. Neat's. In return for wearing the tuxes and handing out pamphlets, they received a discount on their own tuxes.

## Prom Preparations

### FINDING THE PERFECT DRESS

by Danielle Andresen & Christy Steffes

Many of the girls who have gone to prom before have gone through all of the things that we are going to write about. For example the first and most important thing of all is that you find a date to escort you to the dance. And after that is accomplished many of the stresses are taken off your shoulders except for the second most important thing, which is finding a dress!

Finding a dress can be very strenuous. Usually girls want to look as good as they possibly can for themselves because it may be the only chance they ever get to dress up. Money isn't usually a problem, because much of the time is at their parents' expense. But sometimes parents make the girls pay for their own dresses and that can be a drag because it is hard to come up with that amount of money in such a short time. For Dawn Schoeberl it was a totally different story. "I got my prom dress paid for because I was the winner of a drawing at a prom show, so I guess I'm just one of the lucky ones!"

It can take lots of time and energy into finding the perfect dress to satisfy you, your parents, and sometimes even your date. As Andi Nelson stated, "It's difficult because all the dresses that I like are in the wrong size." Many girls spend several of their Saturdays and after school time looking for a dress at the

local wedding and prom shops, in hope of finding the "Perfect" dress!

### JUNIORS BUSY GETTING READY FOR THE BIG NIGHT

by Jennel Lien

What has been the latest talk you ask? Well, prom prep is. When you walk in the halls between classes, girls are trading prom gown magazines and comparing what each others dresses look like. At lunch, the conversations about where they are going to eat and how much everything is going to cost on an estimated guess is often brought up. As for the guys, many of the girls are helping out with what their dates are going to be wearing so it will match perfectly with their \$150 to \$300 dollar dresses. When talking with the ladies that are planning to attend prom, their biggest complaint is the cost. These days, the cost for any dance comes to be a little more than what most people want to spend. The school helped out a little by having a raffle where somebody could win a \$50 gift certificate at Hemingway's to eat. That raffle was won by senior Amy Boland. Another person that had been helped out for prom was Dawn Schoeberl. She was the lucky winner of a \$300 gift certificate on prom gear at Hope's.

Other than individuals getting ready for prom, students in the junior class that are helping prom be one of the neatest ones ever. Deciding what the theme will be, what kind of decorations to have in the atmosphere, who will take the pictures, and what the background will be has caused a lot of tension for juniors that are helping budget the money they have to get what they would like for prom. Not much has been done on the physical labor part yet, but the time will come when some juniors will be in the gym preparing for the "big night."

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## Features

# Dropping

## What Happens

by Sarah Jackson

Drop Joe Bob from the rolls...many of us see this on the teacher announcements we ask ourselves why did these people drop out of school. Their reasons for leaving could be limitless.

Personal conflicts are the main reason for leaving. Take Chad Mansfield for instance. This was the reason he dropped the first time. He did realize that he needed an education and rejoined, but sad enough he needed to leave again. Chad left on account of time.

His girlfriend was kicked out of her home and forced to live in her car. She was a senior at Belle Plaine High School and working for her diploma. She needed the car that Chad needed for work to go from Marion to school. While she had the car, he had to find a ride to Burger King, on Blairs Ferry, which was impossible. Because of this problem he quit his classes and drove Heather, his girlfriend, to school and worked during the day. His dream was to raise enough money to rent an apartment for Heather and him to live in.

Today Chad and Heather live in an apartment in Hiawatha. Chad works as a telemarketer. Chad regrets leaving school and admits that drugs had a little to do with it. And when he finds time he plans on receiving his G.E.D.. Hopefully he will acquire a job that pays more than minimum wage.

Another person who quit school

is Jason Phan. Jason has a completely different reason for dropping. It was the simple fact that he hated school, he hated the homework, he hated the waking up, he hated

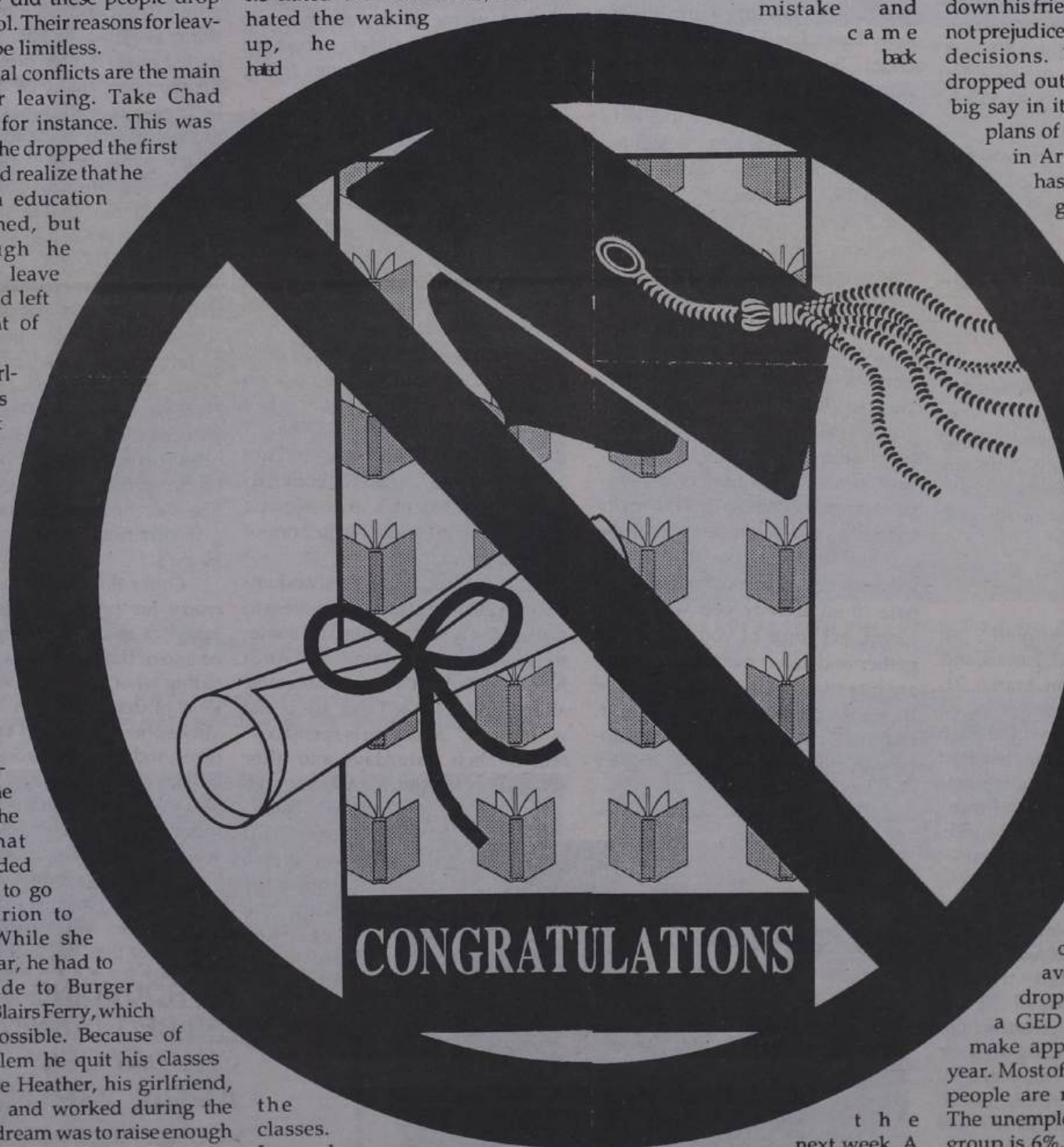
ing. On the spur of the moment Adam told him that he was leaving and never coming back.

Adam did realize his mistake and came back

their foot steps. What about Lynn Clark? Lynn has been best friends with these people since elementary school. Lynn does not put down his friends in any way and is not prejudiced on account of their decisions. Why hasn't Lynn dropped out? His parents had a big say in it, but also Lynn has plans of college and a degree in Art. Lynn says, "There has to be at least one good guy out of the bunch."

Lynn wishes the best for his friends in whatever decisions they might have. He hopes that maybe someday soon Adam and Chad will finish school or get their G.E.D. He also hopes that Jason survives.

While the idea of sleeping all day and not doing homework is appealing to many, there are consequences. On the average, a person who drops out of school or gets a GED diploma will only make approximately \$15,000/year. Most of the jobs open to these people are minimum wage jobs. The unemployment rate for this group is 6%. People with a high school diploma average \$20-22,000 a year in salary, and their unemployment rate drops to 4%. A 4-year college graduate averages \$30,000/year and the unemployment rate is 2%. While all these figures are approximate, studies show that people who have completed high school show much higher job satisfaction and are happier with their lives.



the classes.

Jason does not regret his decision and does not have any plans for the future. Jason's free time consists of drinking, getting stoned, and every once in a while he'll get a job, but he'll usually quit the next day.

Adam Estes got in a severe fight with his girlfriend and felt he needed to leave school immediately. As he was walking out the doors the principal tried to keep Adam from leav-

ing. On the spur of the moment Adam told him that he was leaving and never coming back. Adam did realize his mistake and came back

the next week. A couple weeks later Adam was kicked out of school. While out of school Adam is working at the Y.M.C.A. as a lifeguard and he is raising money to move to California. Like many people Adam has high hopes of joining a band and making it big.



# Features

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## Out: When You're Gone

### Options: The Learning Center

by Marsha Pinger

Some of you are not aware of what exactly the Learning Center is and what it does for many students. For over 20 years the Learning Center program has given many people, between the ages of 17 and 93, a second chance at receiving their diploma.

No individual under the age of 18 is ever enrolled in the Kirkwood adult High School programs without close cooperation and communication with the school district the students last attended. It has always been Kirkwood's policy to encourage students to remain in school. Those who are enrolled are never seen as dropouts or failures.

The program is structured to allow for two options; a Kirkwood Diploma or a GED (General Equivalency Degree). The Kirkwood Diploma is awarded after earning 48 quarter credits. The GED Diploma is based on completion of a comprehensive test battery. A correspondence program is also used by some students, 120

school districts in Iowa accept credit transferred to them.

Enrollment and attendance in the program is voluntary. They do expect responsible behavior, if not, the student will be asked to withdraw from the program. It operates on an open door basis with minimal rules and regulations. Although the program operates on a quarter credit system for record-keeping purposes, there is not much emphasis on time as a measure of progress.

Within the past few years, Kirkwood has graduated approximately 800 students from the surrounding schools; Alburnett, Linn-Mar, Center Point, Springville, North-Linn, and Marion. A graduation ceremony is held in Cedar Rapids each Spring but not all of the students are required to attend they can have their diploma mailed if wished.

The Kirkwood Adult High School program provides an opportunity to achieve dreams once thought impossible.

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1993-1994	0	9

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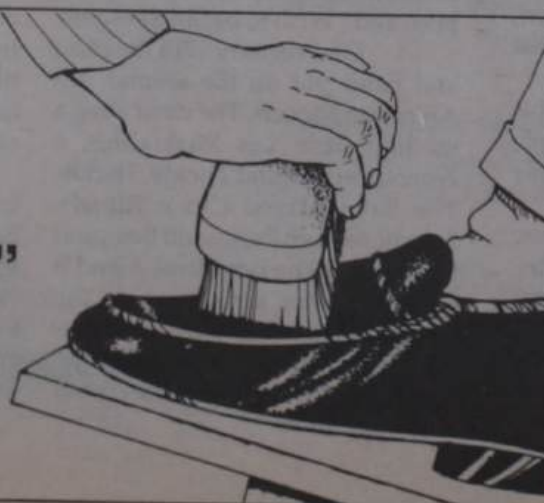
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# Features

## Fabulous Fad

**BOWLING MAKES ITS MOVE IN POPULARITY**

by Darin Andresen

A new sensation has hit the scene in Marion lately to cure those weekend mind blocks on things to do, though it isn't new at all. It's BOWLING.

The game our parents have been participating in for years has now become something to do when all else fails, which is often in this huge metropolis of a city. The interest may have come from bowling in gym, which students have been doing for as long as Mrs. Dostal has been here. She says it's one of the P.E. department's most popular activities because "anyone can bowl and be successful doing it." She goes on to say participation goes way up during bowling.

The most popular place to bowl

seems to be CRBC, where on any given Friday or Saturday night up to 40 MHS students will be on hand according to Thad Rahn. Thad and Brian Lala are employed at CRBC and have witnessed the increase in attendance over the past couple months. "A lot of people are looking for things to do," explains Thad. "The loud music and exciting bowling just trips their trigger."

Students seem to agree. "I'd rather bowl than other stuff in gym," says MHS senior Rob Mitchell. Amy Boland adds, "Bowling is a great opportunity to go out and try something different on the weekend with friends."

So if you haven't already joined the craze, just drop by on a Friday and see what all the talk is about.



While working at the Cedar Rapids Bowling Center, Thad Rahn makes sure everything is neat and clean.

## THIRTY DAYS OF FITNESS

by Saskia Langenberg

Thursday, March 10 was the day that the kick-off of the Thirty Days of Fitness took place at Kirkwood. It will last the whole month of April.

The participants this year are Bryan Balvanz, Travis Clarke, Theresa Garthwaite, Kelly Gongwer, Kim Hammill, Ryan Hargraves, Jenny Hartl, Beth Hatch, Brad Holub, Mitch Long, Melissa Walderbach, and Jason Westpfahl.

This group is coached by Mrs. Dostal with assistance of Mr. Immerfall. Mark McCormick, Natalie Detling, John Hamilton, Dawn Schoeberl, Chad Seagren, Jon Stickney, and Jill Wilson, who are seniors, also assist and advise the junior team.

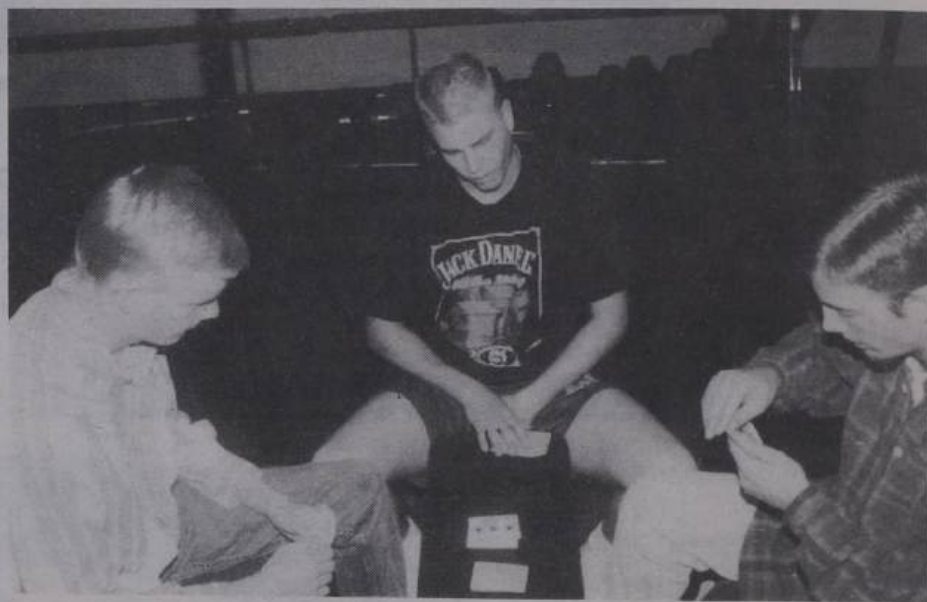
This is the third year for Mrs. Dostal that she has been part of this project. "It is a lot of fun. It is getting better each year because more people are familiar with the program. That makes it easier to get the kids motivated. It's a privilege to be part of it."

The students pair up, and each group chooses one of the main themes, which are: chemical-free, exercise, safety, nutrition, self-esteem, environment. After that, they display all kinds of information in a creative way about that certain topic in all the schools of Marion. The whole concept of the 30 days of fitness is to draw the attention of as many people as possible to this project. This year's group has already come up with a great deal of good ideas.

Kelly Gongwer has really enjoyed working on this program. "It's a great way to not only learn about yourself, but also to communicate and learn about others."

## Pinochle Bash

**NOT ONLY ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY, BUT EVERY DAY IS A CARD-PLAYING DAY AT MHS**



Darin Andresen, Lon Copper, and Dan Erkel spend their spare time in the weight room playing any card game they can think of.

by Chris Krull

After several months of training and hours of practice several Marion students were ready for the first annual St. Patrick's Day Pinochle Tournament. The Marion students involved were Darin Andresen, Lon Copper, Eric Schaefer, Thad Rahn, Scott Fretheim, Chris Krull, along with Marion graduates Ben Balvanz, Sean Wedding, and Jason Vavra. Also playing were Coe Freshmen Dave Parish and Ben Koobartz. Due to work schedules and mid-terms, newcomers John Hamilton and Mark McCormick had to fill in.

The game of pinochle is played with a special deck with only nine through ace cards. The object of the game is to win as many hands as possible.

Scott Fretheim and Chris Krull lost early and often and failed to make the tournament. Once the tournament started Lon and Darin, and Mark and John advanced through the first round. In the Losers Bracket Ben and Dave, and Eric and Thad battled for the chance to play back to second. After a surprising finale, Mark and John pulled it out to win the big trophy. Ben and Dave dominated in the play backs to take the second place trophy.

After the exciting night of pinochle all Thad had to say was, "We're not planning on inviting Mark and John next year!"

## Music Notes

by Matt Balk

The Band and Choir have been working overtime to prepare for concerts and contests.

All the guys performed at Van Horne for the 1st WAMAC men's choir. The mass choir sung five songs including Drink to me only with Thine Eyes, Make a Joyful Sound, Shenandoah, Bound for Jubilee and I Wish to be Single Again.

On February 17th the choir and band put on the annual All-American concert. The choir sung a medley from Les Miserables, a French musical and Trickle, Trickle. The Band played Chant Rituals, Selections from Porgy and Bess, and IBA March. The Jazz Band A and B added another dimension to the program. They concluded by allowing the crowd to join them in the signing or playing The Battle Hymn of the Republic.

French Horn player, Jason Kellerhals was one of the elite six instrumentalists to receive a two hundred dollar Cedar Rapid Symphony Guild Award Music Scholarship for playing excellence.

Both directors are preparing their students for the solo and ensemble contest on April 16th in Anamosa. The band has twenty-one solo and sixteen ensemble entries. The choir has four groups and two solos. Everyone participating is attempting to receive a Division I rating.

The entire choir is preparing for Large Group Contest. "The choir has been making progress on some technical things," Mr. Heim says, "Working on contest material means learning classical music and all the difficulties associated with it. They will do well at contest on May 6th."



# Features

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## The "Eyes" Have It

by Christy Steffes

Fill out the blanks below, put your name on it, and turn it in to the office before April 30. In case of multiple correct answers, the winner will be chosen by drawing.



8th grader with blue eyes



8th grader with brown eyes



9th grader with blue eyes



9th grader with brown eyes



10th grader with blue eyes



10th grader with brown eyes



11th grader with blue eyes



11th grader with blue eyes



12th grader with brown eyes



12th grader with blue eyes



Teacher with brown eyes



Teacher with hazel eyes

by John Hamilton

MHS has a very diverse population whose students share many different interests have many different likes and dislikes. One of the many different aspects of the students is the kind of music they listen to. Some enjoy rap. Some like country. A few prefer classical. Some just listen to whatever is on the radio or MTV. The latest music that students are listening to is called "Alternative," this is otherwise known as the "Seattle sound" or "grunge." One of the groups to come out of this type of music is called Pearl Jam.

Pearl Jam, like alternative music, is not new. It has been around for a few years. You'll find a few MHS students who say that they listened to Pearl Jam before Pearl Jam and Alternative "cool." Pearl Jam hit the Iowa scene at the end of 1991 when they were seen as a Buzz Clip on MTV.

From then on they spread like wild fire. Until later in the year people heard about them through word of mouth because they didn't get much air time. Some people were attracted by the whole sound. Others were attracted to the deep lyrics. What was Eddy Vedder (the lead singer and song writer for most songs) trying to say? And still others were just attracted to everything about the group. Now, with the release of their new LP they are bigger than ever.

To see how this craze has hit MHS you need only to walk down a hall and see all of the Pearl Jam paraphernalia. In a survey taken of 100 students by the Vox earlier in the year, the Vox found out that Alternative music was in the majority. Some fans claim to have 9 and 12 Pearl Jam CD's like

seniors Brion Fairbanks and Thad Rahn. "During my Freshman year all I realized I was listening to the same music but I had nothing to supplement it. Then during the mid part of my sophomore year I saw World Premier Video of Pearl Jam's Alive video and I bought the CD. Pearl Jam has since enlightened my remaining high school years." Chrissy Hamilton a sophomore talked about Pearl Jam this way "I love the eloquence of the lyrics and the strength of their sound, I also think Eddie

Vedder is really hot!" Sara Sparks, a junior says she likes Pearl Jam because, "I can always find a song to fit my mood." Nathan Allan, an Eighth grader, said this about Pearl Jam, "Their music is really inspirational, it actually means something, they aren't just a bunch of stoners cussing into the microphone." Assenior Mark McCormick put it, "The stories behind the lyrics deal with everyday life like stuff you see on the news." As you can see Anybody can listen to them. It doesn't matter what grade you're in or whether you have the same friends or personality. You share a common bond if you like Pearl Jam. Pearl Jam isn't just an Alternative group they are a feeling, a thought, an emotion. Their music is about real people dealing real life.

## FBLA

## SPRING

## CONFERENCE

by Marsha Pinger

April 7th through the 9th was the 48th Annual Iowa FBLA State Leadership Conference held at the Five Seasons Hotel in Cedar Rapids each spring.

Fourteen students from Marion FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) attended with their advisor Mrs. Young along with FBLA groups from all over Iowa. They were all competing for preparation to qualify for nationals.

The Marion FBLA students left the High School Friday morning at 7am and arrived just in time for registration. At 10:00 the competition began. Marion competed in many business and computer applications, along with the spelling relay which was sponsored by Marion in remembrance of Justin Turner. Friday ended with a banquet and dance. Saturday they finished up the competitions and at noon they had an Awards Assembly to acknowledge all the FBLA students. For Marion Amy Boland, and Jenny Raymond took 1st place in Business Graphics and Trampes Nevius got 4th in Mr. FBLA. Both Mrs. Young and the students had lots of fun.

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## Sports Shorts

## The Early Bird...

## Sweats?

by Matt Balk

Marion offered a new course this year that is off school hours. Early Bird P.E. was offered to help students be able to cram courses, have a study hall everyday or just to see what it would be like to have gym at 7:00 in the morning.

The class was limited in activities due to the time of the morning. The class missed out on soccer and football and will probably miss out on other sports in the spring. The class also has problems working out the mile run.

The class has nineteen students in it currently. Mr. Shaffer instructed the class first semester, Mrs. Dostal is teaching it second semester. "It is a really successful class. It shows that students are taking responsibility for their learning by having a full load and more," replies Mrs. Dostal. "In fact, next year we are going to have two sessions of the class."

## BOYS TENNIS

by Darin Andresen

Coming off of last year's record breaking 5-1 season, the Boys Varsity Tennis team hopes to continue it's winning ways this year. It will be tough, though, with only three returning lettermen.

The young team is lead by seniors Dan Erkel and Thad Rahn, who are one and two on the depth chart. Steady games by Scott Barcz, John Maske, and some underclass will be needed to successfully follow up last year's season.

The Indians got a sharp wake-up call on April 7 with a disappointing loss to defending state champs Camanche. But, the team is determined not to let this slow start keep them from a successful season, and they are looking forward to their next meet against Western Dubuque to make up for their loss to Camanche.

## GIRLS SOCCER

by Danielle Andresen

This year for the first time Marion offered a combined girls soccer team with Linn-Mar. Only two girls from Marion decided to take the challenge and actually go out for the sport. The two courageous girls are

Beth Hatch and Melissa Walderbach. When asked why they decided to go out for soccer, Beth said, "I don't like track very much and since they got a new track coach I decided to get a new sport to go out for which just happened to be soccer."

Melissa stated, "I wanted to try something new."

Neither of the two girls were worried about being discriminated against by Linn-Mar girls and

coaches, "I really don't think that the coach will discriminate against us because he is from Cedar Rapids Washington. But if he does decide to try and discriminate against us then he will hear some yelling from me!" Beth stated clearly.

They also said that the majority of the 29 girls who went out for soccer were also newcomers, just like Beth and Melissa. So they felt a little of the pressure and anxiety raised from their shoulders.

## GIRLS TENNIS

by Nicole Chamberlain

The girls tennis team is once again coached by Ken McNutt. This is his 4th year in coaching and hopes to do well. While battling with the cold weather there are 10 returning letter winners and a whole slew of new comers. Also playing is foreign exchange student Saskia Langenburg.

This girls first test was April 11 when Maquoketa came to town. The team lost 8-1, but Lisa Johnson won her match 8-5. Their next meet will be April 16 when they attend the Linn-Mar doubles held at Linn-Mar.

## GIRLS GOLF

by Holly Beck

Clubbing into the new season, the girls golf team has been warming up for upcoming meets. Returning letter winners are Sarah Jackson, Michelle Rude, Theresa Garthwaite, Sarah Heath, Krista Heath, and Holly Welbes. New members of the team are: Angela Henry, Tiffany Fredericksen, Anna Lensch, Molly Shelley, and Maria Bockenstedt.

Commented junior Michelle Rude, "This year will be more for improvement than competition. I

feel that if the freshmen stick with it, they will be successful in all the years to come." The first meet was against Linn-Mar at Squaw Creek April 7.

## BOYS GOLF

by John Hamilton

After coming off a rough couple of seasons the Boys Golf team hopes to make some big improvements this year. Returning letter winners are Darin Andresen, Glen Renfer, John Heald, Jason Hyduk, and John Hamilton. There is a total of thirty golfers out this year, which is the largest total ever. Coach Messerli said this about the season, "If we don't make repetitive mistakes then we will be successful in meets. Due to our experience we should have more success than we had in past years. The golfers now have to use their experience on the course and turn it into success."



In an early season practice, Jason Hyduk tees off at Indian Creek.



Shaking off a tough workout, Chad Seagren and Jon Cormier relax in the clubhouse.



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## New Spirits

by Jennel Lien

For about two weeks, the excitement that has roamed the halls was the talk about cheerleading and pom pon tryouts. Everybody that was trying out had their adrenaline flowing and butterflies in their stomachs. With mandatory meetings and practices, many of the students had shown up with hopes of learning more to their benefit of getting on a squad that they had signed up for.

The pom routine that everybody was to learn if they were trying out for the future year's squad was choreographed by Kristi Bassett and Danielle Andresen. The last four eight counts of the routine were to be made up by the squad. Besides the routine, whether you were going out for cheers or poms, it was mandatory for you to know the Onward Marion cheer, since it is the school song. The cheerleaders were to do a toe touch, combination jump, single jump, a stunt, their entrance and exit as a squad, and their own cheer. To some this may seem as a lot or even nothing, but to many that were trying out, when they finally got in front of the judges, the time went by quite fast. Seeing about ten judges was enough to make you nervous, but then their positive attitudes toward all that went out was an ice breaker. The judges for the event were all required to have been out of school for at least five years and had to have also been a cheerleader or pom pon when they were in school. They often showed enthusiasm and interest in all that the students presented to them.

"I'll miss it a lot, especially since Mrs. Smith had become our sponsor / coach," explained Nicole Osborn.

"I think that the tryouts went good, but there was a lot of competition," said Marcie Pinger, "the tryouts were hard and tough, and a lot of work was required, but the support from the seniors was helpful!"

Jason Kellerhals, a new participant to next year's Wrestling Cheerleading squad remarked, "I was really excited that I had made it my first year and had received my first choice as a wrestling cheerleader. When I was in front of the judges I felt really peppy, and had a lot of school spirit. Most of the other competitors and schoolmates were supportive of my decision to try out, even though there were some that were not. When I was in front of the judges I felt really peppy, and with a lot of school spirit."



Juniors Andi Nelson and Jennifer Winberg nervously waited for their turn at cheerleading tryouts.

## Track Off To a Running Start

by Nicole Chamberlain and Jon Stickney

Girls track is under a new program this year with new coach Dan French of Coe College which is taking over the girls track team this season. This is his first year here at Marion and hopes to do well in the upcoming season.

Girls track started the last week of February and the first week of March. There are a lot of new girls out this year and not as many returning letter winners. There are about 10 juniors and seniors and the rest are sophomores and freshman.

The track team usually starts out by running the streets and lifting weights while the field event people made their circle in the gym and this year they will be using the wrestling room for practice.

The girls first track meet was held at Cornell College's indoor track on March 25. The girls didn't do to well but they now know what they need to work on to make themselves better for the new season.

The girls first actual track meet was a triangular at home on April 5, but was postponed due to the cold weather. The girls will make up the track meet May 2.

Starting over with a new coach can be quite different for the team and the coach themselves. Marion Girls Track has a is starting over with a new coach. Dan French has had many years in coaching track. He has coached for about 13 years. He was the head coach at Coe College for 3 years for the boys and girls cross country team and assistant coach for track.

Mr. French has also coached up at UNI for 2 years and 9 years in

Omaha, Nebraska at Ronoalli High School.

Coach French has been teaching at 4-Oaks in Bertram, which is a treatment facility and teaches in the schooling department.

French has 21 people out for track and 5 letter winners returning and the rest are freshman. "Even though we're a young team we don't quite have the numbers to fill all the events," replied French. French hopes that once the post cold weather is over they will do well, but for now their concentrating on a few things such as what events they can enter with the small amount of people out.

Most of the girls seem to like Coach French because he takes an interested all of the events which the girls are in. "He helps out and gives you pointers to help improve you. He seems to care on how you're coming along," commented Dianna Findlay.



New girls track coach Dan French

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## BACK TO THE TRACK TO ATTACK

By Christy Steffes

Head track coach Immerfall has high hopes for the season just started. "Casey Swanson and Jon Stickney are back. They placed sixth in the 4 X 800 in State last year. In the past two years Jon has also qualified in three other relays."

There are thirty-four participants out for Track and Field this year. The 1994 returning letterman are: Brian Wendling, Casey Swanson, Dean Druecker, Jay Hoffman, Jon Stickney, Royce Sanks, Spencer Northway, Todd Brashaw, and Tybee Sever. Also participating in track are, Jason Hatch, Josh Claypool, Jeremy Steepelton, Brad Holub, Ryan Miller, Nate Werneburg, Cory Chapman, Kevin Bockenstedt, Bryan Balvanz, Chris Bushman, Chad Zrudsky, Jake Schuller, Matt Balk, Justin Kinsinger, James Griffin, Dan Tschopp, Braden Griffith, Brad Matheny, Tyson Colvin, Walker Burgess, Doug Fishwild, Rob Wiley, Corey Rubel, Seth Stearns, and Dan Johnson.

Heather Bauer and Carrie

Ciha are the track managers. Assisting Head Coach Mr. Immerfall is Mr. Clark and Mr. Schneekloth.

When asking Coach Immerfall what the seasons goals are, he replied by saying, "I hope we finish in the top three in our Wamac, win some invitationals, and qualify in several events at state with some place winners."

The first meet was held at Cornell. Jon Stickney broke the meet record in the 800 with a time of 2:04.25. The Medley Relay Team, Casey, Spencer, Brian, and Brad also received first place with a time of 3:56.03. Second place event winners were Nate Werneburg, in the shot, and Druecker, Northway, Holub, and Sanks in the 4 X 200. 4 X 400 runners were Druecker, Northway, Claypool, and Swanson, they received third.

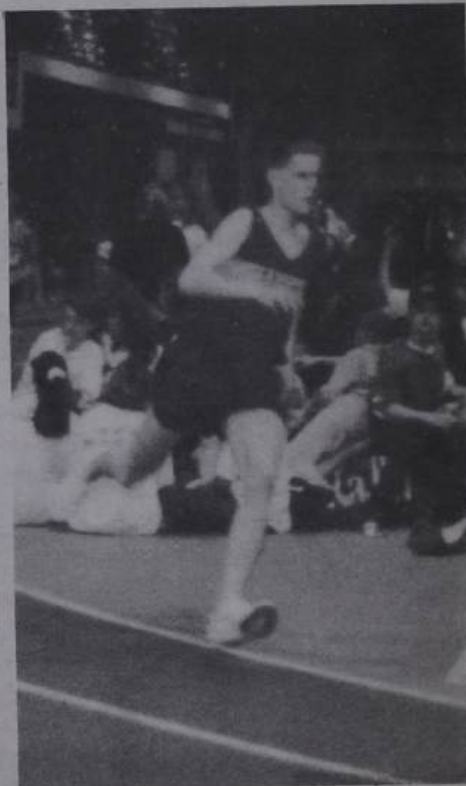
They then traveled to UNI. The only Participants were Claypool, Northway, Swanson, Sanks, Druecker, Burgess, Wendling, and Stickney.

Out of 100 runners Jon got second in the 800.

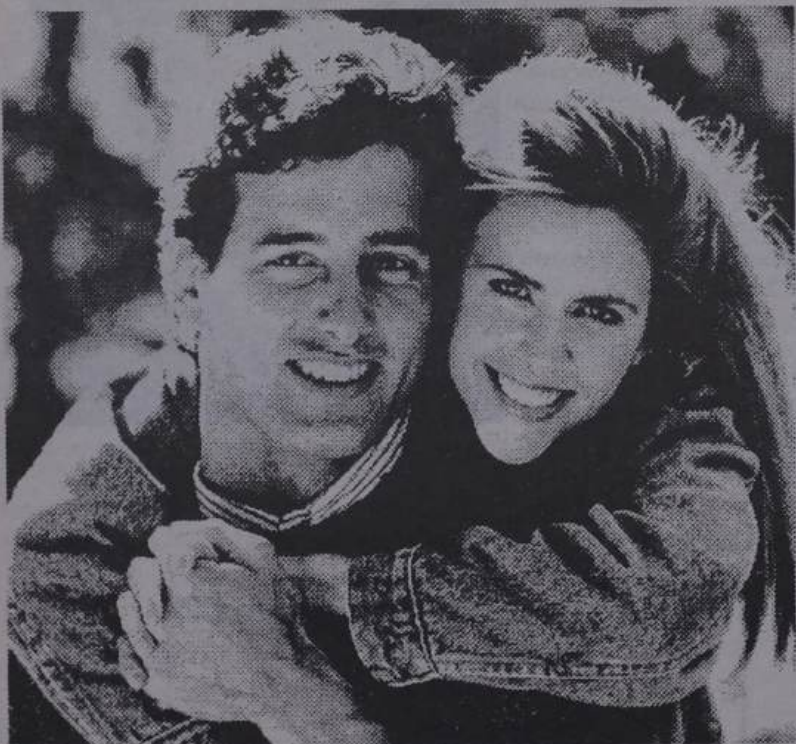
After UNI was the Benton Triangular. It was a bit nippy, but they managed. Casey Swanson pulled out a first with a tough run in the mile. Stickney had a stunning performance, winning the 400 and 800 respectively. Rob Wiley grabbed the gold in the 110 high hurdles. Holub, Claypool, Sanks, and Druecker teamed up to run away with the 4 X 100. Second place winners were Holub in the long jump, Nate in the shot, Brashaw in the discuss, and Druecker in the 100M.

The Tiger Relays in Tipton were held Friday, April 8. The boys finished 4th out of 16 teams with strong relays. The 1600 medley took first (Royce Sanks, Brad Holub, Casey Swanson, Jon Stickney) and the 4 X 800 (Stickney, Spencer Northway, Dan Tschopp, Swanson) and 4 X 400 (Stickney, Josh Claypool, Northway, Swanson) relays took second.

The Pekin Co-Ed Meet, held at the Coe track, were April 11. Dark and windy weather made for less than ideal conditions. Results will be in the next issue of *The Vox*.



At the Cornell track, Jon Stickney out-classed the field in winning the 800 M run.



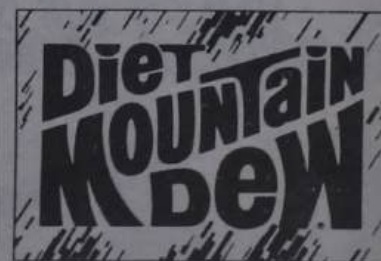
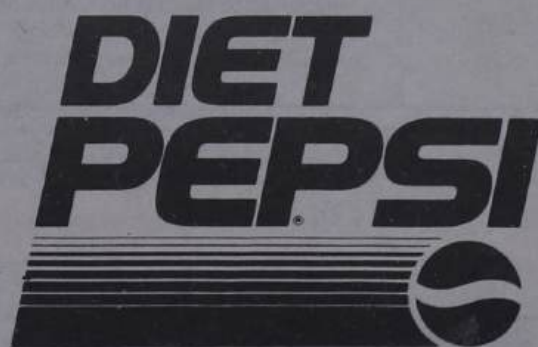
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