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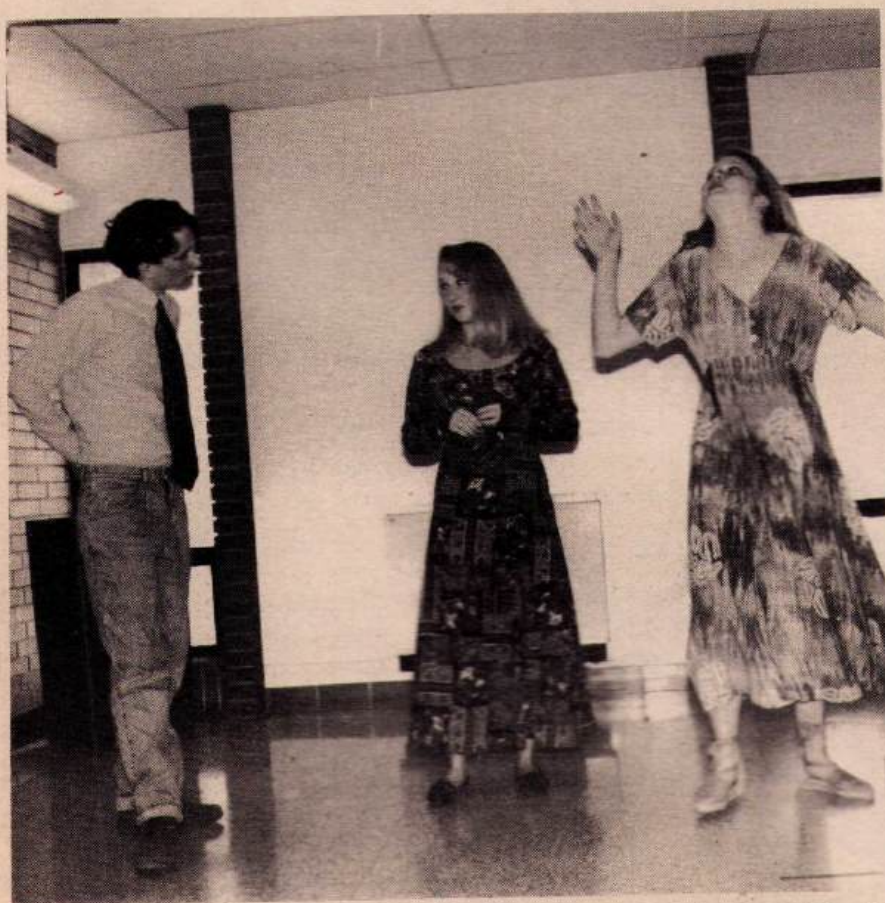
IMPROVISATION GROUP MAKES ALL-STATE
FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

by Shelli Huffman

For the second straight year, the group improvisation participants showed they were the cream of the crop. Out of all the groups in that category throughout the state, only about 12% are invited to the all-state festival. Director Mrs. Braun and students Travis Clarke, Sarah Jackson and Theresa Garthwaite began their season at the district contest the week of January 15. They went on from there to the state contest held in Marshalltown the weekend of February 4. In order to advance to all-state, two of the three state judges must recommend advancement. This year, approximately 250 groups performed in improvisation at the state level in four districts. Marion is in the Southeast District, which advanced eight groups to all-state from the sixty performing.

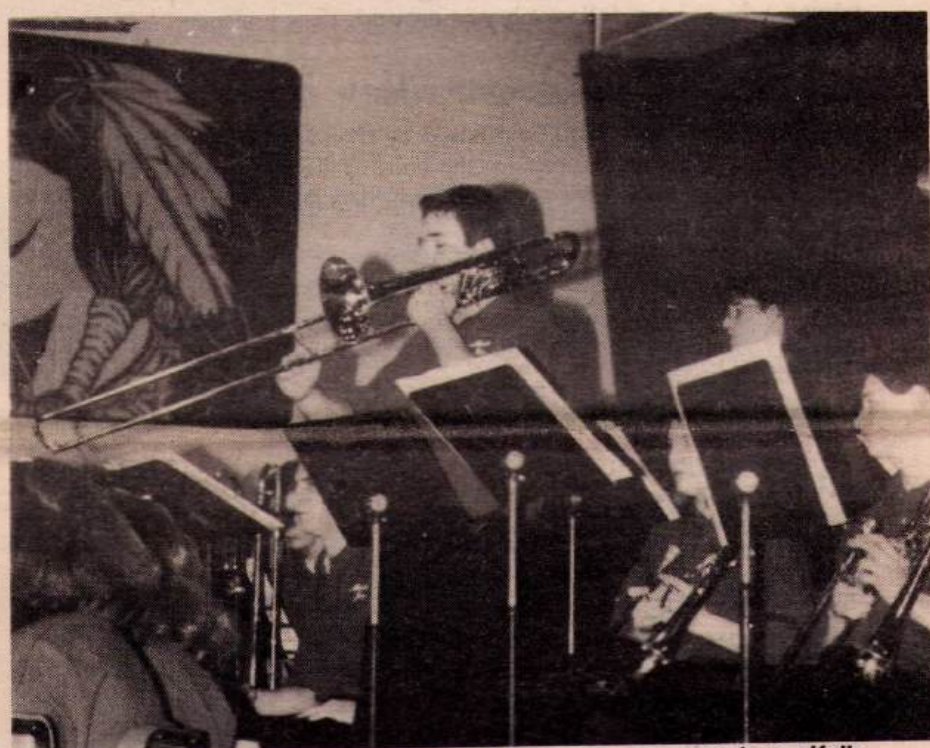
In group improvisation, the students don't know what they will be doing. They randomly draw a situation and get one minute to prepare. Actors then have 5 minutes to act it out. Because it is impossible to plan for the event, rehearsals emphasize being able to react to and plan for any situation drawn. The students spent their preparation time making up different situations based on what they had seen at speech contests before.

For senior Theresa Garthwaite, this was her second experience at All-State. "Being able to go to All-State two years in a row was a really special honor. What made it even more unique was knowing that no drama student from Marion had gone in the past 11 years, and no one had ever gone for improvisation."



Before their performance, Travis Clarke, Theresa Garthwaite and Sarah Jackson warmed up and tried to imagine all the different situations they could draw.

ALL-AMERICAN EVENING



During the Jazz Band portion of the All-American concert, Jason Kelly performed a trombone solo.

By Paola Romero

On Monday, February 20th, at the All-American Concert, the Concert Band performed "Declaration Overture," "Short Ballet for Awkward Dancers (1st, 2nd and 4th movements)," "Irving Berlin Showstoppers," and "Bonds of Unity." The Jazz Band performed "Blue Bones," "Word of Mouth," "Squeeze," "You are Too Beautiful," and "You Snooze, You Lose!" During the Jazz Band performance, solos were by Andy Toomer, Jason Kelly, Scarlett Canady, Josh Sova, Tony Zimmerman, Sally Thurman and Paul Zillman.

The Concert Choir added fun and popular vocal music to the evening by interpreting "People Got To Be Free," "Moon River," "Gonna Get Along Without You" (Women's Chorus), "Vive L'Amour" (Bass Clef Chorus), "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?" and "He Never Failed Me Yet" with solos by Charity Henderson, Sam Chapman, Dana Hines and Paola Romero.

Mr. Heim said, "This is one of my favorite concerts because it's fun to do. It's all-American. This year it has a lot of pop tunes...plus, we get desserts!!!" He also said this year's concert was not the best, but it was the most fun because it included what people wanted to hear.



At the concert, the choir separated into two groups. The Women's Chorus performed "Gonna Get Along Without You Now."

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Opinion

THE STARS SAY...

by Jessica Macal

PISCES FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 20

With your self esteem soaring, help someone else. But, beware of those who will take advantage of you. There is some great news coming from a tough to please authority figure.

ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 19

Let the special someone you've had your eye on during Valentines day know you're interested. Mom and Dad may seem to be going a little overboard with their rules, but they will come around and give your more space.

TAURUS APRIL 20- MAY 20

When a friend tries to persuade you to do the wrong thing, keep your stand and say no. The weather may be putting a damper on your plans, but it will all become better when someone struts into your life early this month.

GEMINI MAY 21- JUNE 20

Slow down... all the parties you've been hitting lately really hit your grades hard. Take a little time out to get caught up. Be supportive to the person whose been following you around, they just need a little help with their own life.

CANCER JUNE 21- JULY 22

Your best friend will be ditched by their significant other and expect you to be around to replace the void. Take time out to enjoy yourself, and spend some time at the mall or at the mall.

LEO JULY 23- AUG. 22

Be careful with your money and don't spend it foolishly, at the end of the month you'll really need it when an unexpected party invitation arrives. When family and friends get the bug that's going around you'll be the designated nurse.

VIRGO AUGUST 24-SEPT. 23

Even though you're usually cautious your social life will go full swing this month. It is your turn to party and have fun. Keep in mind that people always look at you to have a level head in those sticky situations that arrive suddenly.

LIBRA SEPT. 23- OCTOBER 22

The latest jam you've got yourself into becomes a real problem when you try to get out of it. When an ex comes crawling back be a little cautious, but don't be too hard on them.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23- NOV. 21

Use your great attitude to get exactly what you want. Make the first move to reconcile an old friendship, by considering what was behind their nasty behavior. Maybe you can help them to change for the better and then think about the way you dissolved your relationship.

THUMBS ↑ AND ↓

Thumbs up to going to Wartburg for a weekend without supervision!

Thumbs up to Our Town.

Thumbs down to the rude audience members at Our Town. Grow up!

Thumbs up to the 49'ers. They are smooth.

Thumbs up to good friends.

Thumbs up to varsity boys basketball team.

Thumbs up to surfer boy. Nice hair.

Thumbs up to Les Miz.

Thumbs down to not cheering at games and not supporting the cheerleaders.

Thumbs down to bending people's license plates.

Thumbs down to senior guys throwing snowballs at cars.

Thumbs up to a great four years of high school. It was fun guys! We'll miss ya.

Thumbs down to the missing doors in the girls' restrooms.

Thumbs up to senior trading cards.

Thumbs up to the foreign exchange students.

Thumbs down to taking people's parking spaces.

Thumbs down to O.J. interrupting the soaps.

Thumbs up to bowling in gym.

Thumbs up to broccoli.

Thumbs down to cookies not for sale at lunch anymore.

Thumbs up to dogs like Ren.

Thumbs up to the Lion King.

Thumbs down to nosy girls.

Thumbs up to 90210 and the Journalism class.

Thumbs down to no support at the boys basketball games.

Thumbs up to the people who do support the games.

Thumbs down to having to wear coats in the building (turn up the heat).

Thumbs up to refrigerator-raider. He is so cool.

SAGITTARIUS NOV. 22- DEC. 21

An old friend pops into your life and you set out to make amends. When you come home after your curfew you will see a new side to Mom, she will ask a few questions, but let you get off easy, so don't be defensive too soon,

CAPRICORN DEC. 22- JAN. 19

This is a great month for you, you'll feel like nothing can bring you down. A recent breakup will get better when a new belle/ beau comes into your life. Open up and take charge of a group this month.

AQUARIUS JAN 20- FEB. 18

Be adventurous when the weather improves. Your friends will throw you a late birthday party for you. To make up for the lost time last month and to improve your life, take it in stride. Stay in touch with Dad- he had a surprise waiting for you.

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NOW SHOWING

A GUIDE TO THE MOVIES YOU SHOULD OR SHOULDN'T SPEND YOUR MONEY ON

by Sarah Jackson

SSSS...I will graduate with a degree in Medicine.

SSS...I will be accepted to college.

SS...I will get a job at Burgerama.

S...I will be a bum until I freeze to death with my can of nickels clutched in my hand.

HIGHER LEARNING

John Singleton has done it again. This provocative film hits everyone of the everyday racial, sexist, and moral problems. It requires thinking with an open mind and genuine feelings for the characters. It is easy for the movie to receive both. Higher Learning is set at a fictional college in Florida. The movie includes the struggle of college acceptance within races, life after rape, and death. Higher Learning will touch all of your emotions with its subtle humor and its powerful hate. A definite SSSS.

LEGENDS OF THE FALL

All we need to say about Legends is that Brad Pitt is the lead and He takes his shirt off. But besides the obvious this excellent story line will keep you glued to the screen for two full hours. It is set in Montana in the house of a three boy, one father family. The trials and tribulations of this rustically handsome group is wonderfully written and beautiful created by the whole cast. Legends of the Fall will tear your heart out and make the tears gracefully drip out of the eyes of every woman. But don't think this movie is for the female sex only, because the adventures of war and peace on and away from the Montana farm will grasp the attention of any and all grown men. SSSS

BILLY MADISON

Billy, poor Billy passed all through elementary school, all through junior high and all through high school with the help of his rich father who bribed his teachers to pass poor little Billy Madison. Billy Madison wants a second chance of school so he will someday be able to take over the prospering hotel chain that his father owns. The movie was a sad excuse to use a few characters of the ever popular Saturday Night Live cast. With its idiotic humor and its very sad plot, it left you wanting and expecting something a little bit funny. Billy Madison could have been funnier minus the giant penguin that appeared often for no obvious reason. S.5

Thoughts by Him & Her

One of the strengths of MHS is that it's small enough that students can be involved in many different things. Many students are involved in many activities, including sports, dramatics and organizations. These are invaluable to students' educations, and many times just as valuable as actual classroom time. Where else can students learn about running a school such as in student senate, or get a little feel of what Broadway is like during a school matinee, or learn to co-operate with team members as in athletics.

But some teachers feel as though their in-class time should be valued more than life itself, and if they had it their way, students wouldn't dream of getting out.

Get real. Students need to

experience much more than just life in the classroom. Meetings where everyone is needed or rare occasions that come up suddenly are important enough to use up time during school. And let's face it - how much power does any coach have to reschedule a state tournament or a meet? Many things are out of the hands of the individuals involved.

If teachers wouldn't complain as much to students about things they can't control, there would be a lot less friction in the classroom. They also shouldn't be running to advisors and coaches complaining about time losses because their class is not the only place where learning can be done. It's too bad some students are being punished for being involved.

GETTING ALONG

by Ryan Hargraves

It seems lately that no one, especially in the eleventh or twelfth grade has been getting along. Neither the juniors or seniors have ever been known as the friendliest of classes, but it has never been this bad. In past years at this school, there has been diversity between different grades. Usually upperclassmen never got along with underclassmen. This year the problem isn't with younger or older students, it's within our own grades.

Seniors who had previously been friends are now refusing to speak because of the disapproval or new or old friends. A new increase of aggression and temper towards classmates has turned friendships into bitter rivalries. An attitude that "everyone is out to get me" has turned friendly joking and kidding into fights and angry verbal exchanges. Many near fights have begun, involving many people of all grades, over boyfriends or girlfriends, in the past few months. Mr. Twachtman should be glad that because of the senior class's disorder and rivalry, we probably will not even be able to get along enough to have a skip day.

The Junior class has also had a great deal of this rivalry amongst class members. They not only are feuding with each other, but also many juniors are not getting along with the seniors, which they did in past years.

This new increase in hatred in our classes gets worse all of the time. Everyone has an excuse or someone to lay blame on for this new trend, but there is none. Most of the time we are fighting about nothing. Think about why you don't like him or her or that group; is that really a reason to end former friendships? We have all gotten along at some time or another, and we should try to again.

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ACTIVITIES UPDATE

By Justin Kensinger

STUDENT SENATE

Along with the planning of this years lock-in the members have had time to put together a computer dating project. The student senate members found a company in Cedar Rapids that will be able to choose the most compatible people for each student. This company had a form that everyone was to fill out to learn about each person. Some of the questions were what people like to do for fun.

The lock-in planning is consuming a lot of their time. Some of the major planning is of the food there will be, what games will be played, and the movies that will be shown. Lock-in tickets will be sold the week before for

NHS

NHS members have been raising money for the planting of some new trees this spring. They have been successful in raising \$700 dollars. Another thing happening is the new list of nominees eligible for membership will be coming out soon.

SODA

SODA members have been working on plans for prom. SODA members will going around town asking for donations this month for these events. They are also making the plans for the post prom, which will be held at castle lanes again this year.



Although Aaron Rogers didn't get a carnation, he enjoyed watching Michelle Casey and Jessica Piphon read their notes.



Decathlon members Steve Godeke, Sarah Robertson, Rich Kerslake, Jeff Rehstrom, Chris Stewart, Dean Ratzlaff and Tony Warden wait for the awards to be presented.

students were competing for individual awards. At the competition the students had to give a three min. speech along with giving an interview. They were also quizzed over, Bio Technology, Music, Art, Math, Language and Literature, Economics, Social Studies, and Science. The MHS team wasn't complete and didn't score as a team, but several team members received awards.

FBLA

Along with SODA FBLA members sold carnations for Valentine's Day. Another thing on the agenda for February is preparing for the State Contest. The contest is to compete against other schools on business related subjects.

DOUBLE VISION

by Cheyne Westergaard

(We wanted to get as many students involved as possible, " said Mrs. Braun on the decision to present two one-act plays, "This Is A Test", and "Candid" instead of one full-length play. "This also allows us to keep kids involved who are also in spring athletics since each cast can work at different times."

"This Is A Test" is about the common anxieties students feel about taking tests, and cheating. Alan is a typical high school sophomore who has suddenly realized he knows absolutely nothing about the subject matter for his very important test. The cast for "This Is a Test" is Dan Johnson as Alan, Katy Boyer as Lois, Sarah Robertson as the Mother, Theresa Garthwaite as the teacher, Amanda Mott as Chris, Keri Hansen as Pat, Richard Chapman as Evan, Adam Langfitt, Chris John is the chorus, Josh Sova is the voice, and Kate Parks, Josh Cosman, Sarah Westergren, and Chris Hanel are the other students. "This Is a Test" is directed by Mrs. Braun.

"Candid" is about family life problems that result when the Mom leaves the family. TJ is a high school student whose personal problems have affected his relationships with friends, family and schoolwork. In trying to make sense of the break-up of his family, TJ presents his final art project, a slide show. One of the challenges facing the cast is to incorporate the slides into the show. "Any time you add machinery to a show, there is something which could go wrong. The cast needs to be prepared for anything to happen," said Ms. Boyer, who is directing "Candid." The slides had to be taken early in the rehearsal time, so all the costuming had to be done the first week. In the play "Candid" the cast is as follows, Travis Clarke as TJ, Sam Chapman as Tom (the Dad), Christine McGlaughlin as Rose (the Mom), Rebecca Hockey as Nikki (the younger sister), Corey Rubel as Rick, and Sarah Jackson as Karen.

The plays will be presented March 23-24 in the auditorium. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students and senior citizens.

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SEEKING GUIDANCE

HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE LATELY? IF YOU HAVE, YOU'VE SEEN A FEW OF THE REASONS THEY'RE SO BUSY.

PLANNING TIME

by Amanda Meroshek

It's the time of year when students need to make their schedule for next year and decide what classes to take. Even if college isn't in your future it is wise to attend some kind of specialty school. Mr. Bailey encourages all students to have the skills to work in a tech world.

To help with education reform there has been many changes in classes and class titles to prepare students for a technical world. There has been a change in math sequence so that students in 8th and 9th grade will have a basic Algebra background. The title of the life skills department has been renamed Family and Consumer Sciences, but the department did not just have a name change. The curriculum also changed to help people keep pace in the changing world.

The scheduling conflicts are usually with juniors and seniors, keeping outside classes from Kirkwood and Linn Mar straight. Seniors would also like to have 4th hour free for a lunch hour which would also cause rescheduling. Mr. Bailey says that students need to take classes that will prepare them for the world after high school or will help them get into a University or college.

STUDENT PROBLEMS

by Eryn Peterson

Students at Marion High School face many different problems. Some are small enough to be handled, but some need to be resolved.

A lot of Marion students have out-of-school jobs. When asked what was a big problem Marion students faced, student Jenny Miller replied, "Stress from working and doing schoolwork." When asked the same question, junior MaryAnn Zamora said, "Peer pressure." Peer pressure can be good or bad. It can be used to talk you out of doing something bad or it can talk you into doing something you never wanted to do.

Mrs. Grant, a counselor at Marion, said that big problems students have talked to her about have been, "Alcoholism, drug abuse, or afraid of being an individual." She continued, "They have forgotten that the most important quality you can have is being a nice person, being thoughtful, honest, and loyal." She felt the cause of this was not enough "proper guidance at home."

Mr. Wikert felt a big problem for students was, "Failure to think for themselves, make good decisions, and accept the consequences when they make poor decisions."

Many teens are insecure, face peer pressure, and struggle with living up to their expectations. If you find you have problems you can't handle, talk to a parent or a friend. You can also talk with Marion's counselors Mr. Bailey or Mrs. Grant.

EXCELLENT EDITION

by Eryn Peterson

The tenth anniversary issue of Creative Ink '94 won a first place award from the American Scholastic Press Association. The award won was first for senior high schools with enrollment of 500-1,000 students throughout the United States.

Creative Ink is the Marion High School literary magazine. Usually over 100 student authors, grades 8-12, submit poems, short stories, and drawings to the magazine. It's staffed with volunteer students who work on it in their spare time. Last year's team had eleven student members with Mr. Bates as supervisor and Ms. Boyer as the technical advisor.

The Creative Ink students collected material throughout last year, and in April and May they organized the material into a magazine. June 1, Creative Ink was mailed to the American Scholastic Press Association in College Point, New York. In late November '94, the Creative Ink group received their certificate for winning the American Scholastic Press Association Award.

The winning 1994 issue of Creative Ink commemorated its tenth anniversary. Pictures from past issues were used for dividing pages in this special edition.

Creative Ink has been entered in this contest for the past four years and won something the last three. Last year's magazine won first place with special merit. Look for the next Creative Ink to come out at the end of May.

TOP TEN SCARIEST PEOPLE ON EARTH

10. Prune-eating Sumo wrestler.
9. High-rise window cleaner with bladder problem.
8. Near sighted knife juggler.
7. Megalomaniac Third World Dictators.
6. Grown men named "Biff."
5. Heavily armed hot dog vendors.
4. Carsick brother in the seat next to you.
3. Brain surgeon with hiccups.
2. Anyone with a cranky disposition and a chainsaw.
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COLLEGE JUNK MAIL

By Blake Crane

Early on in the year a few letters will arrive and then explaining to your parents the stages of attending a college. Receiving those first exciting letters, look forward to life after high school. You actually find each letter and browse through them, even the ones from colleges you'll never attend.

After a while, start to come in more to feel pretty good about school. Your extremely gifted academic advisor will say "a student would be a tremendous asset to our university". Your ego when you return to that almost the entire receiving the exact have.

Toward the end of the year letters start to pour in. By this time you're and most of the letters the trash unopened.

When spring finally rolls around, all college mail starts to diminish until it stops. Don't worry, however, you'll never stop getting mail from the Army; but that's a different story altogether.



fall of your senior arrive every now and then. You all the advance certain university. few letters is a very you really begin to enter high school. yourself studying college line by line, colleges you know

when the letters regularly, you begin about yourself. One that you're "ex-dormically" and ancient like yourself. A great asset to our trip ends, however, school and find out senior class has been same letters you

of Fall, the college at a ridiculous rate. pretty well fed up wind up sitting in

UPDATING THE PAST

by Nancy Chiafos

This year students in one section of the junior level American Literature, took on a time consuming worthwhile task. Their task is to condense, edit, and revise *The History of Marion, IA 1838-1927*, written by Marvin Oxley. This is a 1,600 page, five volume journal.

Advisors of this project are Mr. Ferguson and Mrs. Virlee, and in cooperation with Fred Easker of the Granger House. Other Marion High School teachers who have been assisting in this project are: Mr. Vaske, who has a great deal of knowledge and interest in this subject; and Ms. Boyer, who is aiding with page-layout and publication.

This class has gone beyond the realms of an ordinary classroom setting. They have taken history walks through the downtown business area, residential Eighth Ave., and through Oak Shade Cemetery. Mr. Ferguson commented, "What has made it so interesting yet so frightful is that this project is so different and non-traditional from the ordinary classroom."

Students taking part in this project are: Vicki Bennett, Corey Browne, Amy Bulman, Scarlett Canady, Erin Casey, Josh Claypool, Julie Erkel, Bill Gregory, Chrissy Hamilton, Corey Hite, Jason Hoffman, Erin McCleary, Mike McDowell, Christine McGlaughlin, Jonah Nemec, Dean Ratzlaff, Katie Reynolds, Casey Swanson, Tracy Thomas, and Tony Warden. Newcomers second semester were Nancy Chiafos and Carrie Peiffer. Students were divided into five groups of four with each responsible for a section of the journal.

There are many local historians and members of the community that have been helping the students. They are: Betty May Airy, Onalee Arnold, Chester Bullis, Jean Fitz, Greg Hapgood, Mrs. Robert Hess, Dorothy Jacobs, Pat Klopfenstein, and Howard and Joyce Parks.

The publication of this project will take an estimated \$15,000. To help with this expense, financial aid has been received from Farmers State Bank, and a grant has been received from U.S. West in the amount of \$2,500. The competition for this grant was state-wide and the application written by Mr. Ferguson and Mrs. Virlee was one of eleven chosen out of forty-two applications.

The students plan to have their new revised edition of the journal for sale at the Swamp Fox Festival '95 held in September.

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PROM PREPARATION

by Kim Ozburn

As spring is just around the corner, the junior class is spending many hours planning the perfect Prom 1995. The junior class has already made photo arrangements with Windsong Photography. The junior class representatives are very pleased with their decision, and add that Windsong has been outstanding and has put a lot of time into seeing that this year's Prom be as great of a success as any in the past. "From the beginning Windsong has been the definite choice. They were more willing to help and really wanted to get involved," says Katie Reynolds.

Meetings are usually held every Thursday morning before school in the home economics room. Any junior or senior with comments, ideas, or questions is welcome.

Prom '95 will be held on April 29th from 8 p.m. to midnight. The junior class representatives are still deciding if there will be a charge to enter. This year's theme will be *Midnight in Paris*, which was a design set purchased from Andersons. The setting of the Grand March is still undecided, but there is a possibility of having each couple enter the grand march by walking under the Eiffel Tower. All decorations are in and decorating is planned for the evening of Thursday, April 27th, all day Friday, April 28th, and depending on how well things go, maybe Saturday morning.

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DID I TELL YOU ABOUT THE TIME...

MHS STAFF AND STUDENTS SHARE SOME OF THEIR "BEST" MOMENTS

by Kim Ozburn

Have you ever been speeding and continually look in your rear view mirror hoping not to see flashing lights behind you. A few Marion students were unlucky and passed a cop at the wrong time. Some were pulled over, but were able to sweet talk their way out of a ticket. Here are some examples of unlucky ones and sweet talkers.

Beth Hatch- "Not personally but I got my dad out of a ticket once when I was little because when the cop came up to the car door I cried and begged him not to take my daddy to jail, so he felt sorry for us because he scared me so bad!"

Sarah Robertson- "A couple times, once we were at QT at 9:30 at night, and this cop made us get out of the car and he questioned us. Anyway, then he said I was getting smart with him because I asked what was wrong??"

Kane LaKose- "Yes! I passed a street sweeper after Mr. Ferguson did, and got a \$50 ticket!! It wasn't fair!"

Ryan Hargraves- "Many times. One evening I pulled into Brad Holub's house, and a policeman pulled up behind my parked car and said he saw TP in my back seat. He searched the car and then called in my fuzz buster to see if it was stolen. Another time my friends and I got pulled over for throwing gourds at trash cans.

Mrs. Dostal- "Two years ago, and I went the wrong way on a one way street, and when I tried to turn around and start going the right way a cop saw me. He turned his lights on, and I pulled over, and he proceeded to harass me because he thought I was intoxicated!! I was just coming from track practice, I had two thermoses, a bunch of wet clothes in the back seat, and I had just gotten a perm so my hair stunk. This cop had me there for at least 20 minutes trying to get me to admit that I did have something to drink. All I could think about was that I was going through all this just because I tried to take a shortcut!"

Tracy Thomas- "Once, on accident! I passed Erin McCleary in a no passing zone on 8th avenue and there was a cop in the oncoming lane! Luckily I flirted my way out of the ticket."

Leah Schneider- "YES! A half an hour after I got my license and my car, ON MY BIRTHDAY! He pulled me over for not having my front license plates and for 'kind of' speeding. On top of it all my license was so new it wasn't even registered into the computers yet, so he thought I was driving on my learners permit! It was an exciting birthday!"

Jenni Long- "I've gotten a couple speeding tickets, but they both got canceled. Thank God!"

by Tracy Thomas

We've all had those days that nothing seems to go right. You walk out of the bathroom with your zipper down or toilet paper stuck to your shoe. What about those days you have food in your teeth. Things that make you want to curl up into a ball and hide.

Here are some students most embarrassing moments:

Mary Ann Zamora- During the summer, she lost her bikini top when she dove from the high dive.

Chrissy Hamilton- During Creative Movement this year, she did a leg kick, slipped and fell on her "back end"

Carrie Peiffer- She fell into the mud at St. Joe's Fun Days.

Josh Claypool- Air balled an easy shot at the basketball game against Regis.

Scarlett Canady- While bowling, she didn't let go of the ball in time and slid halfway down the lane with it.

Brian Balvanz- Completely forgot his lines during the production of "Our Town".

Erin McCleary- On her 17th birthday, a few of her friends including Mr. Bailey and Mr. Twachtman sang to her during the lunch cycle.

Julie Erkel- After PE class, she put her shirt on backwards and didn't notice it until the end of the day.

Paola Romero- In Mexico, she was pulled over for speeding and not having a license. To get out of the ticket she told him that she had to use the restroom.

Ryann Coats- Tipped over her shoelace in front of a lot of customers while working at McDonald's.

Nicole Swierk- A "H-O-T" guy came to the concession stand and asked for a small soda, mesmerized, she handed him a glass of just ice and charged him a dollar.

Shaun Conway- Threw up during class.

Chris Noltensmeier- Was pulled over on a Friday night on 1st Ave. with her mom for tinted windows and then again on her way to school.

Jason Westpfahl- He was standing in line for pictures with his girlfriend when one of her friends leaned over and told him his zipper was down.

Amy Bulman- During a volleyball tournament, Marion got the last point assuming the team won Amy ran out on the court screaming and celebrating but to find out it wasn't game point.

Nicole Francis- Her sophomore year, she hyperventilated in gym class after doing the shuttle run and got taken away in an ambulance. While she was laying down in the locker room, they asked her where she was and she answered "Mr. Immerfall's room."

Mrs. Bennett- The most recent would be when she came out the library, coffee cup in hand, was looking the other way, and fell right over Nate Werneburg, who was sitting against the wall, and landed on top of him.

Mr. Bates- During sophomore football, he was holding a blocking dummy, and when Brad Holub hit it, Mr. Bates and the dummy both ended up on their rear ends.

Sarah Jackson- We were at the Vally West Mall in Des Moines during Wrestling State. And the shirt I was wearing was having button problems meaning they kept coming undone. We were walking past some guys, good looking of course when I felt this breeze, I looked down and saw that all of the buttons were undone and I was showing everyone my purple bra.

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PLACING FIRST

by Nicole Francis and Tracy Thomas

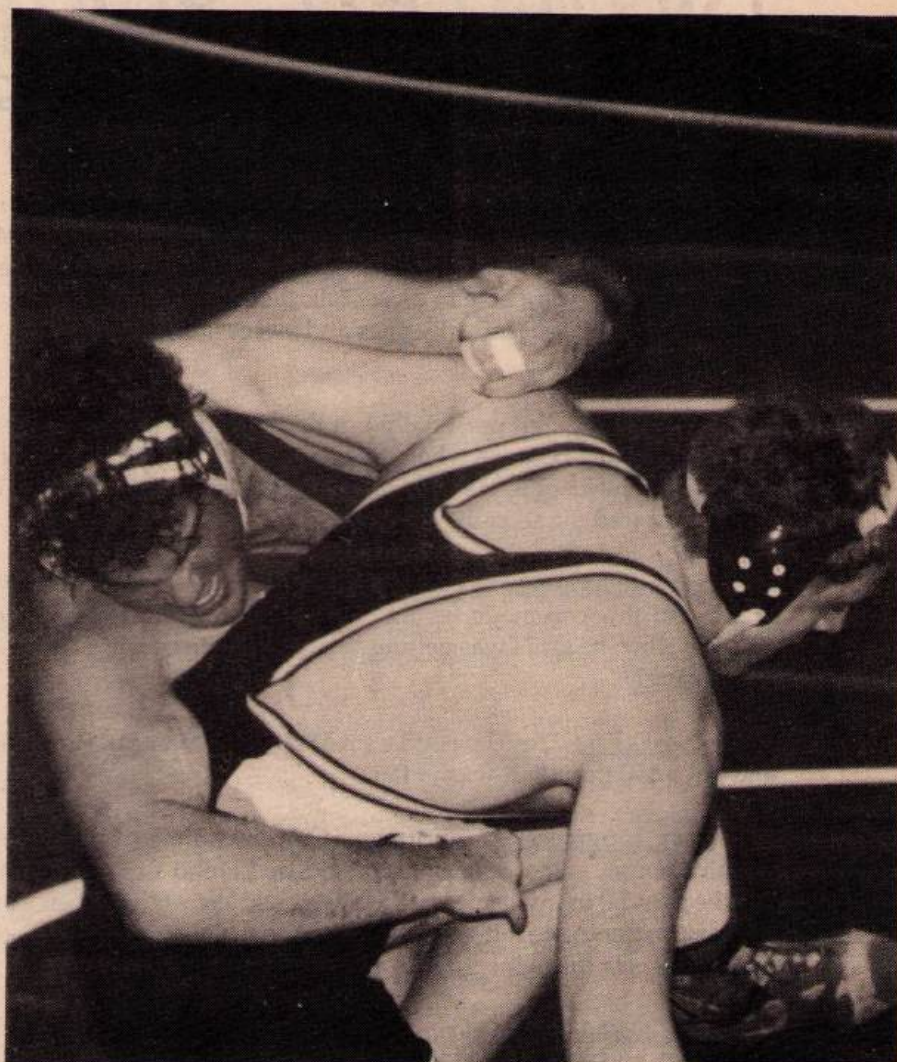
On January 21, Prairie High School hosted a UCA (Universal Cheerleading Association) competition to benefit the children's miracle telethon. There were schools from all over Iowa and Illinois that participated. Marion's pom pon squad competed in the competition category which includes both dance and cheerleading. The squad became very dedicated by putting in another hour of practice after each regular practice. Their routine consisted of a crowd involvement cheer, an all together cheer, tumbling, dance, with stunts incorporated into the dance and cheers. All of their hard work finally paid off when they were awarded first place in their category. This was not an easy victory for the squad because they were up against some tough competition and this is why the victory means so much to them.

The competition also included an individual category for Iowa's Best Cheerleader for middle school, junior varsity, and varsity positions. Stacey Tschantz took the title of Iowa's best junior varsity cheerleader at the Iowa Charity Cheerleading competition. The competition was held at Prairie High School on January 21.

Stacey, a sophomore, was asked by Lanie Smith, the cheerleading coach, about competing in the individual category. When she decided to compete, she was nervous about performing by herself but was ready for competition. Her minute performance included an entrance, a cheer, and a short dance routine. Even when the music for her dance was the wrong music, she waited calmly and with a great finish she easily won first place.

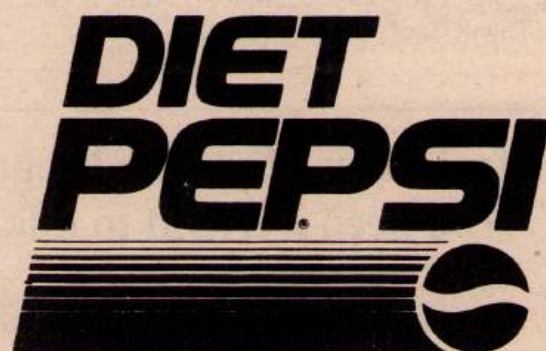


Marion pom squad members show off their trophy after competition at Prairie. Squad members are Front Row: Carrie Peiffer, Katie Shedak, Katy Boyer, Molly Sheeley, Stacey Tschantz. Back Row: MaryAnn Zamora, Nicole Francis, Sarah Robertson, Marcie Pinger, Jill Hildebrand.



In the semi-final round, Werneburg beat score 10-6 to advance to the finals.

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STRONG FINISH FOR GRAPPLERS

by P. J. Schultz

The Marion Wrestling team hosted the Indian Invitational on Jan. 15. The Indians finished fifth out of eight as a team. Marion Coach Scott Immerfall said that, "There was some tough competition there and we wrestled pretty well as a team."

The Indians advanced three wrestlers to the finals. Senior Bryan Balvanz won his 135 pound championship match with a 1:21 pin. The other Indian champion, heavyweight Nate Werneburg, scored a 9-3 decision over a tough I.C. West opponent. The third Indian to reach the finals was 103 pound Sophomore Kevin Schultz who placed second. The lone third place Indian was Junior 112 pounder Wes Hillesheim. Fourth place finishers for the Indians were Jason Hatch at 145, and Mike Kalkwarf at 160.

Saturday, January 21, the Marion Indians Wrestling team hosted a double dual with Mt. Pleasant, and Regis. The Indians started of the night with a 40-23 loss to Mt. Pleasant, and then bounced back with a 61-9 victory over Regis. The Indians dual meet record is now 6-6.

The Indians then took on an undermanned Regis squad. The Indians received forfeits at 112, 125, 152, 160, and heavyweight. But the Indians that did get a match did extremely well. Winning by fall were Kevin Schultz at 103, Rob Wiley at 119 and Royce Sanks at 171. 130 pounder Danny Johnson, and 135 pounder Bryan Balvanz won by technical fall, and Justin Kensinger won a tough 6-4 decision with an escape and take down in the closing moments of the match. The Indians won with a score of 61-9.

On Tuesday, January 24th, the Marion Indians wrestling team hosted its last home meet of the season, it was also parents night. The Indians got beat by a score of 40-30.

Marion's three seniors came up big with victories in their last matches at home; 135 pounder Bryan Balvanz won by forfeit, 160 pounder Mike Kalkwarf won with a 12-10 decision, and heavyweight Nate Werneburg wasted no time scoring a 16 second fall. Other Indians coming up with big wins include Jason Hatch and Wes Hillesheim. Hatch pinned his 145 pound opponent in 5:27. 112 pounder Hillesheim won by decision, 12-7.

The Indians then traveled to Van Horne on Saturday for the Wamac conference tournament. The Wamac conference is one of the toughest in the state, and as a result the Indians placed last. Marion

Coach Scott Immerfall commented that, "we have a really tough conference, and were only a couple of close matches away from a higher finish."

Marion only advanced two wrestlers to the finals and had no champions. Heavyweight Nate Werneburg had an extremely tough bracket, even though he had only one loss he was seeded third. In the finals Werneburg faced Wes Hand of South Tama, Hand is undefeated and top-ranked in class 2A. Werneburg lost by a score of 11-4 and placed second. 103 pounder Kevin Schultz also made the finals. Schultz wrestled extremely well, especially for his first year on the varsity. Schultz lost his finals match and placed second to a very tough South Tama opponent. Two Indians placed third, 135 pounder Bryan Balvanz, and 160 pounder Mike Kalkwarf. Fifth place finishers were Wes Hillesheim at 112, and Rob Wiley at 119.

The Marion Wrestling team traveled to class 2-A #1 ranked West Liberty Wednesday, Feb. 1. Only two Indians came up with victories, and Marion lost by a score of 61-10. One of the two winners was Rob Wiley, who scored a 13-5 decision in his 119 pound match.

Then the Indians took on the South Tama Trojans. The Indians lost by a score of 61-6. The only victorious Indians was 135 pounder Bryan Balvanz. Balvanz took only 1:46 to pin his opponent.

Heavyweight Nate Werneburg led the Indians to a 3-1 record and a third place finish at the Anamosa duals. Werneburg got match winning falls in two of Marion's three victories. Marion defeated Midland 52-30, Anamosa 37-36, and Cascade 41-37. Their lone loss came at the hands of Decorah, 45-23.

Werneburg went 4-0 and racked up four first period falls. Other undefeated Indians for the day include P.J. Schultz at 125, Bryan Balvanz at 135, and Mike Kalkwarf at 160. Wes Hillesheim at 112, Rob Wiley at 119, and Jason Hatch at 145 all went 3-1 on the day. 152 pounder Cory Rubel recorded the fastest pin for the Indians, just 12 seconds.

The Indian Wrestling team crowned four champions and advanced five wrestlers to District competition. The Indians placed third as a team. Marion Coach Bruce Weisinger was very pleased with the Indians overall effort saying, "This was probably our best tournament all year, and even though not everyone got through to districts, we all wrestled tough."

Marion's Champions were

Rob Wiley (119), Bryan Balvanz (135), Mike Kalkwarf (160), and Nate Werneburg (heavyweight). Wes Hillesheim (112) got second place. Last seed Rob Wiley probably had one of the biggest upsets of the day when he upset the first seed with a 7-6 decision in the semi-final round. He then went on to win the championship with 14-1 victory in the finals. Senior Bryan Balvanz breezed through his bracket for his third sectional championship in as many years. Balvanz recorded a :59 second fall in the semis, and a major decision in the finals. Senior Mike Kalkwarf picked the perfect time to win his first varsity tournament. Kalkwarf won with a pair of major decisions. Class 2A third ranked Nate Werneburg had no trouble winning his third straight sectional tournament. Werneburg pinned both his opponents in the second period. Hillesheim pinned his semi-final opponent in 3:31. He then lost in the finals, and bounced back to win the second-third place match with a 2:42 fall.

At the District tournament in South Tama the Indian Wrestling squad advanced four wrestlers to the state meet, and placed fourth as a team. The four Indians qualifying for state are; Sophomore Rob Wiley (119), Senior Bryan Balvanz (135), Senior Mike Kalkwarf (160), and Senior Nate Werneburg (heavyweight). The four give Marion its largest state contingent in four years.

Marion Coach Bruce Weisinger was extremely pleased with his teams overall performance. He commented, "As a team we've wrestled better in the last two weeks than we have all year."

119 pounder Rob Wiley pinned his first opponent in just 1:33, but the lost 3-8 in the finals. In the second-third place wrestle backs Wiley came through big with 14-3 victory. It will be Wiley's first trip to the state tournament.

Bryan Balvanz had no trouble winning his third district tournament in as many years. He decked his opponents in 2:38 and 5:10.

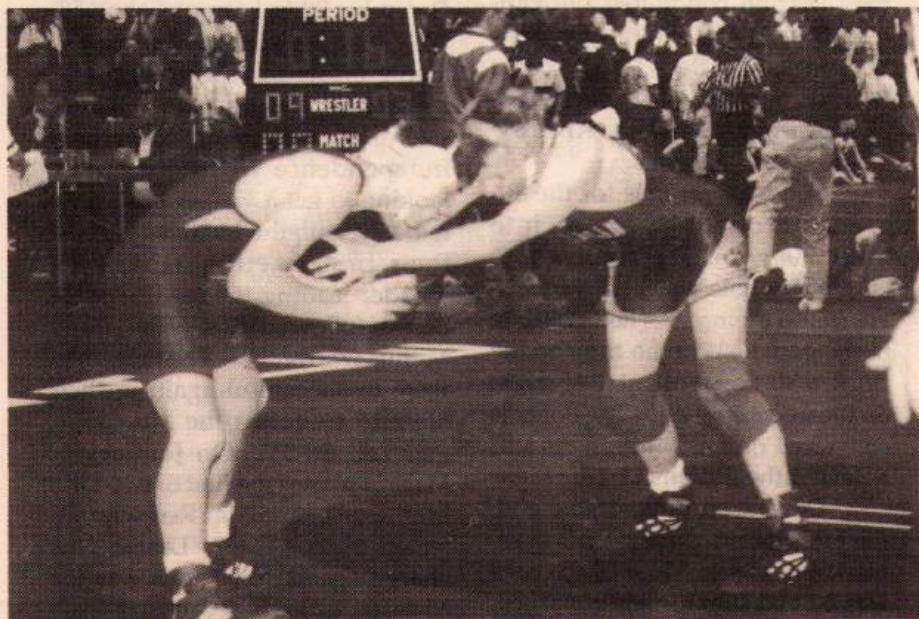
Second place finisher Mike Kalkwarf advanced to the state tournament for the first time. Kalkwarf won his semifinals match 9-4 before losing in the finals.

The Marion Indians placed two wrestlers en route to a 14th place finish in the class 2-A division, at the 1995 State Wrestling Tournament. Senior heavyweight Nate Werneburg capped off an extremely successful season with a second place finish. 135 pounder Bryan Balvanz, also a senior, battled his way to a fourth place finish. "Overall it was a very successful state tournament. Whenever two wrestlers place at state, it's fantastic," Marion coach Jim Bates commented on Werneburg's and Balvanz's success. He then added, "The four guys who went to Des Moines this season really did a great job. We're proud of each of them."

Nate Werneburg lost 19-8 in the finals to Iowa recruit Wes Hand of South Tama. Werneburg and Hand had wrestled three times prior to the finals match, Hand won all three. Werneburg beat David Gilbert of Sergeant Bluff-Luton 3-1 in the quarter-final round and Tom Van Dyke of Osceola, Clarke 10-6 in the semi-finals.

Fourth place finisher Bryan Balvanz was pleased with the way things turned out for him. "I wrestled to the best of my potential, and only got beat by one guy at State," he said. Balvanz started out the tournament with a fall over Ralph Cardona of West Liberty. Cardona beat Balvanz earlier in the year. "I was really pumped for the match with Cardona." Balvanz added. He then lost a 6-3 decision to Dave Hackmen of New Hampton. In wrestle-backs Balvanz won 3-2, and 6-5 decisions to secure a spot in the third- fourth place bracket. In his third place match Balvanz met up with Hackmen and again got beat, this time 3-2.

Senior Mike Kalkwarf (160) and sophomore Rob Wiley (119) both lost their first two matches and did not place.



After losing in the second round, Bryan Balvanz beat his Oelwein opponent for the chance to wrestle for third and fourth places.

8TH GRADE RRR

By Blake Crane

Before the 1995 basketball season began, the 8th grade boys decided to shave their heads to show team unity. They've definitely proved their togetherness on the court by starting off the new season with excellent performances.

The baldies' first contest came on January 17th at Anamosa. The Indians were just too much for the Raiders, as they cruised to a 54-41 victory. Zared Copper led all scorers with 21. Tom Kinney and Andrew Dooley each chipped in 10 points.

Next up for the 8th graders was a trip to Independence. This was a back and forth battle with neither team gaining a real advantage. With only 30 seconds remaining in the game, a technical foul was slapped on Marion's coach for disputing a call. With two free throws and the ball, Independence was able to grab a one point lead. Marion came right back down the court and Andrew Dooley was fouled with no time remaining on the clock. Dooley split a pair of free throws to send the game into overtime. The tough contest was still deadlocked at the end of one OT and the teams headed to double overtime. Marion fell behind late in the second OT and ended up on the short end of a 46-51 score.

After the heartbreaking loss to Independence, the Indians roared back with two convincing victories. First up was a 54-32 trouncing of Benton Community. Then Vinton traveled to Marion and was overwhelmed 62-15 by a balanced Indian attack led by J.J. Longerbeam with 14 points.

Marion kept on rolling with another string of victories. Anamosa came to town to be defeated 58-33. Then the Indians stormed into West Delaware and behind the 15 points of Zared Copper, were able to defeat the Hawks 54-44.

Next up was two straight games against Monticello. On the road Marion conquered the Panthers 59-44 led by Andrew Dooley's 14 points. Two days later at home the Indians blew out Monticello 63-39 led once again by Andrew Dooley with 13 points.

The season finale for the 8th grade brought Benton into Marion's gym. The contest was close the whole way and the Indians found themselves tied at 40 late in the game. With no time on the clock, a Marion foul put the Benton on the free throw line. The Bobcats converted on one of the shots and defeated the Indians 41-40.

Despite an unfavorable end, the 8th graders put together a remarkable season. Their final record was 7-2 and Tom Kinney remarked,

"We're playing great basketball and playing together as a team." Hopefully this team will continue their winning ways all throughout their high school career.

FRESHMAN GRR

by Paola Romero

Thursday, January 26, the Marion Freshmen girls suffered another disappointing loss to Benton, 55-18. Amber Hutchins and Tilena Waters lead the Indians in scoring with 5 points each. The team was missing Michelle Freese who is a key player on the team.

"For our next game against Independence, we know what to expect ... we've already played against them" said Coach Appleby. Marion ended up on the losing side of the score 48-21. Tilena Waters was the leading scorer with 8 points and Angie Kneeland added 7 points for the Indians.

On February 2, Marion suffered another loss against West Delaware with a score of 51-19. Michelle Freese, Angie Kneeland and Katie Schuver were the leading scorers with 4 points each.

Finally, saving the best for last the Indians won at Alburnett, the score was 43-23 with leading scorers Michelle Freese with 15 points and Katie Schuver with 11 points.

FRESHMAN RRR

by Ryan Hargraves

The Freshman Boys Basketball traveled to Benton Community for their season opener, Joe Meader put 20 points on the scoreboard and led the team in steals after starting the game on the bench. Aaron Stillions also contributed 9 points, but the team still lost the season opener, 42-72. The Freshmen were dealt their second loss when they traveled to Independence to meet the Mustangs. Again it was Joe Meader leading all scoring with 14 points. Jason Bleadorn, Brad Jones, and Tony Millius all assisted the Marion effort with six points in the 53-83 loss. In their last game of 1994, Marion hosted Monticello on December 20, but came up short 58-70. Tony Millius led the Indians losing effort in rebounding and scoring, with 14 points.

Marion began the new year at Independence where they were looking to get a victory with their rematch with the Mustangs. As in their first meeting, it was Joe Meader leading the team with 14 points followed closely by Tony Millius who had 12. The Freshmen were unsuccessful again in their attempt to defeat the Mustangs, and fell 80-55. On January 5, Marion played the first of two Linn Mar teams, Linn Mar Red who defeated Marion 70-42. Leading the charge against the Lions was Joe Meader with 15 points and Nate

Stewart and Tony Millius with a pair of sixes.

South Tama who has always been a tough opponent dealt the Freshman Indians another loss, 85-59, on January 7. Ben Humiston stepped up and put in 17 points, Derek Broerze also contributed 11 points. Two days after the South Tama loss the Indians traveled across town to meet Linn Mar Black. As in the first Linn Mar game it was Joe Meader who led all scoring, but the team fell short 45-64.

The Freshman Boys Basketball team was unsuccessful in attaining their first win in the latter part of January as they lost to Anamosa, Vinton, and Benton. In their last month of freshman play, the Indians would finally gain their first high school win and start their new high school win streak. In the first game of the month, the Indians came close to defeating Anamosa, 59-51. The team then traveled to Prairie, and as with Anamosa, came within 8 points of a victory, 45-37. After another loss to Vinton, 68-41, the freshmen succeeded in winning their first game, defeating Monticello 56-53.

Even though their record doesn't show it, the Freshman team has a lot of prospect for the future. Together with the sophomores or the upcoming eight graders, the Class of '98 could be a basketball powerhouse.

SOPH GRR

by Jennifer Long

With no victories, the Sophomore girls' basketball team is still looking at the positives of the season. One of their better games was against West Delaware at home with Kendra Hatcher scoring 8 of the 23 points for Marion. Maria Bockenstedt and Katie Nelson were right behind with 4 and 5 points respectively. The final score of the game was 59-23. Against Monticello, the Marion defense picked up the pace only allowing them 31 points, unquestionably their best performance of the season. A couple of tough games Marion faced were Benton at home, 70-20, and at Independence 62-19. Kendra Hatcher with 13 points and Kate Parks with 8, lead Marion's second half surge against Columbus at home, only to fall short 48-27. In Marion's final game against LaSalle, on February 10, victory still eluded the sophs.

SOPH RRR

By Jenny Steffes

To start off the second half of their season the Indians hosted Linn-Mar. Linn-Mar came out ahead with a 33-68 score over Marion. Top scorer for the Indians was Brian Dippel with 9 points.

Following close behind was Chad Zrudsky and John Cannon with 8 and 6 points respectively. Top defensive players were Jeremy Koeppen with 6 rebounds and John Cannon with 3 steals. In their next game the Indians hosted Vinton. With the score tied 22-22 at halftime the Indians came back on to the floor feeling confident. Confidence must help the Indians, because when the buzzer went off at the end of the fourth quarter the sophomore Indians celebrated their first victory. The final score was 43-35 over Vinton. Zrudsky was the top scorer with 16 points, Cannon followed close behind with 12 points. Shawn Bruce also added 9. Cannon had 3 assists and Bruce had 2. Top rebounder was Dippel with 8. Tyson Colvin added 3 blocks to the Indians defense. When Coach Kriegel commented on the game he said, "it's nice to finally get a victory under our belt...." On Friday the 13th the Marion Indians hosted Independence. The Mustangs beat the Indians by the score of 69-44. The Indians stayed close with them through the first half trailing only 24-32 at halftime. Coach Kriegel commented, "We played our best first half of the season. We're improving, and getting better game by game." Putting on a show for the Indians was Tyson Colvin scoring 14 points, pulling down 6 rebounds, and adding 3 blocked shots. Other top scorers were Chad Zrudsky and John Cannon with 12 and 9 points respectively. Zrudsky also added 4 rebounds. On January 20th, the Indians traveled to West Delaware for their 10th game of the season. The Indians fell short against the Hawks with 42-59 as the final score. The Indians left the floor at halftime only down by 3, but died down in the 3rd and 4th quarters. Chad Zrudsky had a great scoring game with 18 points, including two 3 pointers, and 100% free-throw shooting. Tyson Colvin and Brian Dippel also added 17 points combined. Dippel also added 8 rebounds, and 2 steals. In their next game the Indians traveled to Waterloo to face the sailors. Once again the Indians fell short, with the final score of 49-85. John Cannon was the Indians top scorer with 17 points, including three 3 pointers. Colvin also added 12 points, being the only other Indian in double figures. Both Cannon and Colvin shot 100% in free-throws. On offense Cannon also added 6 assists. Top rebounders were Dippel with 9, and Colvin were 8.

On Tuesday February 4, the Marion Indians hosted the South Tama Trojans. South Tama came out ahead of the sophomore Indians, with a 43-68 final score. The Indians were only down by 5 at the half, but once again fell short in the final quarters.

Leading the Indians in scor-

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ing was Chad Zrudsky with 18 points. John Cannon and Tyson Colvin each added 10 points for the Indians. Cannon also help the Indians on defense, but not in scoring, he help the scorers adding 4 assists. Top defensive player was Shawn Bruce, who added 7 rebounds.

In their next game, Marion traveled to Regis to play the Royals. The Indians started off very slowly and couldn't get the offense on track as they could only score 4 points in the first quarter, and got down by 25 points by halftime. Marion couldn't get back into the game and ended up on the short end of the game losing by the score of 39-65.

Marion was led in scoring by Cannon with 16 points, and Brian Dippel added 7 points and seven rebounds for the Indians.

On Tuesday, February 10, the Marion Indians hosted the LaSalle Lancers. The sophomore and varsity teams ended with different outcomes at the end of each game, when the sophomores fell short, losing to the Lancers 53-76.

Tyson Colvin had a great game on offense and defense scoring 15 points and adding 13 rebounds. The only other Indians in double figures include Chad Zrudsky and John Cannon who scored 13 and 12 points respectively. Brian Dippel 8 rebounds to the Indians 32 total.

In their next game the Indians traveled to Van Horne to face Benton Community. The Indians played tough all through the first half and headed into the locker room only down by 1. After their 10 minute break, the Indians came back on to the court ready to stay with the Bobcats, and to capture their second win. But the win did not happen, well not in regulation anyway. At the end of the forth quarter the scored was tied at 50-50, which would send the game into overtime. Four minutes were added to the clock to battle this one out. Both teams were practically scoreless in the first 3 minutes and 50 seconds of the overtime, each team only scoring 2 points apiece. With only 10 seconds left, Colvin was fouled and was going to the line. Making both shots, Colvin put the Indians ahead by 2. That's the way it stayed as the Bobcats, who were unable to score and handed the Indians their second win of the season, with the final score of 54-52. Not only did Colvin put the game away for the Indians, he also led the team in scoring along with Zrudsky who scored 15 points apiece. All points contributed were helped out by Dippel's 13 rebounds and 6 assists.

VARSITY GIRS

by Leah Schneider

The Marion Girls faced off with the Vinton Vikings on Janu-

ary 6 where they were defeated, by the number one ranked team in the state, 30-75. Leading scorers for the game were Andrea Wilson with 10 points and 4 steals and Kate Humiston with 7 points. Katie Wennekamp, Humiston and Wilson both had one three point shot while Meghan Turner was the leading rebounder with 6. Their next game was with Waterloo Columbus on January 10 where they were defeated 33-66. Jenny Hartl was the leading scorer having 13 points and Wilson followed behind with 8 points. Humiston was the leading rebounder with 6 while Wilson had 3 steals and 4 assists. Benton then traveled to Marion on January 17. The Indians got off to a slow start, trailing by 13 at the half, but they rebounded in the second half to going on a 17-4 run tying it up at 30 apiece for the start of the 4th quarter. Marion took the lead 32-31 with 6 minutes remaining in the game but couldn't hold on when 2 of their starters Jenny Hartl and Kate Humiston fouled out. Kate Humiston was the leading scorer with 10 points while Jenny Hartl and Mattie Renfer tied with 6 points apiece. Humiston, Renfer, and Hartl all lead rebounds with 5 apiece. The result of the game was Marion losing their closest game of the season 36-45. On January 20 West Delaware traveled to Marion to play the varsity girls where they defeated them 57-75. Andrea Wilson was the leading scorer for the Indians with 23 points, 5 assists, and 5 steals. Amy Bulman followed with 12 points shooting 71% for the game. Kate Humiston led rebounds with 7 while Jenny Hartl and Meghan Turner tied with 4 apiece.

The varsity girls were defeated 41-71 when they traveled to Washington, Iowa on January 24. Kate Humiston was the leading scorer with 14 points and Andrea Wilson followed having 11 points. Humiston was 4/4 from the free throw line and led rebounds with 5. Christine McGlaughlin was 2/2 from field goal range while McGlaughlin and Katie Wennekamp both had 4 rebounds apiece. The

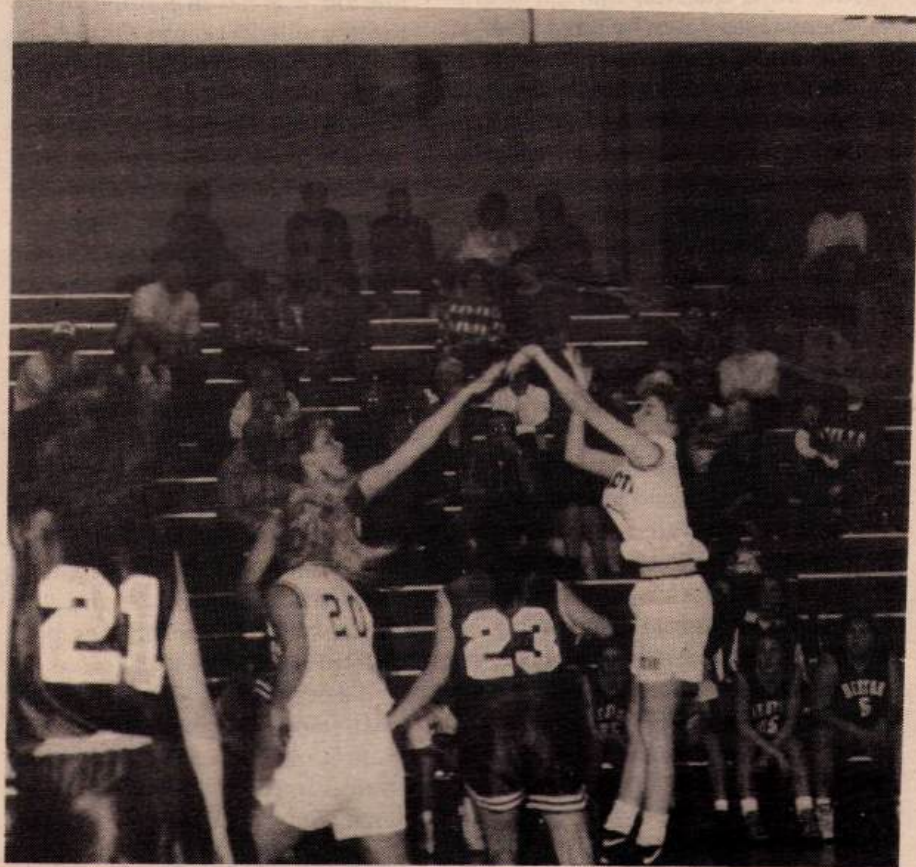
The Marion girls played Waterloo Columbus on January 31 where they were defeated 32-66. Kate Humiston lead scoring with 16 points, rebounds with 7, and steals with 3. Jenny Hartl and Andrea Wilson both fell in behind with 4 points apiece. Their next game was with Independence on the 3 of February. They were defeated 38-62 and Humiston lead scoring with 17. Wilson had 8 points and Amy Bulman had 5 points. Hartl led rebounds with 6 and assists with 4. The next day on the 4th they played South Tama where fouls came between them and their first win, losing 49-59. McGlaughlin was called on an in-

tentional foul, coach Doser had a technical foul, and three starters Bulman, Wilson, and Hartl all fouled out. The team together had 26 fouls for the night. Humiston had 24 points and 6 rebounds to lead Marion scoring and rebounds while Wilson had 9 points and Hartl had 8 points and 5 rebounds. Humiston shot 50% from 3 point range making 4 of her 8 attempted. The senior night was held on February 6 against Monticello where they were defeated 45-61. Jenny Hartl hit 7 of her 12 shots and was the leading scorer with 19 points. Both Kate Humiston and Andrea Wilson were 50% from the 3 point line with Humiston scoring 13 points and adding 6 rebounds while Wilson followed with 11 points and 6 steals. Then on February 10 the team played LaSalle being defeated only by 12 points, 67-79. Humiston led the scoring with 28 points while Bulman and Wilson tied with 10 points apiece. McGlaughlin led rebounds with 8

while Humiston and Hartl each had 6. Marion was matched with the Vinton Vikings for their first district game but were defeated 94-26 with Humiston leading scoring with 13 points. The Indians ended their season 0-19 and even though the wins didn't show on the scoreboard Humiston led scoring and rebounds for her first season with the Indians with a cumulative 209 points, averaging 13.1 points per game and 75 rebounds averaging 4.7 each game Wilson had 163, averaged 10.2 points per game and led steals with 44 and assists with 54 for her last season at Marion. Turner wasn't far behind rebounds having a total of 60, averaging 3.8 per game. Amy Bulman says " We had a very fun but hard season and at the end of the season we all really played well as a team. Its to bad we couldn't pull off a win but were looking towards working hard for next season."



During the first game against Vinton, Coach Doser takes a time out to meet with Amy Bulman, Kate Humiston, Karen Straub, Meghan Turner and Andrea Wilson



Playing Benton at home, Kate Humiston shoots for two of her ten points. Marion lead in the fourth quarter, but foul trouble put the game out of reach.

BOYS STILL LOOKING FOR CONSISTENCY

VARSITY RRR

by John Heald

The Marion boys basketball team clashed with conference foe Independence January 13. It was a very sloppy game for both teams but the Indians came out on top 65-62 winning the game at the free throw line.

Marion made 17 free throws to Independence's 2 and that's what propelled the Indians to the victory down the stretch.

Marion got off to a very slow start as they found themselves down 20-8 before they knew it. But a 15-0 run sparked the Indians, to a 26-24 halftime lead.

In the third quarter Marion found themselves up by 13 points but a furious comeback by Independence got the game no closer than the three point deficit they lost by.

Marion was lead by Jeff Kinney who totaled 26 points, Ben Meader added 15, Casey DeShaw 12, and John Heald chipped in 11.

The Marion boys basketball team traveled to Manchester January 20 to face conference rival West Delaware. Marion played a solid game but could never get ahead of the pesky Hawks. The Indians came out with a 74-65 win, to put them in third place in the conference. Marion jumped out quickly getting ahead 10-3 before West Delaware could get started. Marion found themselves trailed at halftime 34-33 for only the second time this year. And a slow start to the third quarter, Marion found themselves down by three 50-47 at the start of the fourth quarter. Marion took control of the game in the fourth quarter. Led by Jeff Kinney and his 32 points, Marion outscored host West Delaware 27-15 in the fourth. Mitch Long's and Casey DeShaw's three pointers with two minutes to go put the game away. Kinney also had a stellar game on the boards, snagging 15. Ben Meader added 16 points for Indians, and John Heald added 11.

On January 24, Marion traveled to Waterloo to take on conference leader Waterloo Columbus. Marion never led in the game and lost 83-76. Marion started off very slowly in the first half, trailing by 10 at the end of the first quarter. By the end of the first half the Indians trailed by 16, 48-32. Marion came out with a barrage of three pointers in the second half and got the Columbus lead down to 3 but the Indians couldn't seem to get over the hump. Marion had to foul at the end but couldn't capitalize on

the Columbus missed free throws. Jeff Kinney found the Columbus gym to his liking scoring 31 points, and pulling down 11 rebounds, Ben Meader scored 20, and John Heald added 13 for the Indians. Josh Claypool added 11 rebounds also for Marion.

The Marion boys basketball team battled conference rival South Tama February 4. The Indians played their first game in 12 days and showed it losing 93-81. Marion shot only 39 percent for the game and was out-rebounded by a large margin. Marion led by a score of 33-24 with four minutes to go in the second quarter but went on a scoring drought and was behind at halftime 37-36. In the third quarter Marion stayed right with the Trojans. Marion fell behind by ten in the fourth quarter and couldn't get back in the game. Marion was led in scoring by Jeff Kinney and Ben Meader who had 22 and 21 points respectively, and John Heald added 15 for Marion.

On February 6, Marion traveled to Regis to battle the Royals in a non-conference game. The Indians couldn't stay with the hot shooting of the Royals and lost 92-67.

After trailing by six at the end of the first quarter, the Indians fell behind by 16 at halftime 42-28. The Indians couldn't stay with the Royals down low in the second half. The Indians lost the battle of the boards 44-32 which was a key element of the game, also the Royals only missed 6 of 16 three pointers. Marion was led in scoring by Jeff Kinney with 25 points, Mitch Long added 17, and John Heald chipped in 11.

Friday February 10, Marion faced off with conference rival LaSalle. The Indians used pressure defense to disturb the Lancer offense. Marion never trailed in the game and won by a final score of 77-66.

Marion broke out to a 9 point lead late in the second quarter and never looked back from there. The Indians maintained a 10 point lead most of the game.

Marion had all 5 starters in double figures led by John Heald with 18 points, Jeff Kinney added 17, Mitch Long had 13, and Josh Claypool and Ben Meader both added 10.

February 14, Marion traveled to Van Horne to take on the Benton Community Bobcats. Marion and Benton played a back and forth game. Starting the fourth quarter Marion trailed by one point, but couldn't take care of the ball in the fourth as they had 8 turnovers.

Benton pulled away in the tail end of the game and won 78-61.

Jeff Kinney led the Indians with 26 points, John Heald and Josh Claypool both added 12.

On February 17, Marion went to Vinton to play in front of a packed house. Marion played one of their better games of the year but couldn't beat the hot shooting Vikings.

Vinton shoot 67 percent for the game and started off the game with 5 three pointers in the first quarter. With the score tied at 77, Vinton scored with two seconds to go. Marion desperation attempt failed, and the Vikings came out victorious 79-77.

Marion was led in scoring by Ben Meader with 23 points, Jeff Kinney added 19, Josh Claypool 13, and John Heald 12.

Marion came home to take on eighth ranked Washington, Iowa. Marion surrounded Washington's seven foot player and he was held 13 points under his average, but the Indians couldn't stop the hot shooting Demons from the perimeter. Marion didn't seem to be in flow of the game and didn't hit their open shots. Washington never trailed after the first quarter. Washington was victorious 67-54.

Jeff Kinney led the Indians with 15 points, and Josh Claypool added 11. Marion dropped to 7-10 overall, 6-7 in the conference.

On February 21, Marion may have played their worst game of the year, losing to Waterloo Columbus 77-60. Committing 28 turnovers, and only scoring 29 points in the second half.

Marion only trailed by 4 at the half, 35-31. But the second half was a totally different story. The Indians couldn't get their offense on track and just weren't in sink. Marion was led in scoring by Jeff Kinney with 18 points, and John Heald was the only other Indian in double figures with 11. Marion finished 6-8 in the conference.

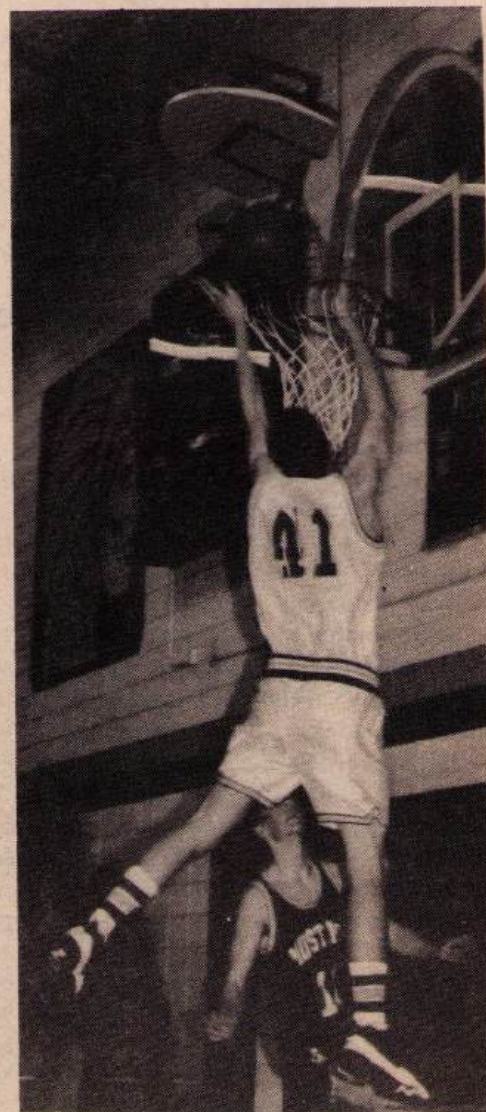
Friday, February 24, Marion battled Anamosa on Parents Night. It was a memorable night for the seniors who played in their final game at home as the Indians won an exciting overtime contest 91-84.

Marion was plagued with foul troubles the whole game playing almost the entire first quarter with three starters on the bench. Once they got back into the game though it all came together. Jeff Kinney couldn't be stopped by Anamosa as he scored a career high 40 points. Jeff said about his career night, "I was just feeling it tonight. I wanted the ball." As Anamosa started to key on Kinney on the in-

side, the outside opened up for Marion. They tied a school record for three pointers nailing 12. Along with Kinney's 40 points, John Heald added 21 for the Indians, and Mitch Long 11.

The final outcome was the same just three days later, Anamosa and Marion met again in the first round of 3-A district play. Marion started off strong as they took advantage of three turnovers to jump to a 5-0 lead which built to 12-5 by the first quarter break. Gabe Heims and Brian Duwe came off the bench for Anamosa to outscore Marion and tie the game at 14-14. That Anamosa surge kept going and they led 31-21 at the half. There was only a two-point spread (40-38) in favor of Anamosa at the end of the third period, and Marion took the lead when Mitch Long scored after a Jeff Kinney steal half-way through the fourth. A 3-pointer by Ben Meader and two baskets by John Heald gave the varsity boys an eight point lead with three minutes left. Marion held on with free throws down the stretch for a 62-55 victory.

Kinney led all scorers with 21 points. Meader added 14, Heald 10, and Josh Claypool chipped in 9 points. Kinney pulled down eight of Marion's 32 rebounds.



Jeff Kinney soars above the rim to drop in two points against Independence.