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ALL LOCKED UP AND NO PLACE TO GO

by Justin Kensinger

The night of the Lock-in started with a dance and took off from there. There were fun games and contests for those who wanted to participate, and for relaxation, movies were available. Some of the movies that were shown this year were Maverick, True Lies, With Honors, Mask, and It Could Happen To You. Along with the games live music was performed and plenty of basketball was being played.

The volleyball tournament turned out to be the big hit of the evening with 16 teams participating. The senior team consisting of Jeff Kinney, John Heald, Nate Werneburg, Ryan Hargraves, Blake Crane, and Mitch Long, took home the championship trophies. Casey DeShaw won the three point contest with 4 baskets in 30 seconds in the final round beating out Chad Zrudsky. The ping-pong tournament was held again, with Dean Ratzlaff coming out on top.

Woodrow put on their second performance for the school with new bass player Dean Druecker. They were given about an hour to play. In this hour they played Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Stone Temple Pilots, and some Sound Garden. They also played a song unplugged which turned out well liked. While playing, the audience was asked not to get too wild, which was obeyed by the students.

While everything else was going on some people were even able to find a place to curl up and get some sleep.



The Lock-In started with a dance held from 8 - 11:00. Paola Romero, Sarah Sparks, Sarah Robertson and Tiffany Van Meter enjoyed the music provided by a DJ.



Eventual ping-pong champion Dean Ratzlaff and Meghan Turner watch Chris John's form as he tries to move up the brackets.



As the evening progressed, many students moved to the gym to watch the athletic contests and crash on the bleachers.

BEING A BUDDY

by Eryn Peterson

There are many opportunities for volunteering at Marion. One of these opportunities is the "Big Buddies" program. In this program, high school students work one-on-one with students from Vernon, Emerson, and Starry.

Counselors from the elementary or middle schools call Mrs. Virlee with the names of students who need buddies. She puts in an announcement asking for a high school volunteer to be a buddy. Buddies are usually kept to the same gender.

When high school students respond, they commit to meeting at least once a week with their little buddy. The big buddies help their little buddies

to feel better about themselves, support them if they're experiencing problems in or out of school, and help them stay caught up in their school work. Bryan Balvanz has been involved with the program since the beginning of this year. He said, "It's a fun experience. I go over and we play games. I help him with his homework."

The "Big Buddies" program calls for a long-term commitment on the part of the high school student. Now there are six "Big Buddies" at the high school. Mrs. Virlee said, "It's not our biggest program, but it's one of our most important. The buddies have made a significant impact on a student's life."

THUMBS↑ NOW SHOWING

THUMBS↓

by Sarah Jackson

SSSS...I will graduate with a masters 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.

THE BRADY BUNCH MOVIE

They have returned and are better then ever. The Brady Bunch will take you back in time to their era and force you to remember the day when polyester was truly cool and songs about clowns were...never mind songs about clowns have always been stupid. But I must warn you, go into it expecting the stupidest movie ever made and you will enjoy it. SS.5

OUTBREAK

This movie is more frightening than any horror movie ever made. The reason of this is because it could actually happen. Dustin Hoffman is a researcher for the U.S. government, when he comes across a strange disease in a village in the African jungle. They call this disease Manatobe. Manatobe is spread through blood or the exchange of bodily fluids. The disease was isolated until a monkey carrying the disease was brought over on a ship, then let go by a man trying to sell the monkey to a pet store. The man then gives the disease to his girlfriend and soon Manatobe has changed and has become airborne (it can be caught by simply breathing in the same air as someone who has the disease). Meanwhile the government is trying to cover all cases of Manatobe so that the American public will not know that anything is wrong. SSSS

BYE, BYE LOVE

Bye, Bye Love is about three divorced dads and their weekly arrangements or rather rearrangements with their children. This movie will show you the frustrations of divorce, the disasters of dating...again, and of course the love that each father has for his children. *Bye, Bye Love* will give you mixed emotions through out the movie. Your eyes will swell up with tears, and your mouth will laugh with...some control. But overall it was an entertaining movie. SSS

MOST REQUESTED RENTALS:

- It's Pat
- The Specialist
- StarGate
- The River Wild
- Camp Nowhere
- Jason's Lyric
- Wes Craven's New Nightmare
- Clear and Present Danger

Thumbs down to people breaking glass in the parking lot.
Thumbs up to Ray Brinzer winning the big ten.
Thumbs up to Marion Students groping Ray Brinzer.
Thumbs down to the Alan Jackson Concert....hicks go home.
Thumbs up to the lock-in.
Thumbs up to college acceptance.
Thumbs down to underclassman not letting upperclassman budge in the lunch line.
Thumbs down to Barbie.
Thumbs down to girls whining about haircuts...shut up!
Thumbs down to nature.
Thumbs down to no water pressure in your shower.

Thumbs down to getting your hood ornament stolen.
Thumbs up to the movie, "Clerks".
Thumbs down to people who steal other people's stuff
Thumbs down to whiny people...grow up, immature dorks.
Thumbs up to cheerleading try-outs - way to be brave.
Thumbs up to Nate not eating the three foot party sub.

Thumbs down to the track team taking over the weight room.
Thumbs down to boyfriends who don't act like boyfriends.
Thumbs up to boyfriends who don't spend every moment of their life with their girlfriend.
Thumbs up to the guy who said thumbs up to the refrigerator raider-he's cool.
Thumbs up to the person who said thumbs up to the guy who said thumbs up to the refrigerator raider-I agree he's really neat.
Thumbs up to Immerfall.
Thumbs up to cute guys.
Thumbs down to cute guys with an ego.
Thumbs down to Liberians making a federal case out of a ten cent fine.
Thumbs down to people who can't even spell Librarian right.
Thumbs down to snow, I want spring.
Thumbs up to puppies named Sandy.
Thumbs up to Thespians, you guys rule.
Thumbs down to people who don't pay their debts.
Thumbs up to watching movies in class.

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Opinion

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SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT... HOW CAN YOU DEAL WITH GOSSIP?

by Paola Romero

It probably has happened to you before, or maybe you are having that problem right now: "rumors", not only simple everyday gossip but comments that come from people that know you or not have the intentions to hurt you, or maybe they don't have much to do, and they want something to talk about.

What can you do?

In some cases it is recommended to just let it go, and go on doing your thing, your own thing.

If what they are saying is nothing but the truth? Just face it, but if it's a secret that someone you trusted told almost everyone, you might want to talk with that person and tell him or her how you feel.

What if it's a lie? If it is and it really hurt you because it got you in trouble with someone you love, then first you have to convince your friend (or what ever the relation is) to trust you and if that person really knows you that should not be a problem. On the other hand if you feel like confronting the person that got you in trouble, be sure to do it in front of your friend, and don't forget to calm down because if you are very angry you might say things that you will regret. Remember that you are not going to that person to slap him or her in the face even though you're dying to do that. You are there to talk like civilized people.

Isn't that amazing how sometimes words can hurt more than a kick right in the nose? So if you are one who likes to talk about people even though you don't know much about them, I suggest you get a life... your own life.

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WHAT THE STARS SAY

by Jessica Macal

ARIES (MARCH 21- APRIL 19)

After a hard weekend you'll calm down a little and be able to relax. Call an old friend and catch a movie. Then you can go to the mall and buy the new summer clothes that you've been saving for.

TAURUS (APRIL 20- MAY 20)

Get ready for prom, you'll know your date is the exact match for the perfect night when they appear with flowers on your door step. A friend who's been mad at you will loosen up and call this month.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

With your confidence building don't hesitate to tell a pal, who's getting spring fever, to hit the road when they try to persuade you to do the wrong thing. Say no and make plans with other friends.

CANCER (JUNE 21- JULY 22)

With all of the studying before grading time, relax, the burden has lifted a little. When a pal gives you an insult, take it all in good nature, they didn't mean any harm.

LEO (JULY 23- AUGUST 22)

The new job you'll be interviewed for this month is going to make you nervous, but by the middle of the month you'll have good news heading your way. Spend spring break making a little extra money.

VIRGO (AUGUST 23- SEPTEMBER 22)

Don't go over board when everything gets a little out of hand. Studying will pay off in a big way at the end of the month, when you want to do something really important with your friends. When the time comes show the person your close to how much you care.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 23- OCTOBER 22)

Being busy doesn't constitute the way you've been blowing off your friends. Take a little time and clue them in on your life and go to a movie. The family trip is a must don't try to get out of it.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 23- NOVEMBER 21)

Your weekends will be crammed with parties, don't be your usual impulsive self and rush into anything that you could regret later. Start to earn some extra money to take on a trip at the end of the school year.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 22- DECEMBER 21)

Don't be pushy when a friend falls for someone bad, let them live and learn, but don't be too hard on them when they need someone to lean on when everything goes into the hole. Keep time out for your own life and go experience something new and exciting.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 22- JANUARY 19)

Although you're usually laid back you'll receive some unexpected cash, use it to go shopping for new spring/summer clothes. Don't bad mouth a friend because it will back fire in a big way at the end of the month.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 20- FEBRUARY 18)

Counting down the days until summer break and all the fun of being free, don't let up on the school work, ask a friend for help in a tough class. An award may be coming your way for a little task that you accomplished.

PISCES (FEBRUARY 19- MARCH 20)

Don't make excuses for others misgivings, it will only lake you seem spineless. People are really selfish so don't let them try to take you for all you have. Go to a meeting with your mom to show her you are really interested in her life.

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CHEERING UP

by Marcie Pinger

For a whole week girls in grades 7th through 11th were practicing cheers, chants and routines with hopes of making cheerleading or pom pons. Saturday, March 4th all girls trying out were to attend a mandatory practice at Emerson were the graduating seniors taught the cheers, and pom pon routine. The seniors that helped out this year were Kelly Austad, Nicole Francis, Sarah Robertson, Jason Kellerhals, and Sarah Jackson. Sarah Robertson said she was impressed by the number of girls who tried out and all of their dedication and hard work. Everyone trying out started equal and as the week progressed they kept receiving points for attending practices, teacher evaluation sheets and tests. If you were trying out for a varsity position your test was to go in front of five teachers and coaches and answer their questions. Actual tryouts were on the Wednesday the 8th for pom pons and Friday the 10th for cheerleading. Friday night after tryouts the girls were given a phone call where they would find out if they made cheerleading or poms. But that same night was the Lock-in so this year the new squads were posted on the office window during the lock and were up through out the week.

In recent years cheerleading has been taken a lot more seriously. Being a cheerleader takes a lot of responsibility. To be at practice everyday for an hour and half, be at every game home and away, make signs, organize fund raisers and functions, along with pep assemblies. Just to be peppy and full of spirit when everyone else is losing faith is tough work. Often the cheer-

leaders and pom pon squads participate in contests and competitions which involves a lot of dedication. There is a lot of overtime put into cheerleading that many times goes unnoticed.

The cheerleading squads for next year are:

Varsity Football

Katy Boyer	Harmony Henderson
Anna Lensch	Christine McGlaughlin
Marcie Pinger	Jenny Steffes
Stacey Tschantz	Tiffany VanMeter

JV Football

Jennifer Francis	Shawna Hall
Sara Key	Katie Schuver
Katie Shedak	Mindy Snider
Erin Wycoff	

Fall Poms

Cassie Gardner	Chrissy Hamilton
Dana Hines	Rebecca Hockey
Heather Motter	Allison Rudig
Molly Sheeley	Tami Stearns
MaryAnn Zamora	

Winter Poms

Jennifer Francis	Shawna Hall
Anna Lensch	Carrie Peiffer
Katie Shedak	Molly Sheeley
Mindy Snider	Stacey Tschantz
Erin Wycoff	MaryAnn Zamora

Wrestling

Katy Boyer	Chrissy Hamilton
Marcie Pinger	Jenny Steffes
Tiffany VanMeter	

Basketball Red Squad

Dana Hines	Rebecca Hockey
Sara Key	Allison Rudig
Becky Warner	

Basketball Gold Squad

Erin Bullock	Cassie Gardner
April Post	Lexie Smith
Tami Stearns	

8th Grade Football

Nicole Burrell	Elissa Crow
Sherry Hoover	Morgan Leverett
Darci Norgaard	Emily Pease
Sarah Sjulin	Kelly Weaver

ACTIVITIES UPDATE

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:

National Honor Society is planning for the last 2 months of school. Getting ready for more road cleanups, planting trees, and for the 2nd annual Marion Carnival. They are also getting ready for the new initiates into the organization at Honors Night May 11.

SODA:

Soda has been planning for post prom and have been going to different businesses to see if they will give them prizes to give away at the party. They have also been requesting food donations for Post Prom. Post Prom will be held from 11:00 PM-6:00 AM April 29-30. Tickets are \$2.00 and are being sold during the lunch hours.

STUDENT SENATE:

On March 20, some members of the Student Senate went to the ground breaking for the new Marion Library. Members Beth Hatch and Sarah Robertson even got to participate in the digging. After spending much of their time planning the lock-in, they are now planning things to do for teacher appreciation week which is soon coming.

FBLA:

FBLA has been fund raising to earn money to go to a state conference meeting on April 7th. This meeting is a competition as well as a conference. Ten students will be representing MHS at the Five Seasons Center.

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Prom Specials

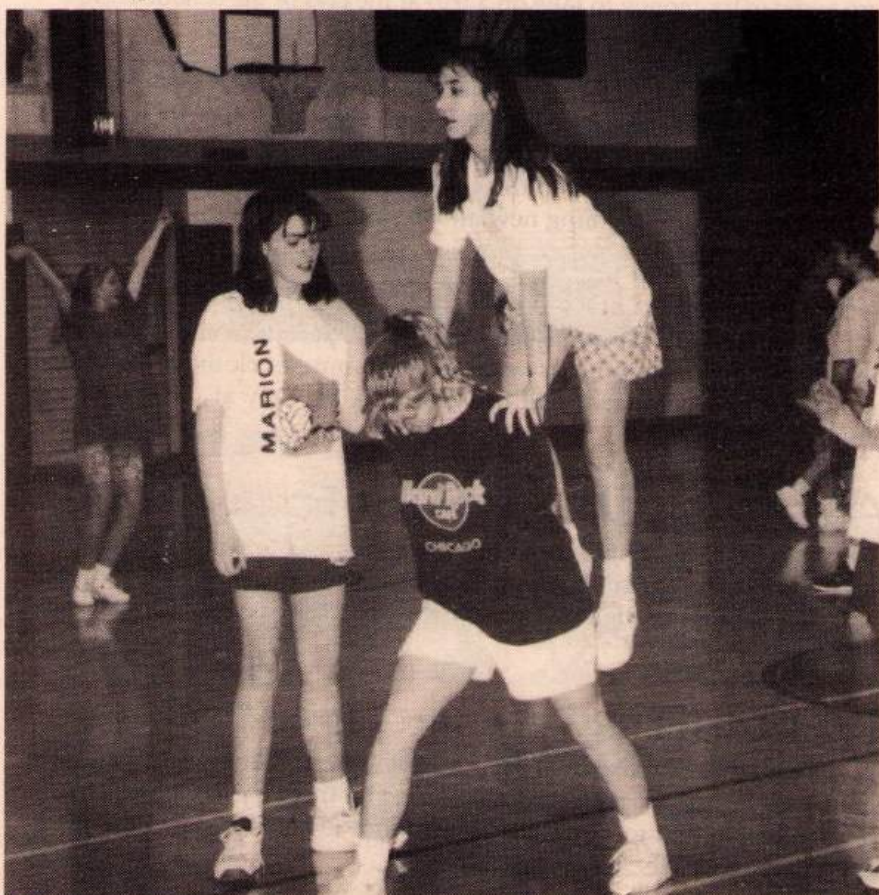
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While preparing for cheerleading try-outs, April Post, Tami Stearns and Becky Warner practice one of the required moves.

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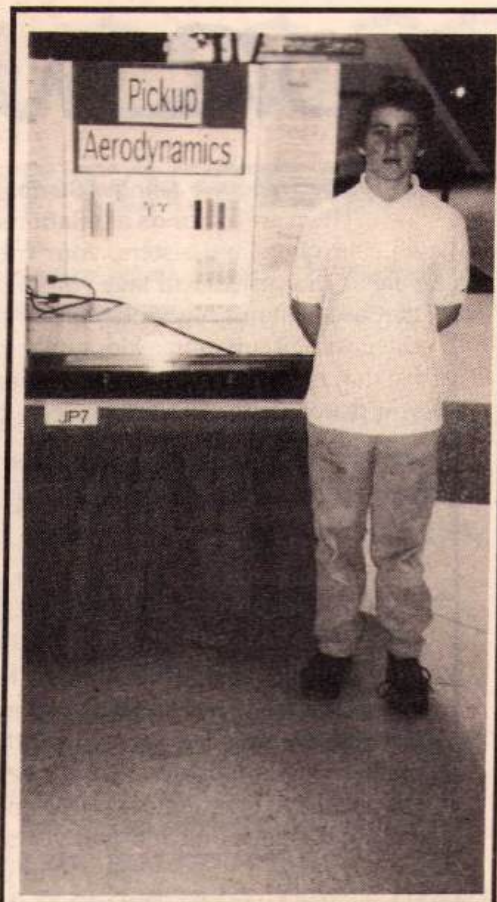
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PROJECTING SUCCESS

Eighth-grader Tony Zernick received a Class II award at the Easter Iowa Science and Engineering Fair held March 25, 1995, at Westdale Mall. Tony received his award for his project entitled "Pick-up Aerodynamics."

Tony's project used model pick-ups to measure the change in drag when the gate was up or down or when the pick-up was using a net or topper. "Considering that he only spent two weeks on the project, it was a super job. He's looking to continue with the project next year, and after this year's work, should do very well," commented Mr. Vaske, Tony's project advisor.

Approximately 300 students from all over Easter Iowa participated in the science fair this year. A Class II award is the second highest award given in Tony's class of Junior Physical projects.



DOUBLE THE ENTERTAINMENT

by Paola Romero

Instead of having a full length spring play, the spring drama directors decided to have two one act plays which were presented on March 24 and the 25 at 7:30 p.m.. One of the reasons for this change was the convenience of each cast rehearsing at different hours.

"Candid", directed by Ms. Boyer, exposed the problems of a teenager whose family is tearing apart, while not getting much support from his girlfriend.

On the other hand, "This Is a Test" directed by Mrs. Braun, reflects the worries that students have before and even after a big test in a very humorous way. Dan Johnson who played Alan, a student without confidence as Johnson described it, spoke about the rehearsals before the play: "At the beginning we were doing so-so, but fortunately it all came together later even though we did not have much time... I think it's a funny play and will make people laugh..." he then added: "It's fun to work with a good cast and a good director".



TJ's dysfunctional family (Sam Chapman, Rebecca Hockey, Travis Clarke, and Christine McGlaughlin) breaks up during "The Last Supper."

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While the rest of the class has no problem with getting test answers, Alan can't even get them when they are being flashed on signs.



During "Candid," TJ (Travis Clarke) resorts to game-playing to try to communicate with his girlfriend (Sarah Jackson).



While trying to take a mid-term test, Alan (Dan Johnson) is surprised to hear from the teacher (Theresa Garthwaite) that they learned Chinese the day he had a dentist appointment.

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HIGH SCHOOL RE TO DATE. . . OR NOT TO

Q&A:

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED ABOUT THE OPPOSITE SEX?



"Boys are really intimidated by pretty girls, and a lot of them just like to play head games with you. Most of them think if you're pretty you're a snob. Their egos are very fragile."

*Darcy Brecht, 11

"Like all great artists, God always uses a rough draft when creating a masterpiece. That's why man was created first."

Nicole Swierk, 12



"Not all guys only want one thing. A lot of times a guy friend is better than a girl friend; they can give you a different perspective."

Julie Erkel, 11

"I've learned that they tell their friends everything and anything even if it upsets their girlfriend."

Jeni Rugg, 10

"A lot of girls don't know how to handle a relationship."

Kane LaKose, 12

"You can never fully trust them..."

Tiffany Bowden, 10



"They're prettier than guys!"

Blair Gordon, 11

"They are unpredictable."

Dan Reid, 12

"Girls are hard to please."

Jeremy Gardner, 10

"Girls have feelings, too. They don't like to be put down and they don't appreciate sexual harassment."

Chris Wikert, 11



"Women take offense to a lot of things. They are always upset about little things."

Jason Westpfahl, 12

"I've learned that guys are a lot better than I thought. I have more guy friends now and once you get to know them you understand them better. They laugh a lot more than girls. The only thing I don't like is they always think that they're right and they put each other down a lot, and they yell a lot. They wear a lot of tee-shirts."

Sarah Robertson, 12

By Nicole Francis & Jennifer Steffes

There are all kinds of relationships. Relationships with your parents, your brothers and sisters, your friends; and then there are love relationships. This article will take you through some of the trials and tribulations that occur in our high school love affairs. Many of you are in one of these categories, if not more. Hopefully you can relate to a relationship and realize that maybe your love troubles are the same as someone else's, and that you're not alone. Read on to see where you fit in.

LONG TERM RELATIONSHIPS

Didn't it seem like in junior high you had a different boy/girlfriend every day. As you have grown up and matured relationships seem to mean more. Most people have noticed that Marion High School contains many long term relationships that are very serious. For example, two different couples have been dating between two and three years, and most others mainly between one and two years. Many of these couples feel as if they are in love and plan or talk about getting married. Like all couples, high school ones fight also, they may not last of long or be as serious but they do happen.

There are many pros and cons of being involved in a long term, listed below are just a few that people involved in a relationship mentioned to us.

Pros- Keeps you out of trouble

- Someone to talk to
- reminds you of important things
- helps you learn to handle a relationship and it's problems
- someone to hug
- someone will always be there for you

Cons- No times with friends

- don't learn about different kinds of people
- no time for yourself

Students involved in long-term relationships have views on why they last. "The key to long-term dating is to communicate, trust, and be best friends," says Stace Tschantz. Josh Claypool believes that, "The secret to staying together and not fighting is to think before you look at other girls." "To have a long-term relationship you need to trust each other and care about each other," adds Jeremy Steepleton.

DATING AROUND

by Nicole Francis

Is it your choice or do you feel you've been thrown into this whirlwind of romance? Yes, for some their life is based on dating around. Spencer Northway's reason for choosing to date around is, "There is too much commitment and I don't want to be tied down."

Some choose this way because they want to see who they can get because they like a challenge. On the other hand, some students play hard to get and once they've given in, they decide they don't want to see the person that was chasing them. It's a cat and mouse game if you play with feelings that way.

Still, others date around not by choice. Maybe you've broken up with someone you've had a serious relationship with and you find out you need to move on. However, maybe you feel that you just can't commit to someone this early in life.

Also, maybe you just can't seem to find Mr. Right. Theresa Garthwaite for example has had her share of men, or boys for that matter. Basically, it's been her choice to date around. She explained this as, "When I see a guy I automatically think of him as a friend rather than a love interest." She went on to say that the reason she sees guys as friends is because she's not confident enough to make the first move. She'd rather have the guy make the first move because of her experiences with former boys. "They were older guys yet their maturity level didn't equal their age."

In a school the size of Marion, dating around can be difficult. Everyone knows everyone else, and many times going out once translates into "going together." This is one reason why most of those who do date around see people from other schools.

RELATIONSHIPS. . . DATE - DOES IT MATTER?

KEEPING IT TOGETHER

So, she struck out with your guy. Good. It means you and he are rock solid. To keep your relationship strong:

♥ Make sure you're on the same wavelength.. This is especially true for important issues, like commitment. If you define it as monogamy and he defines it as being in the same state, you've got a problem.

♥ Yuk it up. Couples who don't laugh together or have fun don't last. Just look at Charles and Di.

♥ Keep your private life to yourselves. "Getting friends involved in personal stuff is the worst thing you can do," believes Amy, 15. "It's like playing this big game of telephone. Information gets passed around, and by the time the last person gets it, it's so distorted it can cause real damage. You're much better off keeping stuff to yourselves. It shows respect for the relationship and for your partner."

♥ Talk, talk, talk. "It sounds like a cliché," says Alexa, 16. "but both of you should be able to talk about anything and everything that's on your minds. That way there are no secrets and no second-guessing. It builds trust."

♥ Avoid automatic pilot. A lot of girls kick back and take it easy once they're part of a pair. News flash: Good relationship takes work. Avoid coasting, and concentrate on keeping things as lively and interesting as they were when you were checking each other out. That way, when another girl down the line wants what's yours, she won't have a prayer.

Source: Seventeen Magazine

DATELESS IN MARION

by Jenny Steffes

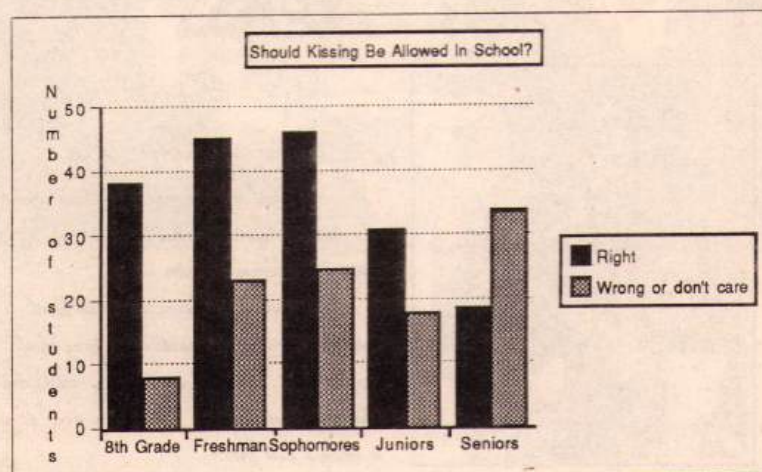
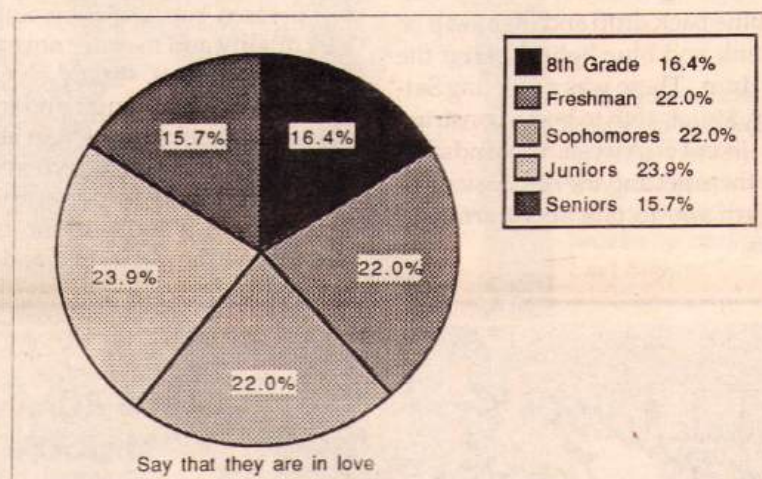
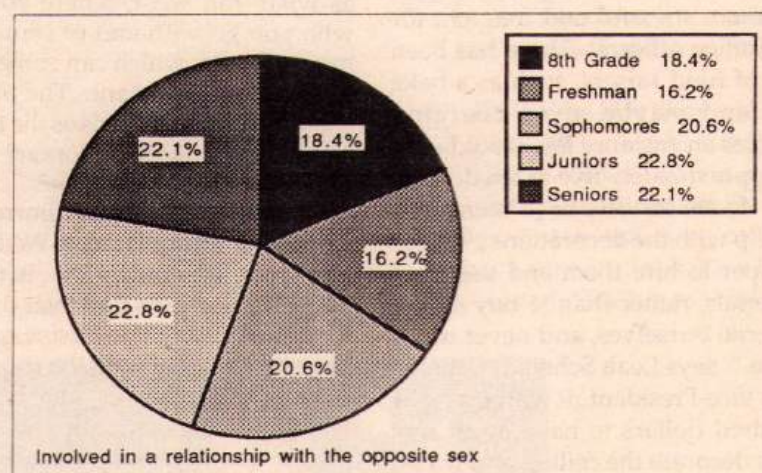
Is dating or school more important? How do you feel? Many people at Marion High school feel dating can wait. You should get your education now. It may seem like everybody dates but they don't. A lot of people chose to delay their dating until they are out of high school and maybe even college. They feel there will always be people of the opposite sex to meet. You should worry about school and having good times with your friends while you are all together in the same place. You can go out with friends and not have to worry about flirting, and fighting.

One interesting aspect of this article is that many people didn't want their names used - almost as if not dating meant they were losers. But, as one unnamed senior boy says, "There seems to be too much pressure to date in high school. I don't

like the idea that going out means you're the 'right kind' of person. I spend lots of time with my friends. I don't have to worry about money and I don't have to worry about saying the wrong thing, fighting, breaking up, etc." Another non-dating student commented, "I've never met anybody worth dating."

Not dating can lead to problems when it comes time for the big social events most students want to attend, like Homecoming and Prom. Fortunately, it is now accepted for people to attend homecoming and prom as friends and enjoy the evening without making a lifetime commitment.

The students interviewed all said that relationships were something they were looking forward to in the future, but right now, friends, schoolwork, and activities keep them busy.



AND THE SURVEY SAID...

289 surveys were turned in to the Vox.

Marion high school overall results

154 students out of 289 are involved in a relationship with the opposite sex.

99 students out of 154 say that they are in love.

171 students out of 289 feel that dating in high school is important.

179 students out of 289 feel that kissing should be allowed in school to an extent.

Remember that these percentages are only out of the people whose surveys were turned in, therefore there could be a higher or lower percentage for any class.

With the "Kissing allowed in school" question there was more variety in opinion. Some students, who answered it as being all right, had exceptions written off to the side. Some said that they did not care either way, others thought it was okay as long as couples were not all over each other. Mr. Twachtman commented that you are able to see the degree of maturity in each class by these results.

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Features

PROM PLANNING FOR THE PERFECT PROM

by Kim Ozburn

With Prom coming closer, deadlines and meetings are becoming more stressful and frequent for the Junior officers. There has been talk of fund raisers, such as a bake sale and maybe even charging couples an entrance fee, would only be approximately five to ten dollars.

Event services have been hired to help with the decorations, "It was cheaper to hire them and use their materials, rather than to buy all the material ourselves, and never use it again," says Leah Schneider, Junior class Vice-President. It will cost eight hundred dollars to have event services decorate the ceiling and walls, they're going to be covered in a marine blue back drop and there will be hot pink and blue lights behind the back drop. There was a meeting Saturday, March 18th to begin construction. Event Services and Windsong were there getting the dimensions of the gym and to talk about arrangements.

by Leah Schneider

Prom time has rolled around again and everyone is busy putting the finishing touches on what hopes to be a great night. Many things go into the making of this night, such as what you wear, where you eat, who you go with and of course the money factor, which can sometimes be the most important. The Jr. class chose Midnight in Paris as the theme and setting while the colors are Royal Blue, Hot Pink, and Black.

Sophomore, Lesley Burroughs works at the popular local Weddings Etc. store, Weddings Etc.. is where many Marion girls find their dresses for prom. Lesley said business again boomed this year with the shopping starting in December and January, which is a good month and a half earlier than normal. She also said they are no longer accepting orders for dresses because they want the best quality and to order now would compromise that. Many people do choose to order though and it takes at least 12 weeks to get it in at Weddings Etc.. Jenni Long ordered and says, "The reason I ordered my dress is because it is unlikely for anyone else to have the same style, and it will

be a different style that the ones on the racks."

Lesley said that again this year the choker neck is a popular dress style, while for the guys black tails is the most popular. Prince Albert's said that the colors are brighter this year on the vest underneath the jacket. Casey Swanson, who is attending his 3rd prom this year, tries to go a little different than the normal black tails every year. As a freshman, he wore a purple jacket and last year he wore velvet. "You'll have other chances to wear a normal tux, so this is a chance to be creative and wear something different than everyone else."

Although Prom can be a great time, it can also put a strain on the pocket book. It will probably be the most money you'll spend for one night's events during high school. An average prom dress can cost between \$150-250 although Senior Kelly Austad spent \$400 on her holographic sequin dress. Tux costs vary from place to place. If you rent from Prince Albert it will be \$65.00-\$70.00, from Mr. Neats its \$50.00-\$80.00, and from Sir Knight it's \$54.95. If you're like Jeremy Steepleton and will be going to two proms, you can see if the place will cut you a deal to reduce the cost.

There are ways to reduce the expense. One idea to help the cost is to buy from a second hand store. Theresa Garthwaite did last year and got a \$165.00 dress for \$70.00. She said she had looked in second hand stores for fun, and when she saw the prom dress, she decided it would be silly to spend an extra \$95.00. "No one would have known if I hadn't told them," she said. Another idea is to make yourself or have someone else make. Beth Hatch had her mother make hers last year and says, "It wasn't that much cheaper, but no one else had a dress like it."

These are all ideas if you don't want to spend the cash and look just

as great. You can also buy a dress and shoes that you can wear again so they won't just sit in your closet and go to waste.

There are many options for dinner. Since this year Marion's prom isn't the same night as everyone else's, things are less hectic. Most places still recommend reservations. Some of the more popular chices are:

- Top of the Five - 363-8161; Entrees \$12-\$25; make reservations a few days ahead.
- Hemingways - 393-6600; Plan on \$60 for a complete dinner for 2. Reservations should be made as early as possible.
- Charlie's on the River - 366-2412; Dinners run from \$13-\$30. They would prefer reservations to be made now.
- Ellis Landing - 365-7049; Doesn't accept reservations unless there are 10 or more people. Dinners cost from \$12.95 - \$15.00.
- Kafé du Klos - 362-9340; The average dinner run \$13.95. They take reservations for 4 or more people and would like reservations a few days ahead.
- Iowa River Power Company - (Iowa City) 351-1904; Dinners are from \$15-\$17. Reservations should be made 1 1/2-2 weeks ahead.



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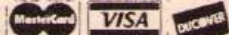
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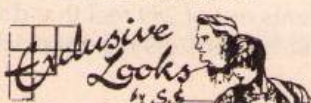
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BRAIN SEX

by Bryce Petersen

Recently, the Psychology classes took a "Brain Sex" test. This is a test to find out what sex your brain is. The test has nothing to do with gender or masculinity or femininity. It shows the differences between how brains work and can indicate aptitudes or abilities. This is just a general test used to show the differences between female and male brains. Circle the letter of your response that best indicates how you would answer the question.

1. You hear a distinct meow. Without looking around, how well can you place the location of the cat?
 - A. If you think about it, you can point to it.
 - B. You can point straight to it.
 - C. You don't know if you could point to it.
2. How good are you at remembering a song you have just heard?
 - A. You find it easy, and you can sing part of it in tune.
 - B. You can only do it if it is simple and rhythmical.
 - C. You find it difficult.
3. A person you've met a few times telephones you. How easy is it for you to recognize that voice before the person tells you who they are?
 - A. You find it quite easy.
 - B. You recognize the voice at least half the time.
 - C. You recognize the voice less than half the time.
4. You are with a group of dating friends. Two of them are having a clandestine affair. Would you detect their relationship?
 - A. Nearly always
 - B. Half the time.
 - C. Seldom.
5. You're at a large and purely social gathering. You're introduced to five strangers. If their names are mentioned the following day, how easy is it for you to picture their faces?
 - A. You'll remember most of them.
 - B. You'll remember a few of them.
 - C. You have trouble remembering any of them.
6. In your early school days how easy was spelling and the writing of essays?
 - A. Both were quite easy.
 - B. One was easy.
 - C. Neither was easy.
7. You spot a parking place but you must reverse into it- and it is a tight squeeze.
 - A. You look for another place.
 - B. You back into it carefully.
 - C. You back into it without much thought.
8. You've spent three days in a strange place and someone asks you which way is north.
 - A. You are not likely to know.
 - B. You're not sure, but can figure it out in time.
 - C. You point north.
9. You are in an office waiting with six people of the same sex. How close can you sit to one of them without feeling uncomfortable?
 - A. Less than 6 inches.
 - B. 6 inches to two feet.
 - C. More than two feet.
10. You are visiting your neighbor and the two of you are talking. There is a tap dripping gently in the background. Otherwise, the room is quiet.
 - A. You would notice the dripping sound immediately and try to ignore it.
 - B. If you noticed it, you would probably mention it.
 - C. It doesn't bother you at all.

SCORING THE TEST:

If you are Male: Each A. response is worth 10 points.
Each B. response is worth 5 points.
Each C. response is worth -5 points.

If you are Female: Each A. response is worth 15 points.
Each B. response is worth 5 points.
Each C. response is worth -5 points.

Most males score between 50-60 - Females score between 50-100. Male scores above 60 may indicate that their brain is female sex bias. Female scores below 50 may indicate that their brain is male sex bias. Many people will show characteristics of both male and female brains, but score slightly higher on certain questions.

What does this mean? A stereotypical female brain shows skill with language; that person tends to be better with non-verbal communication and feelings. A male brain tends to be visual, analytical and math-oriented. A female with a male-oriented brain might be an engineer or math teacher, while a male with a female-oriented brain could be an English teacher, counselor or social worker.

QUIZ SHOW



Accompanied by Mrs. Madsen, the SunMart Bowl team relaxed at the KCRG studios before the competition.

by Eryn Peterson

The Marion SunMart Bowl team spends a lot of time practicing its buzzing techniques. The team practices two mornings a week. At the practices Mrs. Madsen asks them questions on general knowledge. The areas include math, history, sports, politics, government, literature, and current events. They work on making quick, accurate responses.

The team is made up of Marion students in grades 10-12. G.P.A. is not a deterrent for being a part of the team. The members are divided into groups of three, with one representative from each grade in each group. This year's members are: sophomores Alison Kraus, Cory Rubel, Sarah Westergren and Chad Zrudsky; juniors Jonah Nemec, Dean Ratzlaff, and Tony Warden; and seniors Chris Stewart, Ben Meader and Jason Kelly.

The tournament, which is sponsored by Nash Finch and KCRG, includes eight metro schools: Prairie, LaSalle, Regis, Kennedy, Washington, Jefferson, Linn-Mar, and Marion. The schools are randomly paired off to compete against each other. Competitions are taped at KCRG and played on T.V. The winners of the first round receive \$250, and then play each other. Winners of the second round win \$750 and play for first place. The team that comes in first place wins \$1,000 for their school. The money won is used to buy computers and software.

Last year's team raised \$750 for our school. Mrs. Madsen anticipates this year's team will do well. Be sure to watch their first competition against LaSalle, Saturday, April 15, on KCRG.

LEARNING/TEACHING STUDENT TEACHING COMBINES THE TIME

by Nancy Chiafos

Mr. Ingalls is currently student teaching in Mr. Messerli's classes.

Mr. Ingalls is from Boone, IA, near Ames. He graduated from Boone High School with a graduating class of 130.

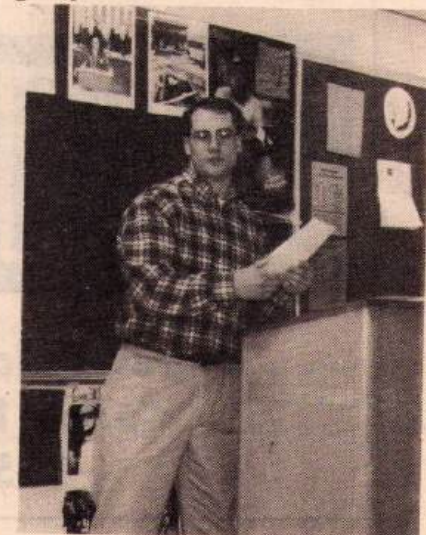
He currently attends the University of Iowa, and he decided to go into education during his sophomore year at the University. He thinks that he was influenced by his family. His mother teaches in Boone, and he also has an aunt and a cousin that teach.

The placement office at the University gives each student teacher a map of the Iowa City area, which has three different sized circles on it. The teachers are to select three cities, one from each circle, and Mr. Ingalls chose Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, and Marion. From these three choices the University attempts

to find a school.

Mr. Ingalls commented, "I like the size of Marion. It's not too large and it's not too small."

When Mr. Ingalls acquires a teaching job, he says that the age group doesn't really matter. He wouldn't mind teaching younger students in grades 7-9 or older students in grades 10-12. In student teaching and other field experiences he has worked with students in the 11th grade, so he thinks he would be more comfortable with this age group.



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Features

OUT THE DOOR AND ON THEIR OWN

by Marcie Pinger and P. J. Schultz

What do teachers do in their spare time? No one really knows. We all just assume that teachers live here at the school and when they do go home they sit around thinking of horrible ways to torture their students, but to our surprise many teachers really do have lives outside of school. Teachers don't always have it as easy as we do. On early out days they stay at the school for meetings, and they attend staff meetings once a month in the morning. We have unlimited sick days while teachers are only allowed so many sick days, and even though it's hard to believe teachers do have homework too. They work on the weekend correcting those tests we all forgot to study for. They are always planning for the weeks ahead so they don't fall behind, and finding new strategies to handle those not so well behaved students. But the most important priority for teachers is the direction and education of their students. Here are some teachers who told us what they do in the free time outside of school.

MRS. VIRLEE -

"Spend time with kids, raise flowers in garden and work on the farm."

MR. BRAUN -

"Play the guitar, and listen to music."

MRS. RANNON -

"Be involved in kids activities, and vacationing."

MRS. MADSEN -

"Run own fashion business and put on fashion shows."

MR. INGALLS -

"Go to class, work at a job on the weekends, workout, and play golf."

MRS. QUINN -

"Teach Aerobics and spend as much time as possible with family."

SERVICE LEARNING

TELLING THE COUNTRY ABOUT MHS

Christine McGlaughlin traveled with Madame Virlee and Mr. Ferguson to the National Service Learning Conference in Philadelphia. During the March 8-12 trip, they made a ninety minute presentation to a group of twenty, discussing the junior English Marion history project.

While in Philadelphia, Christine also attended presentations

made by students and teachers from around the country. Saturday March 10, they spent the day sight seeing. Overall Christine found the experience worthwhile and interesting. She said, "I really enjoyed the trip to Philadelphia. It was very interesting to see how other people use service learning to help people in their community like our class is doing."

MR. TWACHTHANN -

"Sitting and enjoying my 11 acres of woods, traveling with wife and fishing."

MRS. DOSTAL -

"Run, spend time with husband."

MR. HEALD -

"Go to games, watch sports, and play golf."

MR. IMMERFALL -

"Be with kids and wife, enjoy running, watching movies and eating ice cream with Mr. Bates."

MRS. YOUNG -

"Visit antique stores, keep up a garden, and go to live sporting events."

MR. MESSERLI -

"Take kids places, play golf and coach little league."

MR. FERGUSON -

"Teach out at Kirkwood, and take daily walks."

HAVING HOMEWORK

"Homework" a word that most students dread! Students swear the only reason they are given homework is to put a damper on their social life. What exactly is homework? If you ask a teacher they'll tell you that homework helps you to better understand your lessons and to learn responsibility. Here are some student views on homework and how much time they spend on it. And as for some- how much time they don't spend on it:

"I never needed to do my homework, and if I did have it I didn't do it anyway. I've only spent about 5 minutes on it this year, I only have 4 classes!"
-Bryce Petersen

"I spend about a half an hour a night. It seems like we write 3 papers a week for English!! I've been up till 11 p.m. doing papers."
-Jenny Winberg

"When I work about an hour a night, and when I don't work about 4 hours a night. My biggest subjects a night are AP English and College Prep Math. I've been up until 3 a.m. doing homework."
-Beth Hatch

"I try and get most of my work done at school and the work I don't get done I don't take it home. I just don't worry about it!!"
-Amy Bulman

"If I'm not working I do about 2-3 hours a night of homework and if I am working then I spend about an hour. Latest I've been up was 2 a.m. doing Chemistry because we get tons one night and then we don't get any for a long time. And Algebra is pretty much a given for every night!!"
-Carrie Peiffer

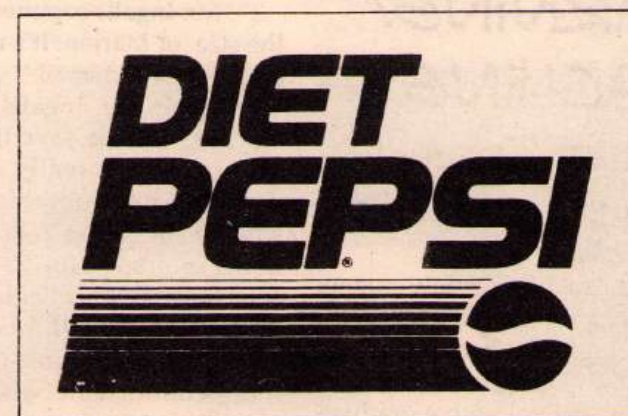
"I only spend about a half an hour each night doing Algebra II, of course. I don't do any in school. I've only stayed up till 10:30 p.m. because I would rather sleep than do homework!"
-Dean Ratzlaff

"I try to get my rough copies done in school so I can finish them at home. The only homework I have is Comp. class, and I've stayed up until 2 a.m. working on papers."
-Brad Holub

"I don't do any! What's homework? If I do do it, then about an hour or so!"
-Amy Bassett

"None, I don't do it and don't worry about it! If I do have some it takes about an hour. I've stayed up till 1 or 2 a.m. doing it though, when I do, do it."
-David Cutler

"I try to get most of it done in school. The most I have every night is Geometry, and I have stayed up until 2 a.m. doing it."
-Tiffany Bowden



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Sports

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BOYS TRACK

by Jenny Steffes

On Monday, March 13, the boys track team began practice preparing for their first meet of the season on March 31.

The team has 15 returning lettermen, including '94 state qualifiers, Josh Claypool, Casey Swanson, Royce Sanks, Dean Druecker, and Dan Tschopp.

When asked about the season would go, Coach Immerfall commented, "I'm very optimistic. We have many talented kids returning and some promising freshman." Coach Immerfall expects all the boys who went to state last year, along with Chad Zrudsky in high jump and Nate Werneburg in shot put, to once again take a trip to Des Moines. He also feels the team will be strong in all the relays and several open events by the end of the season.

Every year the team seems to run well at the Marion Invitational and the Tipton meet. Coach Immerfall is hoping the team will run just as well at the state and conference meets, which are the only two meets he worries about the teams score.

GIRLS TRACK

by Jenny Long

The large turnout for this year's girl's track team has pleased Coach

French. "I'm happy about the turnout for this year and I think with all these girls we will have a pretty good season. There is competition among the sprinters because they figure, oh if I'm a sprinter then I won't have to work as hard as the other girls, but they do," says Coach French. With outstanding returning letter winners, Katy Boyer, Theresa Mitchell, Meghan Turner, Harmony Henderson, Jessica Sova, and Stacey Tschantz, they will keep Marion strong.

After the first meet, senior Meghan Turner said, "at half our team was gone, we did pretty well. We're a young team, but we'll do pretty fair." Teresa Mitchell added, "It's a great beginning. I still think we need more girls out for track, and we'll get better throughout the season."

The only thing that could make this season more complete would be to have a large turnout of fans in the stands.

GIRLS SOCCER

by Cheyne Westergaard

This year at Marion, the only girl going out for girl's soccer is Beth Hatch. She goes to Linn-Mar high school and joins up with the Linn-Mar team to practice and for the games. Beth says, "There are a lot of girls going out, and the practices really get us in shape." The coach of

the soccer team is Pete Burnett, who coaches both JV and Varsity, which are combined for the whole team. "There are a lot of the girls. They seem to be really good," Beth says.

BOYS SOCCER

by Tracy Thomas

This year Marion Boys are looking forward to an exciting season of soccer. Coach Bob Lillibridge is expecting a successful season from both freshman / sophomore and varsity teams. He hopes the experienced fresh / soph. team will have a winning season and the "young" varsity team will improve last year's record.

The eleven Marion boys signed up to start the season are freshmen-Todd Meek, Nathan Brashaw, and Brian Swalley, sophomores- Kevin Evans, Craig Johnson, Matt Balk, Jimmy Thomas, Eric Oberbroeckling, and Chris Cook and junior, Brent Pearson. The practices started March 20. The team will play 14 games plus the district Tournament beginning April 6 at Solon. Their first home game is played April 8 against Prairie

BOYS TENNIS

by Ryan Hargraves

Although the turnout for the 1995 men's tennis team was lower than that of past years, the team has a positive outlook on the season. Many newcomers to the sport such as Chris Wikert, Jeremy Johnson, Jason Westphal, and Casey DeShaw look forward to a good first year. "I am excited about my first year and I'm looking forward to getting some victories," says DeShaw. New coach Mr. Wikert plans on building the team's foot speed and endurance by including running into his practice schedule. The cold spring weather has enabled Mr. Wikert to have the team spend much of practice in the gym. As the weather gets warmer, practice will be spent entirely outdoors on the tennis court, which received three new nets this year. The Indians first meet is slated for Thursday April 6 in Camanche against the returning state champions.

GIRLS TENNIS

by Leah Schneider

This years Varsity Girls tennis is once again coached by Ken McNutt who is now in his 5th year at Marion. They have started daily practices with only 7 girls out and 1 returning lettermen. This is completely different from last years team of huge numbers. The girls first match is the Linn-Mar doubles on April 8 and the first of 6 dual matches will be with Independence on April 21. Even though this years team is a young and unexperienced one they are hoping to carry on last years record breading season of 5-3, the best in Marion's history.

BOYS GOLF

by John Heald

This years boys golf team has one of its largest turnouts in years with 33 golfers out. They will also return three of their top six golfers from a year ago. Coming back will be senior John Heald, junior Jason Hyduk, and sophomore Johnse Bushlack. These three are all returning letter winners. Also joining the varsity squad this year will be sophomore Zach Lane who had limited varsity experience last year, but should be a good addition to the team. This young team is hoping to gain experience for the future since most of the team will be returning for next year. Jason Hyduk commented, "We are hoping to win some meets and get experience for the younger players." The team will tee it up for their first meet against Independence April 5.

8TH BOYS TRACK

by P. J. Schultz

This year the eighth grade boys track team has a positive outlook on their season. The class of 1999 has had a terrific sports year with an almost undefeated football and basketball team. Mr. Miese, a Marion High substitute teacher and volunteer wrestling coach, will try his hand at track this spring. Coach Miese has a very optimistic outlook and is looking forward to practice starting.

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During the Run-A-Thon to earn money for new warm-ups, people pledged a certain amount of money for each lap run. Dean Ratzlaff ran the most laps - 33 in an hour.



The 8th grade girls, coached by Mrs. Kuethe and Mrs. Menken, have also started practice. Mary Tess Zamora and Nikki Carsner lead the way during time trials.

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A RAPPELLING EXPERIENCE

by Ryan Hargraves

For the first time in over ten years, MHS students were introduced to rappelling. The last time it was done, students rappelled off the Vernon building. The plan this year was to use the outside of the gym, but bad weather forced the activity indoors. Mrs. Dostal and Mr. Shaffer brought rappelling to the classes as, "...a different activity used for variety in the curriculum." They also liked the fact that it helps promote the service and gives inter-

ested students a better feel for what will happen during training.

Students who chose to rappell had to follow the experts' instructions. Everyone had to make their own rope seat before climbing the bleachers and rappelling down. There was a National Guard expert above to help the students get strapped in correctly and a spotter on the floor to break any possible falls.

Mrs. Dostal said, "I wanted students to experience something different and take a risk."



Before attacking the bleachers, PE students had to learn how to correctly secure the ropes.



With final instruction from the National Guard representative, Spencer Northway leans back and begins his descent.

APRIL U.F.O.(O L)S

by Ryan Hargraves

In the past couple of years, the city of Marion has had many visits from extraterrestrial beings. City officials deny any occurrences of encounters in the city, but Marion High School journalism students have proved that there has in fact been many visits in our community. In many instances alien craft have been caught on camera, but somehow the public was never notified of the sightings. Most of the on-camera sightings were merely accidental and were not noticed until after the pictures were developed. Some U.F.O.'s were found months and years after they were taken, they are still being found today.

The strange sightings first started in the summer of 1994, baseball and softball players frequently spotted unidentified craft over the fields and to the west of the campus.

The craft appeared all throughout the baseball/softball seasons, but when the games stopped so did the sightings. The new UFO phenomena started again in the fall, sightings again became numerous around the school and all over Marion. Cheerleaders, cross country runners, and football players all experienced the strange crafts. Even though they were not always noticed, the UFO's were caught on film often during the fall. Now in the spring, the sightings are again becoming more frequent. Although there have been no new pictures, the UFO stories are becoming very common. The summer should be good for UFO sightings, so when you are outside keep your eyes open because you never know when you will be the next Marion High School student to have a close encounter.



During a cross country meet, the UFO presence went unnoticed by the runners.



Tiffany Bowden was hoisted up to get a better look at the UFO watching cheerleading practice.

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