

# The Vox

Marion High School

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## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

by Nancy Chiafos

Mrs. Virlee is the first Cedar Rapids-area winner of the statewide award and the second in Linn County.

Mrs. Virlee received a double nomination for the Teacher of the Year Award. She was nominated by both Dr. Jacobson and Mr. Twachtmann. She was informed by both that they were nominating her, and the nominations were made in June. She felt Dr. Jacobson chose to nominate her because of the numerous awards she has received. Dr. Jacobson commented, "I nominated Mrs. Virlee because she is one of the most outstanding teachers I have ever been around, she operates on her own and doesn't need a push."

Mr. Twachtmann nominated Mrs. Virlee because she has taken the service learning challenge a long way because of her more students are helping others and she encourages students to give back to their school and their community. She also has written several grants on her own time to receive money for the school to benefit programs. Mr. Twachtmann said, "Mrs. Virlee has probably brought in more than \$170,000." He also commented, "Mrs. Virlee has lots of ambition, is very personable, and is a very effective teacher."

French IV student Tracy Thomas said, "Madame relates to the students, never leaves anyone out, and doesn't let us give up." Nancy Chiafos also commented, "I feel Madame makes every student feel special, helps us see that we have potential, and teaches us to never give up on what we are doing because each one of us has a specific purpose in life."

The nominee was required to fill out an extensive eight to ten page application. Dr. Jacobson assisted her by editing her application, and Dr. Jacobson's secretary, Marge Anderson typed the application.

Prior to filling out the application, Mrs. Virlee sat down with her family and discussed this with them because it was important to have this be a family decision as well. Her family was very excited for her, but also knew it would require a commitment on their part as well.

The application required a lot of thought and reading. This made her realize who she is, why she thinks the way she does, and her whole philosophy of teaching.

She will take her position in

July of 96. One of her primary responsibilities will be to visit schools across the state, gather information about issues in their districts and report to the State Board Of Education. She will also be doing a lot of public speaking and giving input and aiding in decisions made on committees that have a regard to education.

The day she was informed she was a finalist was a really nervous day. When she did not receive the phone call by noon, she figured that she was not a finalist and went on with her day.

There were five finalists and they were narrowed down to the winner at a dinner in Des Moines. Mr. Twachtmann sat next to her and said that she was a nervous wreck. Mr. Twachtmann said that when she was announced she was well prepared and gave a wonderful speech.

Even if she would not have

been chosen she would not have been discouraged or bitter because this experience helped her learn a lot more about herself.

A reception was held for Mrs. Virlee in honor of her award. Many teachers attended, and no one has spoke out in bitterness or jealousy. Dr. Jacobson said, "I feel that the teachers are appreciative and know her well."

Mr. Twachtmann commented that he was just delighted and Dr. Jacobson said that he was very proud of Mrs. Virlee and that her award reflected well on the district. She accepted her award on behalf of her colleagues and recognized their work as well.

Mr. Twachtmann would like to express, "This entire faculty is excellent, everybody here goes out of there way to know each student and find out what they need the most to be successful."



After spending the day in Des Moines and finding out she had been named Iowa's Teacher of the Year, Madame Virlee returned to Marion to sell tickets at the football game. Between games, her award was announced and she was presented with a bouquet of roses.

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Michael Allen Woodward, 16, died suddenly in his home on Thursday, October 26, 1995. Michael was born October 20, 1979, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and was a sophomore at Marion High School. Michael loved music and spending time with his friends. He had many artistic talents and loved skateboarding. He was a good son, brother, grandson, uncle, and friend and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

I will forever grieve for Mike and what he went through, but being set free is all he really ever wanted. Now Mike's demons are gone and he's at peace. Still I'll never understand Mike's struggle. Hopefully no one will ever have to feel as much pain as Mike did. We shared a special bond that even death can't take from us. Hopefully one-day I'll learn to live with the death of my caring friend.

Miss you and Love you.  
Your friend always,  
Sarah

#### I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I've found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

## MEMORIES

Mike, was one of my closest friends, he was more than a friend he was a brother to me. He was so unique he didn't care what people thought of him, the more he could shock them the more he loved it. He was my free spirit. He loved doing what made him happy. But more than anything he loved to teach people about doing what made them happy. He truly knew the price of love, I'd never met anyone before that could accept everyone unconditionally.

Mike had many different sides the closer you got to him the more you realized how deep he could be or how deep his pain was. I know that in his heart all he ever wanted to be was free, knowing that still doesn't make anything easier. I'm just sorry that for on moment we couldn't find comfort in each other and that we left things unsaid. One thing that this has taught me is that time has a way of messing everything up and then fixing it once again. I know now that you have to cherish time good or bad. I hold a lot of wonderful memories in my heart. I wish you could have only known how much you meant to all of us. I have a lot of questions that I know I'll never get answered. But as I put those behind me, I think about how now you have the peace you always had wanted. I'll remember you always.

I love you,  
In memory of Michael Woodward  
Amanda Meroshek

I saw you yesterday as you were talking with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would want to talk with me too. I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you, and I waited. You never came. It hurt me, but I still love you because you are my friend.

I saw you sleeping last night and I longed to touch your brow, so I spilled moonlight upon your face. Again, I waited wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you! You awoke and rushed off to school. My tears were in the rain.

If you would only listen to me! I love you! I try to tell you in blue skies and in quiet green grass. I whisper it in leaves on the trees and breathe it in colors of flowers, shout it to you in mountain streams, give you the birds songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with summer scents. My love for you is deeper than the oceans, and bigger than the biggest need in your heart!

Talk with me! Please don't forget me. I have so much to share with you!

I won't hassle you any further. It is your decision. I have chosen you and I will wait.

I love you.  
Your sister,  
Jenny

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# THUMBS UP

&

# THUMBS DOWN

MHS STUDENTS VOICE THEIR OPINIONS ON  
JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING

Thumbs up to students who are actively involved in the school.

Thumbs up to the new kind of pizza at lunch.

Thumbs up to the choir concert on Tuesday October 24.

Thumbs down to T P-ing , paybacks are Hell!!

Thumbs up to the first quarter being over.

Thumbs up to Sophomore girls.

Thumbs up to volunteer coaches.

Thumbs up to Basketball season starting.

Thumbs down to our lockers being to small.

Thumbs up to the new computers.

Thumbs up to wrestling season.

Thumbs down to making fun of people. Everyone is special in their own way.

Thumbs down to not having any toilet paper in the girls bathroom.

Thumbs down to the cold weather.

Thumbs up the volleyball girls working so hard this season.

Thumbs up to the football banquet.

Thumbs up to people dressing up for the football banquet.

Thumbs down to not having any defensive football stats.

Thumbs up to the musical - great job to all.

Thumbs down to the wrestling schedule. Another home meet would be nice.

Thumbs up to Christmas.

Thumbs down to icy streets.

Thumbs down to the senior class colors. Let's be original.

Thumbs up to Journalism.

Thumbs up to 90210, congratulations Donna.

Thumbs down to people who don't know how to fill out a drug test survey, we are not calling the police.

Thumbs down to Cindy Crawford and her new movie, don't quit your day job.

Thumbs down to Elizabeth Berkley (Jessie from Saved By the Bell). Would your mother approve of your new movie " Show Girls"

Thumbs up to drug testing.

Thumbs down to drug testing.

Thumbs up to Curtis Jones coming back to Marion.

Thumbs up to Line Dancing in gym.

Thumbs down to warm moo juice in the cafeteria.

Thumbs down to Ray Brinzer not being on the Iowa team.

## THE MUSIC SCENE

by Cheyne Westergaard

### CONCERT UPDATES:

RHCP, Silverchair, & Flaming Lips.. all dates on tour delayed at least 3 months

Kenny Rogers..... December 23 (Five Seasons Center)

Tim McGraw, Faith Hill..... December 28 (Waterloo)

Bush..... February 9 (Davenport)

### REVIEWS:

#### PHISH:

Students from Marion said that there were plenty of things to see at this concert. The band was great and it was combined with an amazing light show with lasers and special mirror balls. There were all kinds of people there too, some were selling things, others were there to see the sights. Paula Coons, a student at Marion, said that she would definitely go again if Phish ever came back to Cedar Rapids.

#### REM:

Some called this concert the concert of the year. That was definitely the appropriate title for this amazing showing of REM's Michael Stipe, Bill Berry, Mike Mills, and Peter Buck. Combined with incredible lighting and backgrounds the new and old songs sounded terrific. The whole entire crowd loved this concert. It was definitely not one to miss.

#### WHITE ZOMBIE:

This concert, held at the Five Seasons Center in Cedar Rapids, was definitely a show for White Zombie fans. The reporter from the Cedar Rapids Gazette said that the stage was set up like a junkyard from Hell and there were four dead clowns hanging from the ceiling, and above it all was a smiling devil's head. The Marion students that went said they loved it, and when White Zombie comes back, they will definitely be there.

## CONFRONTING A PROBLEM STAFF EDITORIAL

Marion High School has a problem that can no longer be ignored. The Journalism Drug and Alcohol Poll revealed that there is a bigger obstacle than was ever imagined. Alcohol and drug abuse is becoming more prevalent in the lower classes and escalating in the upper classes. Our problem may not be any worse than any other high school, but it must be dealt with before it becomes unconquerable. Marion High School can be the first high school to take a stand and strive for a solution. Although drugs will always be part of society and there is no magic that will overcome this problem-we can't give up without trying.

Drug testing may be part of the answer but just identifying the problem won't help solve it. Drug testing must be followed by a rehabilitation program and follow-up. Students and faculty have to also be part the resolution. We must be willing to take a stand against drugs and alcohol before it ruins the lives of more people. Education of how drugs and alcohol abuse can destroy people's lives and those around them will also discourage substance abuse.

The bottom line is that drugs and alcohol destroy the users and all significant others around them. The cycle will have to be broken with our generation before it destroys our children's generation- they are depending on us. This can be a never ending cycle that leads to a life of destruction.

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## A CULTURAL IMMERSION

A MONTH IN SEVILLE PROVIDES LEARNING AND EXCITEMENT

by Chad Zrudsky

When Karen Straub started taking Spanish two years ago, she knew that she would like to visit Spain. So last year when her Spanish teacher, Mrs. Goldstein, told her about an exchange program to Spain that would take place in the summer, she knew that she couldn't pass it up. "I really like Spanish and I've always wanted to travel," commented Karen. The total immersion program was started by a former foreign exchange student from Spain. It was started in order to help people learn the language and culture better by surrounding them with the language.

Karen left for Spain with Mrs. Goldstein and two students from Washington High School. She stayed in Seville, Spain for one

month and went to school just like she would if she was here, but she studied culture, grammar, and learned some useful phrases. Most would think that the hardest part of spending a month in Spain would be being away from family and friends. However Karen said that the time went by fast and that it didn't bother her that much. Instead, the most frustrating thing for her was that she couldn't understand everything and couldn't always communicate with people.

The family that Karen stayed with was very nice and patient, according to Karen. "They really helped me learn a lot," said Karen. That was one of the things that attracted Karen to this program. She was excited about the chance to learn.



Karen Straub and Señora Goldstein's daughter Holly dressed in traditional Flamenco costume.

## GOING TO THE DOGS' TRAINING

by Justin Kensinger

Walker Burgess has been dog trialing for 7 or 8 years. He first got started with his dad who has been doing it for 12 years. Most people don't have a clue what this sport consists of.

The basics to dog trialing are hunting for birds with a dog that has been through hundreds of hours of training. While these dogs are out looking for the birds the owners and trainers are on horse back following the dogs. When the dogs find any birds they go on point. This means

that the dog freezes with its tail straight up in the air. When this is seen the gallery heads over to the dog and the trainer gets off his horse to flush the bird. The gallery consists of many other dog owners and a couple of judges. The judge is in charge of rating the dog's performance. When the dog has pointed a bird the judge has to see the bird for the dog to do well. The dog trials can consist of 100 dogs and all of them are competing for first, sec-

ond and third place.

Now that you know what the sport is we can find out more about Walker's involvement. Walker and his family travel to about 5 to 10 of these a year, and a lot of them are in neighboring states of Missouri, Kan-

sas, Nebraska. The furthest they have traveled is to Arkansas. Walker has five dogs that are on the circuit. His family has taken many dogs to the Regional championships. Walker and his family do a lot of work for the closest trials out at Palo. His dad is the chairman of a lot of trials held at the park.



Walker's family has five horses for his family to tote around the country to follow the trials. The trials usually only take the weekend to run, but with championships the trial may last all week long. Although he feels it is worth it in the long run there can be many discouraging spots along the way. Walker plans on doing this for a long time even though it can get very expensive. His goals for now are to find the best dog and be able to win a few championships.

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# MHS GOES TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC!

by Cheyne Westergaard

This year's musical, *South Pacific*, was held Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11, at 7:30. The leads were: Anna Lensch as Nellie Forbush, Sam Chapman as Emile DeBeque, Dana Hines as Bloody Mary, and Chad Zrudsky as Lt. Joe Cable. "South Pacific" dealt with major issues like bigotry, racism, and different roles in society, but had good classic music that crossed different generations. It also represented a transitional period in American history and had deep scenes that fit the students who are currently available to do musicals. Along with the seriousness of the musical there was some humor, too. In the number "Honey Bun," Dan Johnson who played Luther Billis dressed up as a hula girl and dances with Anna Lensch who played Nellie. The crowd seemed to love the musical and reacted appropriately to the humor and seriousness of the musical.



Part of the musical *South Pacific* is a show within a show as the nurses and sailors put on a Thanksgiving show. Nurse Nellie Forbush (Anna Lensch) dances with "Honey Bun," as portrayed by Luther Billis (Dan Johnson).



One of the challenges facing technical director Charlie Braun was constructing a working shower to use on stage. After "Washing that guy out of her hair," Nellie finds she can't get over Emile (Sam Chapman).



While part of the musical is about the love of Nellie and Emile, the other story is of young lovers Liat (Angie Kneeland) and Joe Cable (Chad Zrudsky), who are introduced by Liat's mother, Bloody Mary (Dana Hines.)



**Howie says to the competition,  
"Go ahead and stuff it! We flavored our crust. It's cool to order from Howie's!"**

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# DRUGS IN

THE PROBLEM ISN'T NEW, BUT AFTER SOME WELL PUBLICIZED TOPIC. HOW SERIOUS IS THE PROBLEM?

by Chad Zrudsky and Anna Lensch

This fall, 24 football players from Mid-Prairie and three players from West Delaware were kicked off the football team because of the use of alcohol. Last year the girls basketball team from Keokuk didn't take their starting team to the State tournament because of the same reason. Chemical testing has always been a touchy subject, and with the rising number of occurrences with athletes it is being debated over more. However, should only athletes be targeted with this problem among teens today? This and other questions were asked to members of Marion High School's staff.

Assistant Principal Mr. Wikert feels that there is nothing wrong with random chemical testing with any athlete, but that if it is done it should be done in grades 9 - 12, not just varsity athletes. He thinks that there is more use of alcohol than other drugs, and made a point saying that he would use Marion's breath analyzer if ever he had a probable cause.

When Mr. Bailey, counselor, was interviewed, it was ap-

parent that he had already spent time thinking about the topic on his own. He felt that there would probably be a rewording of legislation so that chemical testing would be up to the school's and administrators' discretion. He also felt that if Marion was to have chemical testing that it would have to be random, and that you would have to have certain safeguards for the students privileges and

**"DRUGS ARE VERY DESTRUCTIVE, AND WE NEED TO TRY TO BREAK THE CYCLE IN A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE."**

**MR. BAILEY**

for every one in the building. Mr. Bailey brought up the problem of people complaining about their rights, and he commented that you only have the right to do what you ought to do.

Testing among the entire school and not just select groups such as athletes is the way that Mr. Bailey feels it should be. He did point out that athletes are held to a different level of expectations in the public eye, and there isn't any way around that.

He feels that if you don't like the expectations and can't live up to them then you shouldn't join the team.

Some people will say that you're out to get them so they can't enjoy the activity they're involved in. However Mr. Bailey feels quite differently about it. He thinks that the biggest consequence is that they get help. "Drugs are very destructive, and we need to try to break

tions.

Choir director Mr. Heim feels that drugs in this school aren't rampant enough to need chemical testing. "I've seen it before in the 70's, and it worked its way out. I see it as a cycle and it will pass."

FBLA sponsor Mrs. Young said, "I see both sides of it." She sees a problem with the legality of it, though. She feels that it is invading a person's rights. "In the work place it is fine but we're here to educate." Mrs. Young feels that it is the parents' responsibility to know what their children are doing and to get them help if needed.

Drama director, Mrs. Braun said that she has no problem with it. "I'm an optimist and an idealist so I'd like to think that it is not needed, but if it is then we should do it." She said that she has seen fewer kids come to school drunk or stoned than she has in the past.

With the variety of opinions in this school alone it is easy to see why it is such a hot topic that can not be decided on. The controversy of this topic is probably the main reason why chemical testing is not in today's schools.

## WHAT DO MHS STUDENTS THINK ABOUT TESTING?

**Ashley Heim, 14** - "It's not fair to do it on just athletes. If it's not done at school, they shouldn't get into it. Unless they are in danger of themselves or others."

**Paula Coons, 15** - "It's really bogus. They have no right to do it."

**Jennie Francis, 15** - "It's really lame, and it shouldn't be done."

**Maryann Zamora, 17** - "It's not fair and they should only do it on athletes."

**Chris Cook, 17** - "It's really stupid they shouldn't be able to because it's not fair to everyone."

**Aaron Olson, 16** - "It violates a person's privacy."

**Kerri Myers, 15** - "It's wrong and they shouldn't do it."

**Greg Wilkinson, 18** - "I think everyone should be tested, because there are people in this school that need help and testing is a good way to help them."

**Jenny Steffes, 16** - "I think that everybody should be tested. It's not fair to test certain groups."

**Chad Zrudsky, 17** - "I think that testing should be random throughout the school."

**Nick Davidson, 16** - "Drugs BAD, testing good."

**Aaron Stillions, 15** - "Hey teachers, leave us kids alone!"

**Josh Silver, 17** - "They shouldn't do it because students should be able to do what they want to do."

**Jill Hildebrand, 17** - "I feel that they should and if they do, they should do it all students not just students in sports."

**Todd Little, 15** - "I think they should do it to every person in the school."

**David Snider, 14** - "It's fine with me."

**Mike Murray, 14** - "I think it's OK."

**Jessica Ellickson, 14** - "The student should be able to do what

they want outside of school and they should at least try to good in school."

**Nickey Oldenburger, 14** - "It is okay if they give you a few days notice before they give you the test."

**Emily Meader, 13** - "I think it's fine actually I think that they should do it before every sport starts."

**Shawn Bruce, 17 & Walker Burgess, 17** - "It shouldn't just be athletes, it should be everyone."

**Michelle Yarmer, 15** - "I don't think it should be limited to just athletes or any activity. It should be required for anyone."

**Corey Browne, 18** - "I think drug testing is a good idea."



# SCHOOLS

INCIDENTS, DRUG TESTING AND PREVENTION IS A HOT  
AND IS TESTING THE ANSWER?

## WHAT THE SURVEY SAID

compiled by Tracy Thomas and P. J. Schultz

On November 10th the Journalism class distributed a drug & alcohol poll to the 9-12th grade second hour classes. Although, the results of this poll are a reflection of only the responses received of well over 300 polls, we feel they reflect the school well. The "Vox" staff would like to thank those that responded honestly.

In response to who should be, if anyone, tested for drugs and alcohol, the leader was to test no one but there wasn't a clear majority. The rest of the results are as follows:

None- 35%  
Everybody- 28%  
Athletes- 16%  
Random- 10%  
All Activities- 10%

The majority of the students that have tried or abused chemicals admitted that curiosity and boredom were the two main reasons for using drugs or alcohol. Stress and feeling like they have to use to have a good time were frequently stated as reasons.

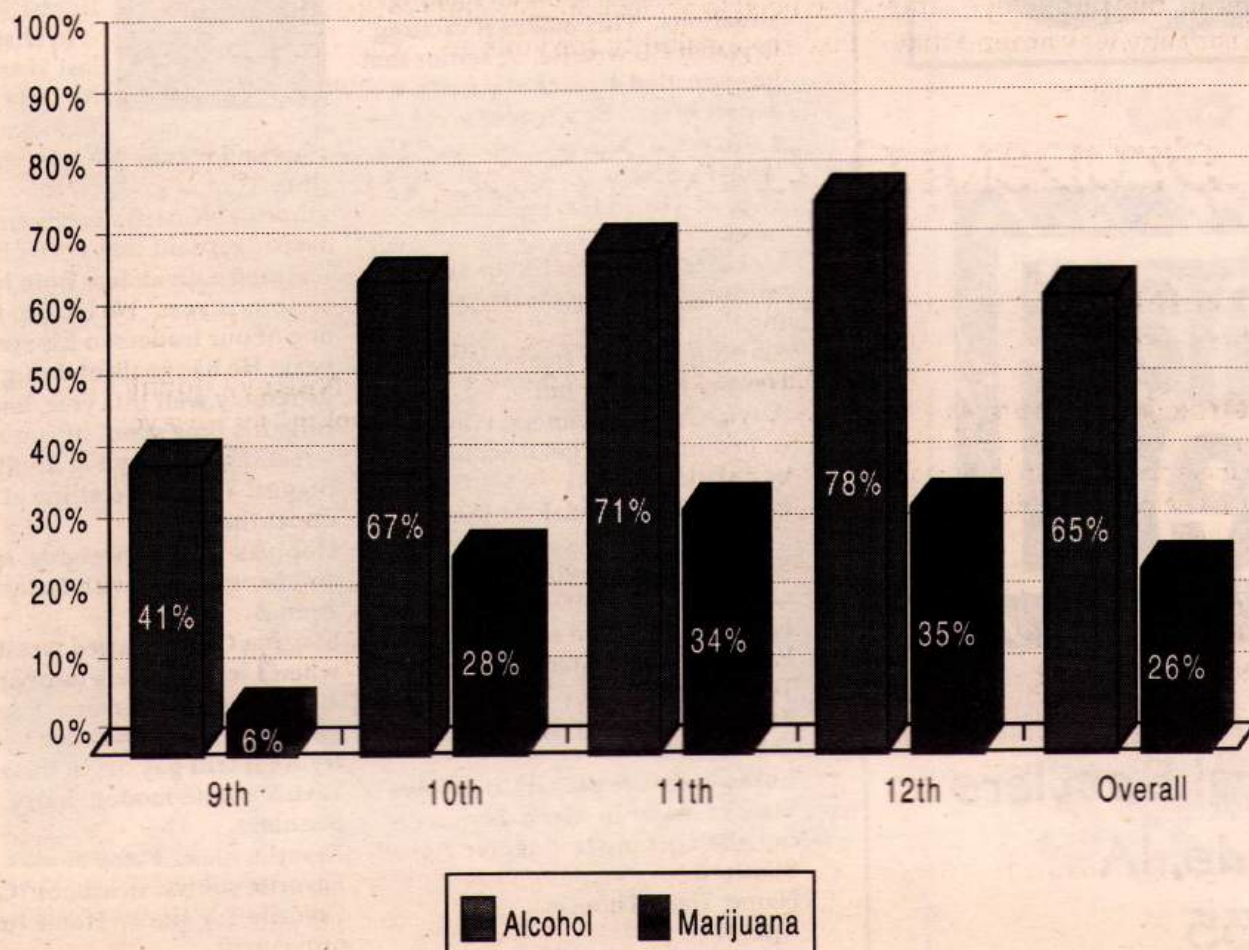
The 9th - 12th grade total results of what people have tried or use are as follows:

Alcohol- 65%  
Marijuana- 26%  
LSD/Hallucinogens- 9%  
Cocaine- 3%  
Speed- 12%  
Cigarettes- 29%

Many of the students who said they used alcohol said that the usage was a one time only situation where they tried it to see what it was like.

**Editor's Note-**These results are to be evaluated as an unscientific poll trying to provide general information about substance abuse and are not to be judged as fact.

Alcohol and Marijuana usage by grade



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## FACTS ABOUT ABUSE

DURING 1992, 47% OF ALL PERSONS INJURED IN ALCOHOL-RELATED CRASHES IN IOWA WERE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 25.

IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, AN ESTIMATED 25,000 IOWANS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 HAVE HAD THEIR DRIVING PRIVILEGES REVOKED DUE TO AN OWI ARREST, DESPITE THE FACT THAT OUR LEGAL DRINKING AGE HAS BEEN 21 SINCE 1986.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG PERSONS ONE TO 34 YEARS OF AGE, AND ALCOHOL IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES BY AN OVERWHELMING MARGIN.

DRIVER 16-20 YEARS OF AGE REPRESENT ONLY 9% OF ALL REGISTERED DRIVERS IN IOWA, BUT THEY COMPRISE NEARLY 20% OF ALL DRINKING DRIVERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN FATAL CRASHES DURING 1992 AND 1993.

LEADING KILLER OF AMERICANS EACH YEAR IS TOBACCO FOLLOWED BY ALCOHOL AND SECONDHAND SMOKE.





Name: Casey DeShaw  
Age: 17  
Activity: Basketball  
Activity Goals: To average about 18 points a game, win all of them, and

help out the people that don't know exactly what to do. I would also like to help the team anyway that I can.

Director's/ Coach's comment: "There are not a lot of returning lettermen so a lot of positions are wide open. There appears to be a large amount of interest with 22 players trying out. It should be an exciting season," said Mr. Messerli.

Biggest Thrill: Last year when we played Vinton I made four consecutive three pointers in a row and was five for five in the game.

Hobbies: Playing basketball, tennis, and spending time with my friends and girlfriend.

Advice for new comers: I would say since you haven't been out before it will be hard to understand everything but if you try as hard as possible there is always a good chance you could be a big help to the team.

Favorite Role-Model: Chris Mullin

Favorite food: Pizza

Favorite subject in school: English

Favorite T.V. show: Friends  
Favorite book: Forrest Gump  
College/ Future plans: Play basketball at a two year college and then move on to a four year college.



Name: Jason Hatch  
Age: 17  
Activity: Wrestling  
Activity Highlights: Having a big coaching staff.  
Activity Goals:

Go to state and help more than five people go to state.

Coach's Comments: Jason has always been a hustler and hard worker. We hope these qualities will make his wrestling season a big success.

Biggest Thrill: Having a home meet.

Hobbies: Collecting Yin - Yang stuff, spending money, and bowling.

Starting Out: I won a lot of matches in middle school, but high school is a whole new league. I got made fun of a lot for being a wrestler.

Advice for Newcomers: The harder you work, the better you will feel about yourself. Do what you do best no matter what anyone says.

Favorite Role-model: I don't really have one. I guess I am my

own role-model.

Favorite Food: Chinese

Favorite Subject in School: Construction Tech.

Favorite T.V. Show: The Drew Carey Show

Favorite Book: Forrest Gump

College/Future Plans: Go to Iowa State, graduate, then go to Mason City and work as Architect.



Name: Nancy Chiafos  
Age: 18  
Biggest Thrill: Going to France and experiencing a different culture.  
Hobbies:

shopping, coin collecting, fishing, traveling

Advice for new comers: "Try your hardest at whatever you do, and don't let what others say discourage you."

Favorite Role-model: I don't have one, I look up to a various people for certain characteristics, but no one specific person.

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite subject in school: French, Journalism and Psychology

Favorite T.V. show: Coach and Sisters

Favorite book: To Kill A Mockingbird

College/ Future Plans: I plan to go to Kirkwood for two years, then transfer to the University of Iowa.

I possibly want to go into the medical field and practice Psychiatry.



Name: Paul William McConaughy  
Schultz  
Age: 18  
Activity: Wrestling Co-Captain  
Activity Highlights: None

Yet

Activity Goals: Make it to state  
Coach's Comment: "A gutsy type of wrestler, who can come out on top in the most difficult looking situations. This makes it exciting to watch P.J. wrestle. A senior that has wrestled 4 years of varsity, we expect him to be a leader and have a successful winning season," Mr. Weisinger said.

Biggest Thrill: Having a home meet.

Hobbies: Trying to fix up my car, spitting, skipping meals, sweating.

Starting Out: My freshman year was my first year out.

Advice for new comers: Work hard in practice, don't get discouraged and stick with it.

Favorite Role-model: Anthony Carter

Favorite food: Anything with calories, fat, of salt

Favorite subject in school: Physics  
Favorite Movie: Star Wars Trilogy, Tombstone

Favorite Book: Anything by J.R.R. Tolkien

College/ Future plans: Go to Iowa State to major in Mech. Engineering, then get my law degree from Stanford.

Name: Tracy Thomas

Age: 17

Activities: 'Vox' Editor, NHS, SODA, FBLA, dance (tap, jazz,



ballet, lyrical), volunteer  
Activity Highlights: the first issue of the 'Vox' and performing in dance competitions and recitals.

Activity Goals: Place at the Dance state competition and to update and improve the 'Vox'.

Hobbies: dancing, being with Brian and friends

Advice for new comers: Stay focused and dedicated. Stand up for what you believe in.

Favorite Role-model: My sister, Rita and dance teacher, Kathy.

Favorite food: curly fries, Kid's meal

Favorite subject in school: French IV and Journalism

Favorite T.V. show: Friends, Wings

Favorite book: Bridges of Madison County

College/ Future plans: Attend Mt. Mercy for 4 years- to major in Education or journalism

Name: Marie Cross



Age: 17  
Activity: Band  
Other Activities: Choir, NHS, Musical  
Activity Highlights: Going to the State Marching Band Contest and

also the Marion Marching Invitational

Activity Goals: To get an excellent rating at Large Group Contest

Career Goals: Undecided

Hobbies: Spending time with friends, reading, and watching movies

Future plans: Planning to attend Luther College



Name: Wes Hilleshiem  
Age: 18  
Activity: Wrestling  
Activity Highlights: Making it to Districts last year.  
Activity Goals: To make it to

state and maybe place in wrestling.

Director's/Coach's comment: Mr. Weisinger said that, "Wes has matured a great deal from his freshmen year. We look to him as one of our leaders in his senior year. He has goals of doing extremely well this year, hopefully his time spent lifting and wrestling will pay big dividends."

Biggest Thrill: Wrestling at home under the lights.

Hobbies: Lifting weights, sports, and hanging out with Katie and friends.

Starting Out: I started wrestling when I was 6 at kids tournaments.

Advice for new comers: Even if you don't win very much keep trying it will pay off in the end.

Favorite Role-model: Barry Sanders

Favorite food: Pizza

Favorite subject in school: Gym

Favorite T.V. show: Home Improvement

Favorite magazine: Sports Illustrated

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# DRESSING UP AND HAVING FUN

by Anna Lensch

On Thursday, October 26, SODA held its annual all school Halloween Dance. People danced the night away among the festive decorations, great music, and the hot temperature of the lounge. The attendance of the dance was smaller than years before because of the many activities going on that night. Those that were there had a great time and called the dance a great success. Many people showed up in costumes although costumes were not required. Jenny Warner dressed up as Snow White and won one of the prizes for best costume. Chris Noltensmeier won the other prize for best costume. Bags of candy were given out throughout the night. Overall the dance was a success and will surely be as fun next year.

## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

SO YOU'VE DECIDED TO SPEND THE MONEY TO SEE A MOVIE OR BUY A NEW CD. MAYBE YOU'LL JUST STAY HOME IN FRONT OF THE TUBE. WHAT ARE THE TOP MOVIES, TV SHOWS AND ALBUMS OF THE WEEK?

| MOVIE                             | CRITICS' GRADE |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. TOY STORY                      | A              |
| 2. GOLDENEYE                      | B              |
| 3. ACE VENTURA: WHEN NATURE CALLS | C              |
| 4. MONEY TRAIN                    | C-             |
| 5. CASINO                         | B              |
| 6. THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT         | A-             |

### JOURNO CRITICS' RESPONSES:

**ACE VENTURA:** IT'S STUPID, NOT VERY FUNNY. IT MADE ME FALL ASLEEP. VIEWERS LOST INTEREST SHORTLY AFTER IT STARTED. THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE A SEQUEL SINCE IT WASN'T AS FUNNY AS THE FIRST ONE.

**GOLDENEYE:** IT WAS GOOD WITH A LOT OF ACTION, BUT LIKE ALL JAMES BOND MOVIES, IT WAS TOO UNREALISTIC.

### TOP TV SHOWS

1. ER
2. MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL
3. HOME IMPROVEMENT
4. FRIENDS
5. 20/20
6. AMERICA'S FUNNIEST VIDEOS
7. NYPD BLUE

### JOURNO CRITICS' RESPONSES:

**ER:** IT'S GREAT BECAUSE OF THE QUICK ACTION AND GEORGE CLOONEY IS GOOD-LOOKING. THE ACTION IS COMBINED WITH HUMAN INTEREST.

**FRIENDS:** IT'S FUNNY, BUT THE NEW TIME PERIOD MAKES IT HARD TO WATCH EVERY WEEK BECAUSE I'M NOT HOME. GOOD LOOKING WOMEN.

### POP ALBUMS

1. THE BEATLES ANTHOLOGY
2. GARTH BROOKS - FRESH HORSES

## ACTIVITIES UPDATE

by Jenny Steffes

### STUDENT SENATE:

On December 6th, the Student Senate had a meeting discussing many different topics. Among the topics are organizing committees for phone and service learning. They also discussed the idea of having another computer dating project around Valentines Day. The next meeting will be held on January 3rd

### PROM COMMITTEE:

The prom committee meets every other Wednesday and have chosen a theme and set a date. Now being discussed is the purchasing of picture frames and wine glasses. Fund-raisers are also being discussed.

### SODA:

In November Soda had a very

good guest speaker come and speak to whoever wanted to listen there was a good turnout and the meeting was informative. Soda is also discussing a Christmas pizza party over lunch. Their next meeting is December 15th.

### N.H.S:

N.H.S. is selling posters and candy to finance the planting of more trees next spring. A Christmas movie and pizza party is being planned sometime around December 30th.

### FBLA:

At their last meeting FBLA members discussed the selling of candy canes for Christmas, they are also planning a fund-raiser for the March of Dimes sometime next semester. Their next meeting is not set yet, but will be announced when decided.

3. MARIAH CAREY - DAYDREAM
4. MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR
5. SOUNDTRACK WAITING TO EXHALE
6. ALANIS MORISSETTE JAGGED LITTLE PILL
7. R. KELLY - R. KELLY
8. HOOTIE AND THE BLOWFISH - CRACKED REAR VIEW
9. SMASHING PUMPKINS - MELLON COLLIE AND THE INFINITE SADNESS
10. ALAN JACKSON - GREATEST HITS

### JOURNO CRITICS' RESPONSES:

**THE BEATLES ANTHOLOGY:** IT'S GOOD TO HEAR THE OLD SONGS AGAIN. GOOD FOR A NEW GENERATION TO HEAR.

**SMASHING PUMPKINS:** IT'S A DOUBLE CD SET, SO YOU GET TO HEAR MORE MUSIC. IT'S DIFFERENT FROM A LOT OF OTHER STUFF, WHICH IS COOL.

**ALANIS MORISSETTE:** SHE SOUNDS ANGRY AND HER MUSIC IS COOL. HER VOICE IS DIFFERENT AND NEW.



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**8TH FOOTBALL****A-GAME**

Marion-54

Monticello-0

Touchdowns:

Matt Wycoff and Jesse Kensinger each scored two touchdowns.

Bill Hoke scored one touchdown

**B-GAME**

Marion-6

Monticello-0

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Cherry Hill Park

WAMAC

October 10, 1995

Boys: Time:

Place:

Dean Ratzlaff 17:40 4

Jim Thomas 17:58 9

James Albrecht 18:08 11

Matt Balk 18:53 20

Doug Fishwild 18:56 21

Nick Gardner 19:17 28

Walker Burgess 19:26 1 JV

David Kneeland 19:28 35

Justin Campbell 20:15

Andrew White 20:16

Tony Straub 21:14

Jake Schuller 22:30

Mike Varney 22:53

Brandon Hamous 22:55

Scott Stulken 23:20

Team Results:

2nd/8

Cherry Hill Park

WAMAC

October 10, 1995

Girls:

Time:

Place:

Angie Kneeland 14:11 30

Carrie Scheer 14:50 35

Karen Hoover 15:06 38

Jessica Sova 15:52 42

Michelle Yarmer 18:10 45

Team Results:

7th/8

**FRESHMAN FB**

Marion- 6

Vinton- 0

Marion- 7

Center Point- 19

Marion- 28

Independence- 26

Marion- 21

West Delaware- 0

Marion- 20

South Tama- 0

Marion- 38

Benton- 8

Marion- 53

Anamosa- 0

**J.V. VOLLEYBALL**

West Delaware

15-9,15-7

Independence

15-2, 15-5

Benton  
15-11, 15-12**VARSITY FOOTBALL**

Maquoketa 21

Marion 14

MAR MAQ

First Downs

14 20

Rushes-yards

44-199 41-141

Passing yards

87 102

Comp-att-int

6-16-0 9-19-2

Punts-Ave.

2-35 1-39

Fumbles-lost

1-1 1-0

Penalties-yards

7-50 3-35

Scoring- Greg Wilkinson 25 yard

run (kick failed), Jeremy Steepleton

35 yard pass from Alex Dvorsky

(Dvorsky run)

Camanche 28

Marion 14

MAR CAM

First Downs

11 11

Rushes-yards

42-115 34-195

Passing yards

51 66

Comp-att-int

4-14-1 4-10-1

Punts-ave

6-21 3-31

Fumbles-lost

1-1 3-0

Penalties-yards

1-5 5-45

Scoring- Greg Wilkinson 8 run

(kick failed), Spencer Northway 1

yard run (Alex Dvorsky run)

Marion 27

Monticello 7

MAR MONT

First Downs

6 12

Rushes-yards

40-147 32-58

Passing yards

8 140

Comp-att-int

2-9-1 14-35-4

Punts-ave

7-27.7 5-22.2

Fumbles-lost

1-0 1-1

Penalties-yards

2-10 5-27

Scoring- Alex Dvorsky 1 yard run

(Greg Wilkinson kick), Royce Sanks

9 yard run (Wilkinson kick), Sanks

2 yard run (kick failed), Josh

Claypool 6 yard pass from Chad

Zrudsky (Wilkinson kick)

**SOPHOMORE FB**

Marion- 22

DeWitt- 6

Individual Rushing

Travis Offerman 152 yds.

J.J. Longerbeam 45 yds.

Scoring

J.J. Longerbeam 2 touchdowns

Travis Offerman 1 touchdown

1 2-pt. conversion

Marion- 6

Maquoketa- 24

Passing

Ryan Wentz 2 - 4 21 yds.

Travis Offerman 1-1 18 yds.

Receiving

Shawn Conway 1 - 18 yds.

Travis Offerman 2 - 21 yds.

Rushing

J.J. Longerbeam 9 - 53 yds.

Travis Offerman 18 - 46 yds.

Marion- 6

Camanche- 36

Rushing

Travis Offerman 17 - 116 yds.

J.J. Longerbeam 4 - 15 yds.

Wade Feickert 2 - 15 yds.

Justin Wright 1 - 9 yds.

Scoring

Brad Jones 1 TD

Marion- 0

Monticello- 42

Rushing

Travis Offerman 86 yds.

**SOPHOMORE****VOLLEYBALL**

Metro Tourney: Marion vs.

Kennedy

3-15, 4-15

I.C. West

1-15, 2-15

LaSalle

4-15, 4-15

Linn Mar

11-15, 13-15

Washington

11-5, 4-11, 9-11

**9TH FB OUTLOOK**

"There are 22 players on the team and I believe that they are working very hard on the fundamentals to make themselves better," stated Messerli.

The freshman boys basketball team is preparing hard for the December 4th opener with LaSalle there at 6:00. Coach Messerli believes that the work effort and attitude in the early going has been excellent.

"Practicing at 6:00 a.m. has its drawbacks," says Coach, "but it hasn't been too bad so far."

The goals for the team are to win all their games and to improve each week. Coach Messerli and all of the players are excited about the upcoming season and are looking forward to the games.

**8TH WRESTLING**

This year's eighth grade wrestling team is looking for as many wins as possible. This team has a lot of talent that gives the varsity coaches something to look forward too. Many of the kids on the team have had a lot of experience on the mat. Not only competing for the

school but other places. Many go to other tournaments held on the weekend. Along with that some have attended a week long camp held at the University of Iowa.

**VBFB OUTLOOK**

The varsity boys basketball team is hoping that Coach Landis is what they need to make that extra step and be a real contender in the WaMaC conference. "We expect to win every game, and to win WaMaC," says Coach Landis. Working hard and playing tough defense are two of Landis's keys to being a good ball team.

**VBFB OUTLOOK**

The best thing is not where we stand but in what direction we are headed is the motto and attitude in which the girls basketball team is following this year. They have continued to prove that the basketball program is headed in only one direction and that is upward. At the end of the season last year many improvements had already taken place. The team scored over 40 points for the first time in ten years. They also lost many close games that were determined in the last minutes of the game and with 4 returning lettermen and many promising sophomores the team is excited about what could take place this season. Many of the players worked in the off-season by participating in leagues and attending camps to improve. Senior, Co-Captain, Amy Bulman says, "Nothing about this season is going to be easy. We are young, but everyone wants the same thing, and everyone is willing to work hard. I think we will come out of this season with some wins."

This is Coach Steve Doser's and assistant coach Audra Spies second year with the Marion program. Coach Doser's says "We are a very young team who are hungry to get on the winning track. We will be more competitive due to our positive attitudes. Each game will be extremely tough for us but our effort will be 100%" He thinks Vinton will be the standout team and easily win the WaMac while Amy Bulman, Kate Humiston, and Kendra Hatcher will lead the Marion Varsity team. He also thinks that playing their 10 game schedule in their summer league should better prepare them for this year.

**WRESTLING OUTLOOK**

The Indians Wrestling team is looking forward to the upcoming season. Although this year's team is relatively young and inexperienced they are still hoping to have a productive season. The Indians will be led by their three senior captains Wes Hilleshiem (119), PJ Schultz (130), and Jason Hatch (145). Rob Wiley (112), who qualified for state last year, also looks to be a force for Marion. The rest of the Indians lineup will be round out by Juniors; Doug Fishwild (125), Danny Johnson (135), Kevin Evans (140), Cory Rubel (152), Jeremy Clark (160), and Justin Kensinger (189). The only underclassman to crack the lineup is freshmen Brett Sperry (103).



# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

## WHAT IS YOUR ONE CHRISTMAS WISH?

MY CHRISTMAS WISH IS TO GET A NEW CAR. I WOULD LIKE A BMW.

-Nate Brashaw

STEREO FOR MY ROOM!

-Wes Hilleshiem

NOT TO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MONEY FOR A LONG TIME.

-Lexie Smith

A NEW RING (PURPLE OR GREEN) OR A REFRIGERATOR.

-Jenny Steffes

MY WISH IS TO GET \$3000 FOR MY TRIP TO EUROPE THIS SUMMER.

-Scarlett Canady

MY WISH IS TO GET A GIRLFRIEND.

-Spencer Northway

TO GRADUATE AND MOVE TO CALIFORNIA.

-Kevin Vogt

THAT I GET 100 MORE WISHES SO I DON'T HAVE TO THINK SO HARD.

-Eric Oberbroeckling

MY WISH IS TO HAVE AS MANY WISHES AS I NEED FOREVER.

-Christie White

MY WISH IS TO GO TO FLORIDA AGAIN.

-Meridith White

TO HAVE INFINITY WISHES SO I COULD GET LOTS OF MONEY AND TRAVEL THE WORLD.

-Keerlana Wilson

I WOULD REALLY LOVE TO HAVE A PLANE TICKET TO JAMAICA!

-Darcy Brecht

After over thirty years as a teacher and administrator in the Marion district, Mr. Twachtmann is retiring at the end of this school year. The question is:

## HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT MR. TWACHTMANN RETIRING?

WELL EITHER WAY I'M GOING TO MISS HIM.

-Jason Hyduk

I REALLY LIKE MR. T. HE'S A GREAT LEADER AND FRIEND TO ME. I'M GOING TO MISS HIM A LOT.

-Jeff Rehnstrom

I THINK THAT IT'S NICE TO SEE HIM GOING OUT WITH OUR CLASS, BUT IT'S SAD TO SEE



During one of the home football games, Coach Messerli recognized Mr. Twachtmann for his many years of service to the Marion District.

I DON'T LIKE IT ALL. HE'S COOL AND I DON'T WANT TO FINISH SCHOOL WITH A NEW PRINCIPAL.

-Cory Rubel

I DON'T WANT HIM TO BECAUSE HE IS A VERY GOOD PRINCIPAL AND I WOULD LIKE TO FINISH HIGH SCHOOL WITH THE SAME PRINCIPAL.

-Jessica Pipho

I KNOW I WILL MISS HIM MORE THAN ANYONE CAN IMAGINE, HE'S BEEN THERE FOR ME GOOD AND BAD TIMES. I'LL MISS HIM.

-Ivory Molyneau

IT WILL BE WEIRD CAUSE HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN HERE.

-Zared Copper

SUCH A GREAT ADMINISTRATOR RETIRE.

-Jessica Macal

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A tree with ornaments made by Ceramics classes I, II, and III won first prize in the school division of the Festival of Trees. The festival was held November 15-19 at the Five Seasons Center.



# THEN AND NOW

## 5 - 10 - 15 - 20 YEARS COMING EVENTS

### AGO IN THE VOX

by Harmony Henderson

Throughout the years the Vox changed in what it publishes as the high school changed.

#### 5 YEARS AGO - 1990

##### "MARION MALL CHANGES THE FACE OF UPTOWN"

As last December rolled around, most people got excited about Christmas, but for some, the new Marion Mall, construction was finally coming to an end.

##### "MEXICO TRIP"

This last summer, from July 25 through August 4, fifteen students from Marion High School ventured out of the country for eleven fun filled days in Mexico.

#### 10 YEARS AGO - 1985

##### "BEATLEMANIA COMES TO THE 5"

Beatlemania, the multi-media and live musical celebration of the sixties, came to the Five Seasons on November 2, and played before 3100 seemingly exuberant fans. This production was a two hour nonstop visual with over 10,000 separate slides. The group performed 35 different Beatles' songs. These classics included tunes, that the Beatles themselves didn't perform in public concert.

#### 15 YEARS AGO - 1980

##### "MARION SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY BUDGET CUTS"

"This is the first time since I've been a senator that education has been bogged down by such partisanship. Normally, education is bi-partisan. This year's majority party, (the Republicans), has locked arms to cut education, and has publicly resisted change. The Democrats will be fighting for a \$20 million dollar increase. The legislature could come up with money" Senator Bob Rush commented at a meeting of parents, legislators, teachers, administrators, and interested community members on April 7th. The meeting was held to inform the public about the budget cuts, and for concerned people to talk to the legislators.

#### 20 YEARS AGO - 1975

##### "PADDLES REISSUED"

All spit-ball tossers, restroom smokers, bubble gum stickers and potty-mouthed back-talkers, beware! The United States Supreme Court has decided that it's a legal practice now for a "school official" to introduce your sitter to the flat end of a paddle.

### DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING MHS EVENTS

|                 |                |                              |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| December 8      | 6:15 PM .....  | VB/GBB Independence          |
| December 9      | 10:00 AM ..... | Mt. Vernon Wrestling Tourney |
| December 11     | 7:00 PM .....  | Holiday Concert - Gym        |
| December 12     | 6:15 PM .....  | VGBB @ Linn-Mar              |
| December 13     | 1:45 PM .....  | Early Dismissal              |
| December 14     | 6:00 PM .....  | Wrestling @ South Tama       |
| December 15     | 6:15 PM .....  | VG/BBB Benton                |
| December 16     | 9:30 AM .....  | Wrestling Cascade Tourney    |
| December 18     | 7:00 PM .....  | Madrigal Dinner - Longbranch |
| December 21     | Noon .....     | Holiday Dinner               |
| December 21     | 6:30 PM .....  | Wrestling @ Center Point     |
| December 22     | 1:45 PM .....  | Early Dismissal              |
| December 22     | 6:15 .....     | VB/GBB Vinton                |
| January 3, 1996 | 8:05 AM .....  | School Resumes               |
| January 5       | 6:15 PM .....  | VB/GBB South Tama            |
| January 6       | 10:00 AM ..... | Wrestling @ Benton           |
| January 9       | 6:15 .....     | VGBB - Washington, IA        |
| January 12      | .....          | No School - End of Semester  |
| January 12      | 6:15 .....     | VB/GBB - South Tama          |
| January 13      | 10:00 AM ..... | Wrestling - Marion Tourney   |
| January 15      | .....          | No School - Teacher Work Day |
| January 16      | 8:05 AM .....  | Second Semester Begins       |

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