

# The V O X Marion High School

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## FANTASTIC FALL

### Playoff Qualifiers At Last!

By Jesse Kensinger and Ken Ware

With the season finally over the Marion Indians football team found themselves right where they wanted to be, in the playoffs. The season was supposed to be a down fall but with the hard work and dedication to the program, led by the promising new head coach Tony Perkins, the Indians finished the year with a district championship and a playoff spot. Losing the first round stunned the Indians, after pummeling the DeWitt Central Sabers in the regular season 21-0. However, come playoff time the roles were reversed and DeWitt came out on top this time 21-0.

Despite losing the first round coach Perkins was still very proud of his Indian squad for proving all of the sports writers wrong. The Indians were picked to go 3-6 in the beginning of the season and were getting no respect, but when the Indians finished with a 7-3 record, a district championship under their belt, and a playoff berth, everyone that has anything to do with the program can feel the positiveness flowing around coach Perkins and his new program.

In district play the Indians only loss was to Vinton Shellsburg in the winding seconds of Homecoming

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### Oklahoma! COMES TO MARION

by Ashley Corbin

The curtain drew back and the cast stepped forward as the fall musical began with the production of Oklahoma!

Tryouts for the play began in September. Lead roles were granted to Doug Cloven, Jaclyn Hugg, Josiah Bushlack, Morgan Leverett, Matt Erkel, Nikki Martin, and Marty Conklin. Practices were held several times a week. With limited time, the cast and crew worked hours on end rehearsing lines and building sets. Everyone seemed to easily adapt to the new additions to the staff. Mr. Freese is the new technical director along with choreographer Trisha Rode.

At the Soda Family Fun Fair held on Sunday October 24, some of the cast performed two selections from the play. The audience listened attentively as they sang "All or Nothing" and "Oklahoma!"

Doug Cloven, (Curly), states, "I had so much fun!!! Ms. Martin and Mrs. Freese did an awesome job with everything. They kept everyone motivated and they made us have so much fun the time flew by." Josiah Bushlack, (Will Parker), recalls his favorite part of the play as, "getting to kiss Morgan", (Ado Annie).

Two sold out shows took place on November 5 and 6, as well as an almost sold out dress rehearsal on November 4, in the Marion High School auditorium. The nights were overall successes and the cast was pleased with their performances. The past two months have been filled with memorable events for those involved. There was no doubt that the cast was committed until the very end. MORE OKLAHOMA PHOTOS PG. 12



Jaclyn Hugg and Doug Cloven played the leads in Oklahoma!

### District Champions

by Megan Osborn and Kristen Osborn

The '99 Varsity Volleyball season has been a season full of ups and downs and a lot of inconsistency. The Indians ended with a 2-5 conference record, but beyond their disappointing record, Marion worked hard and played tough throughout the season. A few of their successes included: finishing second at the Marion Tournament, finishing second at the North Cedar Tournament, finishing second at the DeWitt Tournament, beating Independence, sweeping South Tama and most of all obtaining a District Championship. To achieve this the Indians easily swept the Mustangs of Independence, 3-0, in the first round, and for the championship, Marion beat Center Point in a tough four game match. After their amazing and highly

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With the rest of the team waiting in case of a return, Julie Straub sends the ball over the heads of the defenders.

### BAUMERT RUNS IN STATE MEET

by Kristin Popovics

The Marion Cross-country team had a great finish to the season at the District meet at Noelridge Park on October 21. Senior Emily Baumert had an outstanding race and placed fourth in a school record time of 12:24. The top seven runners in each District qualify for the State meet at Fort Dodge. "I'm really excited for State," says Baumert. "It feels like my hard work is paying off." At State, Baumert ran for 9th place in an amazing time of 12:00. Unfortunately, Sophomore Taylor Heim missed the cut-off for State by one place. Heim ran for eighth place in the District in a time of 17:37. This is a great accomplishment for a sophomore. Team honors were awarded at the cross-country banquet recently. "Most Valuable Runner" awards went to Emily Baumert and Taylor Heim. "Captain Award" went to senior Brian Kinnaid for his outstanding leadership throughout the season. Sophomore Doug Cloven received the "Newcomer of the Year" award, and sophomore Jon Lawson got the "Coach's Award." Academic All-Wamac recipients were seniors Brian Kinnaid, Kristin Popovics, and Emily Baumert. Baumert was also selected for the 2A Cross-country All-State Team. PHOTO PG. 11



After a regular season victory over Western Dubuque, team members celebrate a district championship and a spot in the state playoffs.



## SODA-What Does It Stand For?

By the Vox Editorial staff

S.O.D.A. - What do those letters stand for to you? Do they make you thirsty for a cold, quenching Mountain Dew? Or do they remind you of that respectable group of high schoolers who are "Students Okay Without Drugs and Alcohol"?

Just how highly regarded is SODA at MHS? Look at last year's yearbook, and glance at the enormous picture of overflowing, pride-filled, drug and alcohol free students. Now how many of them had been seen at a party with a beer or cigarette in their hand? Would the number of SODA students at parties be surprising and upsetting to many adults and faculty members who put the kids in SODA on a pedestal above others? Very much so. Are these students thinking about their SODA sponsor, principal, or coaches while they chug beer after beer at a party? Probably not.

So what do we do about this? Think about what a coach would do if he or she was told that someone saw one of their athletes drunk at a party. Would they get kicked off the team? Would they get suspended? Would they get confronted and talked to about the issue? YES. So why is this any different for SODA members and officers? How do they get away with getting drunk weekend after weekend and still keep their untarnished, "never do wrong" reputation? No punishment is enforced toward these respected individuals, even when adults have been made aware of certain

facts. Many people choose not to be in SODA because they do occasionally have a drink and don't want to be hypocrites. Even though they choose to make the decision not to be involved, they are still stereotyped as the "bad kids." And why, year after year, are some of this group of individuals getting away with breaking the code of conduct time and again?

## The Vox Mini-Movie Review

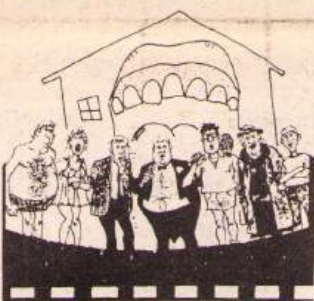
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ACTORS!!

## DID YOU HEAR?

## SHORTER LUNCH CYCLES RESULTS IN LONGER SEMINAR PERIOD?

By Ciara Chadek

### RUMOR:

An unverified or unfounded report circulating from person to person. This is the dictionary way of explaining it. Most people would define it as harmful words that are spread around and usually changed in many ways. Not all rumors are necessarily bad, but some can be really harsh on people's reputations.

It has never really been decided why people spread rumors, maybe for the pure joy of it or there intent is just to harm someone. Most rumors start out by someone hearing something and telling it to someone else and it goes on and on, but the story always seem to change and they are never the same when you hear them again. Sometimes people are there and see something and seem to make it a bigger deal than it is. It makes you wonder how many people you can trust that are supposed to be your friends, because it always seems that whether they promise not to say anything or not, everybody always seems to find out. For some reason it usually depends on what is told and if it is bad or harmful it always seems to be let out so everybody can know.

Now there has been a rumor going around the school that all lunch cycles will be shortened by five minutes to make a longer seminar

period. If you have or haven't heard it, it is **NOT** true. The journalism class got permission to spread the rumor to see the effect it had on people. Many people have had mixed emotions on the subject. It was a really good rumor because it was something that we would get reactions on.

Most students were wondering when it was going to start and why? Students say that it is not fair because there is never anything to do in seminar. All we ever do is sit around. Other students have the opinion that it would be stupid because we don't have enough time to eat lunch and to make it shorter would be more of a hassle.

It is all over now so don't worry about it. Just remember that whatever the rumor is that you hear or decide to spread could potentially be hurting the people it is about. What if it was about you? Would you want it to be spread? You are the only one that knows the truth about you and the only one that really matters. Before you decide that you need to tell someone something just think of the saying "Treat others how you want to be treated," and maybe you won't feel like talking anymore.

And before you get upset about a potential change in school, make sure it's true.

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# THE LUNCH PROBLEM

By Sherry Hoover and Megan Osborn

Everyone has their complaints about school lunch, whether it's the lack of selection offered, the lack of time per cycle, the portion sizes being too small, or the shortage of food that occurs by last cycle. Here at Marion High School, the lunch issue has become a fairly big problem among students.

The majority of students feel that there is not enough time per cycle and that students feel rushed, especially seniors who are allowed to go out for lunch. Thirty minutes is hardly enough time to be able to even go to a fast food restaurant and grab a bite to eat due to the time it takes to get to the restaurant, order your food, eat, and drive back to school. This forces kids to have to inhale their food in one bite. Why can't we just lengthen the lunch cycles you ask. "Because," says Mr. Doyle, "if we make the lunch cycles longer then we have to make the school day longer."

Another problem is the lack of selection. Many larger schools such as Kennedy have decided to curb that problem by bringing in outside fast food restaurants such as Subway or Chinese Express. When Mr. Doyle was asked why Marion can't do this, he responded by saying that, "Marion High School is not a big enough school to be able to support bringing in outside food merchants. Our school's lunch program would not make enough money if the majority of students bought their lunch from the fast food vendors." Smaller schools such as Springville can't afford to bring in fast food either, so their lunch program has decided to offer more selections made by the lunch ladies. They have hamburgers, pizza, chicken, and sandwiches and fries everyday as an alternate to the main choice. Diane Flemming, lunch advisor for the Marion/Cedar Rapids School Districts, was alerted of this idea and said that she would talk to her manager about offering this to Marion High School.

Portion size and a lack of food by third cycle were two other problems that were addressed to Ms. Flemming. She said that she wasn't aware of the problem of not having enough food for the third cycle kids and she would talk to her manager about that as well, and she also added that the cooks just guesstimate on how much food to make each day. Marion High School's lunch cycles are on a six week routine. The same lunches are repeated every six weeks, so the cooks look back and see how much of food

was used one week as a way to figure out how much of that food to make when they serve it again. On the portion problem Ms. Flemming commented, "The USDA has instilled guidelines that decide how big portion sizes should be. Every school is the same, because the cooks must abide by those guidelines."

Now that these lunch problems have been brought to the attention of the head supervisor for our lunch program, hopefully changes can be made to accommodate the students' needs. Whether this will happen or not still remains to be seen. All we can do for now is to make the best of what the school is providing or bring your own lunch from home!

School	MAIN LINE	ALTERNATES	TIME/ Cycle	NUMBER of Cycles
Marion	Meat, grain(bread) vegetable, fruit, dessert	Maidrite, salad, junk food line	25 min	3
Kennedy	Meat, grain(bread) vegetable, fruit, dessert	Hamburgers, pizza Subway and Chinese - alternate days	N/A	5
Springville	Meat, grain(bread) vegetable, fruit, dessert	Snack Line, various deli sandwiches hamburger, chicken, pizza, fries	30 min	3
Linn-Mar	Meat, grain(bread) vegetable, fruit, dessert	Sandwich bar with various types of sandwiches	20 min	6

## SURFIN' USA

YOUR guide TO THE BEST  
INTERNET SITES

by Ryan Young

Hello, kiddies. Welcome to the realm of internet exploration. In this issue we will explore the dark bowels of music television sites. Use extreme caution when reading the following. It has been known to bite.

### WWW.MTV.COM

The first music t.v. site I examined was the "music television super site," as quoted by me. This sight has almost all the amusement and information you could possibly use. It's contents include everything from band information/pictures to each episode of their self-made shows on their current season.

The pros: Right when you enter this sight, you can tell that it has its act together. This sight included a variety of music. Whether you want teeny bop or Goth, mtv.com has it. Their news is updated and accurate, the pictures are both quality and quantity, there are a lot of interesting features, and the average web geek can even win prizes or end up on one of their shows by participating in some of their contests.

The cons: This web site promised me real videos and a fun chat room. Where is it?! The video option malfunctioned and the chat room froze my computer. Frustration ran high as I threw my computer into oncoming traffic. Other than that, not a lot of cons.

Rating:(from 1 to 5) 4.25

### WWW.VH1.COM

If you are not over 53 years old, please skip this section of the article. You may want to refer it to a loved one in a nursing home. Your

parents may like it too.

The pros: They happen to have updated news. They also have concert listings.

The cons: The news is about groups you thought were dead. (I happen to find it ironic that they actually have a t.v. show called "Where Are They Now," yet they don't realize that they still play most of those bands quite frequently.) The concert listings are for groups such as Phil Collins, Phil Simon, Ray Parker, the B-52's, and Peter Gabriel. They also are conforming to the teeny bop age by trying to advertise N'SYNC concerts. How absolutely pathetic. Also, the sight isn't attractive and there is a very small variety of bands. I'm sick of bashing this atrocity of a web site.

Rating: 1.50

### WWW.BET.COM

If you are not familiar with BET (Black Entertainment Television), then you are missing out on the experience of a lifetime. Just don't go to the web site first.

The pros: There is a site. The information on the future site sounds promising. It is just a matter of what actually gets put on the web site. In other words "I'll believe it when I see it."

The cons: It was not complete and there was a total lack of features because of it's absence.

Rating: Incomplete

### WWW.MUCHMUSIC.COM

I wanted to save the spectacular for last. I give to you the underground music television sight of the year. This sight is not known throughout the U.S. because it is a Canadian music channel. It is "much" (pun) like MTV except they concentrate mostly on bands that are just getting started. Before the Backstreet Boys were big in the U.S., I saw their first videos and interviews on Much Music.(A few months later they hit it big in the U.S. and acquired mainstream music television coverage.)

The pros: This sight was interesting from the get go. There are in depth interviews, accurate information, and pictures of bands. They have a variety of music and again I will mention the spectacular features.

The cons: It is virtually unknown. That is all I can come up with on cons, sorry.

Rating: 4.95



## HORSIN' AROUND WITH EMILY BARND

By Kristen Osborn

High Point Pleasure Horse from the Linn County Fair is the award sophomore Emily Barnd is most proud of. She started working with horses 7 years ago in 4-H. Her family had bought a "broken down" horse, and then they borrowed a pony from a friend in 4-H to learn the basics.

Currently, Emily and her family own three horses. The horse she showed this summer was Talequah, who is 6 years old. The other horses are Goldie, 19 years, and Nellie, 9 years old.

Des Moines, Mason City, and Waterloo are some places Emily travels to for competitions. Her parents aren't involved with horses; Emily found the love for horses on her own,

but her parents go to all her shows support her. At the competitions Emily shows in many categories including: Western Pleasure, Horse-

manship, English Pleasure, and Showmanship.

"It costs a lot to keep horses. It's quite a chunk of change," Emily explains. She

says it varies quite a bit. "I intend on working with horses as long as possible, maybe even go into it professionally if I can," Emily states.

Her horses keep her quite busy. She is doing about an hour of chores in the barn each day. Emily tries to get out and ride at least 2 hours every other day. She is also involved in SODA, ATOMS, Volleyball Managing, and an active member of 4-H.

### ATOMS

ATOMS is off to a wonderful start this year. There was a great turnout for this year's members. Officers were elected early last month and go as follows:

President: Kristin Popovics  
Vice-President: Sarah Schroeder  
Treasurer: Lenny Oberbroeckling  
Secretary: Emily Barnd  
Recycling Reps: Josiah Bushlack, Ashley Scott  
Fundraising Reps: Nick Schuver, Jenny Scheer

Fundraising is a big part of the ATOMS program. Candy will be sold in December to make money for this non-profit organization. Businesses will also be called in hopes of receiving donations. Some of the benefits to this money is the annual trip which will be to Des Moines this year. Ms. Duning is hopeful of buying and planting trees in the spring. She also would like to upgrade the cardboard recycling boxes to plastic bins. These changes will occur as the ATOMS bond together to become as successful as ever.

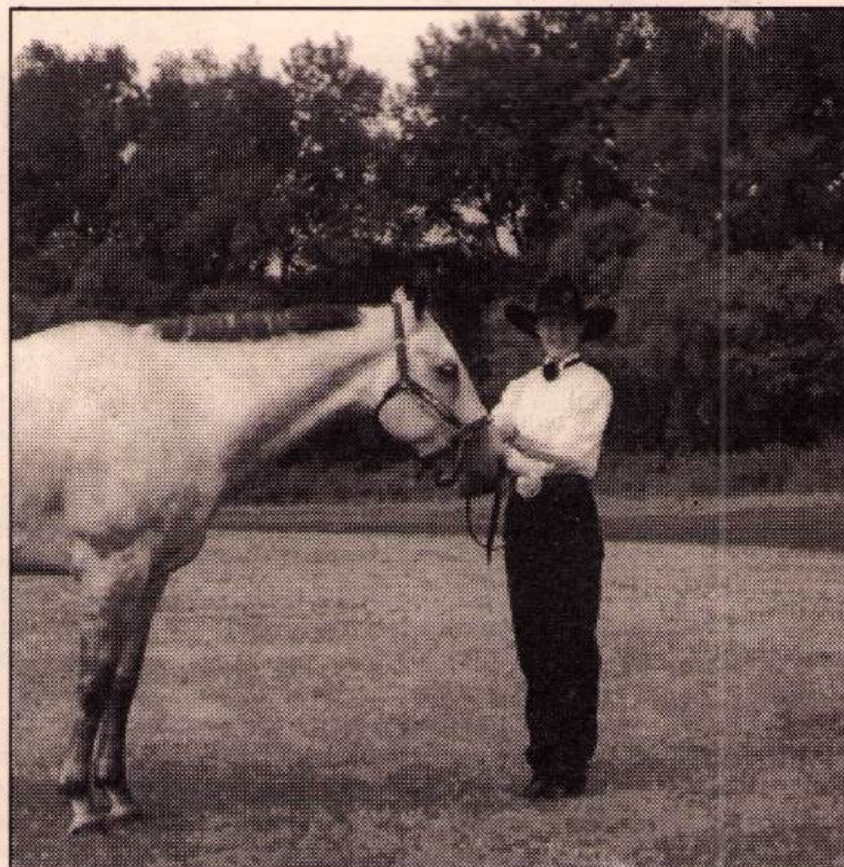
### FBLA

FBLA is also very busy this fall. Right now they are fund raising for the annual spring conference. A new activity that FBLA will be doing this year is a dance at school on Nov. 12. FBLA may have a lot of things to do this fall, but the responsibility a little better. Since last year. They have more than doubled the member's. From only 32 last year to 65 members this year.

### SODA

Soda is very busy this fall and winter. On Oct. 19th there was an excellent turnout for the karaoke open gym night. If you have been in SODA for a couple years you know that almost every year there is a soda ski trip. Then you would also know that almost every year it is canceled due to having no snow left on the date we went.

"Not this year" says Mrs. Putnam. We are having the ski trip Dec. 22 after the early out for the first day of winter break. This is also the first official day of winter, SODA members cross your fingers for snow. There will also be a pizza party Dew 2. Which will be for SODA members only.



At the SODA Family Fun Fair, Tegan Reeves, Doug Cloven and Ashley Corbin play skee ball with some of the kids in attendance. The fair was held at Vernon on October 24th.

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# FRIEND OR FRAUD

by JoliAnn DeLong

There are many things that we all look forward to as we get older and start taking on more responsibility. Buying a car, getting a job and being able to handle our own "hard earned" money. But it's not as easy as it seems especially when it comes to money. It all starts when you get a job and in order to keep your money safe you open a bank account. So for your convenience you get an ATM card and maybe even a checkbook. But do you know how to protect yourself when using your ATM and checkbook.

Now a days it's easy for anyone to take advantage of you. So many people are taken advantage of because they don't know what to look for. All over the high school you hear more and more of someone being taken advantage of. In many cases it's because you trust the wrong person. Possibly someone that you have known for a while. It all starts because someone gives out their ATM pin number, leaves checks laying around, or even cashes checks for someone that they know.

For ATM and check fraud there can be large consequences, though many times it is to hard to convict someone of the actual crime. So in order to keep things straight save all of you transactions through your accounts and record your check statements. It will save you a lot of time and money in case something does occur.

The big mistake you can make is allowing others to make transactions through your account. Someone may ask you to cash a check for them through your ATM, but it could end up getting you in trouble instead of them because it's your account. When you allow them to write you a check it is by law an oath that they have the money in their account. Though if they don't have the money in their bank ac-

count the police will come after you for the money because it is considered fraud.

If something does happen and your account is tampered with your best move is to go to the police. There are many different actions that they can take in order to prosecute. Typically they have you fill out a report with a police officer and depending on what was taken and how much will determine what further action has to be taken. The most common thing is to give the other person a grace period and then charges will be filed if it's not paid with in that amount of time. It all can range to a fine, to probation to even jail time. So in order to keep yourself safe use the following simple tips.

## SAFETY TIPS FOR USING THE ATM MACHINES

- Be careful of "con artists". If anyone asks you to withdraw money from the ATM for any reason, walk away.
- When approaching the ATM be alert for any suspicious persons or circumstances.
- Have the ATM card ready to use prior to approaching the machine. This will shorten your time at the machine.
- When using the ATM, position your body so that no one else can see you enter you pin number.
- If you with draw money do not count it or expose it while you are in close proximity of the machine.
- At night use ATM's in well lit areas.
- Use ATM's that have clear visibility for automobile and pedestrian traffic.
- If possible, have a friend accompany you to the ATM.

## HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- Protect your personal identification number. Memorize your number and don't keep it with your card or on it..
- Never give your pin to another person.
- Never give your pin over the phone; even if they are from your bank. Your financial institution will never ask you to disclose your pin over the phone.

## OTHER USEFUL TIPS

- Keep your transaction receipts until you have balanced your monthly account statements.
- Contact your bank if you suspect unauthorized use of your ATM card.
- If your card is stolen, you must

notify your bank right away and notify the police.

- Don't add names to your accounts. You can only remove a name unless the account is closed. No matter what happens you are both accountable for the account 100%.
- Don't cash personal checks for anyone even friends.
- Don't shop over the internet. There are a lot of sites that will bill your account directly.

## PRECAUTIONS BANKS USE TO PROTECT YOU

- All garbage's are locked and all garbage is immediately taken to the recycling company.
- They use encrypted codes and passwords on accounts and software.
- They hire hackers to find holes in their software.

## Parking Lot Vandalism

By Ken Ware and Nick Schuver

Students at Marion High School have the right to feel that their vehicles are safe while parked in the school parking lot throughout the school day. And, for the most part, they are. However, there have been a few isolated incidents that have caused concern amongst students and faculty. Having been in school for only two and a half months there have already been four incidents of vandalism and a case of stolen property:

1. Josh Bleadorn's car was broken into during the day while parked in the South Parking Lot. \$1500 worth of equipment including: CDs, a stereo, a video camera, a Polaroid camera, and film were stolen. There is no suspect as of now but there is still an outside investigation going on.

2. Megan Peiffer's car was vandalized. Derogatory statements and racist remarks were written on her car. The suspect was found and there were apologies made and the proper legal actions were taken.

3. Ciara and Carly Chadek's cars were both keyed. There was an argument earlier in the week that could have led to the vandalism.

4. Joey Akers's car was hit and nobody notified him that they did it.

What can you do to protect your car from such acts?

\* Lock your doors. This simple act usually deters most thieves during the day.

\* Take everything worth any value out of your car. This includes CDs, backpacks, purses, cameras, clothes, etc., and remember to always take the face of CD players off and bring it with you.

\* Or you can lock all of these items in your trunk.

\* Try to get a parking place up front (if at all possible). This makes your car more visible to others, so any suspicious acts involving your car will be witnessed by many people and will most likely deter a vandal.

\* If your car does get hit make sure to report it IMMEDIATELY.

There is no 100% way to protect your car in the school parking lot when your are not watching it at all time unless you decide to leave it at home. Who wants to leave their nice car at home and walk two blocks? Not a lot of high school students do these days. When it comes down to it, people need to either car pool, ride a bike, or enjoy a walk to school if they are overly concerned about potential vandalism.



*What to wear when you're planning on safe sex.*

Nothing beats being married and faithful to take the scare out of having sex. Not to mention the anxiety of rejection and heartache when a relationship built on sex fails. Truly safe sex needs more than a condom to protect it.

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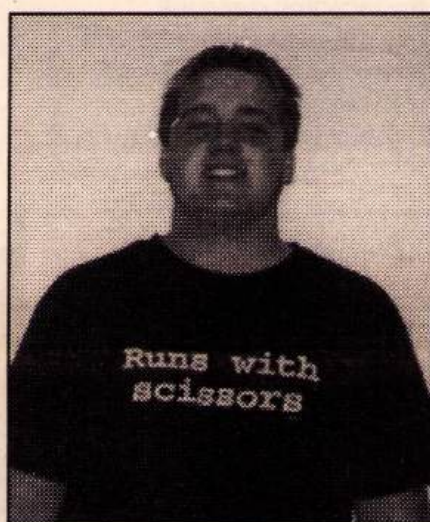
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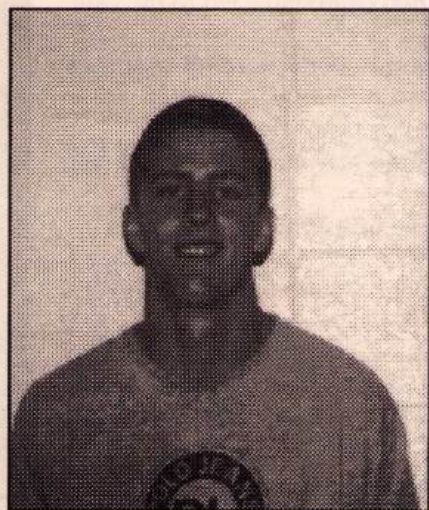
# SENIOR

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"FINDING TIME TO KEEP UP  
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SLEEP AT NIGHT."

RYAN YOUNG

YOUR SENIOR YEAR is supposed to be the best year of your life - friends, parties, and AND EVERYTHING HAVING MORE MEANING BECAUSE IT'S "THE LAST TIME." BUT MANY SENIOR ARE FINDING THAT THEIR SENIOR YEAR IS FILLED WITH MORE STRESS THAN FUN.

By Kristen Osborn, Kristin Popovics, and  
Matt Messerli

Am I going to go to college?  
Where am I going to go to college?  
How am I going to pay for college?  
What do I want to do when I grow

up? Will I be able to handle college's tough work load? These are all important questions Marion High Seniors must answer in coming months.

anxiety level will be reduced if you can meet deadlines!"  
Although the majority of seniors are undecided about their futures, there are some who have a good idea of what they will be doing. Ben Young plans to join the Air Force, where 75% of his college tuition will be covered. Josh Tibodeau plans to major in business at the University of Iowa. Amber and Heather Clarke will be attending

take note of are November 5, which is the final ACT registration deadline. The test will be held December 11. December 17 is the deadline for SAT registration, the test will be held January 22.

TGIF dates (To Get Information Fast visitation days at Kirkwood) are November 12 and 19 and December 3 and 10. The day begins at 9 a.m. and students must call 398-5517 to register in advance. You will receive the following information on the day you visit: 1. Program/major information sessions and tours 2. Meet student ambassadors 3. Receive financial aid information.

Although deciding where your future is headed is a very overwhelming thing to do, just taking ev-

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There is so much to think about. Josiah Bushlack is definitely feeling the pressure build. "I have way too much stuff to do yet. I haven't even taken my ACT's, therefore I can't apply to any colleges until I have." "The hardest thing is to fit in all of the college visits. It is also hard keeping up with all of the scholarship application deadlines," complains Sherry Hoover. "I'm really uncertain with the direction that I want to take my life," moans Sara Schroeder.

Mr. Bailey shares a tip for all those stressed out seniors, "Reduce your stress by following through with commitments and deadlines. Stop procrastinating and just get stuff done! Do a little bit every week so it doesn't pile up when a deadline comes. Follow the time line calendar sent to you this summer for the guidance office. Your

and Heather Clarke will be attending Kirkwood. For those current and future seniors, here is a current price guide at several in-state institutions. A couple of things seniors need to remember are to meet deadlines and complete all the paperwork needed. Also, make sure you are enrolled in enough courses to earn the credits needed to graduate.

Some important dates coming up soon that you might want to

everything one step at a time and making sure to get everything done on time will help relieve some of the major stress associated with being a senior.

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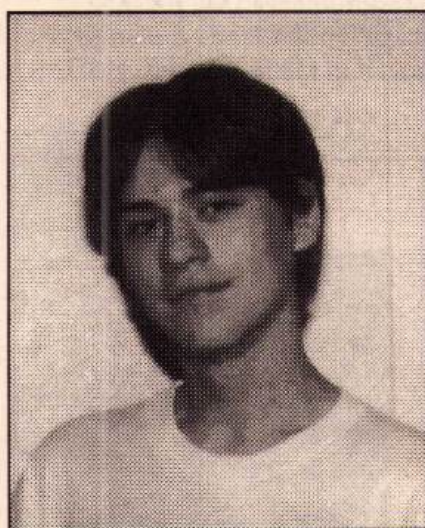


# STRESS

## College - What Will It Cost?

	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Room/board</u>	<u>Total</u>
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	\$2874	3958	6832
UNIVERSITY of IOWA	\$2868	4152	7020
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Kirkwood CC(9 MONTHS)	\$1710	3755	5465

\*\*YOU MUST add AT LEAST \$500 PER YEAR for books, etc., AT EACH INSTITUTION.



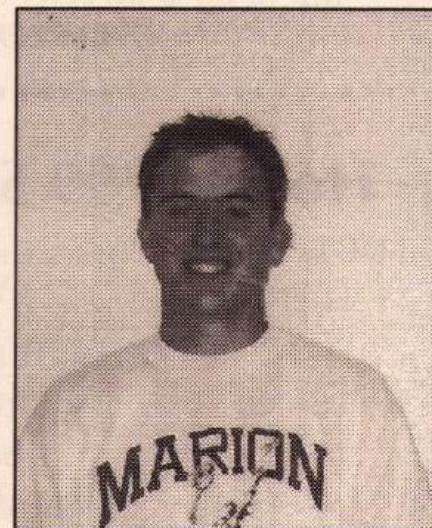
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JOSIAH BUSHLACK



## Elissa Crow



Age: 17  
Activity: Fall and Winter Poms  
Past Season Memory: How Coach Fredrik-

son pronounces the word hold and field. It sounds funny.  
Season Thrill: Starting off the season with five people and ending up with 10. The number of people made a huge difference in performance and also made being on the squad a lot more fun.

Starting Out: I started off in poms my freshmen year and stayed in poms throughout high school. And as I got older it was neat to see myself as more of a leader and teacher, keeping the squad together, than the one being taught.

Advice for Newcomers: Enjoy high school as much as you can because it doesn't last forever. Make sure you do your best in whatever you do.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Finding haunted houses and going to them with large groups of friends.

Favorite Saying: Count your life by smiles not tears; Count your age by friends not years.

Favorite Snack: Nutty Bars  
If you could do anything, what would it be? Travel all around the world

Biggest Influence: My parents because they've encouraged and supported me in everything I've done.

College/Future Plan: Going to Kirkwood or Hawkeye Tech maybe transferring to UNI and going into interior design.

## Emily PEASE



Age: 17  
Activity: Fall Poms  
Past Season Memory: Seeing squirrels with shaved tails at

the UNI pom camp then discovering a pile of squirrel fur in front of the dorms.

Season Thrill: Every performance! Being in front of a big crowd is

such a rush.  
Starting Out: Making up dances in my living room as a little girl.  
Advice for Newcomers: Three things: Have fun. Work hard. Don't whine.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Putting 80 political signs in Doug Hass's yard last year.  
Favorite Saying: Don't be sad because it's over, be happy because it happened.

Favorite Snack: Cookies  
If you could do anything, what would it be? Fly. Not in an airplane- just me and my arms.  
Biggest Influence: My parents and my Aunt Karen.

College/Future Plans: Iowa State to study architecture.

## Jenny SCHEER



Age: 17  
Activity: Marching Band  
Past Season Memory: Stacy Potter and I

stood out in the freezing cold for 20 minutes in front of a ton of people in our drum major uniforms. I was freezing!

Season Thrill: When we got a rating at the Jefferson Invitational.

Starting Out: Always try hard and never quit!

Advice for Newcomers: Stay with it, even though it may not be the real "cool" thing to do, you might find out it's a lot of fun.

Favorite Weekend Memory: When Megan, Amanda, Sara, and Emily and I snuck out and went around to houses to get political signs. Then we put them all in Doug Haas's yard. It was really fun.

Favorite Saying: Fank you for weecycling!

Favorite Snack: Bananas  
If you could do anything, what would it be? Go on a trip around the world

Biggest Influence: My big sister  
College/Future Plans: I plan to attend UNI and major in education and minor in vocal music.

## Jesse York KENSINGER



Age: 17  
Activity: Wrestling  
Past Season Memory: Winning Wamac  
Season Thrill: Beating

Matt Carpenter in front of West Delaware's home crowd.

Starting Out: I started wrestling in Jr. tournaments in 4th grade

Advice for Newcomers: Work hard, keep a good attitude and stay out of trouble.

Favorite Weekend Memory: I have fond memories of spending 12 hours listening to my Barry Manilow record collection.

Favorite Saying: Don't let the door hit you in the \*#\* on the way out! and "If buttheads could fly this place would be an airport."

Favorite Snack: Chalupas

Biggest Influence: All of my family members.

College/Future Plans: Attend either U of I or UNI for a business degree with a possible law degree.

## Kelli GIRDNER



Age: 17  
Activity: Marching Band  
Past Season Memory: Playing at Seaworld in Texas  
Season

Thrill: Getting a Division 1 at State last year

Starting Out: I started out in the fall of my sixth grade year

Advice for Newcomers: Don't give up...and without a good attitude, you won't ever have fun.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Either camping with my youth group or just a girl's night out with my best friend Sheri.

Favorite Saying: Sometimes in life you just don't get what you want.

Favorite Snack: Mt. Dew and Goldfish.

If you could do anything, what would it be? I would be the next Mariah Carey.

Biggest Influence: My parents  
College/Future Plans: I plan to major in public relations at ISU.

## KEN WARE



Age: 17  
Activity: Wrestling  
Past Season Memory: Pinning Mike Kennedy at

sectionals after he went all season ranked No. 1 in state and wasn't scored on all year.

Season Thrill: I love exciting the crowd. For instance, when I'm losing and then I pin my opponent, there's nothing better than that.

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**Starting Out:** I was out in front with pins and wins for Varsity  
**Advice for Newcomers:** Be coachable and always work hard. You have to practice great before you can play great.  
**Weekend Memory:** Hanging out with friends and making fun of Pogg and having him make us laugh. We love ya Pogg!  
**Favorite Saying:** BAMM! or your mama  
**Favorite Snack:** Original Sunchips  
**If you could do anything, what would it be?** Play sports for ever and get married to Halle Berry.  
**Biggest Influence:** My mother. She raised me and my four siblings by herself and I would want to be as strong as she is.  
**College/Future Plans:** I plan to play football and wrestle. My major is going to be in Sports Physical Therapy.

## MARTY CONKLIN



Age: 17  
Activity: Cross Country, Theatre, Soccer  
Past Season Memory: At Linn Mar my

name has always been "Marion."

**Season Thrill:** I still hold the Sophomore scoring record at 11 goals and being the Varsity starting goal keeper my Junior year.

**Starting Out:** I had it easier than most from Marion because I had been playing with most of the sophomores since I was six years old.

**Advice for Newcomers:** Get to know the right people and make friends fast. Don't try to draw attention to yourself, just jump in and have fun.

**Favorite Weekend Memory:** The weekend my parents were gone with my sister, I spent about two hours sleeping at home.

**Favorite Saying:** YOU BROKE IT!!

**Favorite Snack:** Gyros

**If you could do anything, what would it be?** Move to a tropical island and live like the Swiss Family Robinson family.

**Biggest Influence:** My sixth grade science teacher, Mrs. Menken.

**College/Future Plans:** Iowa State for four years, get a Biology degree, and then "on to better things."

## STACY POTTER

Age 17

**Activity:** Marching Band... Concert Band, and um some Jazz Band!

**Past Season Memory:** Lisa Peiffer and I were responsible for the colorguard during Marching



**Band.** She and I got to know all the new freshmen. It was definitely a challenge

for us, but it was great because they turned out to be so much fun. I got to drive them around everywhere.

**Season Thrill:** The best thing about last year was pulling off a consecutive division 1 rating at State contest. I think everybody worked really hard. Then when it came to the end of the year and all three music groups (marching, Jazz, and concert) had division 1 ratings I think even Mr. Bobe had finally relaxed and stopped pulling the remainder of his hair out.

**Starting Out:** OOhh... I remember thinking that I was going to hate Marching band and those awful uniforms. Then it turned to be one of the most fun things all year! I was really nervous that first year. Then I learned some upperclassmen always have the upperhand. He, he...now it's my turn!

**Advice for Newcomers:** Don't give up on it. It gets better. Be kind to the upperclassmen, because they really do care (even if sometimes they don't act like it). Make sure you're kind to the underclassmen when you're a senior, because they do look up to you. By the way- those uniforms don't ever get better unless you become drum major.

**Favorite Weekend Memory:** I think I'll always appreciate watching everyone strip down to their boxers and black socks in the middle of Linn Mar's parking lot every year. If I was smart I would have gotten pictures. They would have made great black mail photographs.

**Favorite Saying:** "BAAAANNND TENN HUUUT!!!"

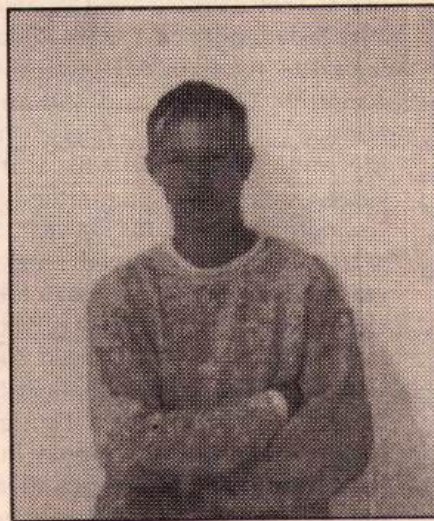
**Favorite Snack:** Spagettios  
**If you could do anything, what would it be?** I would lay peacefully alongside the ocean and dream away in the sand.

**Biggest Influence:** My parents. I thank them so much for always giving me the opportunity to full fill my dreams and always being there to catch me when I fall.

**College/Future Plans:** Iowa State and majoring in either Music, English, and/or pre-law. I'm not sure yet, but whatever I want to do, I will make the best of it because it's too short to not have fun. (Thanks Dan for that tidbit, you've always been a good friend)

# PERFECTING Skills

by Josh Ivey



Marion High School has many popular sports played by many students. Sometimes though, some sports outside of school are not as well acknowledged as those in school. Eric Bennett knows this well. For the past three years Eric has been a member of the C.R.A.G. Gymnastics team. C.R.A.G. stands for Cedar Rapids Association of Gymnastics. Eric has developed into an award winning gymnast over the past three years. Eric estimates he has 35 medals, 1 trophy, and 12 ribbon. He has gone as far as North Dakota to compete in a tournament for the Midwest region of the country. Eric won

that tournament, and he says, "My regional meet was the coolest because I was competing against more gymnasts, and it was more competition, it was the biggest meet of my gymnastics career." Most of his competitions, however, are held right here in the Cedar Rapids area or in Iowa City.

Being a gymnast is not all play, Eric has to juggle gymnastics, schoolwork, and his social life. He also lifts weights after school to keep in shape. His parents also have to sacrifice a lot to take him to all his practices and competitions. Eric has practice 4 nights a week. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday for about 2 to 3 hours a night.

Although it takes a lot of work, Eric plans to stay in gymnastics through high school and maybe compete for a team in college.



PAPA'S

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## Working To Get Better

By Anna Kalkwarf and Amanda Carson

The freshman volleyball team is split evenly into two teams every year. This year Marion got two new coaches for the teams. Daniel Sauser coached the red team and Becky Moeller coached the gold team.

The red team went 14-10-1. Lindsey Ferris had the most kills for the team with 39. Lindsey Steffek was right behind her with 38. Steffek also had 29 blocks, the most for the team. Caron Short served 95% for the season with 30 aces. Ferris also served well with 87% and 31 aces. Leah Kinnaird was the team's main setter. She had 426 assists. Short had 31 digs for the year. Neanna Conklin had 22. Leslie Nigg commented about their season, "I thought it was a lot of fun and I got to know people better."

The gold team finished their season with a record of 12 and 12. Ashley Podoll and Jessie Clark both had 17 kills to lead the team. Chelsea Dirks had 14. Clark had 12 blocks and Dirks had 11. Holly Hansen served an amazing 92% with 67 aces. Kirsten Nelson served 88% with 29 aces. Hansen was also the team's setter. She had 369 good sets. Dirks had the most digs for the team with 21. Nelson followed close with 19. Jamie Sunderman had 15. Dirks and Podoll serve received at 86%. Nelson was at 85%. Nelson commented, "I think overall we had a pretty successful season."

## FRESHMAN Football Roundup

By Jared Steger and Joey Akers

The Marion freshman football team started their season off on a slow note after they suffered an opening 12-0 loss against Vinton. They were able to bounce back, however, and knock off Center Point Urbana 14-0 the following week. Garrett Wood said, "The team is progressing. We are improving between games and hope to have a great season." The Indians then took on the Independence Mustangs and lost in a close game 32-24. The team is lead by Nick Livingston on defense and Wade Burrell who gets most of the carries on offense. Quince Springer and Corbin Olds are also good contributors for the team. Coach Laube added, "The guys are working hard to improve each game, and we've seen improvements on both sides of the ball."

## HANGIN' TOUGH

By Anna Kalkwarf and Amanda Carson

The JV Volleyball team finished their season with an overall record of 2-5. They defeated West Delaware and Independence. Kris Renaas lead the team in kills with 17. Amanda Carson and Amanda Nielsen each had 11. Nielsen had the most blocks with 8. Cathy Grosskruetz was strong in the back row getting 41 digs for the year.

The team played hard all season and were faced with a lot of close games. They peaked at Waterloo Columbus. They stayed close with the always strong Sailors but came up short. Junior Danielle Jorgenson commented about their season, "I thought our team always played our best, but unfortunately we came out defeated more than expected."

## FINISHING STRONG

By Amanda Carson and Anna Kalkwarf

Marion's sophomore volleyball team went to South Tama on October 5. They defeated them 10-15, 15-5, and 15-3. Stephanie Law had 6 kills and Lynsey Rogers had 5. The Indians were tough at the serving line. Shelby Hurt served 19 for 19 with 5 aces and Jessie Trumpold served 11 for 11 with 4. Krystal Wise had 6 assists, and Shelby Hurt had 5. Kristin Mork had 5 digs.

On October 12, the sophomores played the first game ever in the new gym. They played the Vinton Vikettes and came out victorious; 17-15, 15-7, 15-11. Stephanie Law led the team with 9 kills and Stephanie Petchulat had 5. Stephanie Rogers served 13 for 13 with 4 aces. Nichole Jellison served 8 for 8. Shelby Hurt had 6 good digs.

The Indians made their final appearance at Jefferson for their Metro Tournament. They had tough competition. They were defeated by Iowa City West, Linn-Mar, Kennedy, and split with Cedar Rapids Prairie. Shelby Hurt had 22 kills for the day. Chelsey Peyton had 14. Hurt also served 35 for 42 with 12 aces. Jessie Trumpold went 29 for 35 at the serve line with 6 aces. Hurt had 23 assists. Krystal Wise followed with 15. Trumpold had the most digs with 24.

The sophomores ended their season with a record of 8 wins, 9 losses, and 4 ties. Chelsey Peyton lead the team all season with 58 kills. Stephanie Law followed closely with 51. Peyton also lead the team in blocking with 18. Shelby Hurt was the top server. She served 88% with 43 aces. Hurt was also the leader in assists with 72. Krystal Wise set 58 assists for the team. Hurt didn't miss a dig. She had 45 for the season.

Kristin Mork commented, "I think it was a good year and I think we learned a lot from each other. We worked really hard and had fun."

## FUTURE Looks BRIGHT for MARION Football

by Matt Messerli

The future of Marion football looks very encouraging after the sophomore football team's winning season. Finishing 5-4 overall, the Indians played competitive football all nine weeks. All season long the Indians clicked together as a team and showed great promise. Many sophs showed that next year they'll be capable of helping out on the varsity squad.

Tailback Tony Offerman provided the premier spark for the In-

dians on offense. Tony ran for 978 yards this season on just 137 carries. Tony scored 15 touchdowns. Split end Eric Hubbell also played well, collecting 15 receptions and scoring 3 TDs. Returnman Jason McGaffic provided several big plays throughout the season. Jason threw a 33-yard TD pass, returned a kickoff for a touchdown, and returned two punts for TDs. Kicker Brian Barkdoll also was very reliable this season. He was nearly automatic on his PATs.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Indians forced numerous turnovers and often controlled the game. D-linemen Matt Tielebein and Pete Messerli did a good job all season of putting pressure on the opposing team's QB. Tielebein stole the handoff from the Benton Community running back and ran it back 95 yards for a touchdown in the final minute to beat them. Safety Jason McGaffic and corner Eric Hubbell collected many interceptions during the season, thanks to good pressure from the line.

Overall, the Indians played strong football all season. Their 3-4 finish in the district is respectable. Next season, they will be responsible for helping Marion win their second straight District title and getting us to the Dome in Cedar Falls.

## THE WAY I SEE IT . . .

by Matt Haddy, Vox Sports Editor

In sports change occurs often, most prominently among coaching positions. In the past year there have been several coaching changes that have hit close to home for many people in the Marion area. On the more national scale, Iowa made two coaching changes in both the basketball and football programs. Kirk Ferentz took over the coaching responsibilities from legend Hayden Fry in the football program. Someone new will also be roaming the basketball sidelines this year as Steve Alford takes over for former coach Tom Davis. Anytime you have new coaches, there is going to be criticism towards both the coach and the Athletic Director who made the decision. There have been many positive comments made toward Alford and what he is trying to do for the program with recruiting and such. This has not been the case for new football coach Kirk Ferentz, with the team stumbling to a 1-3 start and looking very bad in doing so. This has led to constant criticism of Ferentz by so-called fans. It is obvious that Ferentz is doing the best job he can do with the talent he has on the field. Right now, what Iowa has can't seriously compete with the Big Ten powerhouses like Penn State and Michigan. So it isn't right to put blame squarely on Ferentz or Athletic Director Bob Bowsby for making the decision to hire Ferentz. Ferentz will be a good coach, it just isn't going to happen right away.

On the local scene there were many coaching changes right here at Marion High School. First off there is new head football coach Tony Perkins. So far there have been nothing but compliments towards the new head man on the football field. He is leading the Indians towards a possible playoff berth for the first time in a while. He is being treated the way a new coach should be, with praise for what he is doing, and not being blamed for whatever happens to go wrong.

Along with Perkins there will be other new coaches for the different Indian programs. Most prominent is new head basketball coach Corby Laube who takes over for Bob Landis after four years at Marion. Along with head coach Steve Doser, Laube has been credited with some of the girls basketball rebirth at Marion. Laube hopes to bring a new kind of playing style to Marion and try to bring the Indians back to being a state power. So far he has been commended for the time he and assistant coach Shane Ehresman have put into both the high school and junior programs at Marion. This is not to say though that if the team does not do well that there won't be those who cast doubt upon the young coach, who has many years ahead of him in the coaching business.

There are other coaching changes at Marion including a new softball and girls golf coach both of whom, will probably be judged one way or another depending on how their teams fare during their respective seasons. Only time will tell if these young new coaches will be treated they should be or if they will be immediately condemned for the mistakes they make during their first seasons.



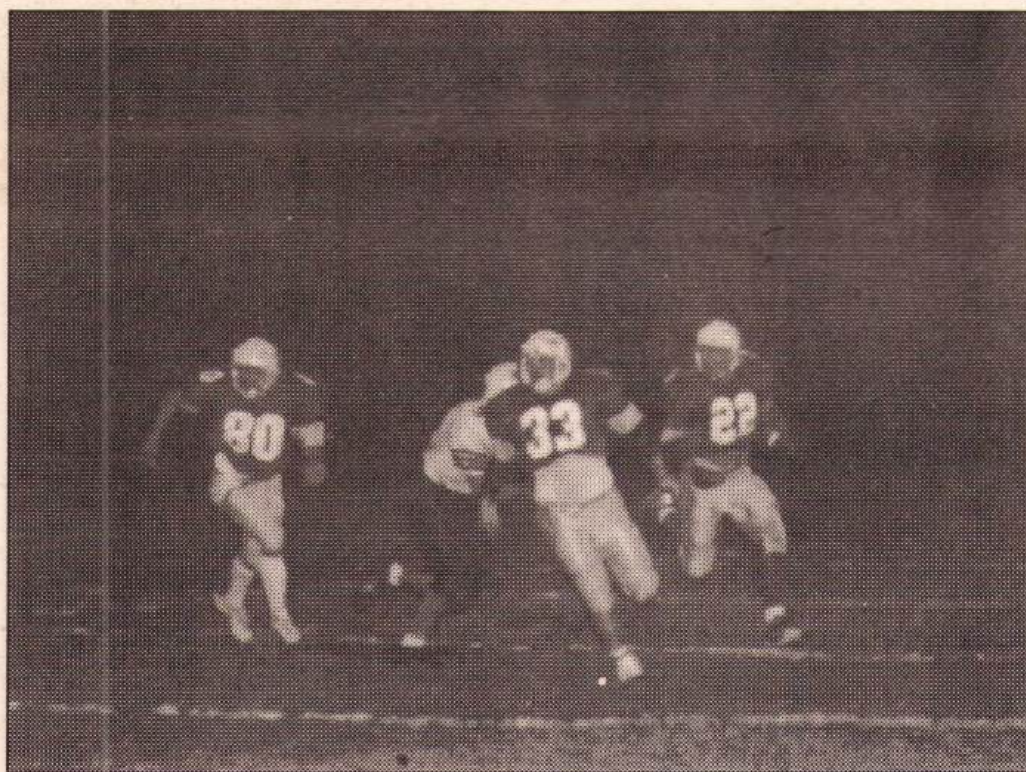
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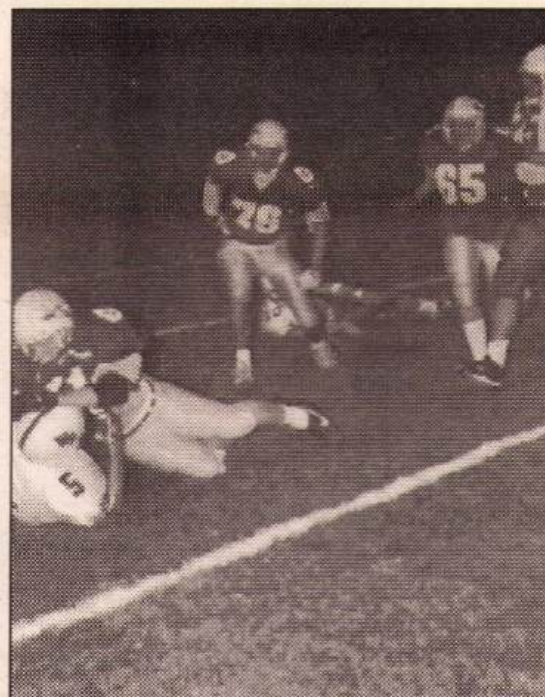
Kate Baumert waits while Cross Country coach Thomason congratulates Emily Baumert after her 9th place finish at the 2-A state meet. Baumert finished the course in 12:00.



Against Western Dubuque, Jesse Kensinger runs for the end zone. Kensinger was the leading rusher for the Indians in the Western Dubuque game.



With Adam Shelley and Brent Albaugh blocking, Matt Wycoff runs against Western Dubuque. One of four co-captains, Wycoff was the Indians' leading rusher for the season.

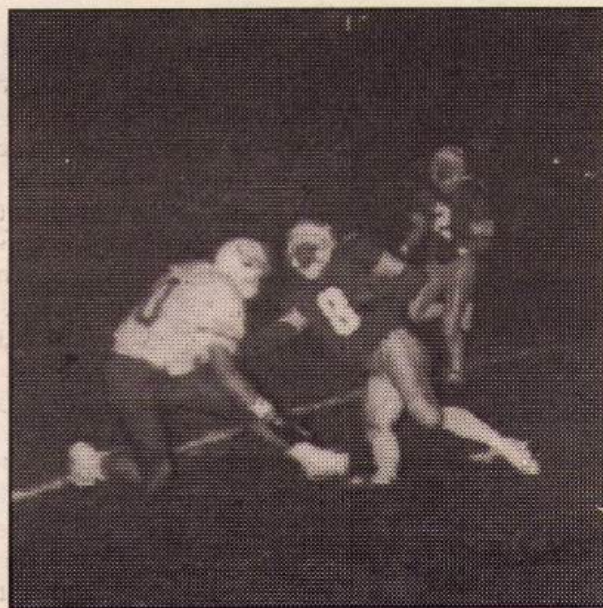


Aaron Stewart and Sean Larson are there to help, but Brett Forkner already has the Western Dubuque runner on the ground.

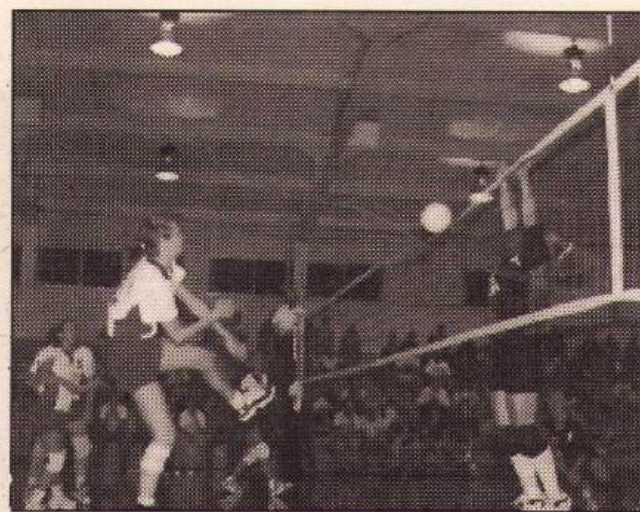
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This started a fire in the hearts of the Indians and sent them on a four game winning streak, and sparked the defense to pitch three shutouts in four of those wins. The defense really picked it up in the end of the season and should always remember how closely they played and how they were able to work as a unit.

The seniors will always hold this season close to their hearts, because they came away with a lot of great memories and new ties. As long as the gym stands they will always be able to admire 1999 district championship banner on the wall.



In the regular season game against DeWitt Central, Jesse McDannald picks off a Sabers pass to stop their advance. Interceptions were a crucial part of that victory.



In an early season game against West Delaware, Kari Ozburn sends the ball back over the net and away from the defenders.

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unpredicted District win, the Indians were pumped up and ready to take on Regionals. However, in the first round, Marion faced a greatly improved Benton team. The Indians ended up taking the Bobcats to a fifth, rally scored game, but were not able to capture the win and as a result, were eliminated from the tournament. Overall, it was a very successful season for the Indians.



# Oklahoma!

After many weeks of rehearsal, for two nights seventy-one students took audiences back to the Oklahoma territory at the turn of the century.



Curley (Doug Cloven) surprises Aunt Eller (Nikki Martin) as he sings "Oh, What A Beautiful Mornin'."



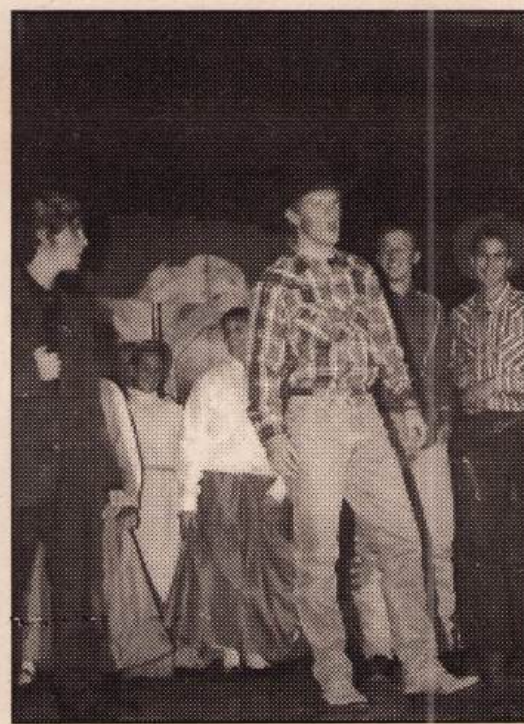
After Laurey and Curley's wedding, the whole cast sang the show's signature song, "Oklahoma!"



Laurey (Jaclyn Hugg) and Ado Annie (Morgan Leverett) discuss Annie's problems in the song "I Cain't Say No."



After Laurey turns down Curley's offer, he takes Gertie (Kate Baumert) to the party. Gertie's laugh was one of the more memorable aspects of the musical.



At the box social, Ike (Ben Young) sings "The Farmer and the Cowman." That scene opened Act II and was one the cast worked on the longest to get the choreography.



Jud Frey (Matt Erkel) and Curley argue about who will take Laurey to the box social.



Even though she is engaged to Will Parker (Josiah Bushlack) Ado Annie gets a Persian good-bye from the peddler, Alli Hakim (Marty Conklin).



Laurey and Curley work out their problems as they sing "People Will Say We're in Love."