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SUMMER'S COMIN'!!!

THE JOB MARKET

by Tegan Reves

Summer... Many of us are excited for the fun in the sun. No more school work, no more teachers, no more stress. But for a lot of people summer means more hours for work. There are many odd jobs that people do over the summer ranging from indoors with your parents to out at the Marion Pool.

Detassling is one job that many of us have experienced and is usually reserved for the younger kids, but it is a great way to earn a lot of money. Some complain about the hard work but people like Stephanie Petchulot have a lot of fun. There are a lot of people who are getting jobs through their parents or by other connections they have found. While there will be three Marion students working at the marion pool, ice cream shops are always a plus if you can resist the urge to eat it all the time. From inside the cool air conditioning to outside teaching kids, there are many jobs available. Summer isn't all the fun in the sun that we used to have. We are growing up and starting to get paid.

MATT ERKEL- "I HAVE TO EARN MONEY FOR COLLEGE BECAUSE MY PARENTS WON'T GIVE ME ANY. Also, I'd like to go someplace WARM."

STEPHANIE ROGERS- "Play softball all summer and hopefully go back to state. Also go to Russia."

SUMMER PLANS

Anna Kalkwarf

The weather is getting warmer, the birds are chirping, and everyone seems to be much more vibrant these days. Before we know it that final school bell will ring and yes, it's SUMMER TIME!!! So what are you going to do? Will you sit on your butt all day watching T.V. and eating chips? Will you be in a sport? Will you travel all over the world? Here's some plans of students at Marion High School:

Nick Holub- "Work CONSTRUCTION, NOT GET INTO TROUBLE AND fish A LOT."

MR. WIKERT- "BE UP HERE MOST OF THE TIME like I always am and do some work on the farm."

ROYCE KENSINGER- "Chill with my doggs."

KRIS RENAAS- "Work, play soccer, go to volleyball camps, enjoy the sun."

STEVE STRAUB- "GET A GOOD job and make my first 3.26 million dollars."

COACH PERKINS- "Run kids to softball, LOTS of fishing, and weight room duty."

MATT BOQUIST- "Sleep."

Libby McGuire- "Go to South Padre Islands and hopefully Mexico too. Work, swim and party."

Kyle Olson- "PARTY HARDY!"

BRETT FORKNER- "STAY OUT OF TROUBLE AND HAVE A GOOD TIME AT THE SAME TIME."

Nick Livingston- "Visit my brother in England."

MATT WYCOFF- "Play baseball and go to Okoboji for the 4th of July."

NORETTA GRIFFITH- "Go to New York and Florida. Visit the University of Miami and spend time with my aunt and uncle in California."

TARA COLVIN- "Maybe move to Waterloo."

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LEAVING WITH THE CLASS OF 2000

"I chose education because I always had an interest in working with students- both from a teaching and coaching aspect. Prior to becoming a principal I taught for twelve years," said Mr. Doyle. He has worked as a principal for fifteen years in six different school districts. In Iowa he worked as a principal at Kanawha, Fort Madison, West Burlington, Wapello and Marion as well as Bering Strait School District in Alaska. Prior to Mr. Doyle's principalship he taught for twelve years. He had a variety of part-time jobs working his way through college. He decided to come to Marion because of



the good size and reputation of the Marion School District. The location in the Metro area was also a factor in his decision. He doesn't wish to change anything about his experience at Marion. He's had a "great" experience and says the staff, students, and community have all been very supportive. "At this point in my life, I want to take some time off. I have spent 27 years working in the education field and it is just time for a change," explains Mr. Doyle. He will continue to do some traveling and golfing and will now get to spend more

time with his family, and also continue to support and attend Marion High School activities. When asked if his family members have opinions or influences on his decision he responded, "I think my family members understand the time commitment I have made as an educator. They are supportive of my decision, and I think they are hoping to see more of me. I don't think I have lost interest, I'm just now able to spend less time. I don't think I wanted to commit to the time it takes to do the job." Mr. Doyle wishes that Marion will continue to prosper as a school district. "I believe we are making progress and continue to have a highly respected school."

CAN YOU SPELL FUN?

by Jon Lien

Why even bother going out this summer when you're just going to end up back home anyway? I have compiled an intense list of fun; the type of fun that is friendly to your home environment, the type of fun that turns hours into seconds- life becomes a gigantic swirl of glee and memories.

Enough anticipation. The time is now...

-Hold your index fingers end to end a few inches away from your peepers to see with. If you focus on some object or hallucination in the background, a fuzzy sausage shape will appear in front of you. Try to eat it and then run away into a dark shadow of your mind.

-Write down the sentence "Tiddly winks is a tiny bit silly" really fast without dotting the i's or crossing the t's. Find out what tiddly winks is and go pick a fight with your family. After this see if you can

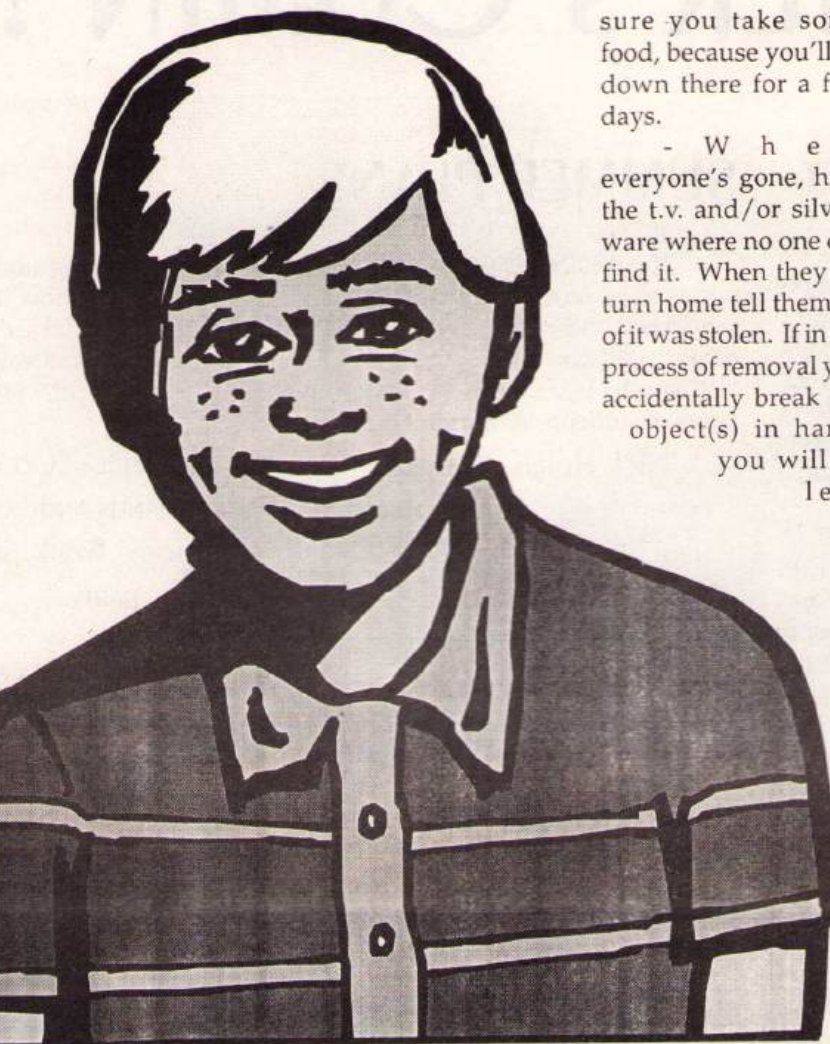
find places to hide in the walls.

-Make your house into an obstacle course. Put a table or chair in the middle of your living room and crawl under it several times.

-When everyone is asleep, put your mouth up next to a vent and hum a song from a commercial or the circus. Hide under your bed covers when you hear everyone start to cry or throw-up. Pretend to be asleep for the rest of the night.

-Close your eyes and press your fingers into them really hard. You should begin to see "dancing specks". The real trick is if you pretend they are lice, your head will start to itch.

-Start an ant farm. Hide a big pile of sugar and syrup under your



bed where your parents can't see it. After a few days you'll notice an almost alarming amount of ants feeding on the bait- shut the door in your room and you've

got your very own ant farm.

-Play a trick on your parents. Tell them you're going to the library, then go hide in the basement. Make

sure you take some food, because you'll be down there for a few days.

-When everyone's gone, hide the t.v. and/or silverware where no one can find it. When they return home tell them all of it was stolen. If in the process of removal you accidentally break the object(s) in hand, you will be less

cardboard jug of milk and let it sit in room temperature conditions until it is thoroughly expired. Jab a stick into the middle-side and cut out a square or circle shape above it. Go hang it in a tree outside- if a bird eats the curdles and then looks at you and winks, it is happy. If it falls to the ground and dies, you either made the bird house wrong or the bird was old.

DEAR VOX
staff,

Thank you for the excellent coverage of all of the music activities that have occurred this year. Your reporting has kept us in the eye of the student body. We very much appreciate your support of our efforts. Congratulations on finding a place for all student groups in the school paper. Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Freese

The Vox

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THE WAY I SEE IT

As you start your high school experience, you tend to choose the friends that you will spend a majority of the next four years with. Some, you have already known from grade school others you will meet at the high school. Either way the true friends you choose at the beginning of your four years are their at the end. I was fortunate enough to pick some pretty good ones that have stuck together throughout our four years of high school. Matt Messerli, Nick Schuver, Jared Steger, Ryan Young, Joey Akers, Aaron Stewart and I have formed ties that will hopefully last much longer than just our high school years. I knew most of these guys from elementary school and up, from Starry to Vernon and now. I've known Nick since preschool. I then met Matt at Starry. Joey was at Starry as well but I didn't really get to know him until about 9th grade. Aaron and Jared went to Emerson, but our paths crossed at Vernon Middle School

where I also met Ryan, who had been going to school in Cedar Rapids until that point.

It was during high school though that our friendship really grew strong. We've done a lot of stuff together from playing sports together to just hanging out. Sports have brought some of the highest highs and lowest lows for our group. For the first couple of years we all played AAU-Salvation Army basketball together. During that time there is one memory to me that shines out and I'm sure that it does to the others as well. When we won the Championships of Pool B at the Independence tournament. We even sang, "We are the Champions of Pool B." What made it even better and more meaningful was that to do it we beat Linn Mar on a last second three pointer by Ben Bailey. It was great, just like the NCAA tournament as we jumped off the bench and stormed the court. Also at this tourney one of the memorable quotes was said. I will refer to different quotes throughout this article. It was halftime of one of our games and we had made a little run at the end of the half and as we were huddled during the half Messerli speaks up with the now famous "We got momentum." Now I don't know why exactly it is that this particular quote stands out

and maybe it doesn't to the others but to me for some reason it sticks out. Needless to say we won that game.

Another AAU moment, that wasn't exactly that great, but everybody remembers was when I had a wide open breakaway lay up that somehow got blocked pretty badly. Now I don't agree, but the rest of the guys will tell you that it flew all the way to half court. I don't believe this for one second though, kind of like how they claim that I spiked the ball and it almost hit the ceiling in a JV game. Needless to say, I was rewarded with my first technical for that one.

After AAU we moved to the high school ranks and Stew got moved up to Sophomore team as a Freshman. I can remember sitting at the top of the bleachers with the rest of the guys and yelling for Stew. We would yell STEW and people thought that we were booing. Then Nick made a Stew for President sign and they took it from us.

Athletics has brought our group of friends some great moments and also some low moments.

You really realize what kind of friends you have when you go through a

tough time like many of us have gone through during different athletic activities. Now out of respect for the coaches I will leave the sports nameless although most will know what I'm talking about. Joey and I became better friends after going through constant torment and belittlement during one of the sports I'm talking about. Joey and I did about all we could, but it never seemed to be enough. At this point, I didn't think that I would be going through the same thing later on in my life, but I did. Only this time it was a different sport and Ryan and Jared joined me. In what for me was the hardest athletic season of my life the three of us went through some very trying times. Again no matter what we did it was never enough. The three of us were always in it together. I suppose in this instance you could call us the Triple Threat. Because no matter what anybody says, we were a threat and everybody knows it.

Enough about that though, let's talk about the good times that have happened during this senior year. Where do I start, how about Stews

campouts or anything at Stews period. Doing stuff at Stews has always brought good memories. Whether it's Steger attempting to get "Pork Chops" from cows or who could forget the MaNamana incident. Now I know Stew claims that it never happened but Stew my friend it happened, and just for you I'm going to give you the whole dialogue right here; The phone rings, Stew answers and then hangs up. "Who was it Stew," "I don't know they said Manamana and hung up." Then Jared said, "So let me get this straight you picked up the phone and they said "Manamana" and hung up." Stew: "Oh yeah and check your email." Nice try Stew. Oh my gosh, I almost forgot now that I'm talking about events from our senior year. I need to add another person to the list of friends in this article. At the end of our freshman year I met someone who would end up playing a big part in my life. At this point I didn't know it, but I would soon find out. Of course the person I'm talking about has turned out to be one of my best friends, this person is Kristin Popovics. Now it would be wrong to say that we've never had our differences because we've had plenty. In the end though, we've made it through and have become the best of friends. I am very thankful that I met and have gotten to know Kristin, it was the best move I could have ever made.

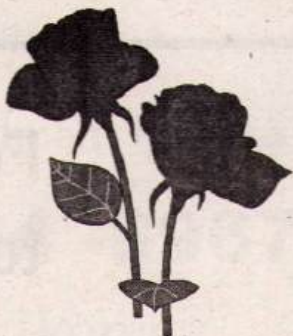
As we all move on to another phase in our lives I'm sure that we will all remember all of the events that shaped our high school lives. Although there have been times where we have disagreed I am glad that I have made the decisions that I have made in choosing my friends. I can only hope that I am able to stay in contact with all of them throughout our college lives. If for some reason this is not possible then I will be thankful that I have had a chance to know all of them and will never forget the bonds that have been formed between us over the last four years.



At prom, the senior boys gathered for one of their last group photos.

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Little did they know that tragedy was about to strike as a few seconds later, Jared fell from the Mayan heights. The police are still investigating one main suspect. In order to protect her anonymity, we shall only call her "C. Martin."

Always ready for fun, seniors Joey Akers, Matt Messerli, Jared Steger and Matt Haddy made it to the top of the Great Pyramid at Chitzen Itza.



COMPETITIVE SPEECH

By: Ashley Corbin

Keokuk was swamped last month with many high school speech champion hopefuls. The qualifiers went to the state speech competition to perform for many judges and other acting students. Proudly bringing home the following awards are:

District Individual Speech

II Rating

Jessica Scheer- Prose
Ann Cannon- Spontaneous Speaking
Stephanie Law- Spontaneous Speaking
Crissie Wood- Acting and Prose

STATE Individual Speech

II Rating

Lisa Slatten- Acting and Literary Program
David Stulken- Improvisation

STATE Individual Speech

I Rating

Heidi Hanel- Storytelling
Kate Baumert- Storytelling and Prose
Meghan Redd- Literary Program
Ben Young- Literary Program
Missi Watt- Storytelling
Marty Conklin- Poetry
Sarah Hansen- Acting and Improvisation

All-STATE SPEECH

Kate Baumert
Meghan Redd

Empty Bowls 99-00

By: Nick Schuver

Empty Bowls is an international service-learning project dedicated to feeding the hungry. Ceramic students create and donate bowls to be sold, with the proceeds going to organizations fighting hunger. The idea was started in 1991 in Michigan and has since spread to all fifty states and to many countries outside the U.S. Millions of dollars have already been raised for food banks.

For the 99-2000 campaign there are 38 different participants, including 25 HS/MS, 7 professional potters, 3 colleges, 1 penitentiary, 1 adult education facility and 1 senior residential center. The high schools include all C.R. schools. Linn-Mar schools, and, of course, Marion schools.

Quiz Bowl RETURNS

by Matt Messerli

After a two-year layoff, Marion High School is organizing another academic competition squad. So far, fifteen students have signed up to try-out for the twelve available spots.

Mrs. Braun, the Quiz Bowl organizer, took 3 teams of 4 to Wapsie Valley HS in Fairbank on April 15. "We try to get the kids together and practice

twice a week during seminar. Sometimes, though, it's tough to work around everyone's busy schedules," she commented.

The Quiz Bowlers practice by playing Trivial Pursuit. "I like the competition," remarked senior Ty Turner. Lenny Oberbroeckling said, "Questions that challenge the mind are always fun for me."

Marion alone has donated 510 bowls to the project. Total, the empty bowls project has donated 2,133 as of 3/14/00.

The empty bowls project has dated back to 1996, when MHS donated 35 bowls and raised \$70.00 dollars. Since then, Marion joined other groups and from a time span of 1996-1999 \$14,220.00 dollars has been raised for area food banks.

The empty bowls project has even brought attention from the capitol, when the first lady of Iowa, Mrs. Vilsack, visited MHS on March 23 and purchased a couple bowls.

STUDENT SENATE

by Matt Messerli

The school year is winding down, and that means that Student Senate elections are here. Each respective candidate gave their speech on May 3rd. Here are each class' results:

10TH GRADE

President- Jessica Clark
V.President-Nick Livingston
Secretary- Will Eggers
Treasurer- Josh Ivey
At-Large- Royce Kensinger

11TH GRADE

President- Doug Cloven
Vice-President-Rachel Eagle
Secretary-Tegan Reeves
Treasurer-Pete Messerli
At-Large-Bryan Ryther

12TH GRADE

President-Sam Ehlinger
V.President-Brad Feickert
Secretary-Amanda Carson
Treasurer-Julie Straub
At-Large-Jaclyn Hugg

In other news, a Thespians/Student Senate Dance is being planned for mid-May. This will give the seniors an opportunity to have one final big dance before their graduation.

Seven senior Student Senate members will be hanging it up this year after a long run in office. Matt Erkel, Matt Messerli, Morgan Leverett, Kari Reynolds, Jesse Kensinger, Sherry Hoover, and Josiah Bushlack have all served as senior class officers for two or more years. Adam Shelley was elected to office this year and has done a nice job as Senior Class Treasurer. Student Senate Vice President and Senior Secretary Morgan Leverett had this to say: "I was honored to be elected into Student Senate four times. I did my best to live up to the expectations my class set for me."

Student Senate did a great job this year of representing Marion High School. Next year promises to be another good year.

SODA

by Jared Steger

On May 9 the Freshmen SODA members along with the Jr. High took a road trip to

Adventureland. The Junior and Senior officers enjoyed a lunch in with the Linn-Mar officers at the Longbranch on May 9. At this lunch individuals recieved a plaque recognizing them for being in SODA. SODA will also be having a pizza party for the end of the year.

WAMAC ART 2000

by Ashley Corbin

Art scholars from area high schools met in the Independence Civic Center on April 11, for an art workshop/competition. Students got involved by creating outstanding works of art throughout the school year. Art teachers Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Hoyt, and Mrs. Thilges hand picked a selected few works of art and submitted them into the contest. The Marion students went on the trip to present their artwork to art directors, high school art teachers, and over 140 other students also attending.

Over 10 workshops were held throughout the morning portion of the gathering. Artists from all around came and showed students samples of their work and briefly talked about themselves, their hobbies and careers. Students attended a total of three different workshops which they had selected themselves beforehand.

The second portion of the day was the awards ceremony. The artwork was grouped in categories and was judged by many skilled art critics. Marion was awarded the following: Michele Hanson~ 1st place Colored Pencil
Amy Lethum~1st place Ceramics
Ashley Corbin~ 1st place Commercial
ArtTom Beimer~ 1st place Computer Graphics
Bill Thomas~ 1st place Digital Imaging
Jon Lein~ 1st place Experimental Photography
Marty Conklin~ 1st place Mixed Media, 2nd place Sculpture
Angie Griffith~ 2nd place Computer Graphics
Eddie Rose~ 2nd place Fiber Arts
Jimmy Heslop~ 3rd place Computer Graphics

Michelle Hanson and Ashley Corbin took home the prestigious award, "Best of Show". The two girls each received a plaque and were featured in the Independence newspaper. Congratulations to these winners and we hope for another great turnout next year.

WIN WITH WELLNESS

The Win With Wellness team finished up all the the projects they've spent time planning for. The positive self-concept group had inspirational quotes put in the announcements and had a teacher appreciation day. The exercise group had a Tae Kwan Do session in gym class and went to Emerson to help with the gym classes. Everyone on the team filled out forms and got all of their pictures together to make a book of everything they did this year. Jaclyn Hugg worked very hard to put the final product

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A MAGIC MOMENT

by Amanda Carson

This year's prom was held on April 15, in the old gym. The theme was This Magic Moment. Everyone that attended was said to have had a great time. Morgan Leverett said, "I was really impressed about how professional all of the decorations looked. I had a lot of fun and I think everything went very smoothly." The seniors were mostly all surprised when they got to the Grand March on Saturday afternoon.

The DJ's for the evening were Rock and Thunder Productions. The juniors received a few comments saying that they could have been better, but for the most part were pretty good.

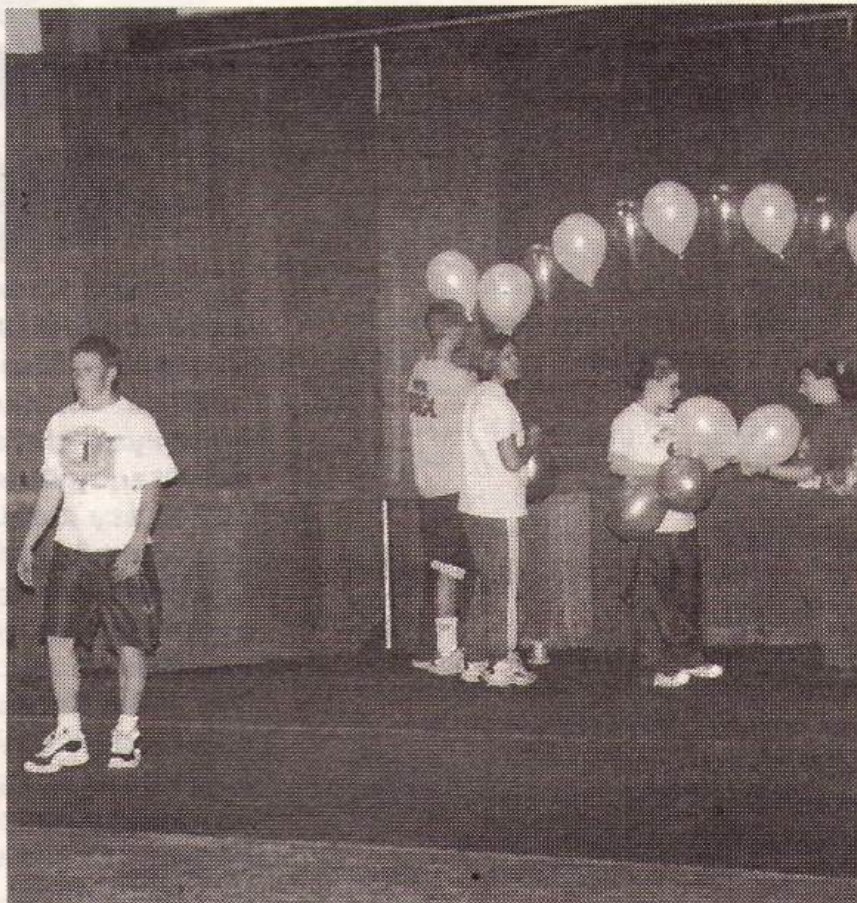
Once again Read Photography was here and for the first time offered keychains for \$10. Many people thought this was a nice thing to have, because you got them that night.

A few of the most popular

places for dinner were, Iowa River Power Company, Collins Plaza, Top of the Five, The Brown Bottle and Teddy's. Anna Kalkwarf said "If there is a place that you really want to go to for dinner, then you need to make your reservations early, otherwise you might not be able to get in."

This year there was a new announcer for the Grand March, Mr. McMahn. He prepared a very nice speech that he recited to the crowd. The speech brought many parents and teachers to tears.

Many big prizes were given out at post prom again this year. Some of the lucky recipients were Jesse Kensinger who won a microwave, Joey Akers who won a bike, Ryan Young who won a TV/VCR, Julie Straub won a TV, and Travis Barnes won a CD stereo.



During prom preparation, the juniors worked at a variety of tasks. One that took longer than expected was putting together the balloon arches.

TEACHER PROM MEMORIES:

HOW THE TIMES HAVE CHANGED

Compiled by Amanda McGrew

Our theme was "Stairway to Heaven". We made our own dresses and only the snobby people got tuxes. There was no such thing as post prom so we just went to somebody's house for breakfast. Instead of a D.J. we had an actual live band. We didn't have to buy tickets and there were no photographers to take our pictures. Instead of going out to dinner we had a meal at the dance which was served to us by the sophomores. -Mrs. Young

I went with my cousin and while we were taking pictures a bird pooped on my tuxedo. -Mr. Fontenot

I made my own dress in home economics class. -Mrs. Gibbs

I wore a polyester powdered blue leisure suit. -Mr. Clark

The band that played at my prom was also on the "Johnny Carson Show." -Mr. Ferguson

On prom night it rained and my shoes bled all over my dress. -Mrs. Johnson

I dumped my girlfriend so I could go with another girl but then I ended up marrying the girl I dumped. -Mr. Weisinger

Seven days before prom my dated dumped me and I had to find another date. -Madame Fredrickson

There was no such thing as prom at my high school. -Mrs. Jackson

I had to leave my junior prom early because my curfew was midnight but unfortunately the dance lasted until two. I took the girl who ended up being my wife to both my junior and senior prom. After senior prom my date and I went to a movie. It was all night Elvis "Blue Hawaii." -Mr. Bailey

There were only 25 people and nobody had a date. We all just went stag. -Mrs. Braun

For my senior year I was going to school at Navy Base in Japan. We had prom at an officers club. -Mr. Fish

I went out to eat and we were so late that when we came back the dance was over. -Mrs. Quinn

Instead of going out for dinner we made dinner for our dates. -Mr. Ehresman

ONE MAN'S PROM

by Matt Erkel

As most of you already know this year I took a rather unorthodox approach to finding a prom date. The process began with a problem. I didn't have a date. Which was a surprise to no one. Rather than subject myself to possible let down I decided to make posters with my picture and a plea for a date. Being as I am not one to shy away from attention posters seemed perfect. But I knew posters alone would not cut it most people would think it was a joke (many still do). So decided to try and get the Gazette involved. I wanted to get my story printed in something that a lot of people read but I had to settle for the Youth Plus. When I told them my idea they seemed more excited than I was. They set aside two cover stories they were working on and put me on the next week's cover. That way I could have more time to receive responses and get my web site setup. The web site was the way most people applied. Thanks to Victor Reynolds for constructing and maintaining the site. Datewithmatt.cjb.net got over 600 hits in less than three weeks. As a result of the Youth Plus article I was asked to be on KHAK and KJFK the next day. I had an awesome time everyone was really nice. KHAK got me a free tux, flowers and dinner. After I received about fifty replies I decided it was time for me to pick a date. The lucky lady was Katie Ryan a freshman a Kirkwood. I had a great time and wouldn't change a thing about my senior prom. Well it would have been nice to get a free limo



SENIOR

"Last summer when Boquist, M. Balvanz, Pogg, Ken, and A. Balvanz surprised me at my house and tricked me to come outside and kidnapped me. They took me to Balvanz's pool and threw me in with my clothes on. They left and were going to try to kidnapp Morgan and I ran home soaking wet. They saw me and before I got inside they did it again!"

Lindsey Schneider

"Sherry's notorious fifth grade birthday party! Enough said.

Kari Reynolds

"A day when we got dismissed early from school because of snow and a bunch of us went sledding at Thomas Park. Nicole Burrell came dressed in probably more than six layers of clothes and looked like a snowman. It was so funny to watch her try to walk up the hill. She could barely get up!"

Abby Kosek

It became a tradition for the wrestling cheerleaders to spend ALL day Saturday, every Saturday eating and hanging out. Many Saturday nights we spent at the Hockey games. One night while waiting to talk to the players, a near by admirer tried to strike up a conversation with Morgan. As she politely acted interested in his "wallet contents" Sherry was quickly brainstorming how to get Morgan out of this situation. Sherry said that she had to get home, Jamie quickly added to the realization of how "late" Sherry was going to be, but "funny" Nicole announced that we had plenty of time and she invited him and his "shadow" of a friend to come along with us. We ran for the door leaving Nicole to eat her own words, as we did so our new "friend" remembered that he forgot to ask us for our names. The next thing we knew they were right behind us yelling things like, "Look at me go, look at the speed, I am going to be Washington's quarterback next year." He is saying this as we are gaining ground, running in the snow. Finally we all split in different directions and made it safely back to the car!

Nicole, Nitasha, Morgan, and Sherry

"The last weekend of summer a bunch of people went over to Josh Nelson's house. He has an above ground pool with an attached deck. The stairs are really steep and wet from the pool. Kari O, Lindsey, and I were walking down and I slipped and slid down on my butt the whole way. Kari came to see if I was okay and fell the exact same way!"

Abby Kosek

Austin Akers	Early Grad
Joey Akers	Kirkwood
Mason Akers	work
Brent Albaugh	Kirkwood
Bryan Albrecht	Kirkwood
Stacey Alderson	Kirkwood
Misty Aldrich	Kirkwood
Andy Appleby	Kirkwood
Julie Atkinson	Coe
Kayla Bahl	UNI
Ben Bailey	UNI
Mike Balvanz	Kirkwood
Charlie Barnes	Iowa
Shaunna Barnes	work
Kathy Barrett	Florida
Joe Barrow	work
Nick Bast	Early Grad
Emily Baumert	Luther
Tanya Bean	Early Grad
Natalie Berg	Cornell
Kris Boggess	Kirkwood
Mike Boquist	Kirkwood
Courtney Brinkman	Kirkwood
Chad Brown	Early Grad
Alex Buckhaultner	Early Grad
Nicole Burrell	Iowa
Breonna Bursovsky	Kirkwood
Josiah Bushlack	UNI
Meagan Clark-Hansen	Iowa
Amber Clarke	Kirkwood
Heather Clarke	Kirkwood
Jamie Clark	Cornell
Marty Conklin	Iowa State
Adam Cooley	Kirkwood
Elissa Crow	Kirkwood
Eva Delbos	return to Germany
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Naomi Downey	work
Andy Dvorsky	work
Matt Erkel	St. Ambrose
Liz Esch	undecided
Adam Fisher	Iowa
Nitasha Fish	UNI
Amy Gelski	Kirkwood
Kelli Girdner	Iowa State
Noretta Griffith	Iowa
Cathy Grosskreutz	Kirkwood
Matt Haddy	Iowa
Mary Hansen	returning to MHS
Michele Hanson	undecided
Joey Haugsted	work
Bill Hoke	Iowa
Robby Holder	work
Sherry Hoover	UNI
Jeremiah Howe	Iowa
Roger Hughes	Kirkwood
Jimena Hurtado	return to Argentina
Cory Jones	early grad
Sara Jones	Kirkwood
Jesse Jordan	early grad
Nick Joyce	work

PLANS

Aaron Kacere	work
Brendan Kelley	Iowa
Kristin Kelsey	early grad
Jesse Kensinger	Iowa
Brian Kinnaird	Drake
Josh Klein	work
Abby Kosek	Coe
Rachel Kramer	early grad
Aaron Lehrman	Indian Hills Community College
Morgan Leverett	Northwestern College
Andrea Lien	early grad
Elise Martin	UNI
Jesse McDannald	Kirkwood
Amanda McGrew	Kirkwood
Emily Meader	early grad
Matt Messerli	Mt. Mercy
Will Miller	early grad
Lucianna Mills	early grad
Mike Murray	Iowa
Amanda Nielsen	Kirkwood
Lenny Oberbroeckling	Northwestern Ill.
Megan Osborn	Iowa State
Jerry Owens	work
Kari Ozburn	Kirkwood
Jenny Parks	Kirkwood
Karen Pasker	Capri
Emily Pease	Iowa State
Lisa Peiffer	work
Chris Poggenpohl	work
Terra Pogue	Kirkwood
Kristin Popovics	Holy Cross
Stacy Potter	Iowa State
Sean Quaid	work
Cyndi Raftis	returning to MHS
Kari Reynolds	Cornell
Jenny Scheer	UNI
Lora Schmidt	Kirkwood
Lindsey Schneider	Kirkwood
Rob Schneider	Kirkwood
Sara Schroeder	Loras
Nick Schuver	Kirkwood
Marcy Senniger	William Penn
Adam Shelley	undecided
Sarah Sjulín	Kirkwood
Lisa Slatten	Iowa State
Dan Stalkfleet	Iowa
Jared Steger	Kirkwood
Aaron Stewart	Luther
Steve Straub	Kirkwood
Landis Thompson	Iowa State
Josh Tibodeau	Iowa
Derek Turner	early grad
Ty Turner	Brigham Young University
Ken Ware	Coe
Ashlea Warrick	Kirkwood
Devin Watt	Kirkwood
Kelly Weaver	UNI
Molly Weber	Iowa State
Cari Winch	Iowa
Matt Wycoff	Coe
Ben Young	Iowa State
Ryan Young	Iowa

"Jesse Kensinger's famous line -
1...2...3...Ohh...Ahh"

Kari Reynolds & Morgan Leverett

"In fifth grade, Lindsey and I used to have 'pillow-butt Olympics' in her kitchen."

Kari Reynolds

"Homecoming this year when all the girls spent the night at Kari Reynold's house and the senior guys G-P'd her house. We went outside and they all ran up and sprayed shaving cream all over us. It was a huge shaving cream fight."

Sherry Hoover

"The night I sold (at drug town) shaving cream and toilet paper to Ken, Boquist, Pog, and McDannald, and came out to find my truck completely destroyed."

Kari Reynolds

"One night Lindsey and I went to Shopko to visit Mike Boquist at work. We were talking to him, then started playing with these squishy balls. So I decided to peg one at Mike and actually it was another worker! Lindsey and I took off running!"

Kari Ozburn

"One night during this summer, Amanda McGrew, Nicole Burrell, and I went to five different parties and didn't know anyone except my older cousin! It was fun!"

Kari Ozburn

"Freshman year in science Joli was playing with my desk pulling me over once when I told her to stop, she was going to flip me over. Just then she pulled really hard and flipped me over my desk in the middle of Mr. Dewees's science class. I will never forget the way he stuck his long neck out from his desk to give me "the look".

Sherry Hoover

The time Nick Schuver, Jared Steger, and I were driving down th Avenue and some Linn Mar kids ran up beside my car and punched Jared and I in the face and ran away. Jared and I looked at each other and Jared said "Dude, I just got punched," and I said, "Me too!"

Joey Akers

"When Lindsey and I went swimming at Mike Balvanz's house last summer...enough said!"

Morgan Leverett

"At our hotel in Des Moines after a sophomore basketball tournament, we were sleeping and Jared Steger, Matt Haddy, Nick Schuver, Coach Miller, and I were rudely woken up at 2:00 am by Ryan Young watching "Ace Ventura2".

Joey Akers

THE SPRING PLAY:

THE DINING ROOM

The spring play was *The Dining Room*. It was performed the 28th and 29th of April. The cast for this year's spring play was augmented by 19 students from VMS. The play showed the varied importance of the dining room in different times in American history from the thirties to the present. It was meant to show how few people still use the dining room. There was a time in American history when people would all sit down at a table and eat in a room devoted to eating. The play didn't just focus on the dining room. Other issues discussed included homosexuality, divorce, drug use, extra-marital affairs and much more.



EXPERIENCING RUSSIA

by Sam Ehlinger

The time has come again, and it is time for another group of Russian scholars to make the long trip to Russia. Every other year since 1986 a group of Marion High school Russian students have gone overseas with Mr. Virlee, to witness, first hand the amazing Russian culture. Our school has been very blessed to have Mr. Virlee, not only has he taught the language at our school for 17 years. But has been willing to take a group of students over for a once in a life time experience. "I've been waiting for four years to take this trip, and the excitement of it is making me overlook all my graduation stuff".

During their almost two week stay the students will be traveling by planes, trains, and busses to the cities of Frankfurt, Moscow, and St. Petersburg. They will be witnessing some of the most famous sights in Russia. St. Basil's Cathedral, the fa-

mous Moscow circus, and the Great Gulf of Finland are just some of the many things they will experience. The students that will be attending the 2000 Summer Russian trip are:

Natalie Berg
Neil Allen
Leighann Freeman
Doug Cloven
Rachel Fuchs
Adam Moling
Heidi Hannel
Marty Labs
Meghan Redd
Jamie Lane
Lynsey Rogers
Chris Reynolds
Stephenie Rogers
Rob Schneider
Crystal Schnider
Joel Southard
Sara Schroeder
Landis Thompson
Sara Spalti
Drew Virlee

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

by Joey Akers

Day 1- The Mexico trip began early on the morning of March 25th in the high school parking lot. It began suspiciously when the bus

flight, we boarded another bus and traveled to Merida. Most of the group was exhausted, but we took a walk around the town square anyway. Our traveling was over, or so

united with our friends. We were told that the families would speak English, but few of them did. This made for interesting, strained, and very short conversations.

Day 3- This day started with a trip to Celestún where the group cruised around in motor boats looking at flamingos, alligators, and killer water snakes. We stopped to swim in a fresh water hole in the middle of what appeared to be a

day for traveling and during the afternoon we visited Chitzen Itza. The ruins there were very similar to those in Uxmal, but here we were able to climb one of the very steep pyramids. The rest of the day consisted of driving to Cancún and taking a ferry to reach the island of Isla Mujeres. We settled into our hotel rooms and spent some time bargaining in the marketplace. Day 6/7- Both of these days were free to the

students to wander the island of Isla Mujeres and spend their days as they pleased. While snorkeling and jet skiing were not options because of high wind and rough waves, there was still plenty of activities for everyone. Many

students



In the middle of a long day of traveling, the bus stopped at Ik Kil and the students decided to do some rock jumping. Here Jared Steger, Joey Akers, Matt Messerli, and Matt Haddy jump together as Jeremiah Howe watches.

driver began asking parents directions to Chicago. After an interesting and rather drawn out bus ride,

we thought.

Day 2- The second day consisted of a trip to Uxmal and an excursion of the ruins. Our guide, Edwin, explained much of what is known of the ancient civilizations that lived there. Later that night in Merida, we met our "families" that we would be staying with for the next 3 days. They took us to a local shopping mall and we re-



At the Hotel Pan America in Merida, the students pose with their "Mexican Families." These families were responsible for the student for 3 nights and even provided a feast on a day of relaxing.

we arrived safely at O'Hare, and we began our flight to Cancún. After the



At the ruins in Chitzen Itza, the group stops to listen to the guide, Edwin, as he explains the ancient hieroglyphics.

swamp. Before we returned to Merida we ate at La Palapa, a beach restaurant on the Gulf of Mexico. When we returned, our families took us to a town square in the heart of Mérida. Day 4- On Tuesday, all of the students and their families got together and the mothers fixed a traditional Mexican feast, and the students swam in the pool. Later that night we all went to the theater. The mothers watched "Stir of Echoes" and the students watched "The Hurricane." Surprisingly, the movies were in English with Spanish subtitles. Day 5- Wednesday was a

rented mopeds and golf carts to ride around the island, while others just laid out on the beach. The scenery was incredible and the beaches were full of white sand and beautiful women. These two days were the best days of the trip for most of the students. Day 8- This day was strictly for our return to the United States. We woke early in the morning and flew back to Chicago. Tired and weary from days of travel, we pulled into the high school parking lot at 5:30 in the afternoon on Saturday. The trip was over and as much fun as it was, all the students were more than happy to be home.

Nick Schuver



Name: Nick Schuver
Age: 17
Activity: Baseball
Past Season: Watching D a n Stalkfleet try to

psych out the pitcher when he yelled "I got it, I got it!" When he popped up to the pitcher.
Season Thrill: Going 3 for 4 against Xavier in the sub state final.
Starting Out: I played YMCA pitching machine when I was seven.
Advice for Newcomers: Try your hardest and believe in yourself.
Favorite Weekend Memory: Driving by Haddy's house at 2:00 in the morning with Matt Messerli and Ryan Young and honking the horn.
Favorite Saying: "I used to be with it. Then they changed what it was. Now, what I'm with isn't it anymore and what's it is strange and scary to me."
Favorite Snack: Steamed hams
If you could do anything what would it be? Sew Ryan's head to my

carpet!
Biggest Influence: Ross Omar "The Tazmanian Devil"
College/Future Plans: Attend Kirkwood then transfer to Iowa.

Ben Young



Name: Ben Young
Age: 18
Activity: Tennis
Past Season: Long bus rides to a way meets

conversing with my friends.
Season Thrill: Winning doubles matches.
Starting out: I could not get the ball to go where I wanted it to. Now I have "mastered" shot placement.
Advice for Newcomers: Just keep swinging.
Favorite Saying: If you lived here you would be home by now.
Favorite SNACK: Pringles
If you could do anything, what would it be? Fly a jet plane.
Biggest Influence: My employer of three years

College/Future Plans: Go to ISU major in meteorology and become an officer in the airforce.

Jared Steger



Name: Jared Steger
Age: 18
Activity: Baseball
Past Season: Beating Vinton, the defending

State champs, and winning districts for the second year in a row.
Season Thrill: Hitting a homerun in the district game against Indee.
Starting Out: Playing Baseball at the YMCA
Advice for Newcomers: What you can be is more important than what you have been.
Favorite Weekend Memory: Anything at Stew's.
Favorite Saying: WHAT?!?!
Favorite Snack: Pizza rolls.
If you could do anything, what would it be? I would be just like Mike Balvanz, he is at the top of the world and if you look under "elite" in the dictionary it says, "Mike Balvanz".

Biggest Influence: Mike Balvanz
College/Future Plans: Move into an apartment with Nick Schuver, Mike Balvanz, and Joey Akers. Then I plan to transfer to Iowa.

Josiah Bushlack



Name: Josiah Bushlack
Age: 18
Activity: Tennis
Past Season: When I went for a slam in practice

and wiffed. I swung so hard that my racquet flew out of my hand and bounced off the court and came back and hit me in the face.
Season Thrill: The 4 van rides a year to Camanche just to get beat and come back home.
Starting Out: I played my brother in the street and we used a line for the net.
Advice for Newcomers: Don't let others put you down. Be who you want to be and live life to the fullest.
Most of all believe in yourself.
Favorite Weekend Memory: My junior prom weekend.
Favorite Saying: Sharp is not sharper but it is the point of which the lead is after being sharpened.
Favorite Snack: String cheese
If you could do anything, what would it be? I would be a profes-

Ty Turner



Name: Ty Turner
Age: 17
Activity: Basketball, golf, baseball, and bowling.
Past Season: Golfing in sectionals.

Season Thrill: Nothing is thrilling at Marion.
Starting Out: I used to play in little league baseball.
Advice for Newcomers: Go out for four sports, if not interested in sports, be involved in extra curricular activities such as band, choir, or the clubs.
Favorite Weekend Memory: Spending all weekend with my two best buds and doing anything and everything.
Favorite Snack: Left over food from Arby's after closing.
If you could do anything, what would it be? Take a beautiful cruise in the caribbean with a special someone and witness a solar eclipse.
Biggest Influence: Parents
College/Future Plans: I am going to attend BYU major in computer science and do some acting.

Joey Akers



Name: Joey Akers
Age: 18
Activity: Baseball
Past Season: Hitting a home run against Washing-

ton after making three errors in the field.
Season Thrill: Winning a JV game (occasionally)
Starting Out: Playing baseball in the summer at the YMCA.
Advice for Newcomers: I have no advice. I suck at baseball.
Favorite Weekend Memory: Watching the state wrestling tournament in Des Moines this year.
Favorite Saying: "Up with hope, down with dope."
Favorite Snack: Cereal
If you could do anything, what would it be? Physically assault Jim Kelly!
Biggest Influence: Bill Buckner
College/Future Plans: Starting at Kirkwood and transferring to Iowa.
sional tennis player and win Wimbledon.
Biggest Influence: My older brother Johnse. He has been my idle all my life.
College/Future Plans: I plan to go to UNI and play intramural tennis and join the choir trip to London.

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Golf TEAMS MAKE ADVANCES

by Krisitn Popovics, Matt Haddy, Jared Steger

The Marion Girls Golf Team had their season-opening meet on Tuesday, April 12, against Anamosa at Fawn Creek golf course. The Indians lost the meet. Individual scores were: Libby McGuire 79, Kristin Popovics 54, Lindsey Rodgers 69, and Sara Schroeder 72. The next meet was at home against Vinton, where the girls again fell short of winning. Individual scores were: Kristin Popovics 55, Sara Schroeder 70, and Lindsey Rodgers 62. On Tuesday, April 26, the team competed in the Prairie Invitational. In the 18 hole tournament, Kristin Popovics shot a 104, Sara Schroeder 107, Libby McGuire 110, and

Lindsey Rodgers 111. The team placed 7th. The team has been hindered by a lack of players, having just enough girls to make a qualifying team.

The Marion Boys golf team is struggling of late having only won one dual against a very respectable Independence team. They have also played two 18 hole meets in which they placed 3rd at Washington Iowa lead by Ben Bailey with a 78 and Jared Steger had a 81. At the Maquoketa

tournament they placed 5th out of 8 teams and were lead by Pete Messerli 82. One thing that the Indians are not lacking is senior leadership which include Ben Bailey, Jared Steger, Matt Messerli, and Ty Turner. Other major contributors for the team include junior Justin Remington, and Sophomore Pete Messerli.

Marion placed 6th out of 8 teams at WaMaC. Ben Bailey placed 5th with a 77, Ty Turner fired an 83, Jared



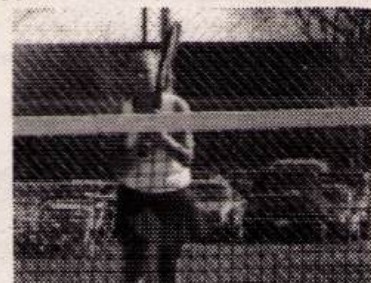
Steger 88, and Matt Messerli with an 89. Marion now goes on to districts at Maquoketa.

Girls TENNIS STRIKES FORWARD

by Tegan Reeves

Tennis Girls did great this year. With Mr. McNut coaching they won one out of their four games coming very close and improving on technique and form. Seniors Emily Pease and Jenny Scheer played doubles together, along with Eva Delbos and Lindsey Wright and advanced a lot since last year. Jenny says "Although we didn't win a lot we had a lot of fun and improved a lot!" The girls kept a very good attitude this year facing weathered out matches teams showing late and not having a bus, they missed a few of their competitions. Eva Delbos the foreign exchange student did well winning singles and working with Lindsey Wright to win doubles in many of their meets. The under-

classman also improved greatly Desiree Rouse came in with a hopeful attitude saying "I think the team will be great this year and all the hard work we have been doing will definitely pay off!" She was right Dezere ended up in the top ten of the team, playing singles and doubles with Kirsten Thompson. All in all the hard work really did pay off and tennis girls had a great season.



Boys TENNIS MAKES ADVANCES

by Josiah Bushlack

Marion played a close match against Mt. Vernon. Marion lost 3-6 but fought hard. The boys tennis team was down by one point with two matches to go. Unfortunately they lost them both knowing that if they both would have won, it would be the first win in four years. The next meet was the Camanche invite. Marion did all right but didn't bring any medals home this year. Marion did manage to get a sun burn though from playing tennis in the sun for seven hours straight. The team has made a major improvement throughout the season. It has been tough for the team with the new coach, couch Fuller

who doesn't know much about tennis did a great job this year as the coach. Our second match with Mt. Vernon proved success. Marion took the meet 5-4. The boys were down 2-4 going into the double matches. Marion had to win all three doubles matches to win the meet and they pulled it off. It was the first time Marion boys tennis won in about ten years. Coach was so proud that he treated the team to pizza the next day. Districts were held at Xavier but it was raining so after a couple of hours they moved to Westfield tennis courts indoors. The only winner at districts was Josiah Bushlack where he beat a guy from In-

dependence that he had lost to earlier on in the year. Marion finished with 2 points at districts and was not last. Marion beat Monticello and didn't get home until 6:00p.m. Every other year Marion usually is done by noon but not this year. The team celebrated a great year with coach Fuller after districts at Carlos O Kelley's. The Marion boys tennis team had a fun season.



Boys TRACK STAYS STRONG

by Jordan Immerfall

The Marion Track team took another positive step forward this spring, winning the Pekin relays. The Indians champions were the 4x800 relay, the Medley, and the 800m run. The 4x800 consisted of Taylor Heim, Ryan Young, Wes Waters, and Ken Ware. Winning in field events were Tyler Mayer in the High Jump and Jesse McDannald in the Long Jump. Other placewinners were Garret Wood getting 2nd in the 3200 and Jordan Immerfall placing 2nd in the 110 High Hurdles. Ken Ware got 2nd in the 400 lows and the 4x400 team of Dustin Rhodes, Mayer, Ware, and Koeppen. Placing 3rd was Rhodes in the 400m and the 4x1 with Kensinger, McDannald, Mayer, and Wycoff.

Marion then traveled to Manchester for the always tough Hawk Relays. Marion finished 4th

out of 8 teams. Marion's lone 1st place finish came from Tyler Mayer in the high jump. Marion took 2nd and 3rd place in the 400 hurdles with Mike Bouquist taking 2nd and Ken Ware taking 3rd. The Indian 4x800 team finished 2nd, as did the 1600m medley, and the 4x100m relay. Mike Balvanz took 3rd in the 800m and Dustin Rhodes got 4th in the 100.

The final meet of the regular season was Wamac, where the boys placed 3rd. McDannald took the long jump championship and placed second in the high jump. Mayer took 3rd in the high jump. The medley relay took first, the 4X800 placed third as did the 4X100 relay.

State qualifiers are the 4X100 relay, 4X800 relay, Tyler Mayer and Jesse McDannald in the high jump and Jesse McDannald in the long jump.

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Girls Track Heads TO STATE

The girls track team had two meets this year, the Coe Indoor, and the WaMaC Indoor at Cornell. At both of the meets team scores weren't kept, but the girls did well at both. Some top place finishers at Coe were, Holly Hansen in the 600 meter with a time of 1:53, and Anna Kalkwarf in the 55 meter with a time of 7.7 seconds. At WaMaC Michelle Petersen won the 55 meter hurdles at 9.02. Anna Kalkwarf won the 400 meter in 1.05 and won the 55 meter beating her Coe time and finishing in 7.6 seconds.

The girls outdoor season started on April 6 with the Marion Co-ed Early Bird. There were seven teams at the meet and Marion finished on top as a team. Relay leaders were Rachel Eagle, Leighann Freeman, Neanna Conklin and Michelle Petersen finished first in the shuttle hurdle relay with a time of 1:09. Sprint medley relay, Kristen Osborn, Kelly Weaver, Neanna Conklin and Anna Kalkwarf, received first with a time of 1:59. Michelle Petersen, Leighann Freeman, Neanna Conklin and Anna Kalkwarf won the 4x100 meter relay in 53.88 seconds. The distance medley relay finished second in 4:50. The relay included Kristen Osborn, Kelly Weaver, Sherry Hoover and Holly Hansen. The 4x200 meter relay with Kristen Osborn, Elizabeth Meader, Jana Bradley and Kelly Weaver received second with a time of 1:56. Lindsey Sanders Julie Straub, Kristen Curtis and Meghan Salmon finished third with a time of 11:26. The final relay of the night, the 4x400 meter relay, finished third with a time of 4:38. The runners included Holly Hansen, Jana Bradley, Rachel Eagle and Julie Straub.

After the Marion Early-Bird the girls headed to the Anamosa Early-Bird on April 11. Out of 9 teams the team finished 5th. The shuttle hurdle team, Eagle, Freeman, Karen Short, and Petersen, came in third. Kalkwarf finished first in the 100 meter and the 200 meter dash. Petersen finished third in the 100 meter hurdles. Bradley was second in the 400 meter hurdles. Petersen, Freeman, Conklin, and Kalkwarf finished first in the 4x100 meter relay.

On a cold April 17, the girls traveled to the Maquoketa Valley Invitational. The cold took its toll on the team and they

finished 8th out of 18 teams. Petersen won the 100 meter hurdles. Conklin, Elizabeth Meader, Freeman, and Kalkwarf got third in the sprint medley. Petersen, Freeman, Conklin, and Kalkwarf won the 4x100.

On April 25, the track team traveled to Vinton for the Vikette Relays. This was the first decent weather meet that the team experienced. Bradley, Freeman, Eagle, and Petersen got second in the shuttle hurdle relay. Petersen finished third in the 100 meter hurdles. Bradley was third in the 400 meter hurdles. The sprint medley was third, Conklin, Meader, Freeman, Kalkwarf.

On April 27 the track team hosted their first Invitational of the season. This year the team did very well, finishing fourth out of 12. Some top finishers were Petersen in the 100 meter hurdles, the sprint medley relay, Conklin, Meader, Freeman, and Kalkwarf and the 4x100 meter relay, Freeman, Kalkwarf, Conklin, and Petersen. Kalkwarf in the 100 meter received 2nd, and Bradley, Freeman, Eagle, and Petersen got second in the shuttle hurdle relay. Conklin got 2nd in the 200 meter dash. Bradley got third in the 400 meter hurdles.

The Independence Invitational on May 2, was the first meet the girls have won in a long time. Out of nine teams the girls won by a large margin. The shuttle hurdle relay consisting of Bradley, Eagle, Short and Freeman won. Freeman won the 100 meter hurdles. Petersen won the 400 hurdles, and the 4x100 meter relay won, Freeman, Meader, Conklin, and Weaver. Distance Medley got second, Osborn, Weaver, Hansen and Salmon. Petersen got second in the hundred meter dash. Kalkwarf received second in the 200 meter dash. Bradley got second in the 400 meter hurdles. Osborn, Short, Hoover and Weaver finished second in the sprint medley relay. The 4x800 meter relay consisting of Stevie Cummings, Sanders, Kristen Curtis and Ashley Podoll got third. Hoover got third in the 400 meter dash and Salmon got third in the 800 meter run.

The Mid-Prairie Co-ed Relays on May 7 was only the second co-ed meet of the year. The girls finished 3rd out of 8. The 4x100 team were the winners, Freeman, Kalkwarf, Weaver and Petersen. Freeman, Bradley, Weaver and Kalkwarf won the 4x200 meter relay. Bradley got second in the long jump, and third in the 400 meter hurdles. Bradley, Eagle, Freeman and Petersen got second in the shuttle hurdle relay. Kalkwarf got second in the 100 meter dash and Petersen got second in the 100 meter hurdles. Julie Straub finished third in the 800 meter run and Osborn finished third in the 200 meter dash. Eagle, Abby Peterson, Hansen and Osborn got third in the sprint medley, and Sanders, Leslie Nigg, Tara Colvin and Peterson finished third in the 4x400.

On May 8 the team had their District Meet in Vinton, and three relays made it to state. They were, 4x100- Freeman, Kalkwarf, Conklin and Petersen. Sprint medley-Conklin, Weaver, Freeman and Kalkwarf. The shuttle hurdle- Bradley, Freeman, Eagle and Petersen. Petersen also made it to state in the 100 meter hurdles.



Running the 4X800M relay at the Marion Invitational, Ryan Young hands off to Ken Ware.



Getting the hand-off for the second leg of the 4X100M relay, Kann Kalkwarf takes off.

NEW SOCCER PROGRAM GETS Off The Ground

This year the high school decided to make a girls and boys soccer team. In all years before if you wanted to play you would have to play on the Linn-Mar team. Enough people showed interest in soccer so Marion now has there own teams. The Girls have only had one game so far it was at Mount Vernon they lost eleven to zero. The boys have played Iowa City Regina at home and there.

At home they lost three to one and there they lost five to two. They played Mount Vernon at home and lost three to one. They played in Waterloo Columbus and lost seven to one. They also were at home and lost to Western Dubuque ten to one. In Benton they had there first victory with a score of four to zero. Then they were very close, but lost to Clinton three to four.



Against Anamosa, Candice O'Connell moves the ball back toward the Anamosa goal.



Running the third leg of the shuttle hurdle relay, Leighann Freeman takes off. The relay competed at State on May 19th-20th.

WHAT DOES YOUR CAR SAY About You???

by Ken Ware

People in Marion High School drive all sorts of cars. They drive fast cars, slow cars, old cars, and new cars. What this article is going to let you know is what is a good car and a bad car.

Well, let's get down to the point, a good car is always going to be one that is bought for you. Most people say this is the best car no matter what kind it is because you do not have to get a job. Unless you want to get a job to pay for the accessories or gas, or you could always have a gas card from your parents and hook people up, you know who you are. People who drive Blazers are smart people. They are dependable, unless yours only goes 5 miles per hour when it's floored. By going around the school and asking the students about the great cars in the parking lot the students reply the "Freshman Beetle," the "Black Jeep," "Freshman Pathfinder," "all the newer Cavaliers," and the "Eclipses." When a random selection of people were chosen in the school's cafeteria to tell what they thought was the "best car" in the parking lot, people were really partial to Michelle Hansen's Blue Olds' Cutlass. "Michelle's car is awesome" says Jeremy Wheat. "I like my car. I spent a lot of time on it and I think it's BAD A\$\$," Michelle Hansen.

We don't want to offend anyone by naming the bad cars, but what fun would that be. After talking to a few students we were able to determine the "Big Brown Truck," the "Gold Pontiac," and the "Speedy Station Wagon," were cars that people didn't necessarily want to drive. Whatever people drive is mostly up to them and how they take care of it is primarily up to them. Some students and most parents suggest the best way to get and maintain a good car is to keep a job and furnish the necessities for your car, by yourself.



While Kyle Koeppen's truck might not be anyone's dream vehicle, Kyle still likes it because it runs and it is his.



While Blazers are good cars, many would agree it helps if they go more than 10mph when floored. Matt Wycoff's vehicle is famous for lack of acceleration even with a new engine.



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Michelle Hansen has one of the more unusual vehicles in the school lot. She work on the car herself, and she only drives it on certain days depending on the weather.

"I really like Michelle's (HANSON)
CAR BECAUSE IT'S REALLY UNIQUE AND I
like the color."

BROOKE KELSEY

