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HOMECOMING

by Tegan Reeves

Homecoming week 2000 was a lot of fun and the dance was successful. Some of the days were changed to add variety and a lot of the students like dressing up for days like tie-dye and neon day, hush hush day and grub day, keeping the old pajama and red and gold day. Thursday night was cold but thankfully the rain let up. The varsity football players and coaches competed in a shakedown contest won by Coach Berry. The float winners were the junior class, which won for the second year in a row. This is the first time a class has won two years in a row. The sophomores won the door signs and seniors won for the banner.

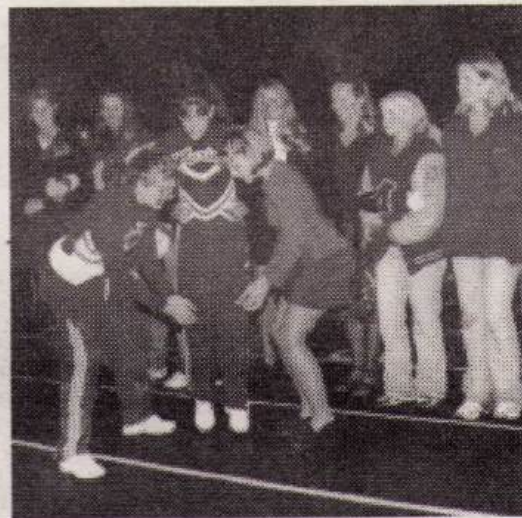
The dance went well with a new DJ who was liked by a lot of people. Sam Ehlinger said, "The DJ was very different from years past, but he was very entertaining." The sophomores did a great job, working hard on decorations and getting things together. The court was announced by Mrs. Freese singing "Ten Little Indians." Riding in the Corvettes, Cova, Paolo, and Kevin were recognized and the court included Jamie Lomas, Chris Stine, Stevie Cummings, Jordan Immerfall, Julie Straub, Anna Kalkwarf, Jordan Forkner and Justin Remington, with Jaclyn Hugg and Sam Ehlinger crowned King and Queen.



Jaclyn Hugg and Sam Ehlinger were crowned the Queen and King of Homecoming 2000. The coronation was held at the bonfire on Thursday, October 5.



Taking the crown after Chris Poggenpohl graduated, Kristen Osborn beat out the other competitors in the pie eating contest.



Once again, the senior girls' skit poked fun at teachers, administrators, and students. Nikki Martin, Jamie Lomas and Natasha Ottaway pointed out some of the quirks of varsity football cheerleading.

Band Scores Another Success

For the third time in the last four years, the Marion Scarlet Spectrum Marching Band earned a Division I rating at State marching Contest. The contest was held on Saturday, October 9, 2000, at Kingston stadium in Cedar Rapids. With a score of 74.9, the Marion band made an 18 point leap from their score at the Five Seasons Invitational held the week before.

"Everyone did such a great job," commented director Larry Bobe. The band only has three more performances left this marching season ending with senior night at the October 27th football game and the Indoor Marching Band Classic held at the US Cellu-



Drum majors Jaclyn Hugg and Nikki Martin lead the band onto the field before their performance at the Maquoketa football game.



Although he didn't make the finals, Royce Kensinger showed good form in the sophomore football jump-off.

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Did Someone Say Stupid

By Doug Cloven

"Did Someone say TEST?!" Says the owl with his eyes wide open. Is it necessary to put obnoxious posters up to "inspire" us? I believe that all the teachers insisting on putting these posters up are looking for some other source of stress relief. Maybe if they take a little pride in decorating their room one day out of the year, to not be insanely annoying. "Listen, you can hear better that way!" After reading this poster with the young man with the headphones on I was inspired to break my pencil and use the two pieces as tools to dig a tunnel out of that infuriating invasion of my self-respect. I think every teacher should take a lesson from Mr. Virlee. He takes a couple days

out of his summer break and decorates his room with cultural background of his department. Some other teachers have done this as well, without resorting to cute puppy or Garfield posters. A black panther looks you in the eyes slyly saying "Trust me" I wouldn't trust that thing if I were you. Or better yet "You can't scare me, I teach." Garfield sneers at whoever dares look at his sarcastic poster. If this is inspiring at all it only inspires us to not look up from what we're doing until the bell rings signaling us to flee to sanctuary of the beckoning hall ways. Only to escape to a large square room, with white plain walls and no haven from the fans on the twenty foot ceiling that are on all

year round. Or for refuge during a test you turn to the walls to read a positive reinforcing poster like, "You are valuable don't let anyone make you believe differently." Hey, that's deep. I think this test is going to go well and I won't let anyone make me believe differently even the teacher that fails me. But shouldn't we all just take a lesson from Garfield and "Bulk up on books!"



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"I'm Eating What!!!"

by Christina Lacher

When it comes to our food, many of us take on the ideal that "ignorance is bliss." That phrase becomes our mantra as we race down the food aisles of the supermarket, trying to find the best-looking pear or the non-battered apple. If we thought about where our food has been and what's been done to it (or not done to it), we might be a little more leery about putting our hand in that pile of oranges at the grocery store. At least without a glove on one hand and a bottle of Fit in the other.

Looking through material on contaminated food and "unusual" additives during the last couple of weeks, I have concluded that we are lucky to be alive; that we all haven't been taken down by some contagious, fatal bacteria started by a meat packer in Texas who wiped his nose and forgot to wash his hands before finishing his job. The more I got to ing about Jack Nickerson's



character in the movie "As Good As It Gets." He wasn't eccentric, he just read up on his food facts. In fact, him taking his own silverware to a public restaurant seems almost practical. Almost.

All of us have heard the myths of what "might" be in our food. Bubble gum is made out of spider's eggs, fast-food hamburgers are more rat than cow, and so on and so on. While those myths might seem scary, the truth can be down right terrifying...and nauseating. There is no way to avoid "extra ingredients" being added to our food during harvesting and processing. This includes insects, rodent filth, and many other revolting things that I will not burden your sensitive digestive system with. Those kind of things are not listed as possible additives on a food label because accounting for all of them in your dinner would only send everyone into a panic and running for the picket lines. In all honesty, would you want to read the nutrition label on the side of

a bag of frozen broccoli and read that aphids are a main ingredient in them? You probably wouldn't want to know the truth about peanut butter either and how rat feces are purposely added into it. And if you read a printout of what McDonald's meat is made out of you would probably be surprised to see it is mainly kangaroo.

Foodborne diseases such as E. coli, Hepatitis A, and salmonella are ones too often heard of in the past recent years. Some of you might remember a couple of years ago how it came to our attention that rats that lived in factories had urinated on pop can products. People who had not cleaned the tops of their cans before drinking came down with a blood disease from the poison the rats had been fed prior to them relieving themselves. That is just one example of how human error and negligence plays a major part in the food we eat, clean or not. Farmers can irrigate their crops with polluted water and not realize it or fertilize their fruits and vegetables with raw manure. Factory workers with dirty hands can harm the food we eat and

Something I've Noticed

By Jon Lien

Something I've noticed are these odd "Reserved for Pregnant and Expecting Mothers" parking signs sprinkled throughout town; most likely another product of concerned, jobless (being "concerned", a direct result of being jobless) soccer moms taking one more superfluous step toward the ever-developing genius that is "universally-friendly" parking...I guess.

By definition of Webster's, to expect is to "suppose; guess"—"I suppose I might become pregnant someday...hmm, what does this sign say...I guess I'll park here." Beautiful. How about the case of the fragile, jaundiced 34-year-old sociopath who joined some YMCA "Big Brother" program for his probation sentence, "Well, I'm a single white guy, I'm a terrible role-model, and I live out of my car—I suppose someday I'll adopt one of these kids. I'll be its mother, father, and I'll dress up as a clown so it can learn what real fear is...hmm, what does this sign say...I guess I'll park here." Sensational. Or how about the skeptic, "I expect sometime in the not-so-far-off-future men will be able to bear children, and, I suppose, I will be one of them...hmm, what does this sign say...I guess I'll park here." Classic. And finally, for those people who consider their pets children, for the brilliant league of those who just don't care, and, for pregnant people, these signs there. For them.

To add insult to injury, the trolls who created these signs thought it would be creative to put a picture of a drunk-looking stork flying around with a nightmarish ghost baby in its beak; instead of a woman smoking or lying to her husband—instead of something realistic. If you're "expecting" a stork to deliver your baby, first of all, you're messed up, and secondly, this most definitely opens up the spot to anyone with an above fairytale/"Full House" education.

So, it looks like the soccer mom big-wigs have lost the war on gyping perfectly capable, often-in-need-of-exercise-anyway people out of more convenient parking. P.S. if you've never had the opportunity to notice/take advantage of one of these signs, just look in between the "Possibly Handicapped" and "Cashless and expecting to go into store" signs; you'll see them.

the water we wash it in at home may also be polluted. Our food could end up worse off than it was originally. Even if one piece of produce carried a bacteria on it, it could contaminate an entire patch when it is packaged with others.

The Food and Drug Administration is responsible for ensuring the safety of the food we eat. The harvesting, the packaging, the importing, the displaying, they oversee all of it. When food is imported into the United States from another country, which is often, people from the FDA are there to inspect it. Problem. According to recent Consumer Reports, the FDA only inspects approximately 3% of all imported goods and of that small percentage about half are detained because they are found to be violations to our health codes. That really makes you wonder about the imports they are not inspecting and allowing to go straight to our store shelves.

An amendment under one of the Food and Drug Administration Acts states that they "prohibit use in food of additives which have not been adequately tested to establish their safety." That may be, but what I am wondering is how they deemed rat feces safe in peanut butter. I know that is one food I don't have plans on eating any time soon.

New Faces &



One of the new faces in the math department is Mr. Martin, who came from Oskaloosa where he taught last. He went to the University of Iowa and has now been teaching for six years. His other career choice would have been engineering. His favorite thing about teaching is being able to interact with the students and passing on knowledge that he has learned.

"One thing I really like about Marion is the restaurants, I grew up in a town with probably only two restaurants, now I have more choices." Mr. Martin had planned to become a coach, but changed his mind and stuck with teaching math. "One thing that is different about Marion is that they are more current with new things in education."

By Doug Cloven

Many of you haven't had the chance to meet Marion High School's new Principal. Mr. Thomas, though shy, has made it clear he isn't putting up with any guff. After the departure of our last principal, Mr. Doyle, and stepping down of Mr. Wikert, the school was left wondering who could possibly pick up where they had left off. Early into the summer we found out that Mr. Ehresman had earned the position of Associate Principal. But even though a name had been put

to our new Principal no one could figure out who this strange person was. Rumors were started about him being 7 feet tall and 300 lbs. I then began to get frightened when I heard about the fireballs coming out of his eyes. It's been an interesting first few weeks for Mr. Thomas. As the rumors began to circulate about not allowing rap music at dances, nor the burning of the "M". "You just take it in strides," he says "it always happens, you just concentrate on what is right and look for the truth." It can't be easy coming to a new school and taking such a position of power. He agrees saying "The biggest adjustment has been learning the process in which Marion operates." Mr. Thomas was excited to come to Marion saying, "We have some excellent, and intelligent kids here." After the beginning of the new name tag requirement, Marion students are wondering what other changes are in the near future. "I think we will always look for opportunities to make the staff, students, and outside agencies safe," adds Mr. Thomas.

Along with the change in the principal's office, there was also a change in the Associate Principal's/Athletic Director's office. Mr. Ehresman says that he misses the classroom because he misses the academic discussions and the positive atmosphere, but now his day consists of talking to kids about discipline or talking with AD's from other schools. The biggest challenge he's noticed so far is all the hours that are involved with the job,



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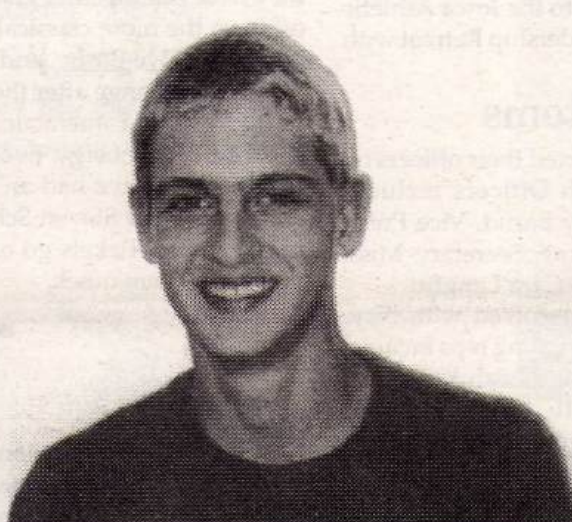
New Places

Far From Home



Kevin Katzenberger

This year Marion High School has three new exchange students, Kevin Katzenberger, Paolo Panico, and Cova Concha. Kevin, who is



Paolo Panico

from Germany, is 17 and a senior this year. Kevin is spending his year with the family of Lynsey and Stephenie Rogers. Paolo is from Italy and also is

a senior and lives with the family of Jim and Sue Brust. While attending MHS, Paolo is involved in band, plans on playing soccer, and enjoys going to open gyms on Sundays. In Italy, Paolo enjoyed playing soccer with his friends. Kevin, while here at Marion, runs cross country and is going to play soccer and is thinking about running track this spring. Compared to their schools back home, both agree that our school is tiny. Paolo's school has a total of five floors with a little over 1200 students. The school day begins at half past eight and ends at ten 'til one. Each class is 50 minutes long. Paolo's school is a much older building than Marion. Kevin's school has four floors.

So far, Paolo enjoys being here but said that he needs to adjust to our weather. He also enjoys the different foods and the freedom. Kevin said he just mainly enjoyed arriving.

Paolo misses going-out with his friends to movies, pubs, and the disco. Kevin misses going fishing, camping, and his dog Wiski.

Both say that they are looking forward to the rest of the year here at Marion!

Cova

Concha is one of the three foreign exchange students who



Cova Concha

came to Marion this year. Cova is from Asturias in North Spain. Asturias is a lot bigger than Marion and to her, Marion is closer to a village or a town. Her first reaction to MHS was, "Wow, it's like the movies." At her school in Spain there are no drinking fountains, and no vending machines. She also said the lunch is considerably better here than her other school. Cova is staying with Libby McGuire, and having a great time.

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Activities Update

by Christie Ottaway and
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NHS

On Tuesday, September 26, 2000 the National Honor Society had their first meeting to start off the year. This meeting was held to decide what NHS would be doing for the year. The first road clean up took place on Saturday, September 30 at Faith Lutheran Church on Alburnett Road. NHS is also talking about sponsoring a walk for Cystic Fibrosis in the spring.

Student Senate

So far this year Student Senate has mainly concentrated on homecoming. They worked on organizing, decorating, door signs, floats and more. Also student senate works on school cents which starts October 1. Involved in school cents are surrounding schools, KWWL, the Cedar Rapids Gazette, 96.5 FM, Lindale Mall and surrounding Lindale businesses. Representing school cents for Marion High School is Natasha Ottaway in the school cents commercial.

FBLA

FBLA is just getting started. The first meeting was held on September 28, to start off the year. This meeting was held to start off fundraising and to get people to sign up for officers. The fundraising is for a conference held later in the year, also talk about a dance and charity

work was mentioned. This years officers are : President - Libby McGuire; Vice-President - Bryan Ryther; Secretary - Jamie Sunderman; Treasurer - Kristen Osborn; Reported - Jana Bradley; Historian - Chris Stine; Parliamentarian - Tegan Reeves; Sergeant at Arms - Wes Waters.

Soda

On October 23rd Soda will hold an open gym and karaoke night from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

On October 18th They will take a group of kids to the Iowa Athletic Association Leadership Retreat with Linn-Mar.

Atoms

Atoms elected their officers on September 26th Officers include, President, Emily Barnd, Vice President- Gina Kroemer, Secretary- Missi Watt, Treasurer- Cara Langfitt.

Atoms is involved with recycling, the two recycling reps include, Stephanie Law and Leah Kinnaird.

They will be holding a fundraiser sometime in the month of February.

Thespians

Thespians has just barely got started they held the first dance of the year which was the Toga. They are now trying to plan a trip to Hancher with the music department to see *Rent*. They are beginning to work out the members' points.

Godspell

by Douglas Cloven

This November 9th, 10th, and 11th, the Marion Music Department has decided to put on the musical *Godspell*. "*Godspell* is one of the first musicals to touch on pop culture," explains Mrs. Freese, the Musical Director of the play. Mrs. Freese has been coproducing the musicals since her first year at Marion, in 1997, along with Ms. Martin, who has had experience with directing plays and musicals since 1977. Mrs. Freese is in charge of the musical part of the performance, while Ms. Martin is more in charge of the lines, and blocking though Mrs. Freese will most definitely add her ideas to help increase productivity and creativity to the production. Together they have put together great performances, but have been striving to break off from the more classical and traditional musical productions like *Oklahoma*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, and *Grease*. Though these are all great productions, "It's a nice change after the past few years of production, it allows for a lot of improve and interactions between characters," says Ms. Martin, "The show is full of energy. Everyone involved is excited to get going and work together." "I have had an incredible experience working with such a talented cast, and Steven Schwartz' amazing music," adds Kate Baumert, a cast member. Tickets go on sale October 16th. They go fast so make sure you order them quick.

TOGA!

By: Christie Ottaway

On Saturday, September 2, Marion had its first annual Toga dance. Now it's a rare occurrence that we actually have a dance before Homecoming, but some thought it was needed. The dance, ran by the Thespians, was like other dances, starting at 8 and ending at 11, pictures being taken by Reads, the DJ playing some good music, since it was a limited selection, and people being in the spirit. Although not a lot of people showed up for this dance, the ones that did were dressed and ready for the occasion. Outfits of different styles and colors were very creative and original.

"It was a lot of fun putting together our outfits!! We realized we didn't need to do as much work on them because we ended up just cutting, folding, and tying them on. We got a lot of compliments too, we went to Subway and there were some girls there that thought they were really cool!!" said junior Kristen Osborn.

"It was fun, but there weren't a lot of people there. It would have been a lot better with a lot more people," said freshman Amber Jordan. Which is true, many people agreed that this wasn't the best turnout, and more people were expected to be there. Maybe a little more notice, and a lot more advertising would get the response that was wanted and needed.



The junior girls enjoyed making their costumes for the Toga dance. This was the first year Marion has had a dance of this kind at the beginning of school.

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Making a Change

by Ryan Allen

We all remember our first day of high school. It's a nervous feeling. There are so many faces that you don't know. It's a whole new building with so many rooms and teachers that are unfamiliar. It seems so huge and somewhat impersonable. But you've got your friends from middle school to fall back on, who you can sit by at lunch and talk to in the hall. Now,



Rob Griffith

imagine you've come from a private school where your class consisted of 6 people, to a public school where your class is well over a hundred. Or imagine being home-schooled where your class was one person. These transitions have been made by many students here at Marion this year who



DJ Engle moved from Trinity Lutheran School to MHS this year.

shared their feelings about the move.

Friends are obviously a big issue with the new students. Sarah Aldorfer is a junior who transferred here from Cedar Valley Christian School. She felt the transition was somewhat easy, but she misses her friends because, "being in a class of



Eric Allen

six students, you become extremely close; it was hard to say goodbye." As Brett Kane, a freshman, said, "I've made lots of friends here at Marion. Everybody's been really nice, but a lot of times I miss hanging out with my friends from Isaac Newton." The change is a little different for homeschoolers. "Seeing as how my school was at home I obviously didn't have anyone to hang out with during the day. School this year is different than what I'm used to, but I really like the school and I've made a lot of friends," said Eric Allan, a junior who started going full-time to Marion this year.

Most students who joined

Marion from smaller schools said a lot about the new opportunities they have now. Brett said that he's planning on playing baseball and soccer in the spring. "I was going to have to play for a really small team if I continued to go to a private school, so I'm pumped about playing here at Marion." Rob Griffith came to Marion this year after homeschooling his freshman year. "I've played in a lot of baseball leagues, but it's going to be awesome



Kathryn Barnum is also new to Marion High School after transferring from Summit. One real change for her is that her other school only had 10 students in a class.

to play on a team with the guys I go to school with. Also, Keenan Gehman, a freshman who transferred from Isaac Newton, said that he's excited about the opportunity to play tennis, soccer, and baseball. "Marion has a lot of extra curricular activities to participate in, and I'm looking forward to making the most of my next four years of high school."

When anyone enters a new atmosphere there's a lot of mixed feelings. As the new students

came to Marion this year, they all said they were a bit nervous and a little apprehensive, but as Brett Kane said, "Everyone, including the teachers and students, has been really nice, and I'm glad that I'm going to Marion for my four years of high school."

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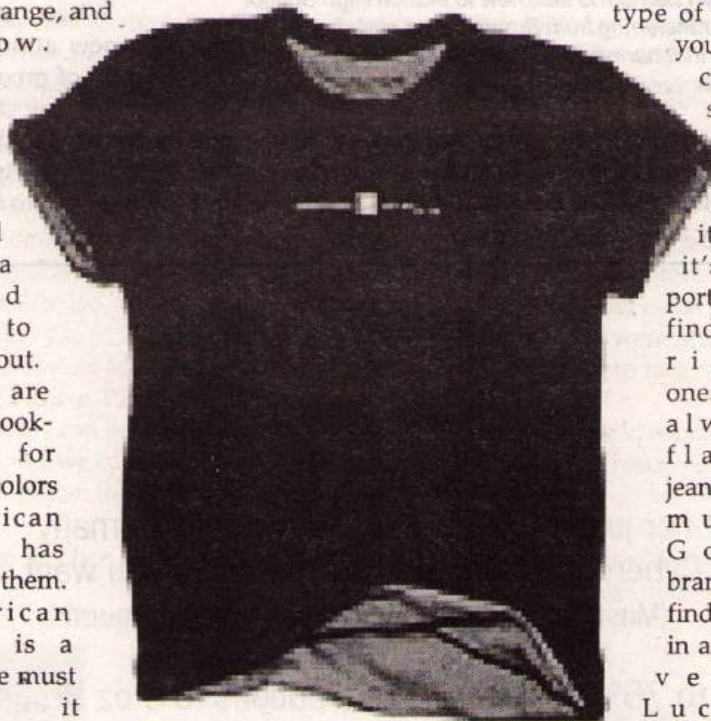
What's New

by Nicole Evans

When fall comes around every year there are always new styles and colors to wear. The hard part is to figure out which ones will be in and which won't.

This year the three "in" colors for fall are red, orange, and yellow.

These colors are bright and are a good way to stand out. If you are really looking for these colors American Eagle has lots of them. American Eagle is a definite must when it comes to fashion. Not only



Common accessories for both boys and girls are cell phones and pagers. In most schools, they are allowed as long as they don't go off during class or become a distraction.

do they carry fall colors, they also have just about every kind of fashion necessity. Other top stores to find fashion necessities are: Abercrombie & Fitch, The Buckle, and Express.

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Cargo pants and reversible t-shirts are popular items at stores like American Eagle Outfitters, Abercrombie-Fitch, and Old Navy. Both shirts and pants are available in a variety of colors and combinations.

opinion. Capri pants don't look good on everybody.

Shoes are an important part of your wardrobe, and this year there are a wide number of good shoes and good brand. This year's tops are: Doc Martens, K-Swiss, and Sketchers.

As for as how you smell I would go with American Eagle's "Alive" and Clinique "Happy."

Some other items that are also doing well this year are animal prints, anything leather, dew rags, and stick on body jewels.

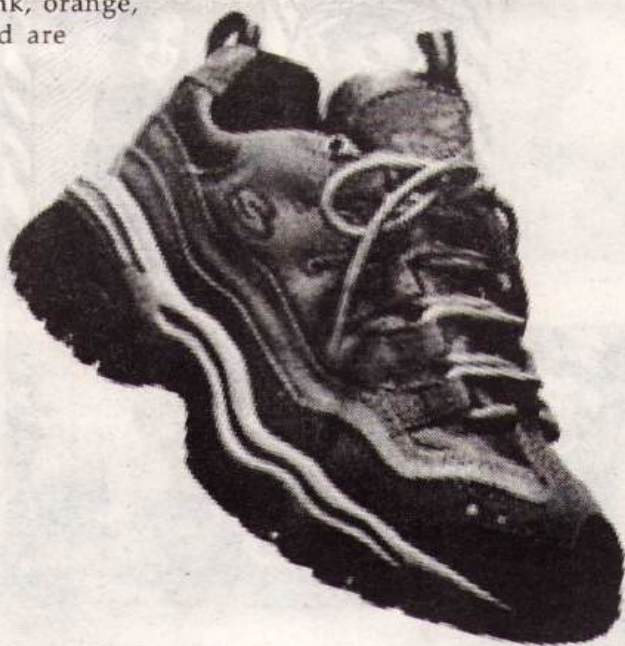
in Fashion?

Seventeen Magazine says a great way to stand out is to wear a skinny belt or have the layered look. Shoulder backpacks and purses are another way to complement an outfit.

At the mall I got peoples' opinion on what was really in this fall. An American Eagle employee said that bright colors are in. Pink, orange, and red are musts.

said to no longer be in were capri pants.

Now I have some advice for guys. I do admit some know how to dress, but others do need help. Here's a little hint: "They put outfits on the mannequins for a reason. They look good. These outfits are already made out for you, and they look good. Now all you have to do is buy



Popular shoes for this fall are Sketchers. They have many styles of dress shoes as well as tennis shoes and casual styles. Along with Sketchers, K-Swiss is a brand which has become more popular this fall.

Also, turtleneck sweaters are a must have. Whether they are sleeveless, short-sleeved, three quarter, or long, they are in.

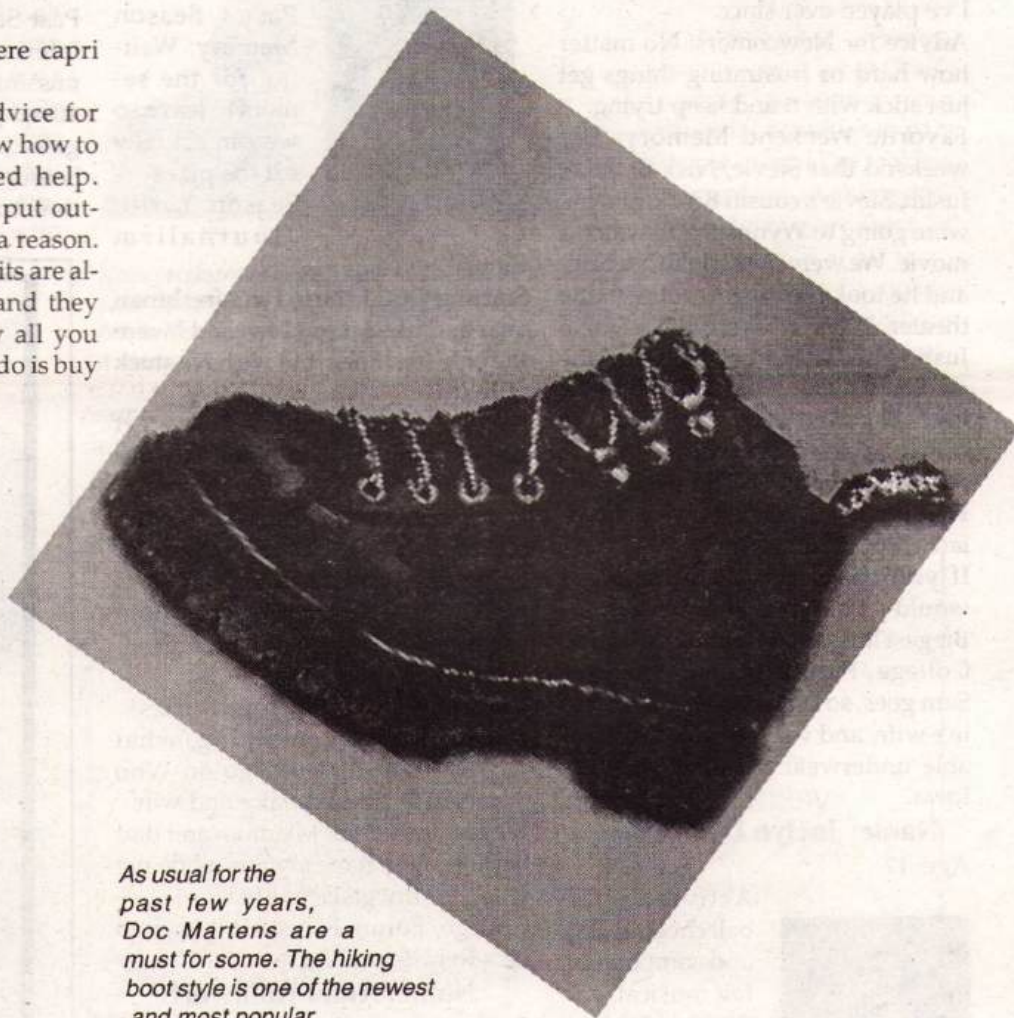
To get another person's opinion I went Von-Maur. There they also added that turtleneck sweaters are a must. Other things that are starting to become popular are leather pants, stripes, and hipster flare jeans. The main thing that was

them."

So the next time you go to the mall look around and see what people are wearing and buying. Remember what's in now may not be in a month from now. If fashion didn't change we all might still be in tight rolled jeans.

By: Andy Balvanz

This fall there were are a lot of



As usual for the past few years, Doc Martens are a must for some. The hiking boot style is one of the newest and most popular.

different styles and fashions of clothing and accessories. You are seeing more and more "Lucky Brand" clothes on guys, and even though "Tommy" is still there, you don't see it as much as last fall. You are also seeing a lot more "Abercrombie and Fitch" and "American Eagle."

The shoes that you will see that most guys wear are either K-Swiss or Docs, (A.K.A Dr. Martin's). K-Swiss shoes are usually worn with

shorts and Docs are worn with long pants like jeans or khakis.

Another new item on the male wardrobe seen more often than last fall are pagers. You can't go anywhere anymore without hearing someone yell, "Hey! Who be blowin up my page-uh?!" You will also see guys with cell phones. There are a lot of new additions to the cell phone industry since the Zach Morris model.

Name: Amanda Carson



Age: 17
Activity: Volleyball
Past Season Memory: Last year when we beat CPU and became district champs.

Season Thrill: Winning our first game against West Delaware this season, when most people expected us to lose.

Starting Out: I started playing volleyball when I was in 7th grade, and I've played ever since.

Advice for Newcomers: No matter how hard or frustrating things get just stick with it and keep trying.

Favorite Weekend Memory: The weekend that Stevie, Nick S., Julie, Justin, Stevie's cousin Brock, and me were going to Wynnsong to watch a movie. We were in Justin's Celebrity and he took the longest route to the theater. When we were almost there Justin's radiator hose blew up, the car started smoking and overheating. We pulled over, Brock fixed the car, and we went home.

Favorite Saying: OK, Seriously
Favorite Snack: microwaved chocolate chip granola bars

If you could do anything, what would it be? Go to Hawaii

Biggest Influence: My mom and dad
College/Future Plans: Wherever Sam goes, so I can become his amazing wife, and we can wear comfortable underwear together, or U of Iowa.

Name: Jaclyn Dyan Hugg

Age: 17



Activity: Football cheerleading and competition, fall musical, and drum major.
Past Season Memory: Doing awesome at the Mall of America Competition.

Season Thrill: Getting 1st place at Westdale Competition.

Starting Out: I was a football cheerleader in 8th grade.

Advice for Newcomers: Always keep a positive attitude. If you do, you will go far.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Shaving cream swimsuits!

Favorite Saying: "I love you"

Favorite Snack: blueberries in skim

milk and grapefruit juice
If you could do anything, what would it be? Pie Mr. Fruehling in the face AGAIN!

Biggest Influence: My parents
College/Future Plans: I plan on attending either Buena Vista University or the University of Iowa. While in college I'm going to be in choir and possibly cheerleading. I want to either be an orthodontist or do something with Spanish.

Name: Ciara Chadek

Age: 17 11/12



Activity: Journalism
Past Season Memory: Waiting for the seniors to leave so we can actually eat the pizza
Season Thrill: "Journalism

Camp"

Starting Out: I started my freshman year and liked it Jon Lien and I were the only freshman, but we have stuck with it.

Advice for Newcomers: Never get on Ms. Martin's bad side. Always listen to her.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Getting pulled over by the Dare Explorer for going 28 mph in the trailer court and then he asked us if we were stupid because we were going to target.

Favorite Saying: "Yeah"

Favorite Snack: PB&J sandwiches
If you could do anything, what would it be? I would go on Who Wants to be a Millionaire and win.

Biggest Influence: My mom and dad because they have always made me reach for my goals in life.

College/Future Plans: Mt. Mercy to be a Registered Nurse

Name: Anna Kalkwarf

Age: 18

Activity: Volleyball



Past Season Memory: Beating Center Point last year in the District Championship.

Season Thrill: When Kristen

Osborn punched me in warm-ups and gave me a fat lip.

Starting Out: I played on a CeMar team when I was 12.

Advice for Newcomers: Work hard and don't complain.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Camping in the wilderness with the girls.

Favorite Saying: "Sexy!"

Favorite Snack: Cookie dough

If you could do anything, what would it be? Grow 8 inches, play volleyball in the Olympics, and travel the world.

Biggest Influence: Julie Straub

College/Future Plans: Go to a 4-year college, maybe play volleyball, get a good degree, and make lots of money.

Name: Patrick Stalkfleet

Age: 18

Activity: Football

Past Season Memory: Having two interceptions on homecoming and missing the one interception in the 4th quarter that should have won the game.

Season Thrill: Coming back at halftime to beat South Tama. Winning



the District Championship!
Starting Out: Waverly Parks and Recreation flag football champions.

Advice for Newcomers: Cause

as much trouble as you can and try to get away with everything.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Going to Des Moines for the State Wrestling Tournament

Favorite Saying: "You Bet!!"

Favorite Snack: Strawberries and Whip Cream

If you could do anything, what would it be? Win 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Biggest Influence: Mom

College/Future Plans: Play football and baseball at a Division II or III college.



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What's Up With Bein' Tall or Are You Down With Bein' Short

Have you ever been walking down the hallway and noticed the people towering over you or find yourself almost stepping on someone because they're so small. You've probably never noticed yourself jumping to reach that top shelf or bending over to walk through the doorway. Some people have this problem or advantage, it depends on how you see things. This is what they thought:

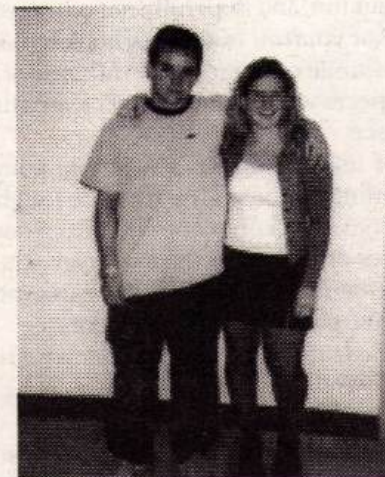
Kyle Koeppen -

6'4", "I'm bigger than everyone else, but one of the bad things is people always ask me to reach for high things."



Ashley Spear, "Pickle" -

4'10", "I like the attention, but people make fun of me."



Jake Blazek -

5'4", "I get to look up to everybody. I couldn't ride the rollercoasters until I was 13 years old."

Krystal Wise -

5'0", "I think it's fun. I'm so used to it."

Tina Lujan -

5'8", "I look down on everybody. I can call everyone shorty!"

Julie Straub -

5'10", "I like being tall because it makes me look older."



Jordan Immerfall -

6'4", "I like being tall because then I'm not short."

Sam Ehlinger -

5'6", "It's all right. I can share clothes with my 5-year-old and 9-year-old sisters. True story."

Ben Remington -

6'2", "I like being tall so I can see over the line in football."

Seniors - The deadline is December 15 - Are you ready for . . .

Senior Pictures

By: Chris Lacher

Senior pictures are a rite of passage as an upper classman and shouldn't have to be met with anxiety attacks. Getting your pictures done should be both relaxing and fun, and hopefully not outrageously overpriced. You don't want a picture of yourself in the yearbook looking all tense with a pixie-stick grimace as a smile on your face. Your senior picture, good or bad, is how your fellow peers will remember you every time they take out their yearbook to reminisce.

By now many of us have gotten a nice pile going of flyers from local portrait studios wanting our business. It can be tough trying to decide where to go if you don't have a recommendation from someone else. You can always close your eyes and go with the first flyer you happen to grab. Or there is the famous "eenie-meenie-minie-moe" game, but hopefully now that we are seniors we have gone beyond that stage.

Here are some ideas for you from seniors who have already had their photos done:

"I got my senior pictures taken at Read's. I'm pleased with how they turned out, but I wish I had more original poses."

Julie Straub

"I went to Lake Oologoa and my dad's cousin took them. It is a once in a lifetime experience that I will always remember. They were really fun to have taken."

Ryan Mollenhauer.

"I went to Portraits Unlimited where this guy worked out of his basement with his wife. They were pretty nice and would put you in the position they wanted you in and then take the shot. Most of them came out pretty good. The thing I liked most was that he made sure it was my personality that showed up in the pictures. The prices I think were pretty fair, except I still thought it was expensive. It was a good thing my mom was paying for them!" Tina Sarchett

The main advice that can be given if you have not decided where you should go for your senior pictures is to ask around. Call up local portrait studios and request flyers and price brochures. Compare their prices and don't forget to ask to see examples of their work. If you know some people who have already had their pictures taken, don't be shy to question them about their experience. Getting a good recommendation from someone is a lot better than going to some unknown photographer and not being satisfied with the results. You also do not want to be afraid to tell the photographer your ideas. They are your pictures and should be taken the way you want them to be taken. A way you can make getting your senior pictures taken more fun is to bring a friend with you. Many photographers suggest this because it helps you feel more relaxed and your friends will give their honest opinion if they don't think something looks right.

One last thing you will need to remember for your pictures are the photo requirements for the yearbook. It is easy enough to take a list of the guidelines to your photographer so they are aware of what you need. And the rules are:

- Pictures should be wallet-sized and black-and-white glossy. A color picture can be turned in, but the image produced in the yearbook won't be as sharp.

- Head-shots only with no soft focus.

- Plain background only with no props. That includes chairs, plants, animals, banners, etc... If the picture you want to go in the yearbook has part of a chair or plant in it, take it to your photographer to have the picture cropped before you turn it into the school.

- Your school picture can also be used if you are not planning to have your senior pictures taken.

***Pictures have to be turned in to the yearbook staff by December 15 of this year. That leaves plenty of time even for procrastinators.

Last bit of advice. Take your time and be thorough in finding a photographer. And whatever you do make it count. Good luck, seniors!



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Varsity Football

Shooting for the Playoffs

by Pat Stalkfleet

On Friday September 1, the Indians hosted Maquoketa Valley in the season opener at Thomas Park. Although the heat was an uncomfortable factor, the Indians managed to accumulate 457 yards of total offense. While causing damage in the air as well as on the ground, Tyler Mayer and Brett Forkner took care of the running game both rushing for over 100 yards. While Pat Stalkfleet found Kyle Koeppen five times for 103 yards receiving. Stalkfleet also found Kyle Olson on a nice play-action bootleg pass for a touchdown. Forkner, Stalkfleet, and Tony Offerman all rushed for a touchdown. Despite the explosive offense led by Valley's all-state quarterback, they were held to 186 yards of total offense. Only 16 rushing yards on 17 carries and one touchdown were allowed by the Indians furious defense. The final score was 27-6 in favor of the Indians.

In week two the Indians found themselves traveling to Arlington to take on the defending state 2-A runner-up Starmont Stars. The Indians were less successful throwing the ball but still got the job done, winning 27-12. Mayer and Stalkfleet had two touchdowns a piece. The main credit goes to the defense who held the Stars to 187 yards on 48 carries. Forkner lead the defense with ten solo tackles. Followed by Matt Tielebein with nine. Jordan Immerfall put the hurt on the quarterback with one and a half sacks and a forced fumble. Koeppen managed to pull down one interception. "At times we played very good football. We are yet to play a whole game, but when we do look out. We are 2-0 and making mental errors. We will continue to get better." commented Coach Perkins.

Marion started things off on the right foot in their District 4 opener against Maquoketa. The Indians came out on top 10-0 in a hard-hitting defensive battle. Marion shutout the Cardinals for the second straight year. The Indians snagged 4 interception and a

fifth turnover came when Brett Forkner simply took the ball from the quarterback. Forkner led the Indians in tackling with 6 solos. Pat Stalkfleet followed with 5. Interceptions went as follows Stalkfleet with 2, Forkner 1, and Tony Offerman with 1.

On September 22, the Marion Indians traveled to DeWitt Central and make it 4-0. It would not come easy though, they found themselves tied 22-22 with 1:23 left in the first half. A massive storm erupted and the game was suspended until Saturday afternoon. They returned the next day ready to play. "Two different games were played against DeWitt. We were not ready mentally to play Friday and they won the half. Saturday the Indians were awesome! We played with passion. We played as a unit. It was a great half." explained Coach Tony Perkins.

The Indians scored 20 unanswered points in the second half and held the Sabers to 39 yards rushing. Leading tacklers were Matt Tielebein with 13 and Brett Forkner with 5. Offensively the Indians had over 450 total yards.

On September 29, the Marion Indians traveled to Epworth to battle the Western Dubuque Bobcats. The heavily favored Indians were 4-0 and looking to go 3-0 in the district. Marion turned the ball over 5 times,



"11 Brett Forkner drives through the defense after his interception in the first half against Maquoketa.

Indian Volleyball:

One step Closer

by Jordan Immerfall

The Marion Indians varsity volleyball team took a positive step forward, traveling to Stanwood to the North Cedar Invitational. "It's about time," said coach Lori Dostal, as Marion went 12-0, bringing home first place. Marion started the day against Bennett, winning 15-10, 15-4. Next the Indians defeated Tipton 15-8, 15-4, followed by North Cedar 15-5, 15-3. Marion then handled West Branch easily 15-3, 15-4. Marion then moved into the final four winning their round robin pool. Marion faced Midland in the semifinals and won 15-4, 15-7. Springville would be the final hurdle that Marion would have to clear to get to the goal, 1st place. Marion took the 'hurdle' in stride, winning the championship match 15-8, 15-13. Coach Dostal said the kids, "Stayed strong, and she was very proud of everyone." She also added that the goal for the day was to dominate matches, and the goal was reached, as the Indians only had two opponents reach 10 points.

The Marion Volleyball team then had time to prepare to play at the next level, having a whole week off between games. Marion's last game was played at home against the Sailors or Waterloo Columbus. The Indians won in three straight games, 15-11, 15-6, 16-14. Anna Kalkwarf comments on the game, "We didn't play to our full potential, but still managed to win." That shows that when the Indians do pull together and play well, they will be dangerous. Leading the Indians so far are Julie Straub and Anna Kalkwarf. Straub is the 4th leading hitter in the state with a .490 hitting efficiency. Straub has 162 kills with only 35 errors. Straub is also playing well on defense with 50 blocks. Kalkwarf is third in the state in digs with 187. She is also serving well with a 97% average. This dynamic duo is held connected by setter Jana Bradley. Bradley is also rated in the state in setting, with 288 assists. Averaging 4.88 assists per game, Bradley also is a great server, with 90 aces. Serving well is Kristen Osborn completing 238 out of 244, averaging 98%. Also helping out at the net is Amanda "Big Country" Carson. Carson has 34 blocks and 84 kills.

fumbling the ball 6 times and losing 4 of them. Pat Stalkfleet threw his first interception in the opening drive, and from then on it was a learning experience. "I think that we needed this," quotes Stalkfleet. "We learned that we have to be ready to play every game. They really wanted to win and all we did was hand it to them." The Indians seemed like they couldn't get the momentum. The score could have been closer due to two controversial 4th and goal calls. But both calls went for touchdowns for the Bobcats. Rick Bleeker lead the team in tackling with 14.

Homecoming brought a lot of excitement to this Friday's football game. The In-

dians moved the ball well the entire game with 19 first downs and over 400 yards of total offense. The Indians kept falling short, often side tracked by penalties. The Indians would end the first drive with a field goal by Brain Barkdoll. They would not score again until the fourth quarter. Benton then capped of a drive with a 14-yard run. The Bobcats managed scored again in the first quarter on a field goal. They would not score again. The second half was all Marion football. The Indians ran sweep and power to both sides of the field. Tyler Mayer scored two touchdowns in the 4th quarter. Mayer finished the night with 178 yards on 28 carries. Brett Forkner had a touchdown in the fourth on a 2 yard plunge. Forkner finished with 80 yards on 10 carries. The passing game came up huge on a third and long when Pat Stalkfleet hooked up with Kyle Olson on a 28 yard pass that took then down to the one yard line. Mayer let the defense with 12 tackles followed by Forkner with 11. The Indians battle Union at home this Friday at Thomas Park. The Knights are

Freshman Football Starts Off 4-1

by Justin Sperry

The Marion Freshman football season has started off with a bang for the Indians. They have a record of 4-1 and are very exciting to watch with their big play offense. They have defeated Vinton 39-8, Center Point 27-14, Independence 39-6, and West Delaware 20-8 and lost a close game to Linn-Mar 14-12.

The freshman's offense has been huge through the first five games, they are averaging 27 points a game. The freshman are lead by halfback Jamie Bolsinger. Bolsinger has 11 touchdowns in just five games, he has three rushing touchdowns and seven touchdown catches. He has also returned a punt for a touchdown. Quarterback Brock Holub has been impressive throughout, throwing ten touchdown passes. He has thrown seven to his favorite target, Bolsinger and has thrown two others to Eric Steffes and Mike McCue. Holub has also passed for over a 100-yards in four games. That success is lead by his offensive line, they have blocked great for him all year giving him time to find his targets. Tail back Mike McCue has

also got in the scoring with four touchdowns, two running and two receiving. He has ran real hard and leads the team in rushing. Ben Shinrock and John Matias have also scored rushing touchdowns for the Indians.

The defense has really destroyed teams this year for the freshman, they are allowing a whopping 10 points a game. This is keyed by a whole team effort and continuous work. The front line of Steffes, Kirk Stout, Christopher Page, and Bret Bolfield have ruled the line of scrimmage. The line backing crew of Max Molitor, McCue, Sean Thomas, and Danny Rhodes have been in every bodies backfield and have even got two interceptions. Molitor has returned two interceptions for touchdowns. The defensive backs of Holub, Bolsinger, and Matias have had great coverage and continue to give quarterbacks trouble with their great pass protection. In all the defense has dominated every team Marion has played and are the key to their success.

Amanda Carson and Julie Straub go up for the block against Waterloo Columbus. Marion won the match 3-0.



Freshman quarterback Brock Holub hands off to halfback Jamie Bolsinger as the line opens up a big hole against Center Point-Urbana. After a victory against West Liberty, the freshmen are 5-1.

Soph. Volleyball Not Too Shabby

by Anna Kalkwarf

The sophomore volleyball team started their season off Tuesday, August 29, with an evening tournament at Washington. The team placed 6 of 8. Jami Sunderman lead the hitting with 11 kills. Lindsey Steffek had 9 blocks and Lindsey Ferris had 8. Holly Hansen served an amazing 33 for 34 with 6 aces. Kirsten Nelson went 39 for 43. Ashley Podoll lead the defense with 27 digs, and Nelson with 25.

Tuesday, September 5, the girls had a home game against the West Delaware Hawks. They had a tough loss, 5-15, 15-2, and 11-15. Podoll lead the team with two kills. Hansen went 11 for 11 at the serve line with two aces and Steffek served 12 for 14 with five aces. Leah Kinnaird set for the team. Nelson had six digs on defense. Kinnaird had five.

The Indians came back on Thursday and easily beat Independence, 15-9 and 15-5. Ferris had five kills and Podoll had four. Hansen again lead the serving going 11 for 12 with an ace to top it off. Steffek had six aces. September 9th the sophomores traveled the Mid-Prairie for an all day tournament. They took first place. Steffek pounded down 23 kills and blocked 12. Jessi Clark was strong at the serve line going 45 for 50 with 14 aces. Kinnaird also served well making 49 out of 51 with 11 aces. Hansen and Kinnaird set well all day with 26 and 36 assists respectively. Nelson lead the back row effort with 42 digs.

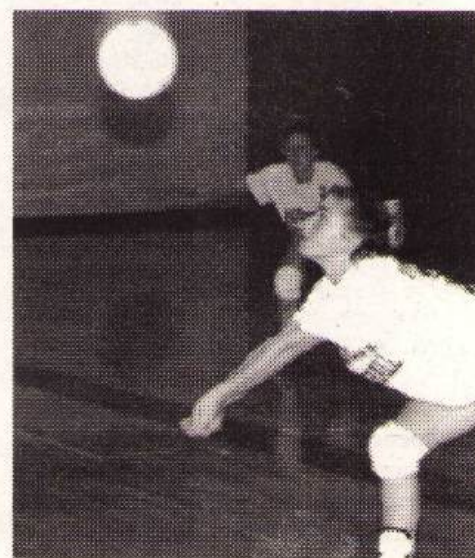
September 12, the girls played Springville and won easily, 15-3, 15-6 and 15-8. Hansen was the leading server with 19 of 20 with 8 aces. Neanna Conklin had 100% serving. Ferris and Steffek lead the hitting with 5 kills a piece.

The team traveled to Benton the 19th. Once again the Indians dominated, 15-6, 15-0, 15-7. Steffek pounded down 7 kills, and Podoll 6. Kinnaird served 14 for 15 with 2 aces. She also had 16 assists for the team.

The 21st, they went to Don Bosco to face the tough Dons. The Indians came out on top, 15-13, and 15-11. Kinnaird lead on the serve line with 11 for 12 with 2 aces. Clark served 8 of 9 with an ace. Steffek racked up 7 kills. Ferris followed with 5. Kinnaird and Hansen shared the setting with 10 and 7 assists. Podoll lead the defense with 9 digs. Coach Roxanne Paulsen commented, "In general we are off to a very good start. The girls are playing well. It was nice to finally have some tough competition. It forced us to play better. We're having a good season. Hopefully we can get some revenge on some of our conference rivals."

Tuesday, September 26, the team hosted the Waterloo Columbus Sailors at home. The girls had a close loss, 15-10, 3-15, 13-15. Podoll and Steffek each had 5 kills. Clark served 100% with her 11 serves. Kinnaird did most of the setting with 9 assists. Nelson had 8 digs in the back row. Conklin lead the serve receive category with 83%.

On Saturday the 30th, the Indians competed in their WAMAC Tournament. They placed 2nd, losing to Waterloo Columbus in the finals 7-15, 15-10, 14-16. Steffek had the most kills for the day with 28. She also had 5 blocks. Hansen served 39 of 40 with 8 aces. Nelson was 42 of 44 with 8 aces also. The team served at a high 90% for the day. Kinnaird had 48 assists. Nelson lead the defense with 37 digs. She averaged almost 3 per game.



Cross Country-Running Strong

by Josh Ivey

The Marion cross country season is almost completed. The runners have competed in various meets and have all improved their times. The boys team has acquired many good finishes in meets. They have gotten as high as second place overall. They hope to complete their season with great finishes at WAMAC, districts, and hopefully state competition. The varsity team is made up of Taylor Heim, Garret Wood, Kevin Katzenberger, Adam Martin, Luis Desrosier, Aaron Doubet, and Miles Way. The team has often been hindered by injuries to Miles, and Josh Daniels. Garret Wood is one of the teams best runners but can only compete on weekends because of football. Many of the runners are in band and can't run sometimes. The team has still competed well though, and they hope to win WAMAC when they have all their runners present. The top runner for the boys is Taylor Heim who has gotten top ten finishes in all the meets. He has gotten as high as second place. He has broken the junior record many times and has gotten times in the mid sixteen minutes. Most of the runners have improved their times by at least two minutes.

The girls varsity squad has a rough but promising season. They have not always scored well but the fact that many of their top runners are freshman is really promising.

The team is made up of Tess Putnam, Jaclyn Klopfenstein, Laura Popovics, Crissie Wood, Sarah



The varsity boys team waits at the beginning of their race. The team was led by Taylor Heim who finished second.

Whited, Ann Canon, and Stephanie Law. Tess, Jaclyn, Sarah, and Laura are all freshman and that gives the team a lot of hope to win future WAMAC titles. The top runner for the varsity team is Tess Putnam who has cut her times drastically from the beginning of the season and is now achieving times under thirteen minutes. Jaclyn Klopfenstein, Laura Popovics and captain Crissie Wood are other top runners who are all getting times under fourteen minutes, which is a very good time.

The junior varsity runners have put in a great effort this season and deserve recognition for it. The boys JV runners are Josh Daniels, David Stulken, Eric Buh, Jon Archer, Grant Furman, Dane Anderson, Bryan Keleher, Josh Ivey, Dustin Rhodes, Jon Lawson, Jerry Levitan, and Mark Stalnaker. There are only a couple girls JV runners but they both run hard and represent the team well they are Cricket Coons, and Tara Colvin.

time expired. Once again in week 3 against Maquoketa, the Indians played a good ball game but lost again by 1 touchdown 22-14. Against DeWitt on Monday, September 25, Marion was defeated 24-8. It was a very close game at 14-8 until Marion got a few unlucky breaks near the end of the game. On week 5, Marion traveled to Western Dubuque for their second straight road game. Marion caught a few bad breaks once again as they fell to West Dubuque 36-16. A highlight in this game was Wade Burrell's 90 yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Chris Clendenen had two interceptions and Ryne Tope blocked a punt

Bringin' it Home

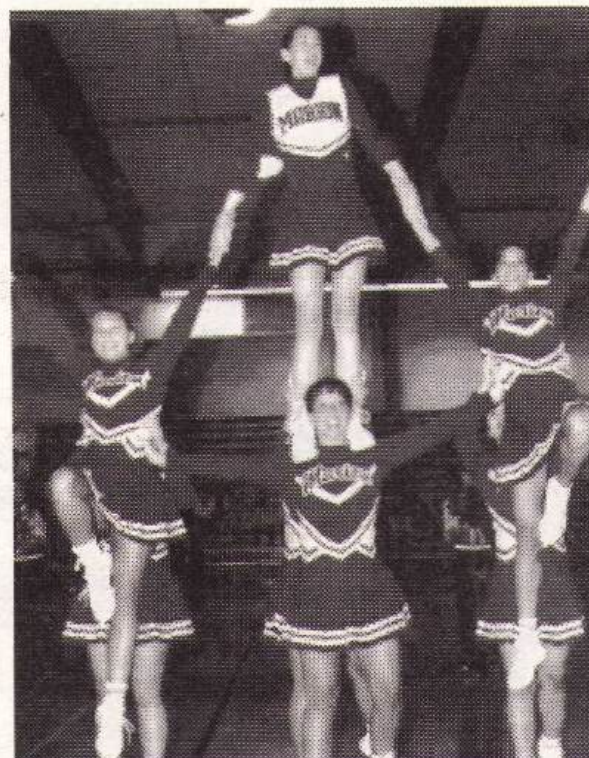
by Ashley Corbin

Holding hands in the center mat silently hoping and wishing for the title to be announced, the nine local 3A/4A schools anxiously wait. August 26th came all too soon for the Marion High School Competition Cheerleading Squad. Many delays were faced in the creation of the routine such as questionable injuries and music failure. However, the twelve ladies united the last week of practice before the big competition at Westdale Mall. Faced against cheer squads from Linn-Mar, Kennedy, Prairie, and Cedar Falls. The Marion girls happily brought home the first place trophy.

A somewhat disappointment occurred at Six Flags Great America on September 17th. The squad was placed against incredible odds. The competition included all-star squads from around the country. Sadly the girls returned home trophy-less, but with an immeasurable amount of pride. However, the final tallied scores revealed that Marion scored higher than

Linn-Mar, although categorized differently due to squad size.

"We had a great time," states Christie Ottaway, junior. "Although we don't have a Six Flags trophy, we know we have our coaches trophy and our own in our minds. We did the best Marion could do. We represented our school well. We WILL be back next year!"



Competition squad members perform one of their stunts at a pep assembly. The diamond head is one of the most difficult stunts for all girl squad to perform because of its strength requirements.

Soph Football

by Pete Messerli

So far in the 2000 football season, there have been many ups and downs for the Marion Sophomore Football program. Through week 6 of the season they have a record of 2-4. This is deceiving though, because they have played very well in most of their games.

They started out with a bang, beating Maquoketa Valley in week 1 by a score of 44-12. In week 2, Marion played a very solid game but came up a bit short against Starmont 14-8 as their attempt to tie the game was ended at the 11 yard line when

for Marion. On homecoming against Benton Community, on September 6, Marion got off the losing streak as they defeated Benton 42-22. The opening kickoff was returned by Burrell 86 yards to set the tone for the game. Corbin Olds had a 50 yard touchdown run on the second play from scrimmage for Marion.

Leading the Indians in rushing through the sixth week of the season is Eddie Rose with 75 carries for 389 yards. Jordan Forkner has 190 yards on 27 carries and Garrett Wood has 191 yards on 30 carries.

Ben Remington is leading the passing attack this year. He is 31-57 with 376 yards. The leading receiver

for Marion so far is Jamie Tiernan. He has 164 yards receiving through the sixth game.



Leading rusher for the sophs, Eddie Rose, finds a hole in the Maquoketa defense.

Back Seats

Guess Who??

Pat Stalkfleet and Jordan Immerfall

Most people's back seat is not used for its intended purpose - people. Most are filled with personal belongings or things just thrown carelessly into the back not to be taken out for months or longer. Many people could be identified alone by what they have in their back seat. Can you identify who these back seats belong to by their contents?

