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Marion High School

Godspell Brings 'em to their feet

The Marion High School music department presented *Godspell* for the fall musical. *Godspell*, with music by Stephen Swartz, is based on the parables of Jesus and includes such musical numbers as "Save the People" and "Day by Day."

"The focus of rehearsals was to keep the energy level high through the entire show," said Mrs. Freese, music director. "With a cast of twenty-seven performers on stage through the entire performance, high energy music and dance is crucial. The performers are turned up the energy with every rehearsal." The cast was led by Doug Cloven and Nick Livingston as the architect and foreman of the construction crew which presented the stories.

Opening night was November 9th with additional shows Friday the 10th and Saturday the 11th.

"It was definitely a challenge to put

on a musical like this, because it required a cast that is on stage and in character at all times," said cast member Tegan Reeves. "The cast put a lot of work and a lot of hours into it, but come show time all of their hard work paid off. The outcome was amazing. The house seemed to be full each night, and it was nice to see the number of students that came to support the high school music department."

The show included two acts that had various humor intermixed with the parables told in the Bible. The show used a variety of modern comedy and included tragedy. "I liked it so much the first time I couldn't wait to see it again. It was very entertaining," said Kristen Osborn who went to Thursday's performance and then came back to see it again on Saturday.

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Indians Fall Short of Goal

by Pat Stalkfleet

There were a lot of mixed emotions after the Marion Indians came back from a 14-21 deficit at halftime to beat West Delaware by one point, 22-21. The victory ended any chance for West Delaware to make to the playoffs and put Marion in with a Western Dubuque loss. Well, West Dubuque won over Benton Comm., but Vinton lost to Maquoketa and that put things in a three way tie for

the district championship. So the Indians share the district title with Vinton and West Dubuque, but any dreams of a state title were extinguished. The Indians went into the locker room at halftime on a huge spark. Kyle Koeppen intercepted a pass and returned it 45 yards for a touchdown to make 14-21. Defense was the huge key for the Indians in the second half as they shut down the explosive Hawks offense. Brett Forkner and Matt Tiele-

bein lead with nine tackles apiece. The Indians scored their only touchdown of the 2nd half on a 75 yard, 14 play drive that chewed up the last five minutes in the 4th quarter. Pat Stalkfleet ended the drive on a one yard plunge. Tyler Mayer had 143 yards on 24 carries and a touchdown in the first quarter. The Indians finished with a 7-2 record overall, 5-2 in district 4 play, and a repeat 3A district 4 title.



Two scary monster-like men proudly pose for a picture in the Haunted Mansion. "I love doing this," the man on the left said. "If you don't visit a haunted house, you've just had a bad Halloween. This is my favorite time of year!"



Another disgusting monster screams at visitors as they walk by in the hallway. Most of the creatures had great costumes and realistic looking make-up. "That's the difference between a laugh and a scream," says junior Tegan Reeves.



This is just one of the scary creatures encountered while visiting the Haunted Mansion in Center Point. This happened to be one of the scariest hauntings of this year's Halloween as stated by most visitors.

The Scream Test!

by Tegan Reeves and Desiree Rouse

Haunted Houses seem to be a tradition when Halloween comes around. So we decided to visit some and put them to the test. Here are our opinions on three of the most popular haunted sights we visited. We rated their scare factor on a scale from 1-10.

House: Police Station
Where: Cedar Rapids
Scare Factor: 6

As you enter Elvira greets you and guides you into a dark hallway. You feel your way through the halls, some covered in fur, others with curtains to lead you into the next scream. There are a lot of monsters and chain-gang members that jump out at you. The maze was full of lights and special effects. We liked it but, couldn't hear our knees knocking by the end.

House: Haunted Forest
Where: Monticello
Scare Factor: 3

You walk through an animals mouth leading you into the forest trail lit by small lights. As you go through you see hanging men and other objects some of which fly out at you. Tractors chase you and you witness a "murder". Then go through a dark shack waiting for something to jump out at you. All in all it was fun but we definitely didn't scream.

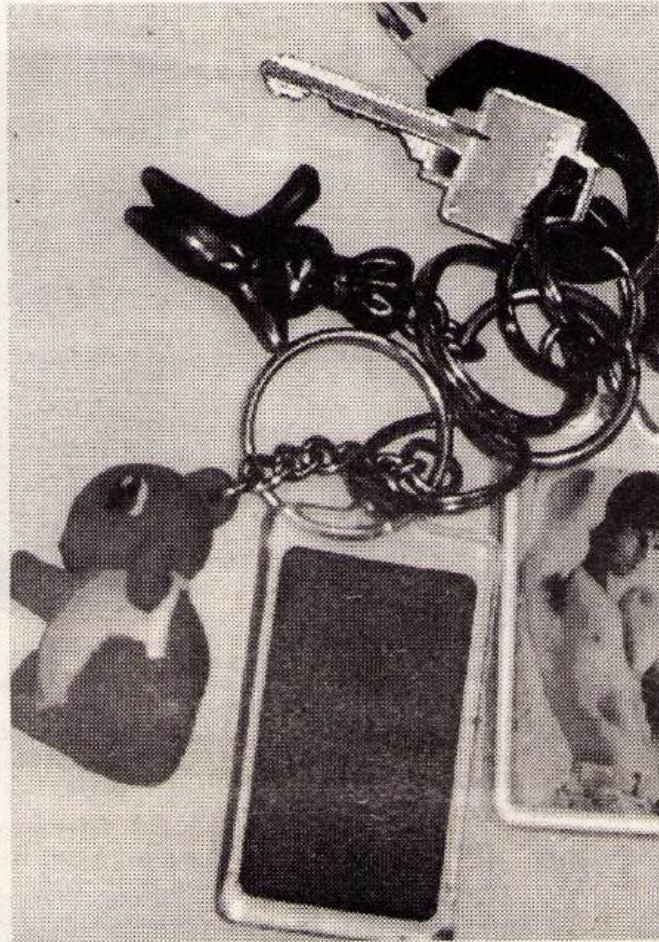
House: Haunted Mansion
Where: Center point
Scare Factor: 4

When you walk in the man that greets you is dressed in a gorilla suit using a chain that he beat against the wall to move you forward through it. As your walking through you find yourself in pitch blackness. Then a black light will flash or a scene will pop out at you. Things like faces and people will jump out at you. It was a good haunted house but seemed to be much like the others we saw.

Don't Look!

By Douglas Cloven

This isn't a trick. Walk to the nearest person that has an unusual taste for strange cheap laughs and ask to see their key chain. Proceed with caution, for the following step may cause you to have strange urges to go to the nearest discount shopper store and rent Milo and Otis and continually watch it until you are bleeding out of your ears, mouth and nasal passages. Now read the statement on the key chain. Wait five minutes before trying to comprehend, and then write it out a couple of times to grasp the concept. You will begin to notice that it is either an answer to a question no one asked or would ask. Or is a snide joke meant to intrigue a part of your brain usually only used when passing kidney stones. Now if it says something like "Say No to crack." Kudos to the owner, it's an advertisement to stop the use of ille-



gal narcotics. Unless, of course, there is a picture of an overweight man with an exposed butt crack, that is what makes me sad. This poor man sitting on a bench just trying to enjoy the cool breeze of a refreshing summer's day, only to have a picture of his loosely fitting jeans, that he hasn't had the money to replace, exposed and turned into a cheap laugh. Be ashamed if you sport one of these; for conforming to the ways and cultures of those who believe that the coming of Azmondulla their Lord will come and eat the heads of the first born to all who don't believe. But, however, if you do not agree with wearing one

of these as the only way you can let out your inside rebellion. Then go to a very tasteful store and purchase a digital pet. They are fun to play with and have many little rewards if you treat them right, as I always do.



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I Stepped into a Loophole and Accidentally Caught Britney Spears Gnawing Off the Heads of Live Chickens

By Jon Lien

As a most general rule of time, we are all familiar with the terms B.C. and A.D. (and by eschewing the unnecessary particulars of their origin, I will work my way faster to the severely dissatisfying pun). These terms as we know them today, however, are just too categorical and by-gone for the progressive*, unbigoted**, free-thinking*** social body that is the United States.

After some careful rectification, I somehow managed to preserve the abbreviations, but altered their design to complement just how things are run today: everything preceding April 20, 1999 shall be the era referred to as "Before Columbine" and everything proceeding as "After 'Demoralization' [of society]" (I couldn't think of anything Latin). Two years ago I never would have figured that teachers would be swaddling ineffective name tags, or that school entrances would be inconveniently locked-up at odd times throughout the day, or that a student would have to submit his/her dignity by receiving "guidance" for purchasing house wire from Menard's. To think, all this in *our* school. It's irritating.

Such is the effect it's taken on our nation. An excess in excessively wary parents/general public and conservative government stifling our right to be entertained due to its "potential" to persuade the youth to partake in, quote, "violent behavior."

I can't help but agree with George Carlin when he reveals that, "Long before there were movies and television, Americans killed millions of Indians, enslaved millions of Blacks, slaughtered 700,000 of each other in a family feud, and attained the highest murder rate in history," and he adds, "Movies and television don't make you violent; all they do is channel the violence more creatively." (P.S. I'm sure Carlin himself is at the top of some soccer mom's hit-list.)

What makes *me* sick, regardless of my defense for civil liberties, is all the gratuitous sex appeal in this country. Why does stuff like milk and tampons need to be sexy? And what happened to the seeming minority of us who aren't systematically embalmed with silicon and dietary drugs appearing in commercials—who are perfectly capable of pretending to have diarrhea or migraines, or both at the same time. If you ask me, sex appeal is the real ruiner of this country. It's everywhere and we barely even realize its corruptive omnipresence! It's this notion that leads me, finally, to the pith.

Britney Spears performs to millions of prime-time television viewers, half naked in shrink-wrapped, skin tone "pleather," in a room that must have been 10 degrees, and she receives nation-wide commendation for being a superior

teen role model. A few years ago Madonna does the exact same thing, and becomes the abhorration of and scapegoat for the female community. I suppose you can argue that through her then 'taboo' demonstrations, it allowed for today a widely-accepted liberation of the female body, thus justifying the contrast I've described; but let me add that Britney dressing up as an erotic school girl does nothing more than allure pedophiles and cause her major audience of seven to thirteen year old girls to feel inferior and insecure.

On another note, if the German group Rammstein croons "Du hierate mich" (you hate me), it's "promoting" the idea you should kill people. When Ozzy Osbourne makes a record, he's taken to court because it seemed to withhold "subliminal" messages that gave explicit instructions for listeners to commit suicide. Conversely, when Britney Spears chirps "My loneliness is killing me," why isn't that interpreted as promoting teen suicide? Or when she tweets "Baby hit me one more time," why is that not interpreted as an acceptance of domestic violence? Well, I suppose because it's pitiful. It's all really pitiful, but the point is they're all absolutely relative to one another. The logic is, no one band can be anymore persuasive or harmful than the other, and so in this respect Ricki Martin is as deplorable as Marilyn Manson, and the Sex Pistols are as virtuous and wholesome as N'Sync. It all depends on how deranged the listener is. I don't buy the idea that music—by itself—can sway a person to commit such off-colored deeds. Throw in a severe chemical imbalance and/or problems in the immediate environment and/or some chaotic drug use *and* then add the band of your choice. Just for the sake of something to blame, of course. Voila. That's how it works.

I dunno. I see all these teeny-bop bands getting away with the exact same things that some other genre of music is being persecuted for. And although I think I've pushed my point well enough—I've collected the finest library of the most redundant, senile, incoherent, diluted, hackneyed lyrics, ever.

So, I'll end this on a really funny note. Here are some 98° lyrics: "Some say that I'm professional/ 'cause I know how to handle mine/ be still and cool and wait awhile/ and I'll show you what some say is right/ Now don't get the wrong impression/ I don't do this all of the time/ but when I see you all I wanna' do is make you call my name".

*inert, **bigoted, ***thinking?

What's Showing?

Remember the Titans

by Josh Ivy and
Doug Cloven

Remember the Titans was a movie about football, racism, and the breaking of boundaries by blacks in the sixties. The setting is T.C. Williams High School in Louisiana, where the black and white students had



just been merged into one school. The school decides to make the head football coach a black

man, this coach is Coach Boone played by Denzel Washington. He uses the help of the longtime coach and hero of the school to mold the multi-racial team into a united force, to become one of



the best teams around. They start out in football camp, where they get punished for



separating races, they are forced to room with a person of the opposite race and they must learn about every person on the team that is of a different race. They soon come to be united as one and have an undefeated season, the turning points were when the captain of the team, who was white decides to kick a player off the team who was not blocking for the black players and causes the starting quarterback to get injured. We don't want to give away the whole movie. But this movie is recommended, watch it before it leaves the theater.

Bleacher Creature: Controversy



by Jordan Immerfall

"U-G-L-Y, you ain't got no alibi, you ugly, you ugly, your mama says you ugly," bellow the many Marion Bleacher Creatures. This is

one of the many cheers that has been frowned upon this season. There has been controversy swirling around the appropriateness, or lack thereof, due to new and controversial cheers or chants, thought of by the Bleacher Creatures. There are about 15 or so students who actually claim to be Bleacher Creatures, cheering very loudly and some times obnoxiously. Recently one the students was reprimanded for his cheering at an away game in Vinton. He was asked to move to a different section of the gym away from his fellow bleacher creatures. So we went out to find out the truth on the rules of cheering at volleyball games.

One rule told to the bleacher creatures on many occasions is that we can not yell while the opposing team is serving. After an extensive search throughout the rule book no where does it state, that is illegal.

On the other hand however, the crew of

bleacher creatures is a great boost to the volleyball team. Most of the hardcore fans travel to the away games to cheer on their team and rock the opposing teams gym. Many of the students wear their neon colored bleacher creature shirts, along with other accessories such as bandanas and other red and gold colored clothing.

"They really pump up the team, and they keep us going when we get down," says senior volleyball player Amanda Carson. "The bleacher creatures have inspired us when we need an extra push," says coach Lori Dostal, "for some it has been a real commitment for them to make the adjustments in their schedule for them to be with us."

As long as the cheering is kept clean, I think the only grudge against the bleacher creatures will be opposing teams.

A New Vision

by Tegan Reeves

The poms had to struggle with a major change this summer. The former coach, Madame Fredriksen, left town leaving the squad without a coach and unable to perform at the invitational competition at Westdale. The administration quickly started the hiring process. Mrs. Quinn, a teacher currently at Marion, took on the responsibility of head coach. The girls are getting used to the transition but are happy with the overall outcome. They have many new things to get used

to such as training, conditioning, and a lot of hours in the weight room. Rules are going to be more strictly enforced such as demerits being given, and the possibility of being

taken out of a routine if it is not fully learned. Nikki Evans says "We are all really happy with the new coach. She is pushing us hard, but I think it will help." The girls perform their first winter pom routine December 1.

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C. Everett Koop, Former U.S. Surgeon General

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Features

The MHS Red Carpet!!!

Have you noticed how some of the people in Marion High School look just like our favorite celebs? If you haven't then you really don't pay much attention. We came up with just a few of who we thought look like today's biggest stars. People say that everybody has a twin or a double, these are just a few.....



Britney Spears



Ashley Corbin



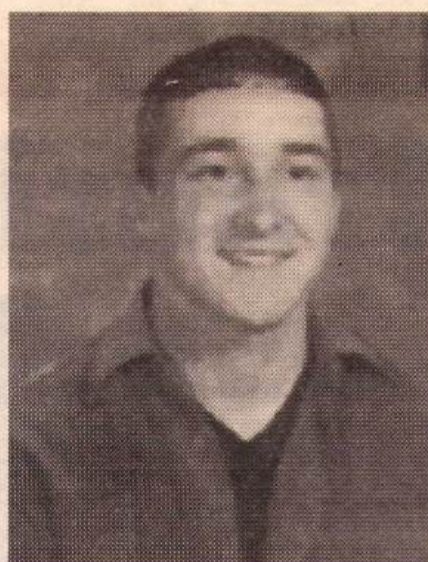
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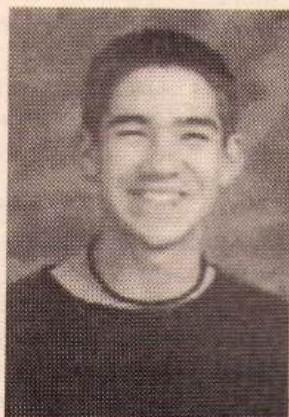
Chris Klein



Troy Little



Ryan Reynolds



Chris Stine



Josh Hartnett



Doug Cloven

Coming Together

Xavier Round Table
by Kristen Osborn

Have you ever wondered what it's like to go to a different country all by yourself, not knowing anyone or even how to speak the language? We had the opportunity to ask foreign exchange students, from all over the world, who gathered at the 3rd annual International Xavier Round Table on Friday, October 20, 2000, about their experiences in the United States so far.



About 47 attended and currently go to school throughout eastern Iowa. The purpose of the International Round Table was to come together and exchange our points of view with one another.

While we (the journalists) had our turn to ask questions of the foreign exchange students they also had their chance to "turn the tables" and ask us some questions.

Kristen Osborn asked if they had the opportunity to communicate with their families back home, using the technology such as the internet, which struck up to the conversation of how strange it was for them (the exchange students) to speak their own languages again and how they felt "stupid" trying to speak the language they had grown up with.

One girl from Germany who attends Linn-Mar commented how the family she lives with doesn't have a tv. She said she's "going crazy" and can't live without television, and when she told her friends back home they asked, "How do you survive?" Another girl commented how the



family she's staying with has 5 tv's for 4 people and offered the girl from Germany one of her's, jokingly.

The theme centered around "One small step toward world peace through mutual understanding". In just the three short hours we were there we got to know a little bit about each person and where they came from.

Teaching Transitions



Miss Knepper is the new French teacher here at MHS, she replaced Madame Fredriksen, who moved to Ohio to live closer to where she grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Miss Knepper has had a lot of teaching experience, she taught at Bennington College, University of Iowa, Xavier High School, and France. She decided to come to Marion because she had student taught here three years ago and decided that she would like to begin teaching here again. Ms. Knepper started teaching when she was in France, she taught English because it was

the only job she could get. She decided that she liked teaching and to stick with it.

Miss Knepper enjoys eating chocolate and watching Seinfeld and Emeril Live. Her favorite sport is swimming. She says she was a good student in high school and she had a GPA of 3.7.



Mrs. Pesek taught last year as a student teacher and has advanced to become a full time teacher. She is from San Diego, CA and she grew up there where her father was a high school principal. She has always wanted

to be a teacher.

Her favorite food is Mexican, her biggest influence is her parents. She loves to eat See's Candy, which is a candy made in California she says its the best candy she has ever had.

Mrs. Pesek's favorite show is E.R. and her favorite sport is football, her favorite song is "How sweet It Is" by James Taylor.

The most embarrassing thing she has ever done was when she got in a parasailing accident and had to stay in the hospital for three days with only a bathing suit on.



Mrs. Wikert came to Marion this year to replace Mrs. Gibbs. She had previously taught at Springville Community Schools. She went to high school at Central Community, and went to college at Esterville Junior College and Mankato State University. Her reason for starting to teach is that her family has had a long line of teachers. She is teaching at Marion because she needed a change and she feels more connected to this community.

She grew up in a farming community in North Central Iowa and enjoys M&M's, MASH, and horse competitions. Her favorite song is "Hot August Nights". She says she was a fair student and got a gradpoint average of 2.89.



Mrs. Humbert is just starting her teaching career here at Marion. Before this she student taught at Kennedy. She is here to replace Mr. Ehresman who is now assistant principal.

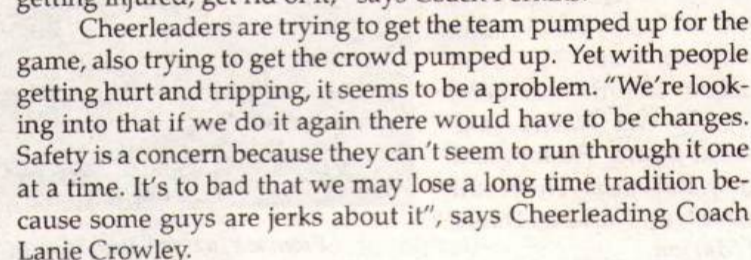
Ms. Humbert is from Maryland and she lived there until her junior year. When she moved to Iowa she went to Linn-Mar and then to Coe College. She decided in college that she would enjoy teaching. She had been coaching soccer and really enjoyed it so she decided to go into teaching. She decided to teach at Marion be-

cause her family lives here, the school gives a strong community feel, and the staff and students are "good people".

Her biggest influences are her parents and her little sister, and her basketball coach and history teacher from high school. Ms. Humbert enjoys pizza and Snickers bars. Her favorite shows are "Friends" and "The Simpsons", and her favorite sports are soccer and basketball. "Love of a Lifetime" by Firehouse is her favorite song, she says, "It is an oldie but a goody."

Ms. Humbert had a 3.99 GPA in high school and a 3.66 in college. She went to all the school dances and was upset that our Toga did not end in "Stairway to Heaven".

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FREESTYLE

Andy Balvanz

Though you may not have heard about it, it is a wide spread sport that people from all over the country have been doing for years. Some people may have seen it on Mtv a few years back when they did a small thing on it, but other than that it has stayed pretty quiet. It's a little sport by the name of *Freestyle Walking*.

For years the people of Marion have been deprived of having their very own Freestyle Walking team. Just this year a few of the junior class members have made their own team. The team consists of four members, they are: Wes Waters, Jake Blazek, Jimmy Heslop, and Andy Balvanz. They call themselves, *The Kewl Dudes Of Marion*.

They have been a team and have been Freestyle Walking together

brief description of it. There are many different tricks and stunts you can perform

while Freestyle Walking. There are also different *kinds* of tricks which are grinds or

grabs. A grind is when you jump on something and slide down it. One example of a grind is the U.F.O. To do this trick you just jump on the grinding surface, with your feet about shoulder width apart, with your front foot's ankle bent forward and your other ankle bent backwards. A grab is when you jump off a wall or ledge of some sort and grab your leg or feet in some way. An example of a grab is a Safety. In the Safety you pull your feet up and your knees to your chest and use one of your hands to reach down and grab the bottom of your foot. These are just a couple of the many combinations that you can do while Freestyle Walk-



From left to right: Jake Blazek, Wes Waters, and Jimmy Heslop perform what is known as a stall. This is where you jump up on a ledge of some sort and "stall" for a short period of time.



Jimmy attempts to do a freestyle walking stunt.

for about four months now. So far they haven't entered any contests or clubs. They just do it for fun right now. They have even made a video that has some really cool stunts and even some wipe outs. So far nothing fatal, just a few cuts and bruises.

For those of you out there who aren't too familiar with this sport I will give a



Andy Balvanz grinds down a railing at the new addition steps. He ended his grind at the bottom end of the rail by doing a kick off to a 360° turn and land perfectly.

WALKING

Here is a shot of Wes jumping over Jimmy performing a stunt called "The Split Jump."



Wes Waters performs a stunt by the names of "Crazy Legs." He got an all new personal record height of five feet.

you could be injured! One thing that would be a



This is Andy performing one of the hardest "stalls" ever. He performed it well and was praised heavily.



This shot shows Jake doing his famous "Double-Leg Crossy Grab." Jake is well known for this stunt.

grind down a stair rail. Now you don't need these shoes to Freestyle Walk, but it helps out to do the real tricky grinds down the rails. The only place that I have seen where you can buy these shoes is a little store in Chicago. They cost about \$40.

Here Jimmy is about to perform a back flip. He ended up chickening out and just jumping off doing a little kick. We all made fun of him.

ing. When asked how he got started Freestyle Walking Andy replied, "Back in probably 8th grade I saw a couple of my friends, Greg and Brad, jump on the wall and kick off and yell 'Freestyle Walking!' so I did it then, but I didn't really start until now when my other friends started to do it too. Those same friends and I now have our own Freestyle Walking group."

Like any other sport there is actually gear that you can buy for it. You can buy pads and helmets to wear, but personally I don't think you need one. Do be aware that



good buy is a pair of Freestyle Walking Shoes. Most people who know about these shoes call them Soap Shoes. They are made like any other shoes except they have rubber bottoms so you can have a good grip on the things you grind on and the center is made of a metal plate to make it easier to



Here Jake Blazek jumped off of a wall and performed "Crazy Legs Butt Grab." This is one of his favorite jumps.

Now that I have explained a little bit about the sport of Freestyle Walking hopefully more of you who didn't know about it now do. Hopefully you don't get it mixed up with speed walking anymore.



Teachers - You See Them Every Day . . . You Sit in Their Classes . . . But

How Much Do You Really Know?

by Ryan Allan

Do you think you know a lot about your teachers? Well, here's a little game to test your knowledge on some of our teachers and staff members here at Marion.

This first of two sections is multiple choice—in the blank, put the answer that you think is correct about the teacher above it.

____ 1. *This teacher, **Mr. Virlee**, was one of the following:*

- a. National ski patroller
- b. heavyweight boxing champion of his high school
- c. Parole officer

____ 2. *Of this teacher, **Mrs. Freese**, one of the following is true:*

- a. Weighed 2 & 1/2 lbs. when born
- b. was offered the lead role in a Broadway musical
- c. owned a construction business

____ 3. *Of this staff member, **Joe the Janitor**, one of the following is true:*

- a. Arthur Rudolph Steinke Jr. is his real name
- b. Britney Spears is his second cousin
- c. His parents told him that he was having a facial blemish removed, but woke up with his wisdom teeth gone

____ 4. *Of this teacher, **Mr. Weisinger**, one of the following is true:*

- a. Played in Romeo & Juliet as Juliet for his 9th grade play
- b. Was a ballet dancer for six years
- c. Grew up on a huge pig farm

Did Mrs. Paulson help coach Maurice Green to Olympic gold?



Did Mrs. Freese give up dreams of Broadway to teach music at MHS?



Is this the face of a former heavyweight boxing champion?

____ 1. **Mr. Perkins**

____ 2. **Mr. Sloan**

____ 3. **Mrs. Gaffney**

____ 4. **Mr. Messerli**

____ 5. **Mr. Messerli**

____ 6. **Mr. Sloan**

____ 7. **Mrs. Paulson**

____ 8. **Mr. Weisinger**



When he started teaching, did Mr. Sloan look so young he grew a mustache?

A. When first teaching at Marion, he got kicked out of the library by the librarian (only two people to a work station!) so he grew a mustache

B. Dressed up as Aretha Franklin and sang R-E-S-P-E-C-T in a lip sync contest

C. Father was superintendent of Marion from 1956-1964

D. Sang, "I can't sing pretty, but I sure sing loud" as a school solo in 9th grade

E. Grew up with Ms. Martin and got detention in school for spitting on her scarf

F. Was Maurice Green's track coach in high school


G. Was the lead in his school musical in 12th grade with his future wife


H. Made all-state in basketball and football and led his team to a third place finish in the state basketball tournament


JUMPER CABLES & WINDOW SCRAPERS NECESSITIES IN YOUR CAR DURING WINTER

by Chris Lacher


Winter. It always seems to last longer than the other seasons. Whether it is the cabin fever that hits after the first snowfall or it's tumbling on the ice every time you step outside, the season never seems to end. For us drivers, winter brings out major hassles: having to get up earlier to clean off your car after it has snowed overnight, having to allow for more time when you're driving somewhere so you don't slide into a ditch, and so on. Though the weather may change, our busy schedules rarely do. We're out there everyday driving to school or work in subzero temperatures with our heaters blasted and snow coming down faster than our windshield wipers can brush it off. So sometime within the next month we will have to do that painful task of taking our coolers and beach towels out of our trunks and replacing them with the necessities Mother Nature has required us to purchase. After taking the opinions of tow truck drivers, mechanics, auto parts salesmen, and experienced drivers, these are the most agreed upon items they recommended as the most important ones to have in your car:


 **Common sense:** If you don't have this, you shouldn't be behind the wheel. If you know you don't drive well in bad weather conditions, stay home or get someone to drive you where you need to go. If you don't know how to handle winter driving, you're putting everyone around you at risk as well as yourself.


 **Cell phone:** Everyone agreed to this as the number one item you should have in your car during the winter. If you don't have a cell phone, it is a good idea to carry a phone card or loose change. If you don't smoke, a great place to keep change in your car for phones and parking meters is in your ashtray. With a cell phone it would also be smart to make sure you're battery is charged or get a charger that hooks up to the lighter in your car.


 **Jumper cables:** If your car dies and you find that one decent person who will help you jump start it, don't always count on them having what you need. Carry jumper cables yourself. Even if your car doesn't act up this winter, maybe

you can end up being that one decent person and give someone else a hand.


 **Window scrapers:** No explanation needed. Unless you like getting frost-bit by using your arm to clean off your windshield every morning.


 **Gas can:** Many times people just don't pay attention to that annoying fuel light that comes on when they're low on gas, thinking they can just squeeze out a couple more miles on fumes. Wrong. Keep this in your car at all times.


 **Sandbags:** A couple of these will add weight to your car so it isn't sliding all over the road. You can also open one up under your tires if you get stuck in the snow to help provide traction. Another source that is good for this other than sandbags is kitty litter if you're a little tight in the pockets.

 **Fluids:** Brake fluid, transmission fluid, and antifreeze. While you may not need to keep these in your car throughout the year, it would be wise to check them frequently and

have them readily available for when you need them. One fluid that would be smart to keep in your car during the winter is Heet. Heet is a gas additive that you put in your tank each time you fill up to prevent your gas from freezing. This comes highly recommended by local auto parts salesmen.

 **Spare tire:** This should need no explanation. Aside from the obvious reason it may be used, a spare tire could also add that extra weight your car may need so it doesn't fishtail around corners.

 **Blanket and extra clothes:** Boots, socks, and thick gloves are also suggested for permanent storage in your car during the winter. If you get stranded in the country, and let's face it, Iowa has a lot of country, extra layers could really come in handy. Otherwise if the heater in your car breaks down or you end up rolling in the snow, you may need these items then.

 **First Aid Kit:** Rain or shine, sun or snow, winter or spring. This is another item that it couldn't hurt to stock your car with. It doesn't have to be an elaborate

rate gym bag crammed full of a neck brace and a portable gurney. Gauze, band-aids, and Tylenol are the basics you may need. Nonperishable food can also be stored away with these for emergencies.

A couple more items that deserve mentioning are flashlights and tool kits. Tool kits are especially useful if you actually know how to work on your car and with a flashlight you want to make sure your batteries are fresh. You would be surprised by the number of people who keep a flashlight in their glove box for months at a time and are shocked that the batteries are dead when they go to use it later.

Though these are the top recommendations by those people who know what they are talking about, it does not mean you have to run out after the first frost hits and make a day out of buying all of these supplies. It is up to you what you think you will need in your car, depending on your experience and how much driving you normally do. Just use your common sense and know that you don't have to pack your car with survival gear if you're just going to the store. And good luck driving this winter (you'll probably need it).

School Cents

By Lindsee McGaffie

Lindale Mall and other surrounding Lindale businesses strongly believe that the children and young adults of today will mold the future. Education should be a major concern for everyone. Lindale mall is offering \$25,000 in prize money to area schools throughout School Cents, a program designed to assist schools with funding for their programs in need. This program is sponsored by KWWL Channel 7, WMT-FM Mix 96.5, Cedar Rapids Gazette, Lindale Mall and other surrounding businesses. Customers "Vote" for their favorite participating high

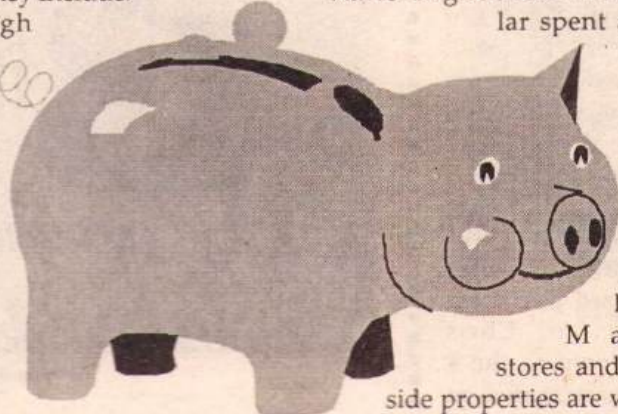
school by turning in their mall receipts and receiving points for their designated school. The program runs October 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. 15 area high schools participate in this program, they include:

Alburnett High School, Anamosa High School, Benton Community High School, Center Point Urbana High School, Central City High School, East Buchanan High School, Jefferson High School, Kennedy High School, Linn-Mar

High School, Lisbon High School, Marion High School, North Linn High School, Cedar Rapids Washington High School, Vinton Shellsburg Washington High School, and Xavier High School. Each Dollar spent at all

Lobster, and Village Inn.

Each Dollar spent at the food merchants inside the mall will be worth 100 points. These Merchants include: Bennigan's, Bishops Buffet, China Cafe, Chix Chicken Station, Great American Cookie, Happy Joe's Pizza, MacGregor's Market, Maid Rite, Mean Genes Burgers, Orange Julius, Pretzel maker, Sbarro, and Taco Bell. If you do not want to give your original receipts the mall offers Mall Point Passes, which can be filled out instead of turning in receipts. The redemption box is where the original receipts are collected. There are two redemption boxes, one located at the mall in center court and the other at Collins Road Hy-Vee. The redemption box in the mall has slots designated for each school. So to earn points for our school put all your mall receipts in the designated slot on the redemption box.



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Soph Football Team Finishes Strong

By Pete Messerli

The sophomore football team had a rough start to the season. But now, it's a whole different story, as the sophomore's have come on strong at the end of this season. Since losing their fourth straight game, Marion finished 3-0-1 in their last 4 games.

There winning streak started off in the homecoming game against Benton Community with a convincing victory, by a score of 42-22. Corbin Olds led the rushing attack in this game with 98 yards on just 6 carries, and he added a touchdown and 1 two point conversion. Eddie Rose added 86 yards on 10 carries, and 2 touchdowns and 2 two point conversions. Wade Burrell also returned the opening kickoff of the game 86 yards for a touchdown.

The following week against Union, Marion put the hurtin' on their opponent again, by winning 43-12. The rushing attack was very balanced in this game. Garrett Wood, Eddie Rose, Jordan Forkner, Corbin Olds, and Wade Burrell all chipped in equally in the running game. For the third straight game, the Marion special teams had a touchdown. This one was by Garrett Wood with a 64 yard punt return. Ben Remington was 3-4 passing, with one touchdown pass to Jamie Tiernan. Jamie Bolsinger also caught a 55 yard pass.

The defense played really well this game. Jeff Shinrock, Nick Livingston, and Ryne Tope put pressure on the quarterback all night, halting Union's passing game. Ryne Tope also blocked a punt to set up Marion's second scoring drive.

On week 8 of the season, Marion traveled to Vinton, to try to defeat the Vin-

ton Vikings who were in 1st place in the district with a 5-1-1 record.

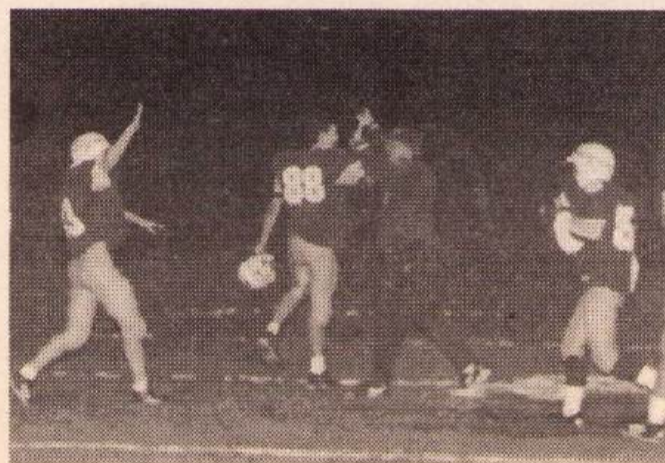
Leading rushers in this game were Forkner with 9 carries for 209 yards, and Burrell with 14 carries for 107 yards.

The score was very close throughout the whole game. At half time, Marion was leading by the score of 20-16. That soon changed as Vinton jumped ahead 30-20 mid-way through the 3rd quarter. After a 79 yard touchdown run by Forkner and the 2 point conversion run by Wood, Marion cut the lead to 30-28. Near the end of the third quarter, Vinton scored again to jump ahead 36-28.

The Indians stopped Vinton on Marion's 9 yard line and began a drive with 3:15 left in the game. Finally, with :58 seconds left, Wood punched it in the end zone. Forkner ran in the 2 point conversion to tie the game at 36-36. The game ended when Jamie Tiernan recovered a fumble to stop Vinton's last second attempt to win.

On Friday, October 27, Marion took on district leader West Delaware in the final game of the season. Everyone gave it there best effort from the start and it paid off. Marion ended up winning this hard fought game by the score of 20-14. Wade Burrell scored the first touchdown for the Indians to give Marion the lead 6-0. This touchdown was set up by a fake punt on 4th down earlier in the drive. After West Delaware took the lead 7-6, Marion came roaring back. The second touchdown for the Indians was set up by a 40 yard pass from Tim Henry to Chris Clendenen down to the 4 yard line. Henry scored on a 1 yard run to give Marion

the lead again 12-7. At the beginning of the second half, West Delaware threw a half back pass, which set up their second touchdown, as they scored from 5 yards out. After this score, West Delaware had the lead 14-12. After a bad snap by West Delaware on a punt early in the fourth quarter, Garrett Wood scored from 2 yards out to give Marion the lead for good. Wood also punched in the 2 point conversion to make the score 20-14. The defense held West Delaware, and regained possession of the ball as time expired. The leading rusher in this game for the Indians was Garrett Wood with 21 carries for 91 yards.



The sophomore football team celebrates defeating West Delaware in the last game of the season.



Jordan Forkner runs for the touchdown in the sophomore's last game against West Delaware.

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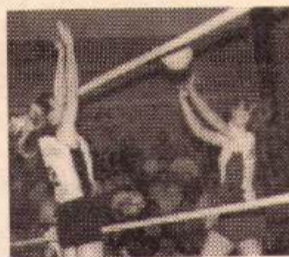
The Marion volleyball team was at the top of their game on Saturday, winning the WaMaC conference tournament at Waterloo Columbus. "It was nice to see the focus and drive that the girls had," pointed out coach Lori Dostal. Marion started out with West Delaware, winning 15-13, 15-11. Marion then faced off against Benton Community, winning 15-8, 15-1. The final game in pool play was against Don Bosco, where the Indians lost 10-15, and won the final game 15-12. Marion then moved into the semi-finals and defeated rival Vinton Shellsburg 15-8, 15-7. West Delaware was the final hurdle in the Indians way, proving the toughest challenge yet but the Indians prevailed 15-12, 12-15, 15-11. Making the all tournament team were Julie Straub and Anna Kalkwarf. Other comments made by Coach Dostal, "We dominated the serve line, which gave us a huge advantage, and I was very impressed with the defense and the digs."

The Indians have taken the first step to the state tournament, winning the first game in the district tournament against Anamosa. Winning 15-5, 15-4, and 15-8, the Indians looked strong and hope to carry that throughout the post season.

"Our chances of going to state are very good at this point," says weak side hitter Amanda Carson. Coach Lori Dostal commented that the girls have been practicing well and are still motivated. "The girls still believe, and that's what we need to have at this point." The motto for the team is 'Feelin' good, looking good'.

Standing out for the Indians so far this season up front is Julie Straub with 316 kills out of 537 attempts, that's an great hitting efficacy of .451, that ranks her 3rd in the state. Straub averages 4.05 kills per game. Also hitting well up front are Rebecca Beadle with 150 kills, Anna Kalkwarf with 205, and power hitter Amanda Carson with 134 throwdowns. Setting up the kills are Jana Bradley with

491 assists. Serving well for the Indians is Kristen "Deuce" Osborn who is serving a remarkable 98% with 398 successful serves out of 407. Leading the team in aces is Jana Bradley with 97 unreturned serves. Digs have also been helping out a great deal, Kalkwarf is ranked 6th in the state with 360 digs, while Jana Bradley 262.



Julie Straub sets the ball over the net to Center Point in the district championship game, which Marion won.

Sophomore Volleyball Has A Happy Ending

On October 3, the Indians hosted the South Tama Trojans. It was their last home game and they came out with an impressive victory, 15-3, 15-3, 15-7. Lindsey Steffek lead the kill category with 6. Leslie Nigg served 100% going 11 for 11 with 4 aces. Leah Kinnaird served 12 of 13 with an ace. Kinnaird also set well for the team with 15 assists. Jessi Clark lead the defense with 5 digs. Neanna Conklin had 4.

The team had their last regular season game at Vinton. It was a close game but the Indians came out on top, 6-15, 15-12, and 15-12. Steffek again lead the hitting with 9 kills. Nigg had 6. Kinnaird served 100% going 12 for 12 with 3 aces. Kirsten Nelson went 10 for 11 at the serve line with 5 aces. The team served at 91% for the night. Kinnaird led the setting with 12 aces. Hansen followed with 5. Steffek had an amazing 16 digs for the evening. Ashley Podoll had 10.

Their season ended with the CRANDIC tournament. They placed 5th. They split with Iowa City West, Kennedy, Jefferson, West Delaware and finally beat Prairie. Steffek racked up 17 kills for the day. Hansen served 98% with 5 aces. Podoll served 94% with 4 aces. Kinnaird served 93% with 3 aces. She also had 24 assists. Hansen had 22. Nelson led the digging with 27. Steffek got 24. Coach Paulsen commented on the season, "They've worked hard throughout the season. They've been in situations this year where they had to play well and it has really helped them. They should be prepared to step up next year and fill shoes."

Freshman End With Impressive 7-1 Mark

by Justin Sperry

The Marion Freshman football team has ended its season with an astonishing 7-1 mark. They had great play from both sides of the ball. In route to their 7-1 mark, 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, they got back on track with wins over West Liberty 24-8, Benton 41-8, and ended with a win over Mid-Prairie 43-6.

The freshman's offense has been huge through the whole season, they averaged 30.5 points a game. The freshman are lead by halfback Jamie Bolsinger. Bolsinger had 19 touchdowns and leads the Indians in their explosive offense, he has six rushing touchdowns and 12 touchdown catches. He has also returned a punt for a touchdown. Quarterback Brock Holub has been impressive throughout, throwing 14

touchdown passes. He has thrown 12 to his favorite target, Bolsinger and has thrown two others to Eric Steffes and Mike McCue. Tail back Mike McCue has also got in the scoring with 13 touchdowns, two running and two receiving. He has ran real hard and leads the team in rushing. Ben Shinrock and Jon Matias have also scored rushing touchdowns for the Indians.

The defense has really destroyed teams this year for the freshman, they are allowed a whooping 8.5 points a game. This is keyed by a whole team effort and continuous work. The front line of Steffes, Kirk Stout, Christopher Page, and Brett Blofield have ruled the line of scrimmage. The line backing crew of Max Molitor, McCue, Shawn Thomas, and Danny Rhodes have been in everybody's backfield.

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Activities Update

by Lindsee McGaffic

Atoms

The Atoms group has just been working on getting recycling organized. The Atoms officers are as follows:
President: Emily Barnd
Vice President: Gina Kroemer
Secretary: Missi Watt
Treasurer: Cara Langfitt
Recycling Reps.: Stephanie Law
Leah Kinnaid.

Thespians

Thespians have a new advisor, Mr. McMahon, who takes over for Mrs. Braun. They have just updated the award just plaque in the auditorium and are working on get-

ting the drama trophy case done.

Soda

Soda is planning a ski trip and a pizza party in December. Soda, along with NHS, is holding the can food drive from November 20 thru December 18.

FBLA

Officers meet next Monday October 23rd. The fund raiser is due October 23rd.

NHS

Activities: Food drive during Thanksgiving. Christmas giving tree

in December. Road clean up this month.

Student Senate

The next program for student senate is School Cents. This starts October 1st and ends December 31st. School Cents is sponsored by KWVL, the Cedar Rapids Gazette, Mix 96.5 FM, Lindale Mall and other surrounding Lindale businesses. Marion supporters can drop their receipts in the boxes at Lindale. In November they will donate turkeys to needy families.

Takin' the Bid..... to Nationals!

by christie ottaway

Practice. Practice is the key-word for the Marion High School Competition Squad. After finding out that they were going to lose Jaclyn Hugg for the competition in North Cedar, the squad worked extra hard. Many changes were made to this routine since the last one at Six Flags, but not just because Hugg would be missing. They needed a new "pack" (when the squad gathers in the center of the mat and performs a dance), and they wanted to add louder voices. During practices, which were an hour long following regular cheerleading practice, the squad would work on the pack over and over along with work on voices. This was a natural occurrence with the girls, but something different would be happening and people would be added for the routine.

October 21 was a big day for the girls, competing against seven other schools, only one of which had they ever competed against. The 12 girls were ready for anything, though, and were happy just to be there. Almost perfecting the routine, the girls walk off with smiles on their faces and high hopes

for the awards.

Award ceremonies can be very stressful, going through all the schools who are in the divisions before you. When it was time for the Varsity division of the awards, all 12 girls held hands and waited for the results. After a well-deserved second place, the girls received a bid to Nationals in Myrtle Beach. The girls now know what needs to be improved for the next competition at the Mall of America in January.



Red Ribbon Week

By: Lindsee McGaffic

Red Ribbon Week was held October 23rd to October 26th. Many students contributed to all activities during that week. They had a very good turn out at the Family Fun Fair, held at Vernon, and were very pleased at how well the cheerleaders and Poms performed. 14 Soda students took time to go to Francis Marion Intermediate, and gave

a short assembly on Red Ribbon Week and how to make your own choices. Many students went to Vernon to hand out wristbands and then to Emerson to read stories and also hand out wristbands. The students here at the high school also received the wristbands. Informational messages were put in the announcements each day. These messages

were full of facts about the consequences of drinking and doing drugs.



At the red Ribbon Family Fun Fair, Tess Putnam and Jenny Kruk run the sack race.

Poms: Larger Squad, Higher Goals

by Ashley Corbin

The winter pom squad once again had tryouts for their season. The squad consisted of nine girls after one quit. "It's hard to choreograph routines with an odd number of people because we do a lot of partner dances," says junior Amanda Pexa. Preparation for tryouts began weeks before the actual tryouts began. The high interest in the spirit squad took the members by surprise.

"There were a lot of people who wanted to become winter poms. It was fun to teach them and help all of them out. I was kind of let down by the people who decided not to follow through with the tryout. However, it's probably better that way, we don't want quitters."

In the end only five girls tried out for the two open slots on the squad. To the judges surprise, the five

were very impressive and all won the hearts of the judging staff. Four girls made permanents, Carly Chadek, Kristen Gehmen, Angela Baltrop, and Amanda Murray, and one alternate, Kristine Renaas. Now with a complete squad of 13, Marion High is looking forward to seeing new and improved creative routines from these 12 enthusiastic, high spirited, optimistic girls.

Accelerating for Success

by Josh Ivey

This summer, while many of us were being lazy and lying around, there were a few Marion athletes that tried to improve their strength and speed. Many athletes lifted weights at school to stay fit, but there were a few more that went a step above to improve their speed, explosion, and acceleration so they could compete better and be better athletes.

Three of these athletes were Junior Pete Messerli, Junior Andy Balvanz, and sophomore Wade Burrell. These three joined Mercy Acceleration to increase leg strength and speed. "I did it to become faster and stronger, I wanted to be ready for football," said Burrell. The other two had similar reasons, they all

wanted to be better at the sports they play.

The program cost \$340 and was held three times a week for eight weeks. The exercises consisted of different jumps, sprints treadmill runs, etc. "With the Mercy Acceleration program my acceleration became faster, and with my acceleration being faster I could accelerate more rapidly," said Andy Balvanz.

All the runners were glad they participated. When asked if he would join again Pete Messerli said, "I'm not sure, I probably should, but it costs a lot of money."

Whose Wacky Room Is This?

Can you identify a classroom by just the objects inside them? Well if you can, the journalism department has a game for you. We are going to give you a picture of an object in a room throughout the school and then 4 possible answers. The first 3 people who can correctly identify the 8 pictures will win prizes. They must bring the answers to Ms. Martin's room and we'll be the judge.

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- A) Mr. Sloan
B) Mr. Clark

- C) Mr. Perkins
D) Mrs. Bannon

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- A) Mr. Virlee
C) Mr. Fruehling

- B) Mr. Weisinger
D) Mrs. Gonzalez

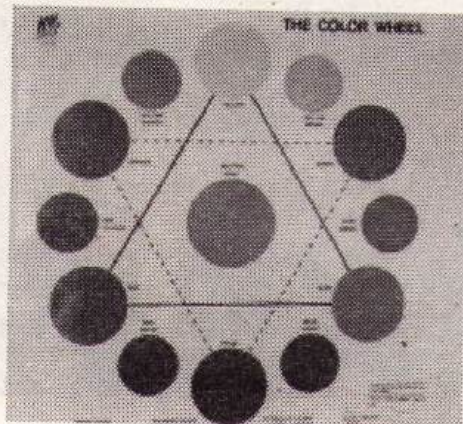
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B) Mr. Perkins

- C) Mr. Sloan
D) Mr. Bates

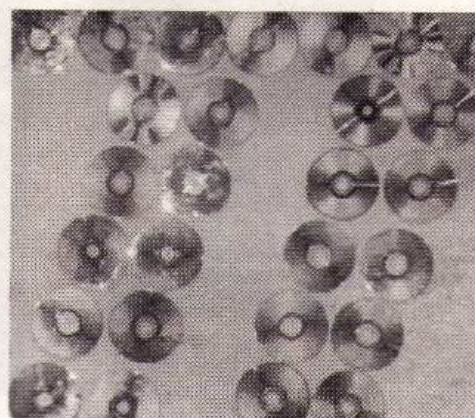
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- A) Mrs. Dostal
C) Mr. McLaughlin

- B) Mrs. Thilges
D) Mrs. Weber

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- A) Mrs. Johnson
B) Mr. Martin

- C) Mrs. Paulson
D) Mr. Wikert

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- A) Ms. Martin
B) Mrs. Wikert

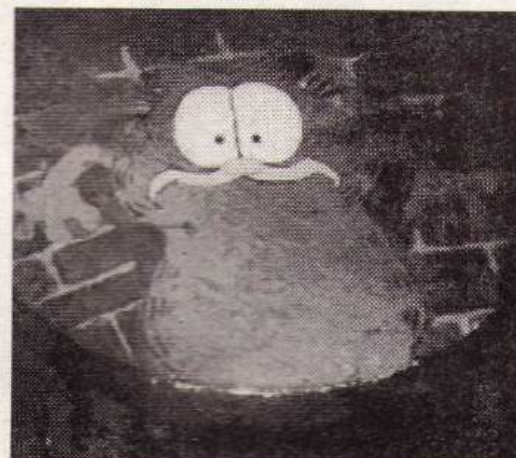
- C) Mrs. Braun
D) Mrs. Knepper

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- A) Mr. Fish
B) Mrs. Humbert
C) Mrs. Quinn
D) Mr. Messerli

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- A) Mrs. Gaffney-Paige
B) Mr. Ferguson
C) Mr. Immerfall
D) Mr. McMahon

GODSPELL

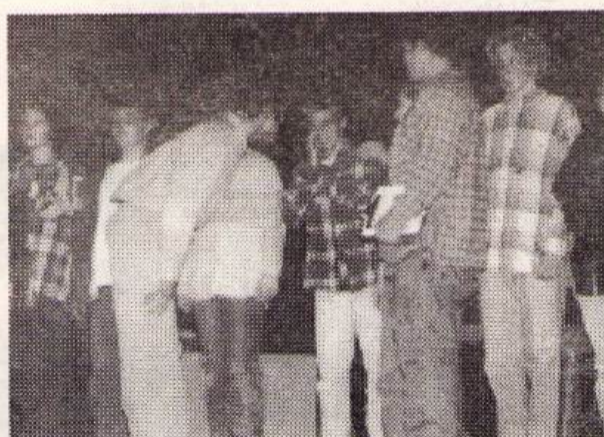
While Godspell is taken from the book of Matthew in the Bible and contains some well-known stories, each cast that works on the musical can make it its own. The directors decided to set the musical in a construction site and have the characters of Jesus and Judas be the architect and foreman of the crew. They also incorporated timely references and humor into the script to make it specific to their show.



Nick Livingston and Doug Cloven meet at the construction site and begin the rest of the show.



Cast and crew of Godspell: Front row: Royce Kensinger, Jena Hugg, Laura Popovics, James Hamous, Aaron Doubet, Nikki Martin, Tegan reeves, Kate Baumert. Second Row: Ben Shinrock, Crystal Schneider, Jeff Shinrock, Haley Mere, Gordon Herb, Taylor Heim, Carly Chadek, Ashley Scott, Jaclyn Hugg, Doug Cloven, Ben Samuelson, Sarah Jarmon, Crissie Wood. Back Row: Sharon Colton, Aaron Fowler, Jon Lien, Brad Feickert, Brian Freese, Stephanie Law, Meghan Redd, Jordan Skilling, Nick Livingston, Jessica Sauer, Sarah Hansen.



"There's no crying in Godspell!" A transition leading into the story of the prodigal son had Doug Cloven as a drill sergeant and Royce Kensinger as his aide as they checked out the troops, challenging those who didn't pass inspection. One of those chosen was Ben Shinrock.



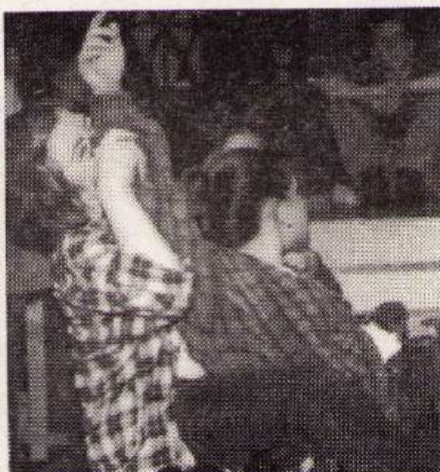
Jaclyn Hugg watches while Taylor Heim tries to convince everyone that he deserves to be honored because he's so worthy.



The whole cast gets in the act for "O Bless the Lord," sung by Jaclyn Hugg.



To keep the stories relevant to the present, the cast incorporated some modern things, such as rap. As Royce Kensinger narrated, Nick Livingston and Crissie Wood took on the characters of the king and a person who owed him money.



When a rich man (Nikki Martin) is cast into hell, she is tormented by demons and by having to listen to Kenny G.



As Kate Baumert sang "Turn Back, O Man," the boys in the cast rushed to the front of the stage for a better look.