

# The VOX

Marion High School

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## March Madness Lives Up To Its Name

by Nick Livingston & Josh Ivey

### Our Favorites

#### Michigan State

MSU had extremely hard schedule this season which will prepare them for any of the tough seeds they will face. Charlie Bell is the key to this team. If Charlie produces, MSU could go all they way, if not, they could get upset at anytime.

#### Key Wins Key Losses

Kentucky Illini  
Florida Ohio State  
Wisconsin Indiana

#### Stanford

This team should be the favorite to win the tournament. Leaving the season ranked #1 overall lands them a #1 seed in their home state. Stanford doesn't really

have any weaknesses. Casey Jacobson is the best shooter in the tournament and will to shoot from anywhere. If Jacobson and the Collins twins play well, Stanford could go all the way. The twins are dominant in the paint and will dominate all game long if you don't get them in foul trouble. Look for Stanford to walking in to Minneapolis with a big smile on their face.

#### Key Wins Key Losses

almost Michigan St.  
everyone Arizona  
Clemson  
Kentucky

#### Illinois

While the Illini haven't suffered from any huge upsets, they do have trouble with letting teams stay in the

game. In the Big 10 tournament, they let Indiana stick around 'till the end when they came and beat them. They have great players in Griffin, Crawford, and McIn. They have one of the strongest defenses in the nation and they can score with good penetration and shooting. They have one of the deepest benches in the nation and they can win if they can get up for every game, and they will need more consistent shooting from beyond the arc.

#### Key Wins Key Losses

Mich. St. Duke  
Maryland Arizona  
Seton Hall Iowa  
Arizona

#### North Carolina

Forte, Forte, Forte! The suc-

cess of this team rests of sophomore Joseph Forte. Brendon Haywood has shown that he can consistently dominate. Haywood will be a huge factor but if he just sticks to what he's been doing all season, it will be up to Mr. Forte to decide how far UNC goes. There second seed should easily carry them to the Elite Eight.

#### Key Wins Key Losses

Duke Duke

#### Duke

Duke is a defensive team. Any team that plans on beating Duke will have to shoot very good. Duke landed themselves a #1 seed, but they have to worried after loosing Boozer and potentially loosing star point-guard Jason Williams to a

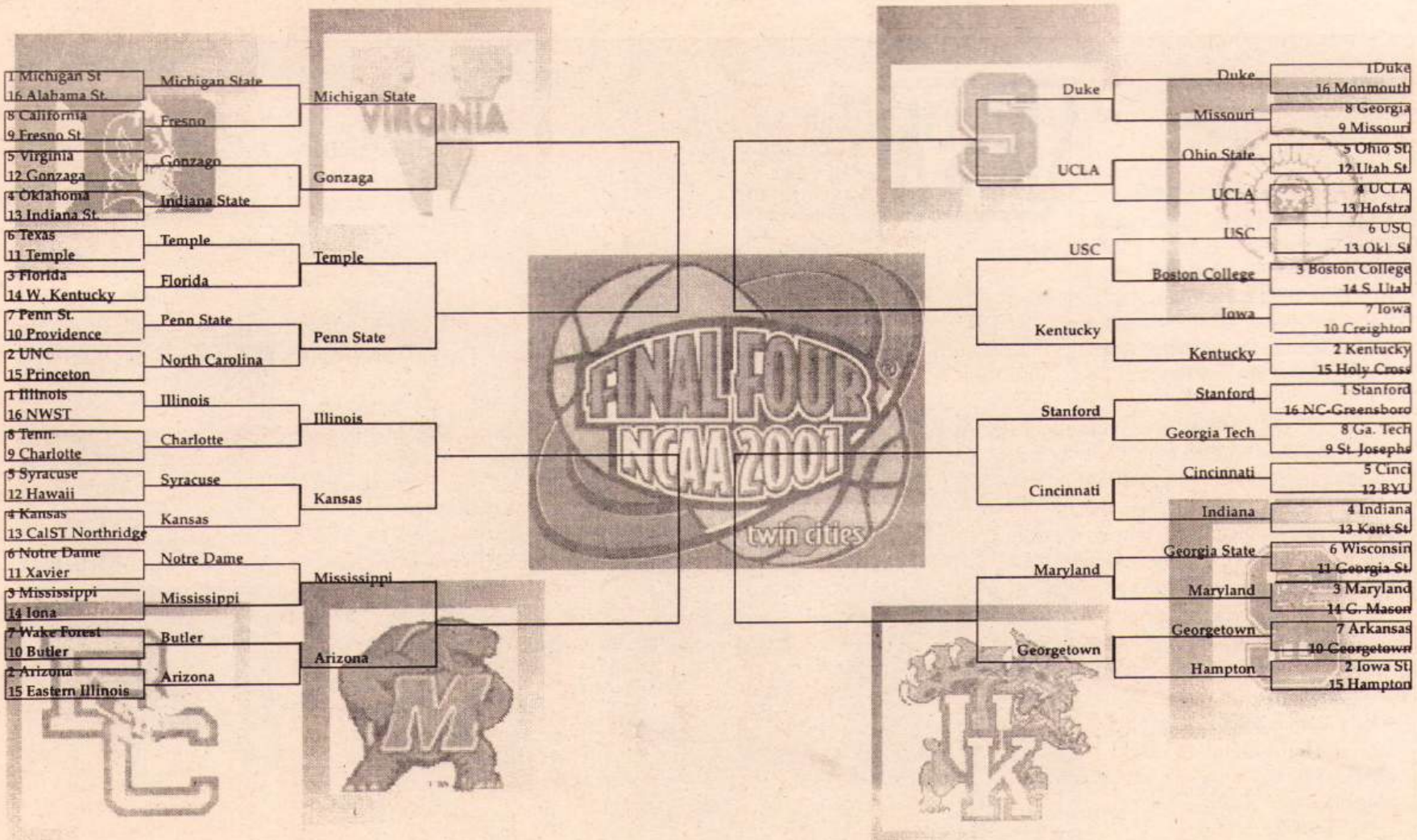
bruised ankle. They should be able to hold off the #16 seed Monmouth but if Williams isn't back for the Georgia/Missouri game, they could be in some serious trouble.

#### Key Wins Key Losses

Illini UNC  
UNC Stanford  
UNC Virginia  
Maryland Maryland

#### Sleepers

Missouri  
Iowa  
Georgetown  
Temple  
VIRGINIA  
Notre Dame  
Xavier  
Butler  
Tennessee





## ANOTHER ARTICLE ON SCHOOL LUNCH: BECAUSE IT'S EASY

By Jon Lien

I grabbed a corn-dog with a hand that had previously been exposed to poisonous developing chemicals, a non-washing after using the bathroom, and unsterile door handles and probably the rotten clown corpses which hover over me in my sleep. I grabbed a corn-dog by its lusterless golden body and set it on my tray. Maybe before I got some milk I sneezed right on to the corn-dog, accidentally emptying my nose and throat all over it. Perhaps while in line my inconsiderate manner of speaking sent spit particles all over the damp, silky husk of the sad-looking corn-dog. I don't mind because I know where I've been. When I reach the ticket point after several minutes of the lunch person's infantile register fumbling, I am denied my lunch. I wanted to argue, but what was the use? I left and ate and came back late.

These new lunch rules seem irrational and pointless. How much money can this department be losing mixing ninety percent water and fettered goat beef everyday? Anyway, I don't

care. It's not really the starve-the-students rule I'm concerned with.

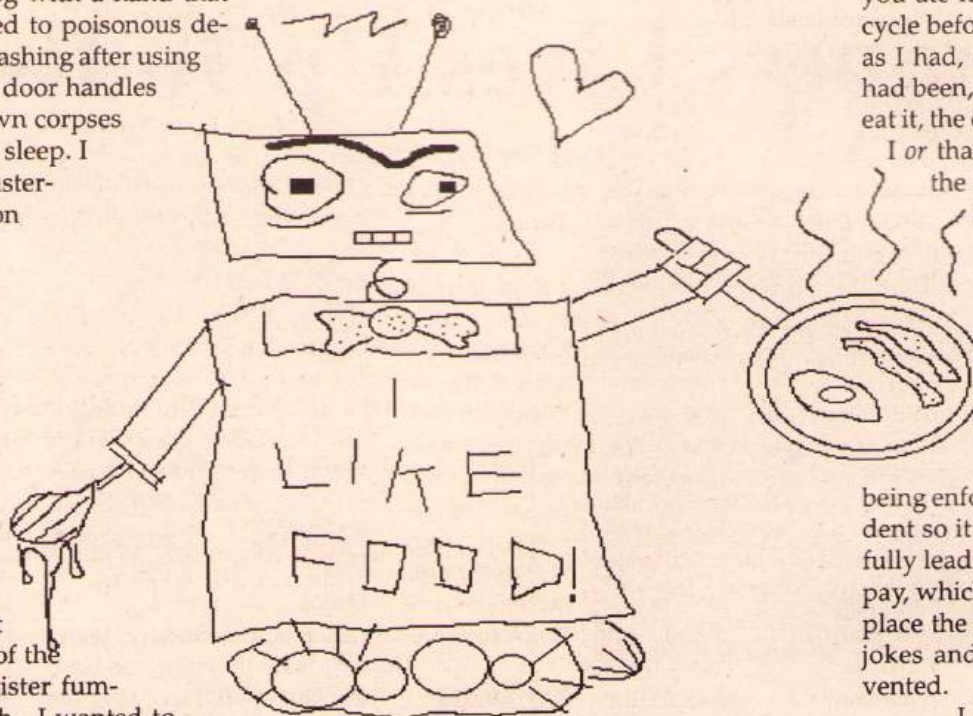
I proceeded to watch them put my corn-dog back with the other corn-dogs. Then one of

you ate it. And for all I know, someone in the cycle before me man-handled that corn-dog just as I had, only, I don't know where that person had been, and consequently, since I didn't get to eat it, the one of you who did didn't know where I or that other person had been, or even that the corn-dog had been taken out and put back in the first place.

Food, that for reasons above should be thrown away, is put back for someone else to eat. If that isn't economical, I don't know what is. And if the food ever has to be thrown away due to sanitary/health laws actually

being enforced, it should just be given to that student so it isn't wasted. This, in turn, will hopefully lead to a lunch system where no one has to pay, which would be funny. We should then replace the lunch persons with robots who tell us jokes and stories about how rhubarb was invented.

I know that it is unwise to count your eggs before they have hatched, but I have gone ahead and drawn a crude sketch of what the robots should look like: (look in the middle of the page.)



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## EXPERIENCE THE RE AGE AT MHS

by Heidi Hanel

For the past three months, I have taken careful consideration when choosing my attire for school. This is not because I'm trying to impress someone or be fashion conscious, but because I'm afraid of freezing to death. Meanwhile, the lunch ladies have begun to store the food in the band room as it's colder than their freezers outside, and due to the temperature of the red gym, the PE classes have taken up ice-skating.

Unless you have fur, you've probably noticed that the school's been just a tad bit chilly lately. I say the words "tad bit" meaning that it's just a "tad bit" colder inside than it is outside. Students are wearing coats and gloves to class, and vocal students have found it hard to sing as their teeth are always chattering. So, one question remains-why are we so cold?

The quickest and most logical answer would be that the thermostats aren't turned up enough-that the school has turned them down because the bills are so high. However, this answer would be incorrect.

Perform an experiment for yourself. Go to Mr. Virlee's room. Sit on his vent. 99.9% of the time, you'll find that cold air, as opposed to warm, comes out of it. Next, check his thermostat. It's turned up to room temperature, as many of the other thermostats in the school are. It doesn't make much sense, does it? Dr. Thomas helped to shed some light on the matter. When I asked him why the school was so cold, he said that our thermostats were turned up five degrees higher than the surrounding schools. I know what you're thinking- "Then why are we so cold?!"

Through various sources, I have discovered that the reason lies in the architecture of the school. The air intake vents are on the north side of the building. Now, for those of you who aren't weather-savvy, all the cold air blows from the north. The cold air courses through the vents, thus polluting and chilling our would-be warm air. Unfortunately, there probably isn't much we can do about it, except invest in parkas.

I know. It's horrible to put up with daily, and it's even worse at restitution when the heat probably isn't on at all. However, since we must suffer gladly in this proverbial ice cube, we might as well make the best of it. Turn up the Bunsen Burners and warm up to your table partner. If worst comes to worst, we could all gather in the cafeteria and roast marshmallows over a bon-fire made up of our notebooks. I, for one, wouldn't mind doing that even if it wasn't cold. Wouldn't you?

### Our Infamous Vox

By Chrystal Schneider

There is a buzz - a shadow of anticipation - pulsing through the school.

The Vox is out.

On these days, I observe the journalism students and try to determine how they feel about their latest publication. Most have pride behind their eyes, walk a bit taller, and smile down at the stack of newspapers in their arms.

Most. Not all.

There are students I *know* work on the Vox team - I see their names byline after byline - but I've never seen them with a copy of the finished product. They don't talk about the class, and when I comment on the paper, they look at the floor. These are the students I sympathize with.

"Crissie Wood sand a solo from *Phantom of the Opera*, 'Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again'."

"Go to a free moivie of you and your date's choice!"

..."Qulz Bowl team"...

"Write you name and a few of you interes on a sheet of paper"...

"Nichole edwards and Leslie Nigg are

ready for the rebound."

..."at home against west delaware"...

Those quotes come to you directly from February ninth's edition of the Vox. The most recurring problem is clearly capitalization, followed by punctuation, spelling and phrasing. The first three on that list could easily be decreased or eliminated by the author heeding the advice of their spell-checker. Phrasing requires more attention to improve, but it can be done. Upon skimming through past issues of our infamous Vox, I find myself baffled at the poorly phrased and awkward sentences. These many glitches often relate back to punctuation errors, as displayed here:

"One thing that might have hurt Marion was free throw shooting as they went 1-9 from the line."

"Suddenly the hands squeezed tighter as the 2nd place team was announced, it not being Marion, yet knowing the first place trophy was theirs!"

"On January 6, Xavier was Marions compition." (Note spelling error: "c-o-m-p-e-t-i-o-n".)

You may think that my purpose in writing this is to insult the Vox staff, but that is not the case. I want to be proud of my school's newsletter, and I know it's possible.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK???

We all have our own opinions about the school, the students, and the way things work. I talked to a couple kids to get an idea of what goes through your head when you think about school. I got quotes ranging from "more heat" to "Quit changing our curriculum." I also received some very good articles to be submitted. Here are some of the quotes I received:

"Seniors should not have to come to seminar, especially if we dot have third or fourth block."

Tyler Mayer, Justin Remmington, and Travis Barnes

"Fresher is better"

Brock Holub on school lunch

"Silent sustained reading is unfair to people who are intrinsically motivated to read on their own time"

Stephanie Petchulat

"Pop machines should be filled more often, you never get the kind you want"

Matt Tielbien and Gina Grissom

"Freshmen...show some respect, don't be snots. When you are seniors your going to want to see respect."

Sophomores...wear more appropriate clothing."

Meghan Salmon, Natasha Ottaway, Ali Fowler

"Juniors should be able to leave campus for lunch as long as they are responsible enough to come back"

Gina Grissom

"Dances: they are a privilege and a lot of fun, come to them, don't take advantage of them(no body really shows up anymore)"

Chelsea Burgess

"We have some of the best student body I have ever been associated with"

Dr. Thomas

"This year has run very smoothly. I have seen a lot of positive involvement and success in a variety of activities. I have seen great success in Marion as a team"

Mr. Ehresman

"Limiting boys to one sport during the spring irritates me because we get the pressure to be in different activities but we can't be in soccer and track!"

Adam Martin

"I enjoy the positive and enlightening conversation in the warm and cheery lunchroom at Marion High school."

Kate Baumert

"I was uncomfortable at first because of a lot of people stereotyping and judging me especially because I went to Linn-Mar. But it is getting better, it seems like everyone hangs out with each other though and that's cool."

Claire Lewis

"We have the best lunch in the world"

Brad Murray

"I have found a lot of close and supportive best friends, who will stay with me for the rest of my life."

Jana Bradley

"I enjoy working here because of the great sense of community and warmth of the students, staff and administration. It is not very often that a new teacher gets the opportunity to have such a positive first year experience."

Ms. Humbert

## Their Way of Living

by Andrea Meyer

Everyday I come to school and let things pass me by! There are some things that just are so harsh that I hurt inside even though it's not about me. I get tired of coming to school and hearing about people who are bisexual. We need to show an emotion called empathy. We need to walk in others footsteps to see why they feel the way they do. We often classify gays and bisexuals as gross or impure but we need to rethink why we feel that way. When I was doing some research I came across an article in the Encyclopedia of childhood and adolescence that stated 37 percent of gay and lesbian youth commit suicide because of teasing and threats of hate crimes. We need to learn not judge others. I think some of us need to grow up and let people live their lives. We can't hate people because they are different or because of their sexual preferences. We need to give people the respect we would want in turn.

I don't want journalism students to stare at the floor when I mention the paper, and I'm sure they don't have to feel like that's the best thing they can do. I'd like to be able to open each new Vox and read well-writ-

ten, well-edited articles that focus on interesting subjects. The subjects are fine, you're half-way there. Learn to write. Learn to edit. Once you know, do it well.



## DANGEROUS ACTIVITY IN THE WINTER MONTHS

by Anna Kalkwarf

Did you happen to notice that last month everywhere you looked, you could find someone on crutches? There must have been something in the water, because everyone was getting hurt. Jaclyn Klopfenstein, Anna Kalkwarf, Tim Henry, Matt Boquist, Taryn Hyduk, Doug Cloven, and Jana Bradley all got to experience the life of a cripple for at least a day. All of these injuries were sports related. In fact, except for Hyduk all these injuries resulted from basketball. Klopfenstein had the worst. She had pins surgically placed in her leg because of a large break. Anna Kalkwarf fractured her foot. The others all experienced ankle injuries. Klopfenstein commented about her experience: "It wasn't fun. It was tiring. People were nice to me and helped me out though."

### TIPS TO STAY HEALTHY

*Physical Trainer Jean Hammill gives advice for preventing injuries:*



#### Stretching -

A lot of injuries are caused by tightness. It is extremely important to warm up before exercising and making sure you are loose. Flexibility definitely prevents injuries.

#### Balance Training -

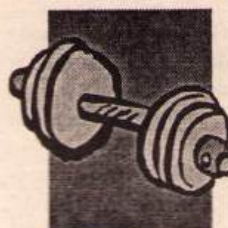
This is a new thing that a lot of people haven't heard of. When people get hurt, their nerve endings get damaged. A lot of times people get reinjured because these nerves don't heal right. These nerves have to be relearn where they are and what they need to do.

## Water Wave Massage

by Jordan Immerfall

If you are ever looking for a good massage for under \$10, Water Wave Massage is the place to go. Water Wave Massage, owned by Brenda Boyle, is located in the middle of Lindale Mall, up from the food court. It consists of two beds which cost about \$28,000 apiece. The beds are said to "increase circulation and relieve muscular pain and tension with thousands of pulsating jets of temperature controlled water that travel back and forth over the length of the body." Sounds nice, but is it really that good? We tried it out for ourselves, and yes, it really is that good.

The 90° water goes up and down across your feet, legs, and back. There is also a button you hold down if you want the water 'wave' to stop on a certain spot. The massage has 2 sequences, a deep tissue massage and then a slower relaxing massage at the end, the aqua massage machine is said to be the equivalent of a Swedish massage. Brenda says that many athletes come in the day of a game, match, or meet whichever it may be. So, if this sounds like what you need, Water Wave Massage will be permanently located in the mall, whenever you need some tension released.



#### Strength Training -

Lifting weights makes muscles strong. Weakness causing things to give out and tear.

#### Shoe gear -

It's important to wear something with good support. The new style is the low top basketball shoes. It looks cool, but it has been the cause of a lot of ankle injuries.

#### Avoid "Too Much, Too Soon" -

A lot of athletes work too hard too fast. They have this drive to be an Olympian, but they want to do it in a week. Before they know it, they have pulled or torn something and they have to sit out for awhile. This happens a lot during track season. Athletes train too hard, and they're bodies aren't ready for it. It is important to gradually increase your work outs so it isn't such a shock to the system.

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## Weird Eating Habits

By Chris Stine

If you're like most people, you have a couple friends or maybe just one that likes to eat something nasty. So, you're sitting in the cafeteria with your friends, it's hamburger day, and as soon as one of them takes a bite, white stuff falls out of the back of the bun. You're probably thinking, "Why would someone put ranch on a hamburger?" No? They bust a little ketchup out of the frig, smother it all over a pickle, and munch it up. No? You think it's gross, but you can't help but stare and wonder what it tastes like. Well, here are a few people you may or may not know with their little hidden secret.

### Royce Kensinger-

Eats peanut butter, lettuce, and mayonnaise sandwiches.

### Justin Remington-

Eats ice cream with his bare hands. Then likes to say, "Look guys. I'm like a bear. Get it? They're like paws."

### Travis Barnes-

Eats the crust of his sandwiches first.

### Ryan Knapp-

Will buy a can of oysters, won't cook them, puts them on a Ritz cracker, and eats them raw. Needless to say, he loves it.

### Wes Waters-

Likes to eat brussel sprouts.

### Will Eggers-

Has taken cheese in block form, melted it in a microwavable bowl, and eaten it like soup. Apparently the top gets burnt?

### Justin Sperry-

During wrestling season his favorite food is cottage cheese and pickles.

### Rosey Milam-

Puts his peanut butter and jelly in a cup, mixes it together and then puts it on his sandwich.

### Jeremy Gruber-

Likes Rocky Mountain Oysters with a little salt on them. If you know what a Rocky Mountain Oyster is, then you know why it's a little strange.

### Julie Straub-

Used to eat marshmallows and milk, but now she just likes to eat raw potatoes.

### Stevie Cummings-

Likes to eat whatever cracker she has available and dip it in Mac and Cheese.

## Spring Fashion

By Nikki Evans and Desiree Rouse

In the fall, *The Vox* brought you the latest in fall trends. Now it's spring and were back with new and fashionable spring trends. Spring 2001 offers wardrobe pieces to look forward to. The key looks are easy, sophisticated and perfectly wearable. Here's a sneak peek at the coming seasons key fashion pieces. The key colors for spring are black and white. So are bursts of solid soft shades-violet, green tea, rose, ad cobalt. Go with pastels and you'll be set.

### In looks for spring:

#### 80's Revival:

Happy, go lucky, and spirited. Clinched off-the-shoulder tops, cut-out neck t-shirts, cropped jackets, studded belts and fitted logo tees should fill you closet. A good place to shop for all of these items is Express. They have a great variety of clothing.

#### Girl Next Door:

Think American Eagle. American Eagle has a good variety of clothes ranging from shorts to capris and tank tops to sweaters. This look will surely get you through the spring season. One of the new popular tops that American Eagle is now carrying is the halter top in pastels and striped. Many other stores are also beginning to sell these popular tops.

#### Feeling Pretty:

Think Express. Skirts are knee-grazing short to micro. Low hip-hugging pants and jeans 70's style is a good look to go for. One on the new trends is to elaborate with huge-jeweled belts.



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## PROM!

By Kristen Osborn & Tegan Reeves

The #1 biggest stress for prom is finding the "perfect dress". Yes, we are all in search for that Cinderella dress, but how do you go about narrowing down the choices or even knowing where to begin? This year, as it was popular last year, is the two-piece dress. Others that are up on the popularity list are strapless dresses and those with spaghetti straps. The most popular colors are white, black, and soft pastels such as pink or blue. Red is also an ever popular, glamorous color. Open-back dresses, to show off that nice

tan you've spent the past month pumping your money into, are also common.

How do you begin the search? You don't even need to take a step outside. Just pull a chair up to that computer and search the internet. This is the first place to begin so you don't have to waste those precious dollars on gas driving all around and instead save up! We've done a little searching to ease the pain! A couple of good web sites are:

[bestpromdresses.com](http://bestpromdresses.com)

[www.seventeen.com](http://www.seventeen.com)

[www.prom-dresses.com](http://www.prom-dresses.com)

Now, as far as hair goes we have compiled some styles. Some people spend \$30 or more getting their hair done, but if you're lucky you can have a friend do it and save you a lot of money! If you do decide to get your hair done usually it's easier if the stylist has a picture of how you would like it to look. Our very own Tegan Reeves is very talented when it comes to designing hair. Here are a few of her masterpieces:



#1



#2



#3

## DRESSES!



Prom will be held on April 21st in the Marion High School Gym.  
Grand March will be held at 4:00p.m. and the dance is from 8-11p.m. Post Prom will  
be at Castle Lanes from 11p.m-4a.m.



## Name: Kris Renaas



Age: 18  
Activity: Tennis  
Past Season Memory: Driving in our van with Kerry Jannie and Karen Pasker playing the drums, guitar, and vocals, on the way to a tournament.  
Season Thrill: When Karen and I gave

Chamanche a run for their money!  
Starting out: It's really cold and frustrating. But the tournaments are worth it.  
Advice for Newcomers: Never let the ball bounce twice!  
Favorite Weekend Memory: Having a slumber party with Karen and Kerry and these guys came in and sat on her coach and we were all dumbfounded. We had no idea who they were.  
Favorite Saying: "The best thing about pain is you know you are not dead." It's from GI Jane!  
Favorite Snack: Graham Crackers and Milk.  
If you could do anything what would it be? Take any exotic trip all over the world in a school bus.  
Biggest Influence: My older sisters  
College/Future Plans: Kirkwood my first year and then attend the University of Iowa.

## Name: Travis Barnes



Age: 18  
Activity: Soccer  
Past Season Memory: When we beat Benton 10-0, and I almost scored, but the ball hit the goal post.  
Season Thrill: When we beat Hudson and afterwards they wanted to fight, and the coach told

his players not to shake our hands.  
Starting Out: I started playing when I was 5 in the YMCA Leagues.  
Advice for Newcomers: Love the game, and play every chance you get.  
Favorite Weekend Memory: When Jordan threatened Chris, Sam, and I, and we beat on him for the next two hours in the middle of streets and neighborhoods.  
Favorite Saying: Yeah dude!  
Favorite Snack: Reese's Peanut Butter Puffs  
If you could do anything what would it be? Go to Italy with Paolo and join the mafia.  
Biggest Influence: Paolo Renzo Giovam Panico  
College/Future Plans: Iowa State

## Name: Stevie Cummings



Age: 17  
Activity: Track  
Past Season Memory: Julie throwing up macaroni in its original form.  
Season Thrill: Running the mile in the 5 minute range.  
Starting out: I didn't know what to run because I had never done track before.

Advice for Newcomers: Work hard, stay determined, don't give up, and have fun.  
Favorite Weekend Memory: When a Bunch of my friends and I went camping at Anna's woods and Julie and Ali got left at a local prison.  
Favorite Saying: Why?!?! and "neato speedo"  
Favorite Snack: Fruit Snacks  
If you could do anything, what would it be? I would be a rich, successful volleyball player that travels the world.  
Biggest Influence: My friends - they helped me keep a positive attitude through everything.  
College/Future Plans: Attend Iowa State and Major in Math or possibly Architecture.



## Name: Justin Remington

Age: 18  
Activity: Baseball  
Past Season Memory: My sophomore year,

played Tee-ball at the YMCA.  
Advice for Newcomers: Start young, stick with it and learn to play more than just one position.  
Favorite Weekend Memory: When I went to Iowa State and played hoops with Koeppen.  
Favorite Saying: Wait a minute, what's going on? Seriously!  
Favorite Snack: Stine's Moose Tracks ice cream and Sam's dad's peanut butter cookies, I ate 47

of them in one night in 8th grade.  
If you could do anything what would it be? Go skydiving. Or watch Mike Tyson reclaim the crown.  
Biggest Influence: My parents, coaches, and Mark McGuire.  
College/Future Plans: Attend Buena Vista next fall were I will play golf and study elementary education.

when we beat the defending State Champions, Vinton on Shellsburg in the first round of the playoffs.  
Season Thrill: When I was a freshman and I hit a homerun against our cross town rival Linn Mar, or leading the team in stolen bases.  
Starting out: I

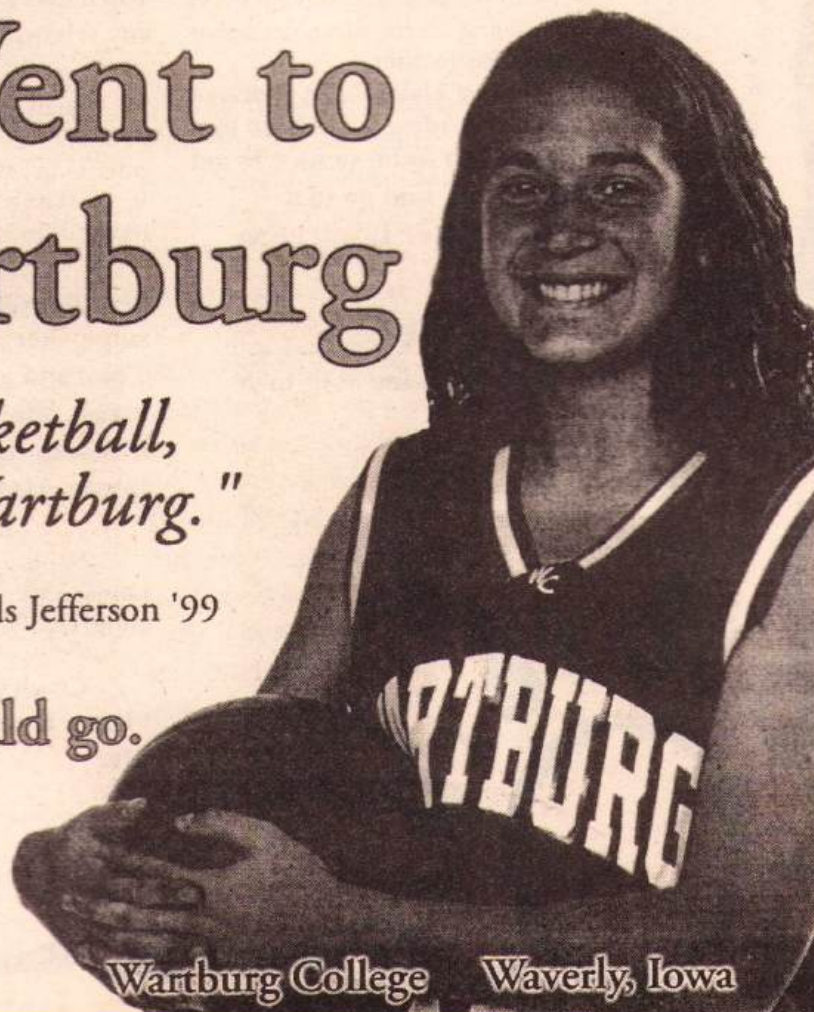
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## Takin' a Break!!!

By Justin Sperry

Everyone knows that school is almost over when it comes time for Spring Break. It's the last big break that students get before their long summer vacation. It's a time to get out of cold Iowa and head to the warmer climate, not found in Iowa. It's only a week of freedom from school, but a lot of students head far away from Iowa like to Florida, California, the East Coast, and Colorado to hit the slopes. You never know what type of stories your going to hear when you come back from vacation. This year the Band and Choir members leave on a trip which heads to sunny Florida for a week to perform and have a good time seeing all the attractions that Florida has to offer.

Junior Elaine Laue is one of the many heading on the Band trip. **"It's going to be so nice to get out of Iowa and go to a warmer state. It will be so relaxing."**

Junior Nick Campbell said;  
**"I can't freaking wait to go."**

Students aren't the only ones looking forward to the trip. Mrs. Freese said,

**"I can't wait to get to warmer weather. We're excited about**

**performing at MusicFest Orlando. What I'm really looking forward to is the end of the trip when we just sit out on the beach and have nothing else to do.**

Senior Matt McCue is heading to Mexico for the second time in two years.

**"I can't wait to get away from Iowa and enjoy a week with my friends at the beach."**

Sean Larson is going to the Panama City Beach in Florida. Jennifer Garman is going to Colorado to go skiing as are Justin Remington and Jordan Immerfall.

**"Even though we're not going somewhere warm, I think Colorado is the perfect spring break. The atmosphere is just different in the mountain towns. Also, I love to ski."**

Shelby Hurt is going to St. Louis to see the world's largest traveling circus.

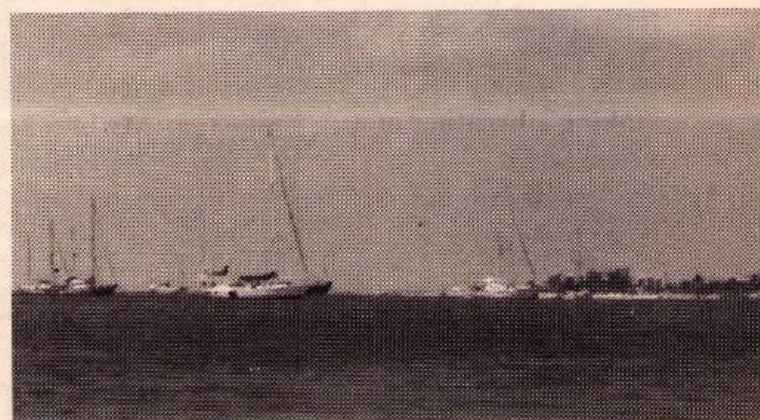
Coach Gaffney-Paige said,  
**"I'm a track coach. I have no life."**

Unfortunately for some students like Megan Peiffer, their break doesn't involve exotic travel.

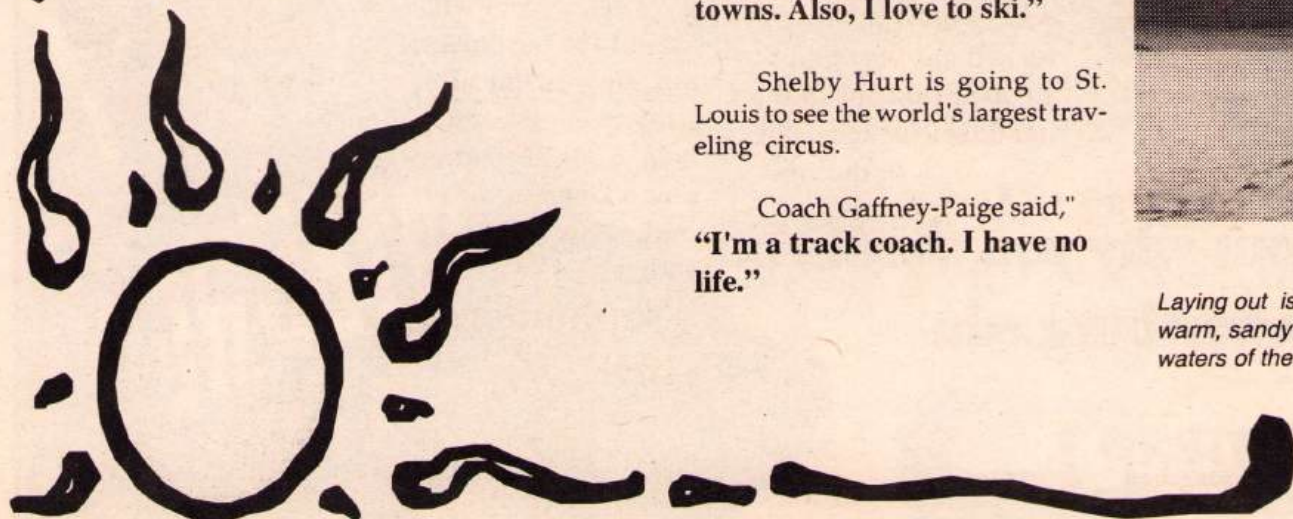
**"Mine isn't going to be very much fun. I'm working full time."**

There are high anticipations for these students to get away from the tension at school and let the freedom begin with their friends or family. They will all have to come back to reality on April 2, which is the biggest downfall to going on a big vacation. We would like to tell everyone to have a safe and enjoyable trip.

*While on a boat ride, the island of Isla Mujeres in Mexico was photographed. This is where Marion crew stayed while at the beach.*



*Laying out is a nice and relaxing activity on the warm, sandy beach. Sailboats populate the waters of the area.*





## "I had the Spring Break from Hell!"

By Ashley Corbin & Jessica Rogness

Have you ever planned a spring break from heaven? A vacation you promise yourself you will never forget? Well, your about to go on spring break in a few days. However, these people were just as excited as you are.

"I was stuck going to California with my parents for five days. I was super bummed, so I decided to go swimming at our hotel pool. I was taking a breather in a lawn chair when this really cute guy came up to talk to me. He sat next to me in a lawn chair and we had a really good conversation all afternoon. By the time it got dark I had to go back to my hotel. When I went into the bathroom I caught a glimpse of myself. I

hadn't realized I was sitting next to a picket fence the whole time and had a striped tan. I was too embarrassed to talk to that guy for the rest of my trip."

**-Jessica Rogness**

"I was having a good 'ol time crusin' around with my friend playing bike tag. My bicycle couldn't keep up with my friend's moped. I sped up and took a corner really fast. Little did I know there was a car waiting for me and "bamb!!!" it hit me. I was knocked off my bike and I flipped over the car and landed back on the street. Amazingly I didn't break anything."

**-Steve Barske**

"Mr. Sloan, Coach Fuller, and myself were fishing on the Mississippi River, in Minnesota. There was a blizzard that broke out of nowhere and created a white out. We kept fishing anyway, even though we couldn't see the front of the boat. It was one of the funniest times we had ever had."

**-Mr. Perkins**

Ms. Martin's biannual trip to Mexico went horribly wrong when El Nino played into the weather factor. It was very cold in Mexico. A tourist attraction is to hop onto a boat and cruise into the lake. Just as they were enjoying this, it began to pour rain. As one of the boats returned to shore, the riders realized the other boat wasn't moving. It turned out they had engine problems in the middle of the lake and were stuck in the rain.

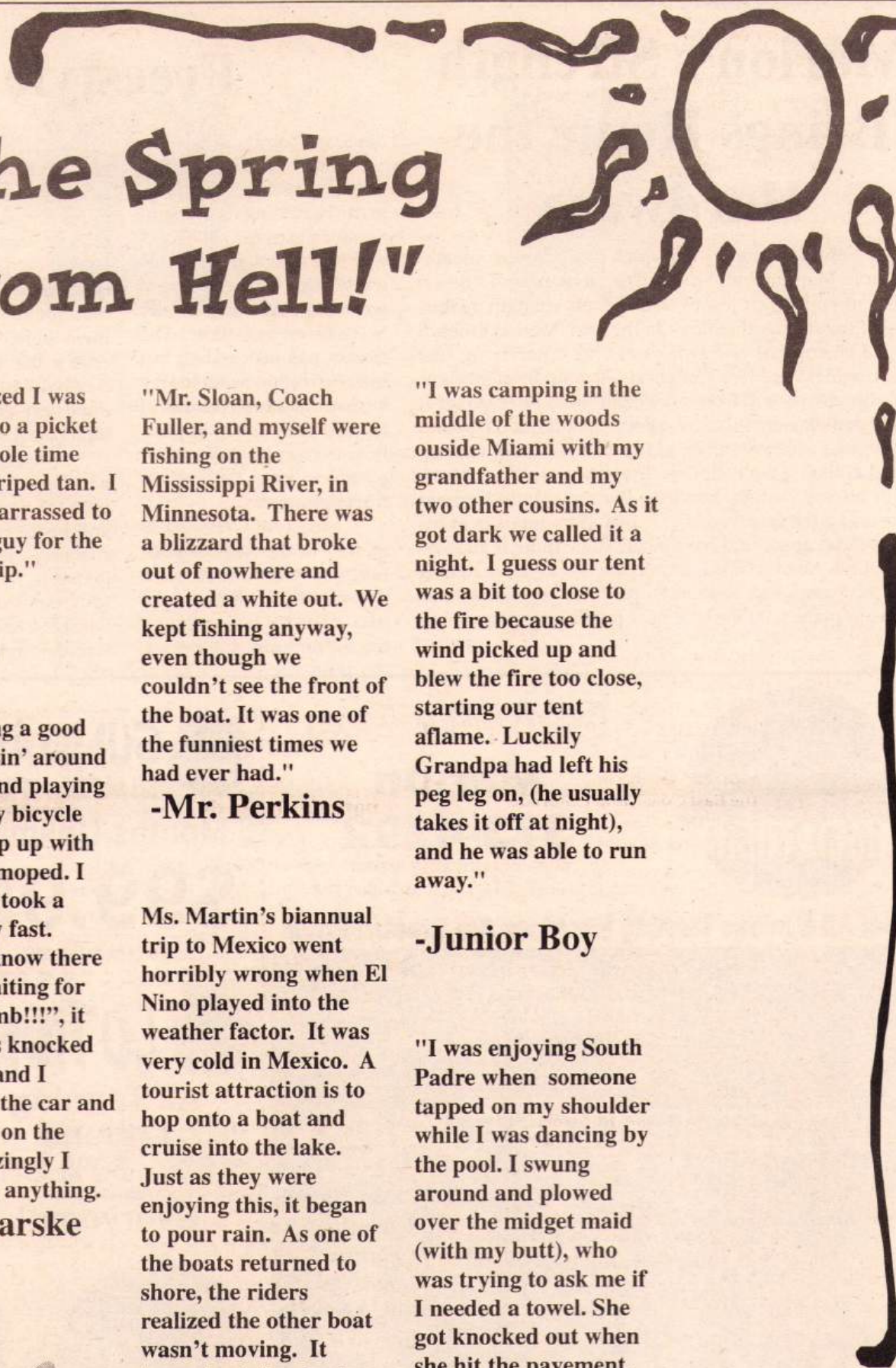
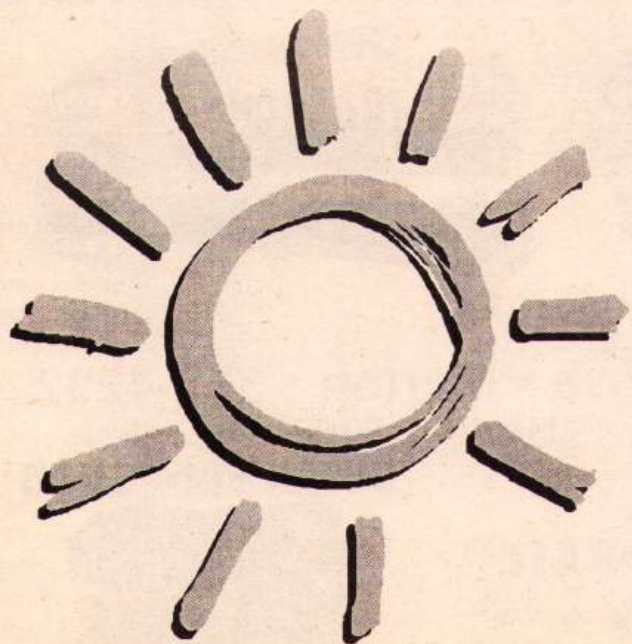
**-Ms. Martin**

"I was camping in the middle of the woods outside Miami with my grandfather and my two other cousins. As it got dark we called it a night. I guess our tent was a bit too close to the fire because the wind picked up and blew the fire too close, starting our tent aflame. Luckily Grandpa had left his peg leg on, (he usually takes it off at night), and he was able to run away."

**-Junior Boy**

"I was enjoying South Padre when someone tapped on my shoulder while I was dancing by the pool. I swung around and plowed over the midget maid (with my butt), who was trying to ask me if I needed a towel. She got knocked out when she hit the pavement, but she was fine after a staff member came to help. Then she got up and pointed at me and said, "You betta watch ya back ya hear!"

**-Sophomore Girl**





## Marion's Strength Brings Home the Hardware

Saturday March 10th was a great day for six athletes from Marion High School. They took part in a bench press competition in Jesup, testing their strength against some of the strongest athletes in the area. Marion brought home 4 champions and two runner ups. Receiving first place trophies were Wes Watters at 170 pound weight class, Wade Burrell at the 150 pound weight class, Tyler Mayer at the 190 pound weight class, and Brian Barkdoll at 230 pound weight class. Jeremy Gruber and Sam Ehlinger both placed second at their weight classes. The day was very successful for Jeremy Gruber, benching the second most pound for pound at the tournament. He did 150 pounds over his own weight, and could have easily done more if allowed another lift. All in all it was a good day for the team having the most champions and runner-ups out of any other school. The team plans to attend the next possible tournament in the area.

## Freestyle Wrestling

by Justin Sperry

The Marion High School wrestling team is already beginning its preparation for next year. The team will begin to start freestyle wrestling, a different type of wrestling that works mostly in the neutral position. The season has just ended, but many wrestlers want to stay in shape and get a head start for next year. They will practice a couple days after school to keep themselves from getting rusty.

Freestyle wrestling is mainly in the neutral position, but it also varies when it comes to the down position. You try not to get off the bottom and the person

on top can lock hands and score points when the opponents shoulders go closer than 90 degrees. The other big difference is that a fall is when the shoulders touch mat. You don't have to hold them there. The last difference is that a technical fall is only 10 points and can be done very quickly with the high paced scoring.

The Indians had two participants at the two day Fort Madison. Troy Little and Justin Sperry took the challenge. Little was competing in his first freestyle tournament ever. He wrestled like an experienced wrestler and ended up go-

ing 1-2. His record doesn't signify how well he wrestled. Sperry went 3-2 and got back into wrestling form after the long regular season.

The Indians will be competing in tournaments all over the state for about three months. They will also be hosting the State Duals tournaments in April. There will be teams from all over the state performing to see who will represent Iowa in the National Duals. Come out and watch the high scoring matches that I can almost guarantee will be as exciting if not more than the normal high school match.



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## Marion Mystery Continued...

By Doug Cloven and Ryan Allan.

Jordan went to the office but instead of being confronted about placing a frog in a girls sandwich, he was confronted by the police. Officer O'Mally sat Jordan down and questioned him for several minutes about the keys that were found in his locker. Jordan said he had no idea how the keys had gotten in his locker and denied all knowledge of the whole situation. Officer O'Mally went into the next room and wrote several things on a note pad. Then after about five minutes, he came out and put Jordan in handcuffs. Officer O'Mally said, "I'm taking him down to the station for more questioning. I'll do everything in my power to solve this case. I was the quarterback of our team that year when we went to state, so this case is very personal to me. I'll get back our school's pride. Do you want me to send him back to school tomorrow?"

"No," answered Mr. Ehrman, "He's suspended for two days, so have him go home after that."

O'Mally nodded and then took Jordan down to the station. Officer O'Mally kept Jordan 'till that night and sent him home to his parents. The next day school was back to normal. It was Tuesday and the pep rally for the game that night pumped everyone up to play there biggest rival—Vin Toni Strash High School. Also, the students were very happy because they were sure that the trophy would be recovered. The game ended and all the students went to the after-game-party. Mr. Ehrman was closing up the school when he saw someone walking up to the school. It was Officer O'Mally. O'Mally was just checking to see if everything was okay at the school after the game.

"So how did the questioning go with Jordan today?" asked Mr. Ehrman.

"It went alright," replied O'Mally "I sent him home tonight so he'll be there during school tomorrow."

They conversed a little more and then they parted. The

## Blind Date

by Tegan Reeves

After an awful amount of effort and time there is now a blind date set up. Kennedy and Xavier's journalism staff is willing to help out and join us. On deciding to do the blind date we started out by seeing if anyone was interested. Surprisingly enough we got many responses from the boys at Marion. Sam and I found ourselves trying hard to pick and choose four people to go and set a date. Finally we decided to call area schools and see if they were interested. We contacted all five of the Cedar Rapids schools and found different answers. Washington was a quick no, and Linn mar had already done an article on it. But when we talked to Kennedy and Xavier many of their journalism staff were very interested. So then it was up to us to see where we were going to take our daters! We contacted Bennegan's to see if they would serve us dinner and they abliged very nicely. We also received free movie passes from The Carmike Cinema 5. On Saturday March 17th, four students went to dinner and a movie. They went to Carlos O'Kellys for dinner, thanks to a generous donation from Carlos O'Kellys.

These were the students who volunteered their time. we decided to use all journalism people so there would be something in common to talk about.

Joe is a senior at Xavier. He plays tennis, runs cross country and is the sports editor for the school newspaper.

Chrystal is from Xavier. She is a cheerleader and is on the newspaper staff.

Royce Kensinger is a sophomore from Marion. He plays football and wrestles and is on the journalism staff.

Kristen is a junior at Marion. She plays volleyball, basketball, runs track, and plays softball, she is a SODA officer, in NHS, FBLA, and is also an editor for the school newspaper and works on the yearbook.

Ryan is a senior at Marion. He wrestles, plays soccer, and s on staff for the school newspaper and yearbook.

Lauren is a senior at Kennedy. She plays tennis, is a wrestling manager, and the photo and art editor for the school newspaper.

Unfortunately, nobody from Xavier showed up. But, that didn't stop the remaining students from having a good time. Lauren called her friend Derek, who was also in journalism. After dinner, everyone went to Lauren's house to watch the Iowa game. while there, the girls decided to all go to WPA with Derek while he did his photo assignment at the dance. Since the dress at kennedy for WPA is much more formal, Lauren let Kristen and Tegan borrow dresses for the event.

Those students who did show up had a good time and found new friends.



At Carlos O'Kelley's Kristen, Royce, Derek, Lauren and Ryan enjoy a Mexican meal donated by the restaurant.

night ended and the sun rose the next and with the sun came a phone call to Officer O'Mally's home. It was Mr.

Ehrman.

"Hello," O'Mally picked up the phone.

"Officer O'Mally

....the glass case for the trophies has been shattered, and the rest of the trophy's are all broken!!!  
conclusion May 15th

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As we boarded the bus, we deposited our pocket change into the pay box. To board the bus costs 60¢ and you can ride for as long as you want. There are many strategically placed bus stops along the main roads and many people entered and left the bus during our ride. Besides a way to get around, the bus is an awesome place to



*If you need to find the bus schedule and route a good place find this information is Linn Dale Mall.*

meet many interesting people. After riding on the bus for about 10 minutes or so, we entered the bus mecca of Cedar Rapids, the Ground Transportation Center, or as known by the daily bus riders, the G.T.C. The G.T.C. has all you could ever ask for: pop machines, candy machines, a small medicine vendor, bathrooms, picnic tables, a store that sells popcorn and other delicious refreshments. We learned many helpful things at the G.T.C.. All bus schedules and routes were posted on big maps at the G.T.C. We also learned the

correct way to signal a bus. We then had to figure out a way to get back to the high school and accomplish this while only boarding one bus, for our funds were limited. The bus dropped us off right in front of the high school - red carpet service. We then rated the system on several different variables.



*If you are waiting for the bus here is the correct way to flag down the bus.*



*The G.T.C. offers an great place to stop for a snack if you riding and get hungry.*

## Our Rating

### Cleanliness: 8

The bus was pretty clean for being the dead of winter.

### Accessibility: 8

It is pretty easy to find out where and when you can board and get off of the bus.

### Comfort: 7

The ride is kind of shaky but it is easy to signal the driver when you would like to get off.

### Friendliness of employees : 9

Everyone from the drivers to the workers at the G.T.C. were very friendly and cooperative.

### Overall: 8

Overall we give the whole experience an eight, we hope you keep this in mind if you are ever stuck without a ride and a considering the city bus.

# R U M O R S

by Douglas Cloven

As if you hadn't known already, rumors are a way of life for most people in high school. As a way to show this to the student body via The Vox I spread a couple rumors, in order to show how easy it is for these untruthful rumors to be willfully spread around the state. It starts with saying how my big brother who, like most people that heard this, tried out for the Real World. Well, I later told only the journalism class that he had received a chance for call backs. It quickly spread all over. People in the halls were asking me if it was true and I would simply say, "Yeah." This was enough to make people believe something they really wanted to believe, though there was no actual truth behind it in anyway. After a week or so of not seeing my brother, I had forgotten about this project of mine. The night that half of Marion lost its power I got a chance to talk to my brother.

He inquired if I had, by any small chance, had accidentally had someone misunderstand me by thinking that I said he had received a call back. I began to laugh and told him yes, I started a rumor for the newspaper and was curious as to how it had come back to him. Well, he had heard it while he was working in Iowa City, at Ponchero's a Mexican restaurant. A customer that he had known during his time at Marion High School had asked him if it were true. I figured that wasn't that big of a deal that someone from Marion had probably told her, however, that wasn't the case. She had heard it from someone that goes to Iowa State in Ames who in turn had heard it from someone from The University of Iowa. What amazes me that is that a rumor can spread within two weeks to be all over the state that quickly and with so little effort put forward by myself. You should all be ashamed of yourselves, good day.

# R U M O R S



## Horoscopes

By Lindsee McGaffic

### Aries

(March 21- April 19) Symbol-Ram (5)

Like everyone else you prefer opportunities to challenges, but they are the same thing, so don't waste time moaning that fate has dealt you a rotten hand. It could be a winning hand if you get your act together quickly.

### Taurus

(April 20- May 20) Symbol-Bull (6)  
Your room to maneuver is limited this month, but that is not an excuse to do nothing. If you find you are being forced in a certain way don't fight it, that is the direction fate wants you to go.

### Gemini

(May 21- June 21) Symbol-Twins (6)  
To the world at large, you present a happy-go-lucky face, but deep down, you are worrying about many things, your problems may be heavy, but torturing yourself with negative thoughts won't make them any lighter.  
The cure for depression is action, so think positive and get going.

### Cancer

(June 22-July 22) Symbol-Crab (8)  
Being shy is not a good idea, the person you are interested in is interested in you as well, but if you remain from contact because you are shy, you will miss out. This would be sad to because this would turn out to be a long standing relationship.

### Leo

(July 23- August 22) Symbol-Lion (5)

It is impossible to be on good terms with everyone this month, more than most days you are likely to feel negative toward people you usually get along with quite well.

### Virgo

(August 23- September 23) Symbol-Virgin (6)

The most important thing this

month is that you get tough and protect your interests someone is trying to muscle in on your territory and they will continue to take liberties until you do something to stop them be quick, be smart above all be ruthless.

### Libra

(September 24 - October 23) Symbol-Balance (10)

You are considering starting a new project that has the potential to make you quite a bit of money. If this is what you want to do then go ahead. Your love life is looking much better this month.

### Scorpio

(October 24 - November 22) Symbol-Scorpion (7)

You appear to believe that a colleague is behaving unfairly toward you, and you could be right. But current aspects warn you that you are not seeing things clearly. Your love life could get dangerous if you go with your instincts, be true to the one you love. It will be better for you in the long run.

### Sagittarius

(November 23 - December 21) Sym-

Christina Lacher

If there is anything this past winter has done, it has succeeded in lengthening our school year. Again. What we can at least be thankful is our spring break has gone untouched and we will not be attending school on a Saturday this year. So far. The following is a list of the term changes that we will be facing before and after spring break:

Hopefully, there won't be any more snow days and school will eventually end.

bol-Archer (8)

This month you should focus not on the things you want but on the things you really need. This is an especially good time to begin a new health or fitness routine especially if your body has been giving you hints that it finds the going tough.

### Capricorn

(December 22 - January 20) Symbol-Goat (6)

This month you will be inclined to look on the negative side of things rather than the positive. Don't worry, this is a passing phase. Something will happen later in the month that makes you feel better.

### Aquarius

(January 20 - February 18) Symbol-

Monday, March 19: Full day of school

Thursday, March 22: Last day of third term; early dismissal

Friday, March 23: Teacher workday; no school

March 26-30: Spring break

Monday, April 2: Back to school; beginning of 4th term

Thursday, April 12th: Full day of school

Friday, April 13th: School; early dismissal

Monday, June 4th: School

Tuesday, June 5th: School

Water Bearer (8)

Your guardian angel keeps you from making a most stupid mistake at work, but does not stop you from doing something stupid and memorable at home.

### Pisces

(February 19 - March 20) Symbol-Fishes (9)

Being there for a friend, and being strong and supportive, will be one of the better things you have done in quite a while. Make sure you protect the ones you love from making similar mistakes that you have made.

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## Working to Raise Spirit Cheer/Pom Tryouts

by Christie Ottaway

It's that time again to form new spirit squads for the 2001-2002 school year. Back in February girls and boys both attended a meeting to tryout for cheerleading and poms. Many people have no idea what actually takes place to join a spirit squad. For cheerleading this includes: Four Teacher Evaluations; Three Essay Questions; A Spirit Poster; Your Tardies, Absences, and Restitutions.

Actual Tryouts: Toe touch, Big Cheer, Chant, Triple Combo, and Onward.

Pom tryouts include: Four Teacher Evaluations; Three Essay Questions; A Spirit Poster. Your Tardies, Absences, and Restitutions

Actual Tryouts: Dance Toe touch, Popcorn Toe touch, Kickline, Routine, Onward, Switch Leaps, Splits, Regular Leap, and a Single Turn

Making the squad is not a given. These girls and boys will have had three practices, one to learn all the tryout material, and the other two are to review. Tryouts were held on Saturday, March 10, at the high school. The boys and girls performed in front of six judges and were scored on their performance.

## XFL Ratings Plummet

by Pat Stalkfleet

The football league NBC-TV jointly owns the World Wrestling Federation lost another quarter of its television audience on the network, according to preliminary week 3 ratings, after a 50 percent drop from the previous week. Most significant, viewership fell below what sponsors were promised when they bought the advertisement time. This bad news comes despite a tight game that wasn't decided until the final play. With the Los Angeles Xtreme beating the Las Vegas Outlaws 12-9 on a last second field goal. It also left NBC last among the four major networks during primetime on Saturday nights for the second straight week. The XFL drew about half as many TV households as CBS's prime-time lineup of dramas, and was well behind ABC and Fox. NBC easily won the night of the XFL opener, boosted by a curiosity factor. The news will probably be even worse when the national ratings are released. In the first two weeks the national ratings fell between 7.5-10.0 percent a week. If this continues in week 4 the national rating will be about 3.4-3.5, well short of the 4.5 viewer rating advertisers were guaranteed. Each rating point represents a little more than one million TV homes. There was noticeably less WWF influence and promotion during the week 3 program. and rule changes put in to speed the game up worked. The show ended at 11:00, 45 minutes

before last week. Ratings won't prompt NBC pullout, XFL President Basil DeVito Jr. says reports of the league's demise have been greatly exaggerated, even as speculation of NBC frustration with dropping television ratings grows. "There's no chance NBC will pull the plug," DeVito told The Birmingham News this week. "The economic reality of the ratings is that we're giving them the top rankings in the demographic (males 18-to-34) they want. DeVito dismisses speculation that NBC won't honor a three-year commitment, pointing out that the network's financial investment in the XFL, \$50 million over three years, \$17 million per year, is relatively minor. Consider that the three-year funding is less than the salaries for just nine episodes of the sitcom Friends, which is struggling on Thursday nights against CBS' Survivor. "Where are they going to get programming that pulls in these numbers that's cheaper?" DeVito said. The ratings, which in Week 3 dropped below the 4.5 NBC and the XFL guaranteed advertisers, remain a reason for legitimate concern. But DeVito said the Saturday night, prime-time telecast is considered a work in progress. DeVito also dismissed reports that the league is playing to big markets only. For example, NBC will televise Saturday's game between winless New York/New Jersey and Chicago while the battle for the East lead between Birmingham and Orlando has been relegated as the backup game and will only be seen in highlights and cut-ins.

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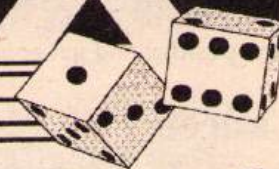
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*C. Everett Koop, Former U.S. Surgeon General*



## Girls Finish Season at 13-8

February 12, the Indians went to Benton to battle the Bobcats, who had defeated them in earlier play. This time Marion dominated, 50-48. The Indians lead 39-17 at the half and let them back in the second half. Amanda Carson lead the Indians with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Straub also had 12 points and 12 rebounds and also lead the team in assists with 6.

Thursday, February 15, Marion was faced with Davenport Assumption for the 1st round of Districts in Marion's home gym. The game stayed close for all 4 quarters. The score at the half was Indians 21, Knights 25. At the end of the 3rd quarter Marion only trailed by 2. After missing some key shots in the final seconds, Marion lost 42-46. Straub lead the team in every category with 17 points, 12 rebounds, 3 steals and 3 assists. Bradley contributed 12 points and 3 steals. Senior

Amanda Carson shared her feelings about the game: "I was really sad that our season had come to an end so quickly, but it made me feel better to know that Davenport Assumption eventually made it to state."

For the season, Julie Straub was the leading scorer with 266 points. Jana Bradley was right there with 265. Straub also lead in rebounding with 217, averaging 10.3 per game. Bradley had 73 assists, Straub had 64. Bradley was a huge defensive force for the team with 85 steals for the year. Rachel Eagle had the highest field goal percentage with 46%. She was 78 for 170. Tina Lujan was the team's shot blocker with 27 for the season and had the highest free throw percentage with 69%. Bradley hit the most from behind the arch, with 24. Her 3 point percentage was at 45%. The Indians finished their season with an overall record of 13-8.

## Finishing Strong at the End

by Josh Ivey

The sophomore boys ended their season strong with wins against the Don Bosco Dons and the Benton Bobcats. The Indians had a tough season, but they ended with 4 wins which is an improvement over their previous seasons and definitely is a reason to be optimistic for years to come. The team really improved under new coaches Rahe and

Wiedman and should be able to contribute to the varsity team next year. The season ended with many close games that could have easily gone to the Indians, including a game against an undefeated Independence team in which they were up by two at half time.

In perhaps their best win of the season, the Indians played the Bobcats at home. They had already lost to Benton before but they came out with composure and confidence even when Benton jumped out to an early lead. The Bobcats were playing well, but the Indians started a comeback with Caleb Lynott leading the way with four three-pointers in the first half of the game to regain the lead. In the second half, the Indians kept up the intensity and won the game convincingly. Quince Springer helped the team with solid rebounding, and Zach Kerton pitched in with key assists. Jami Bolsinger led the team in scoring with 22 and the bench played solidly.



In the play-off game against Davenport Assumption, Tina Lujan, Julie Straub and Amanda Carson wait for the rebound.

## The Road to State Honors



Things just didn't seem to fall the right way for the Marion Indian Wrestling team at the sectional tournament. The Indians lost to Benton Community by 3 points, 189-186, for the team championship. The sectional wrestling meet was held at Vinton-Shellsburg, who finished 2nd to last in the point standings. Marion advanced five wrestlers to the District meet at Olwein on Saturday. Taking first place to secure a district spot were 119 pounder Aaron Conway, pinning his way through, 140 pounder Matt McCue also collecting 2 pins, and at 215 pounds Brett Forkner with one pin and a major decision in the finals. Aaron Doubet placed 2nd at 103, and Justin Sperry won his wrestle back 10-7 against Wade Broom from Union to take 2nd also. Barely missing the top two spots and finishing 3rd were Troy Little at 152, losing his wrestleback for a true 2nd place 8-7, Jordan Forkner at 145 also not winning his wrestle back, Josh Nelson at 160 losing his wrestleback to a tough Ben Miller, and at 189 pounds, Jordan Immerfall, who won the last match of his wrestling career, pinning

his opponent from Union, but not getting a chance to wrestleback. Taking 4th place was Adam Mohling, and Jake Blazek took 5th place.

The team qualified two wrestlers to the state meet, and came home with 1 medal. Matt McCue placed 6th at the 3 day tournament at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Des Moines. Marion's other wrestler Brett Forkner was unable to place. Forkner lost his first match to Matt Kroul 8-7, and then was upended by Mike Warwick 13-9. McCue won his first match against Jordan Schick of Gladbrook-Reinbeck, winning 9-6. McCue then won a thriller against Joshua Houston of Nevada, winning in double overtime. Matt then moved on to the semi-finals and faced off against Terry Vesey of Davenport Assumption. McCue lost to the eventual state champion 5-0. Matt then moved into the consolation bracket, losing his first match to Quintin Moreno of Glenwood where he injured his arm and had to forgo his last match, injury defaulting to Nathan Dolan of Independence.



At State, Matt McCue wears down his opponent from GRNT en route to a takedown. Matt won this match.

## Back on the Track

by Royce Kensinger

The Marion track team comes into the spring season with great expectations and a new coach. Coach Immerfall returns to head coach status after 2 years off. The team returns 9 seniors and a lot of young talent that from the team that finished 3rd at last year's WaMac meet. Marion's lead by senior Tyler Mayer who placed 2nd in last years state tournament. Marion also has 2 junior state veterans Tony Offerman and Taylor Heim. Marion has already begun the season with tough work outs and high season standards already set. Mr. Immerfall says "I have high expectations for the season. We have several talented kids returning. There were some very talented athletes that we lost to graduation, but we have some good young prospects to go with some experience that returns." Mr. Immerfall is hopeful that he can improve on all the athletes' strength and speed and hopes to qualify several events for state. When asked how he is enjoying being back in the head coaches spot, he said, "I am excited to be back coaching track. There are a lot of kids that are enjoyable to work with. There is no other sport that can help all other programs more than track and I want all our programs to do well."

Against Calimus-Wheatland, Caleb Lynott shoots a shot as Quince Springer and Eddie Rose battle for position.

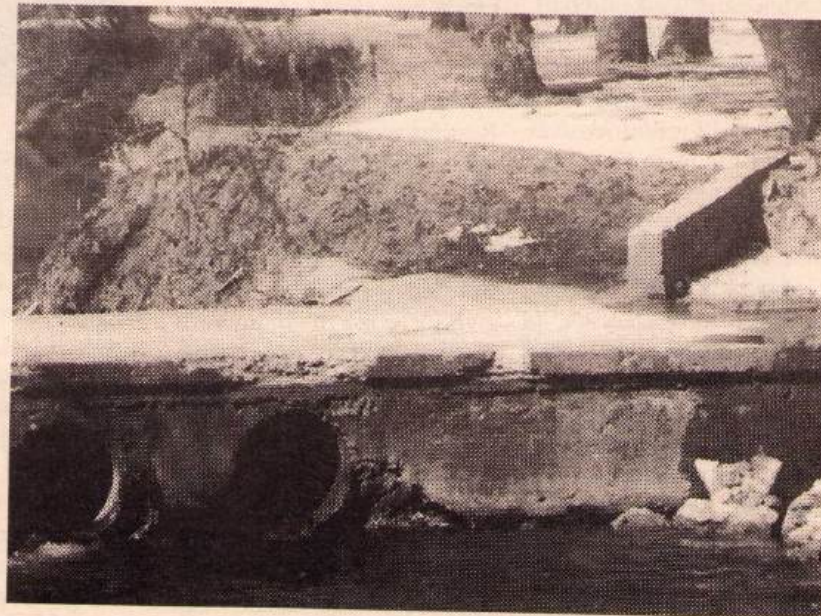


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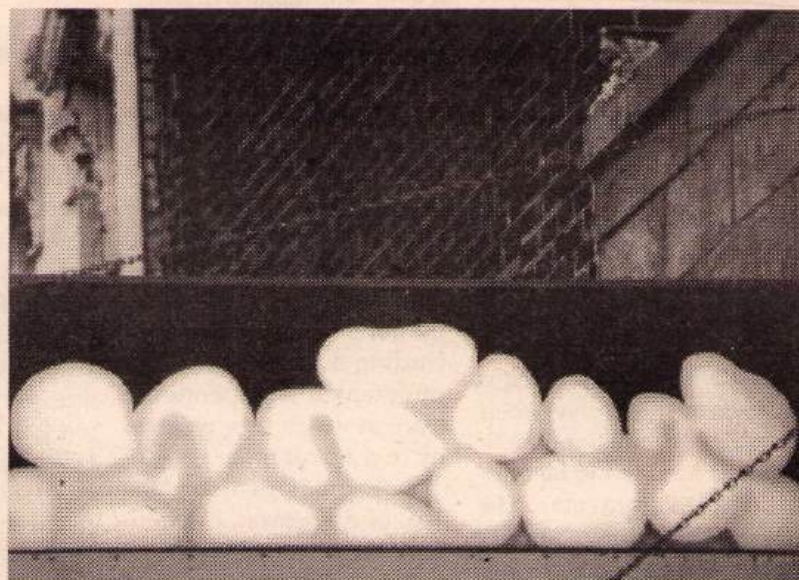
by Christina Lacher

There's not much to Marion, is there? Roughly six miles long and four miles wide, a majority of the town could be covered on foot in less than a day. You probably see a majority of Marion just coming to school every morning, but how often do you truly pay attention to your surroundings? How often, if given an address or the name of a business, could you automatically know where it is or give someone directions? Take the little test below and find out how well you really do know Marion. The first person to turn in their answers to either Christina Lacher or Ms. Martin in Room 22 with the most correct answers will receive a prize. Once a winner is found, the answers will be posted on the door of Room 22. Answers need to be in by April 5, 2001, the Friday after we return from spring break. Good luck!

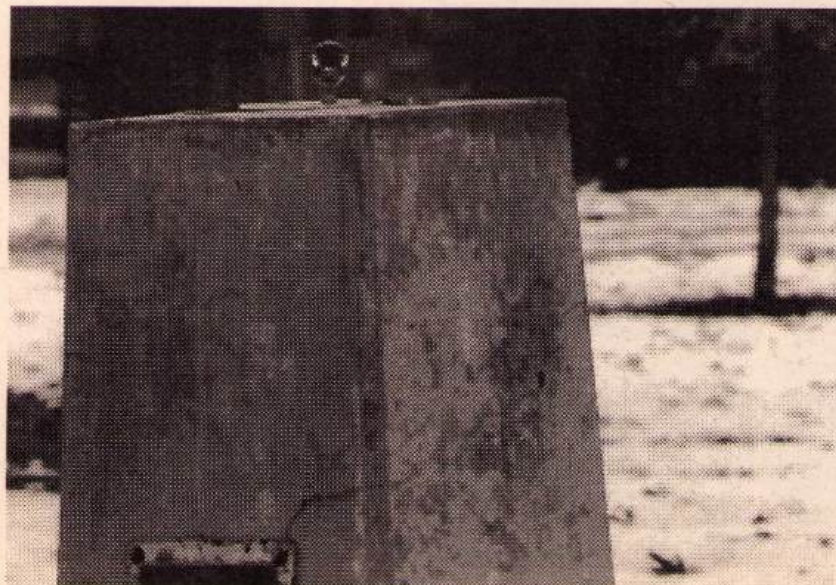
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