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Finishing the Year

The end of the year brings many events and activities which keep students busy and involved until the very end.

The Building Trades class finished their 10th house this year. The house will be open for tours on Friday, May 18 from 5-8 and Sunday, May 20 from 2-5.

The annual Journalism blood drive is a service project done to aid the Red Cross. More on the blood drive on page 12.



The French IV class is finishing their high school days by maintaining the Monet Garden on the south side of the school. Senior plans and memories are on pages 8-9.

Brett Forkner and Amanda Pexa participated in the prom grand March on April 21st. More on prom on page 16.



The Paradox of our Generation

By Jon Lien

We apply too much make-up and too little character.

We have longer classes and shorter attention spans; we have sharper-looking cell phones and duller points of view.

These are the days when we have time to take three showers a day but not a minute to skim a book; and when our technological conveniences take up all of our time.

We drink to be social to the point of social disrepair; we buy expensive clothes and have cheap relationships.

We fear more and care less.

We get jobs too soon but hate the idea of growing up.

These are the times of required pep-rallies and optional learning; teenage stomach stapling face-

lift nose-jobs; bigger muscles and smaller standards.

We use words like 'gay' and 'retarded' to criticize and condemn people and things but consider ourselves open-minded. We hate pop culture because it's conformist but consider ourselves "individuals" because pop culture tells us to.

We have more counselors, paxil, ritalin, prozac; yet more problems.

We have bigger balls but seldom have the courage to say hello to somebody passing in the hallway; we have no problems staring into a girl's chest but struggle to look her in the eyes.

These are the days of temporary hair-dyes, disposable friendships, and catchphrase philosophies; fat-free dreams and thoughts filled with

emptiness.

We have darker tans and lighter purity.

We talk big but converse little.

These days it's fast food, microwaves, ultra-light cigarettes, and ultra-violet rays.

We have difficulty going to sleep and difficulty waking up; we spend too much time behind the computer and too much time in front of the television.

Remember, whenever you get the chance to vacation, do. Remember that it's important to do what you want, because as time passes so do chances. Simply, remember to breathe and know that you're alive. Just remember those couple of things and you'll be o.k.

To my friends and whom it may apply, thanks for reading, and thanks for being there.

Things that bug me . . .

by Ashley Corbin

Things are changing here, and it's making most students feel like they've entered prison. Marion; our school that we've all grown to know and love, is pulling a 180 on each and every one of us. There are many issues concerning students, but two major points stick right out from the rest.

While we used to feel free strolling down the halls, having a good time, we are now put on restitution for doing so. Are such harsh actions really necessary? All a student has to do is be caught in the hallway without a pass. Some students feel this is out of line.

Junior, Wes Waters says, "There's enough to worry about in school. Now we have to watch our backs every second.

Sometimes you just need to get places and there's other important things to think about besides where our hall passes are. How many students do you know just get up and leave class, only to roam the halls?"

Another controversial topic: seminar. We all hate it, now. When seminar first began last year, it seemed like a big waste of 25 minutes. For many it was, but at least some people found it helpful to work on homework or just catch up with friends. Attendance was hardly taken and it scored an "okay" rating with the high school population. Amazingly, this year has thrown the smackdown. Just a few questions for authority: Why is it mandatory for seniors? Why is it mandatory

for students without a fourth block? Why on our favorite day: Sustained Silent Reading, are we not allowed to do homework, even though we are working quietly not bothering anyone?

Try and put yourself in the the opposing shoes. I myself have tried to do the same, yet still no sense was made. You would think our educators would be willing to help with homework instead of reading a pointless article in an issue of a fifteen year old Time Life magazine. Maybe seminar is the only free time we have to ask questions with a certain teacher, and yet we are told we're not allowed to do our homework. So, now teachers are telling us we CAN'T do our homework?!? Think about it.

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Having Your Say

Rebuttal

By Chris Stine

In the last issue of our Vox we received an editorial from a student that referred to our grammatical and punctual mistakes. To our surprise, this editorial was submitted with its own mistakes as shown later in the article. We were put down and criticized based on the mistakes made in "[o]ur infamous Vox". How many students in this school have their homework published in the school newspaper? Every issue, a total of six throughout the year, we are expected to put out fun and interesting articles that you, the student, would like to read. Granted, we should not have blatant mistakes published. But as a student, you should respect our work as we respect yours by giving an editorial page. Everyone in this school makes mistakes, but ours are put on public display. Can you say that about your work? I'm making an educated guess by saying no. Even our Cedar Rapids Gazette prints mistakes in their daily paper. Maybe you could write an editorial to them about their imperfections. Until then, maybe you should focus on the ones you submitted to us.

These are the mistakes you "forgot" to correct in your editorial:

- "The Vox is out." -Note that the Vox should be underlined.

- "One these days..." You mean "On these days..."

- "...Quiz Bowl team'..." Ellipses dots should be included inside the quotations.

- "Write you name and a few interestes on a sheet of paper'..." Once again, ellipses dots go inside quotes.

- "...at home against west deleware'..." Need I mention the ellipses dots again?

- "...through past issues of our infamous vox..." -Newspaper titles are underlined. It should look like this: the Vox. Now you try it. Good job.

In conclusion, we, the journalism staff, do not walk a little bit taller, or stand a little more proud just because we write for our school newspaper. We are just like the rest of the students in this school and we know this. You may know a staff member that hangs his head when you ask him about it, but as for the

Honors Courses 101

by Ann Cannon and Stephanie Law

Everybody wants to be the valedictorian of their class. This is a very high honor and should be treated as such. However, our grading system doesn't always take into account the difficulty of the classes. For example, during his high school career, a student only takes classes that require minimal effort and provide minimal learning experience. However, another student challenges herself by taking college level courses that provide and extensive learning experience and give a preview of college courses. Which of these students do you think deserves to be valedictorian? With our current grading system, the first student may receive excellent marks in his classes, while the latter student may receive lower marks for more difficult work. How do we remedy this situation? One option is to institute a five-point scale in honors classes.

With a five-point scale, an A is worth 5 points, a B is worth 4, and so on. This would encourage students to take honors classes without fear of damaging their GPA. Since AP classes require more work, we believe students should be rewarded for challenging themselves. If they succeed in these difficult classes, they deserve more points than are currently awarded.

Our high school GPA should reflect how much we have learned. If students continue to take entry-level courses, their GPA's may be high, but will not truly reflect their academic merit. If we were to institute a five-point scale, more students would be better prepared for college courses, and their GPA's would accurately depict this.

rest of us, you never said a word. We are proud of our paper even if there are some mistakes. We are not perfect, nor have we stated that we are. We simply write what we hope you want to read. But since it seems to be an issue, we will do our best to correct our mistakes. Thank you.

To the Upperclassmen:

Some of our classmates read your column about how all freshmen are stuck-up snots. That is not the case at all.

Think of it this way, when the freshmen this year are juniors or seniors, some of your brothers and sisters will be freshmen. So, do you want us to run around and be like, "Oh yeah, freshmen are nothing but no good, stuck-up snots?"

Although we do admit some

freshmen are snots, that doesn't mean you can put a label on all of us. We know some upperclassmen that are stuck-up but we don't say in the schools newspaper that all of the upperclassmen are snots.

We think whoever wrote the article owes us an apology, not to be snotty. That's just the majority of our opinions.

Audrey Beadle and
Crickett Coons

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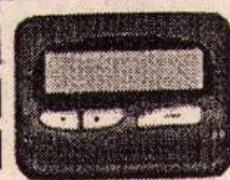
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Chick flicks vs. Guy Movies

Have you ever wondered what is involved in a chick flick? What's it take to be a chick flick? Well we did some research and found the criteria and made a list of these chick flicks and borderline chick flicks.

Chick Flick Criteria:

1. The main relationship is between a man and a woman.
2. There are lots of close-ups so you can see every emotion on the characters face.
3. The villains are people you see everyday, like cheating husbands, and nasty bosses.
4. The villains worst act is something awful like sleeping with her best friends spouse.
5. A chick flick always includes child actors so they can add humanity and warmth to the story.
6. The characters learn to respect one another through long talks and thoughtful actions.
7. If someone gets a disease, it's inevitably cancer or heart failure.
8. There will be at least one emotional death.
9. There will be at least one scene where the lead character interacts with her mother.
10. It will feature at least one grunting, gooey depiction of childbirth.
11. The climatic scene involves an explosion of passion.
12. A happy ending is when the lead character finds love.

Chick Flick List:

Dirty Dancing
Pretty Woman
10 Things I Hate About You
She's All That
Where the Heart Is
Bounce
Save the Last Dance
Grease
Center Stage
Bachelor
Runaway Bride
Steel Magnolias
My Best Friends Wedding
Down to You
Bring It On
Stepmom
Story of Us
Boys and Girls
Here on Earth
Clueless
Romie and Michelles High School Reunion
Romeo and Juliet
What Women Want
Titanic

Borderline Chick Flicks:

Coyote Ugly
Remember the Titans
Varsity Blues
Armageddon
Patriot
Patch Adams
The Wood

Man Movie Criteria

1. Half naked attractive woman help sell a man movie.
2. Lots of fighting and killing.
3. The hero always gets the girl
4. The hero must say something he thinks is clever before he kills the bad guy.
5. The bigger gun the better.
6. Fast cars are better than a good plot.
7. There must be a scene were the good guy is on his back and the bad guy is on top of him with a knife at his face, let the struggle begin.
8. If you don't get bloody you are not a man.
9. "Doesn't take crap from anyone," quote the man's man Norm MacDonald.
10. The hero must have a five o' clock shadow.



The Brothers
Sixth Sense
Deuce Bigalow
Top Gun
For the Love of the Game
Field of Dreams

Any movie featuring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere

Top 10 List:

10. Here on Earth
9. Pretty Woman
8. Bring It On
7. She's All That
6. 10 Things I Hate About You
5. Save the Last Dance
4. Clueless
3. Romeo and Juliet
2. Dirty Dancing
1. Titanic

The Ultimate Man's Man Actors:

Bruce Willis, Mel Gibson, and Adam Sandler

Man Movie List

1. All Adam Sandler Movies (no explanation needed)
2. All Chris Farley Movies (RIP to the inspiration of all the fat class clowns in the world that had people tell them they would not amount to anything)
3. Half Baked (Bob Saget, have you ever....)
4. Dazed and Confused (Senior year of high school is fun)
5. Dirty Work (Note to self this is my favorite movie)
6. Animal House (Is the basis for all funny guy movies to come)
7. Wild Things (Matt Dillon is cool)
8. Gladiator (lots of violence, someone pees on them self in fear, and to top it all off it actually had a plot.)
9. Fight Club (Blows your mind and makes you want to curb stomp.)
10. All of the top 4 football movies, Rudy, The program, Varsity Blues, and The longest yard. (If you have never heard of the longest yard, it has Burt Reynolds, and if you were to look up pimp in the dictionary there is a picture of him.)
11. The first 4 Rocky's (five is not worth "Going for")
12. The first 2 Major Leagues (Don't see back to the minors because the third time the same jokes don't make you laugh.)
13. All Van Damme movies (Except for street fighter.)
14. Road Trip (Because they steal a bus from a blind school.)
15. Ronin (Great car chases through out the movie)
16. All of the Die Hard's (Yippy ki yi yeah.)
17. All of the Naked Gun's (I was going to put all Leslie Nelson movies, but have you ever seen Wrongfully Accused? Don't.)
18. Office Space (Two chicks at the same time.)
19. Nicholas Cage Action movies (The action is good but, "your the rocket man", and "put the bunny in the box", I mean come on!)
20. Last boy Scout (Excellent puppet show.)
21. All of the Lethal Weapon's (Danny Glover need I say more.)
22. The Matrix (All of that jumping and kicking crap is really cool.)
23. Caddy Shack (Rodney Dangerfeild, a gopher, and Bill Murray with a disability.)
24. Porky's (The gym teacher is so hot.)
25. Blade (They kill stuff, a lot.)
26. All Arnold movies (unless he is pretending to have a heart or a brain.)
27. Dumb and Dumber (why didn't they just get on the bus?)
28. There's Something About Mary (how did you get the beans on top of the franks?)

SPLAT!



by Chris Lacher

Aggression. Determination. Intelligence. Speed. Mud. Those are only a few phrases that describe this intense, fast-paced sport. We're talking paintball, a sport best known as a combination of the two games tag and hide-and-seek. Only with protective wear and a weapon.

The best thing about paintball is that it is one of the few sports where you do not have to be athletic to play. It helps, but it's not required. If you are a couch potato who has not moved off the sofa for six months, eating potato chips and watching reruns of "Saved By the Bell", you can still play. The only essential requirement you need to be able to play this sport is you must be able to think on your feet. A good ducking reflex doesn't hurt either.

The basics. You have a paintgun. There are so many brands, styles, and types that it's not even funny. So instead of getting technical on you, let's just keep it at this: you have a paintgun. There is not much variation of paintballs. They are all about the size of jaw-breakers and are filled with different colored paint. For those of you wondering, the paint is non-toxic, water-

soluble, and biodegradable. It can hurt to be hit by one of these, depending on the distance between you and the shooter. If you are close up, it could leave a pretty good bruise, but the further away you are, the less you feel it.


The rules. Organized fields do have referees on the field to enforce the rules. The number of refs depend on the size of the field and the number of players. Safety is a big issue with this sport and it is guaranteed that any place you go, they will require you to wear at least a facemask to protect your ears and your throat and goggles for your eyes. Knee and elbow pads are also a good idea because you may be leaping into the dirt often to avoid being seen or shot. There is no physical contact in paintball; no tackling, pushing, punching, etc.... If you are shot and marked with paint, you are out of the game and have to wait for the next one to start. If you wipe the paint off of yourself so you can continue to play after you have been hit, you may be taken out of the game or even thrown off the field, depending on the mood of the referees at the time. Boundaries are also set up on the field and if you step outside, you are out of the game and have to wait for the next one.


The games. There are three main games played on a paintball field: Capture the Flag, Center Flag, and Speedball. Depending on the size of

your teams, the games usually last between 15-20 minutes. Capture the Flag involves two teams and two flags with the object of the game being to get the other team's flag, which is located on the opposite side of the field, and bring it back to your side of the field without getting hit. With Center Flag, the flag is placed in the middle of the field and the first team to grab it and take it back to their side wins. Speedball, also known as Combat or Elimination, does not involve a flag, but rather two teams with the purpose of the game to eliminate all of the players on the other team.


A few pointers if you plan to go to an organized paintball field are to remember that different places have different requirements and fees, so it is best to call ahead for information and reservations. If you have less than ten people on your team, you will most likely be able to walk-on into a game with another group. If you have a team of at least fourteen players, however, you can reserve your own field.


Super Tips For First Time Players


 **DO** read up on the game before you go. That way you will have a better idea of what you are up against.

 **DO** stretch before stepping on the field so you don't end up injuring yourself five seconds into the


game.

 **DO** wear hiking boots or some other kind of shoe or boot that will support your ankles. You really don't want to run around the woods in sandals.


 **DO** wear old clothes. The paint does wash out, but mud and grass stains might not. Wear something you won't be afraid to ruin.


 **DO** find out if the place you are going to has a snack bar. Some places do, but be prepared to spend more than you may be used to. You


may want to bring your own food and you definitely want to bring water.


 **DO** use your paintballs only when necessary. Don't shoot a tree just because you think it needs color. You'll be surprised how fast you can go through paintballs. Also, the less you

shoot, the less you pay.

 **DO** follow the rules. The fastest way to get kicked off the field is to break one of them.

 **DON'T** wear bright colors. Keep all of your fluorescent and tie-dyed shirts at home. The brighter the shirt, the better the target.

 **DON'T** be afraid of getting hit. Sure, the object of the game is *not* to get hit, but it's not the worst thing in the world if you do.


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
afraid to be aggressive. Think of paintball as being like bumper cars. Sure, you could stay in a corner and avoid everyone, but it is more fun to get out there and hit people.


Paintball is an extremely fun yet costly sport. Going to an organized field can cost anywhere from \$15+ with the average price around \$35. If you have your own equipment (paintgun, facemask, etc...) you can hunt your friends in your own backyard instead of paying to go to a public field. Just remember to keep your goggles on, your head up, and don't forget to duck.



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Win With Wellness

Leadership for the Future

by Ryan Allan

"Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man (or woman) healthy, wealthy, and wise!" You may have heard this quote by Ben Franklin. It could be said to be one of Win With Wellness' many coined phrases.

Win With Wellness is a group of Juniors from each participating high school that plans and implements, as a team, several programs which educate, encourage, and raise awareness about six different areas of life.

The six different areas are:

Chemical Free Living

Positive Self Concept

Nutrition

Physical Activity

Safety

Environmental Awareness

Win With Wellness has helped the Marion community in a lot of ways. Besides the general community, Starry Elementary school, Vernon Middle School, Francis Marion Intermediate school, and Marion High School have been among the most benefited. One of Win With Wellness' big activities at the high school has been the Luau Dance they put on. The dance is a benefit for the Marion food pantry and the Big Brother / Big Sister program. Also, an activity to get people involved in sports was the 3 on 3 basketball tournament at the high school which had an outstanding turnout.

Every year, Win With Wellness participants collaborate to make a book with the many things they've done in the community and school to promote the six categories above. A team of students takes one of the six categories and in the end the teams come together and compile everything they've done. The book is judged on the number of students that were reached in each project, and by the impact the project made in the community. The teams this year are looking forward to the day of completion when everything will come together.

As Kristen Osborn said, "We are doing a lot of things in the community to promote a healthy lifestyle, and I think that all the effort we've put forth will make a difference. We, as a team, are confident that people will be changed for the better because of Win With Wellness."

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Kristen Osborn

Marion's Own March Madness

by Josh Ivey

This March many were exited about the March Madness basketball tourney. The tournament was great and many students got very into it. There was also another cause of Marion March Madness, the Win With Wellness seminar three on three tournament. Much like the Final Four tourney there were favorites, underdogs, upsets, fantastic dunks (Rosey Milam), great three point shooting, and Cinderella teams.

The tourney was set up by Bryan Ryther and Justin Sperry, it began with teams of three or four signing up to be in the tourney, a total of sixteen teams showed up to play. Then the process of making a bracket started, Sperry used his knowledge of state wrestling brackets to make a great double elimination cross bracket. The favorites for the tourney were definitely the Clippers, who featured a line up of Rosey Milam, Douglas Cloven, Chris Stine, and Pistol Pete Messerli. Other contenders were the Bulls, who had a huge line up featuring Kyle Koeppen, Tyler Mayer, Jordan Immerfal, and Brett Forkner, and the Lakers who had Pat Stalkfleet, Kyle Olson, and Brad Murray.

The first round came and went without any major upsets. Most of the teams that were expected to win did and the bracket was set up for the second round. The second round was when the upsets began, it started with Sam Ehlinger's team of all wrestlers defeated the team of varsity girls. Sam's team also featured Chris Clendenen, Ryan Allan, and Jordan Forkner. An-

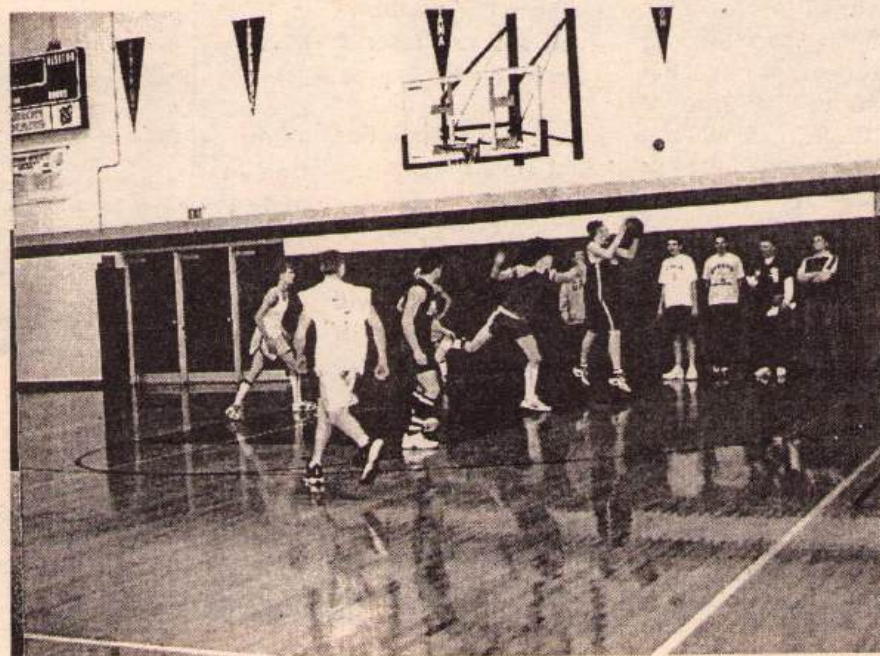
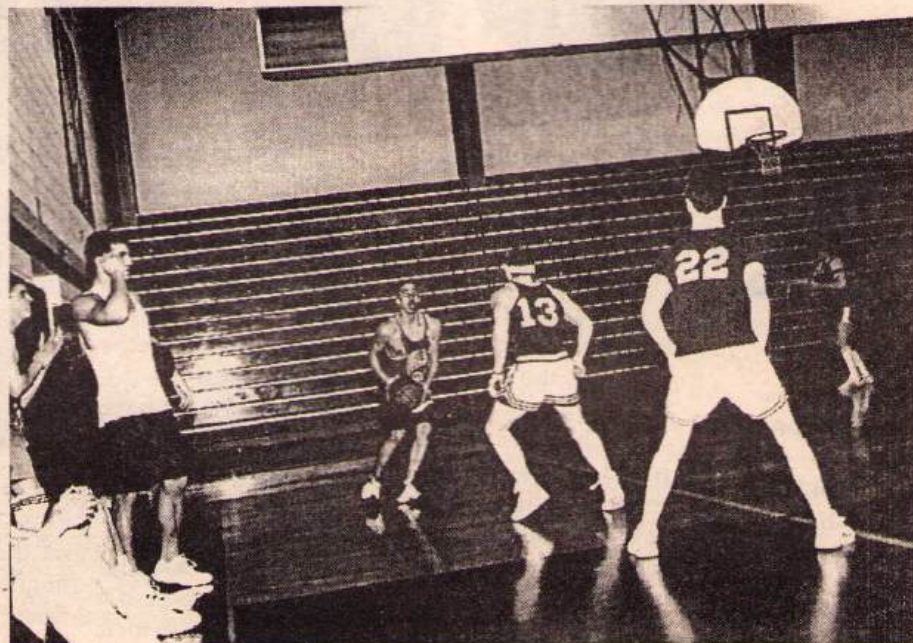
other notable upset that round was the Celtics featuring Nick Campbell, Caleb Lynott, Josh Ivey, and Matt Boquist, beating the favored Bulls team.

The upsets continued to the third round with the wrestlers once again winning against the team of Jami Tiernan, Travis Van Fossen, Tim Henry, and Brett Kane. In a must win situation Sam Ehlinger clutch jump shots helped the team into the next round. Also the Celtics won again with their great three point shooting and the rebound work of Nick Campbell. They played the Lakers team of Murray, Stalkfleet, and Olson.

In the loser bracket there were no more real upsets, and the Lakers ended up winning the 3rd place game. In the winners bracket it was time for the finals. The heavily heavily favored Clippers were playing the Celtics. It was a very exciting game all around, the game started with a surprising 4-1 lead by the Celts with an Ivey three and put-ins by Lynott and Campbell against a Cloven drive. The game turned around fast when Rosey Milam came in and scored 5 consecutive points, but Caleb Lynott hit a clutch three to keep the Celts

in the game. Then Doug Cloven hit a great tip-in to put the score at 6-7 lead. Then Campbell had two great shots and Messerli and Cloven kept it close with two put backs. Then with the score 8-9, Ivey and Boquist hit consecutive threes to win the game in the biggest upset of the tourney and a first place finish.

This next year will be the 3rd annual tourney and hopefully it will have as much excitement as this years great tournament.



Marion's Winners

Art has continued success

Freshmen Filmmakers

by Jessica Rogness

The Marion High School art department continues to show its success by sending two students

and other schools around Iowa were able to show off their skills in many different categories of art. Marion has an array of talented

mental, Andy Balvanz - 1st place in Digital Imaging, Tom Beimer - 2nd place in Digital Imaging, Will Eggers - 2nd place in Digital Imaging.

Jon Lien commented about the competition, "Some of the exhibits were somewhat interesting, and there was a neat-looking bathroom made out of scary bricks and cement."

Will

Eggers explained, "I'm not really sure if I want to go into art in the future, I just enjoy using my creativity to make artwork."

"I really liked the different workshops. They taught me different techniques that I will be able to use in my future projects. I'm planning on going into advertising and making different commercials, so that they are better than the ones now," Nick Gray commented. Angie Griffith, plans on going into Computer Graphics, so getting 2nd place in Printmaking really gave her a lot of confidence in her abilities. The students impressed everyone with their abilities to make such beautiful pieces of work. This was the first time that everyone had came back with some kind of ribbon on their projects.

"Being able to show off the students artwork, really boosts people's confidence on their works," Mrs. Shultz commented on the competition.



to the All- State Art Competition. This event was held by the Art Educators of Iowa, in Des Moines, Iowa. The judges, were four college professors from different colleges throughout Iowa. The only requirement is that the student has to be a senior. They send their art work in to the state and they judge the slides. It was a tough decision, but, two of our very own Marion High School students were chosen to submit their works into it. Angie Griffith and Lindsey Wright sent their works in, Angie got 24th place and Lindsey received 9th place. Since Lindsey placed in the top 10, she will attend a reception in Des Moines on April 6 at the Art Museum in Des Moines. She will also be presented with a plaque with her picture on it that will stay at Marion High School.

The WaMac Art Competition is a place where art students at Marion High School

students that were honored at the competition. There were all kinds of styles of art that were judged. Eighteen people placed 3rd or better in 13 different categories. Zach Peterson - 1st place in Acrylic Painting, Lindsey Wright - 3rd place in Oil Painting, Celeste Gerald - 3rd place in Colored Pencil, Celeste Gerald - 2nd place in Mixed Media Drawing, Ian Stephan - 1st place in Fibers/Book Art, Nick Gray - 2nd place in Mixed Media 3-D, Kyle Koepen - 3rd place in Mixed Media 3-D, Mark Stalnaker - 3rd place in Sculpture, Meghan Salmon - 1st place in Ceramics/Utilitarian, Angie Griffith - 2nd place in Printmaking, Grant Furman - 1st place in Computer Graphics, Ben Busch - 2nd place in Computer Graphics, Gabe Warrick - 3rd place in Computer Graphics, Becca Beadle - 1st place in Photography/Color, Jon Lien - 3rd place in Photography/Experi-

Six Marion High School students have been awarded third place in the ETC Student Video Competition 2001. The competition was sponsored through the Cedar Rapids Public Library and the Grant Wood Area Educa



Freshmen Seth Walters, Nate Barkley, Derek Buitron, Zach Labs, Cam Thomas, and Perry Clouse took 3rd place in a video competition.

tion Agency. Freshmen students Seth Walters, Derek Buitron, Cam Thomas, Zach Labs, Perry Clouse, and Nate Barkley produced their entry called "Fear the Kid." The video tells the story of a group of friends who play a game of Truth or Dare which gets out of hand.

All the students acted in the video directed by Cam Thomas. The project took about a month to film and a month for editing before it was submitted. Seth Walters and Cam Thomas were responsible for the editing.

This is the second year for the competition sponsored by the Educational Telecommunications Consortium. According to contest coordinator Gerry Hopkins, "The purpose of the competition is to promote creative use of video and video production, provide an outlet for the productions, and encourage video not only as an artistic endeavor but as a career path." The entries were judged by local professionals including a news director, news reporter, and a professional video producer.

The five winning videos will be aired on the ETC channel at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings between April 24th and May 4th. ETC is channel 17 on AT&T cable and channel 13 on McLeod cable.

University - Bound

A t a n awards ceremony held April 25th, Will Eggers and Vic Reynolds received a grant to attend a photography workshop at the University of Iowa. The workshop will be held for a week in June. Will and Vic are in charge of photography for the yearbook and newspaper.



Senior

A bunch of us kidnapped Amanda Carson from Subway. We tied her up and blindfolded her and threw her in the back of Katie Kleeburger's gospel van. We took her to Hanna Park and tied her to a pole while we played football. Remi got rather angry.
Chris Stine



When I was driving my escort with Chelsea Heren, Natasha Ottaway, Ben Labarge, and Josh Nelson and we got pulled over by the D.A.R.E. explorer and the cop told us we were stupid cause we were going to target on a friday night.
-Ciara Chadek

When Sam Ehlinger and I ran through Lindale Mall in our briefs and ski masks. It was the weekend before Christmas so it was pretty busy. Sam floored some lady on accident and girls whistled at us.
Ryan Allan

The night that Anna and I snuck out of my bedroom window and Jordan and Remi picked us up at the end of my street. We met up with a bunch of other people at Sam's house and went swimming at the Indian Creek Country Club. When we went home Jordan fell off the retaining wall and landed in a thorn bush that was next to the wall and cut his foot open. Also, The night that Anna, Julie, Sam, Jordan, Forkner, and Koeppen T.P.ed my house with toilet paper and 800 yards of fishing line. My dad and I cleaned it up before they all came back half an hour later to do it again.
-Amanda Carson

Zach Adams	Undecided
Stephanie Albaugh	Work
Ryan Allan	ISU
Josh Appleby	Universal Technical Institute
Kiel Archer	UNI
Jennifer Armstrong	Kirkwood
Travis Barnes	ISU
Steve Barske	Kirkwood
Rebecca Beadle	Undecided
Chris Beimer	Kirkwood
Marissa Bennett	Undecided
Alicia Beltram	Kirkwood
Josh Bleadorn	Work
Cassie Boone	Undecided
Katrina Burkholder	Kirkwood
Tim Busse	Kirkwood
Zach Butler	Undecided
Amanda Carson	Mount Mercy
Ciara Chadek	Mount Mercy
Mollie Chester	Undecided
Trisha Cleppe	Iowa
Tamara Coats	Kirkwood
Tito Colomer	Work
Josh Craven	National Guard
Stevie Cummings	Iowa
Dan Dietz	Work
Sam Ehlinger	Iowa Central Community College
Brad Feickert	Kirkwood
Aaron Fitch	Universal Technical Institute
Brett Forkner	UNI
Ali Fowler	St. Ambrose
Leighann Freeman	Coe
Brian Freese	UNI
Rachel Fuchs	Iowa
Melinda Garman	UNI
Mark Godecke	Valporaso
Chris Greene	Work
Rachael Gregory	Work
Angie Griffith	UNI
Jeremy Gruber	Kirkwood
Angela Hall	ISU
Casey Harris	Undecided
Michelle Hasbrouck	Undecided
Nathan Hazen	Undecided
Chelsea Heeren	Mount Mercy
Nick Hilleshiem	Kirkwood
Nick Holub	Kirkwood
Erick Hood	Work
Jaclyn Hugg	Buena Vista
Jordan Immerfall	Buena Vista
Robin Jarmon	Work
Ben Jordan	Kirkwood
Danielle Jorgenson	Kirkwood
Anna Kalkwarf	UNI
Kevin Katzenberger	3 years of high school in Germany
Annie Kinney	Kirkwood
Katie Kleeberger	University of Wisconsin/Lake Superior State University
Kyle Koeppen	Coe
Ben LaBarge	Kirkwood
Christina Lacher	Kirkwood
Jamie Lane	Kirkwood
Sean Larson	Birmingham Southern
Amanda Lehrman	Work



Plans

Amy Lethem	Work
Jonathon Lien	Iowa
Bret Logemann	Kirkwood
Jamie Lomas	UNI
Jason Madden	Undecided
Anthony Martin	Kirkwood and Army Reserve
Kyle Martin	ISU
Nichole Martin	Mount Mercy
Tyler Mayer	Wartburg
Matt McCue	Work
Libby McGuire	Iowa
Rosey Milam	Undecided
Matt Miskell	Mount Mercy
Jonathan Mohler	Undecided
Adam Mohling	ISU
Ryan Mollenhauer	Kirkwood
Adam Mulder	Work
Josh Nelson	Kirkwood
Brandon Nigg	Kirkwood
Colin Northway	Work and Race
Zach Novotny	Kirkwood
Natasha Ottaway	Kirkwood
Paolo Panico	1 year of high school in Italy
Chris Peal	National Guard
Megan Peiffer	Kirkwood
Michelle Petersen	Iowa
Zack Peterson	Work
Aaron Phelps	Undecided
Josie Plein	National Guard
April Port	Work
Justin Remington	Buena Vista
Kristine Renaas	Kirkwood
Chris Reynolds	Undecided
Darcy Richtsmeier	Mount Mercy
Tony Ricklefs	Kirkwood
Meghan Salmon	Iowa
Ben Samuelson	Kirkwood
Tina Sarchett	Kirkwood
Ashley Scott	UNI
Kim Siegling	Travel
Sara Spalti	Work
Mike Stalkfleet	Undecided
Pat Stalkfleet	East Central University
Casey Steadman	Undecided
Morgan Stemler	Marines
Ian Stephen	Undecided
Chris Stine	ISU
Julie Straub	ISU
David Stulken	ISU
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Tia Truesdell	Undecided
Shelly Tschudi	Undecided
Missi Watt	Iowa
Michelle Werneburg	Capri
Jeremy Wheat	ISU
Jennifer Williams	Kirkwood
Crissie Wood	Grinnell
Lindsey Wright	Iowa
Eddie Zelaya	Apprenticeship



1 year of high school in Italy

A bunch of guys were gonna T.P. my house and I knew so I waited for them. When they got there, I attacked them with my super soaker, which was dumb because there were six of them and they all had shaving cream. I came back into my house completely covered and my parents were waiting with the camera. I saved the house though.

-Anna Kalkwarf

When my parents were out of town for the weekend we had a "guys" night type of thing. Anyway, later that night Remi snuck into my kitchen and started eating my ice cream with his bare hands. When we finally caught him in the act he started giggling like a school girl saying "Look guys I'm like a bear. Get it? They're like paws."

-Chris Stine

One time when I was trying to sleep in the weight room during gym, Jimmy Heslop came in and was trying to freestyle walk and jumped off like a seven foot pole and landed right on his back. And another one bites the dust.

-Rosey Milam



One of the funniest things that happened my senior year was when Ryan, Jordan, Kyle, and I went snow banking in Ryan's car "Christine." We would jump curbs and hit snowbanks in his car going about 50 to 55 MPH in the streets of Marion. We almost hit a light pole on purpose 5 times then veered into Tylers lawn going at least 25 MPH over the speed limit. For our finale we hit a six foot high snow bank and ramped off of it Dukes of Hazord style. We landed on two wheels and slid across the road and stopped two feet short of a Little Debbie's truck. His car broke down for a long time.

Sam Ehlinger

Independent Women On Tour

by Christie Ottaway &
Nikki Evans

On Saturday, March 24,



Destiny's Child came to Waterloo to perform at McElroy Auditorium. When we arrived we were met by hundreds of cars trying to find a parking spot. We ended up parking up on the grass right next to a stop sign. The next obstacle was getting in. After waiting about 15 minutes just to get in we were greeted by very overpriced merchandise and hundreds of fans waiting in an unorganized line which could be called a glob of people. When they starting letting people in people rushed the door. Some guys must of gotten really excited because their hands were going everywhere. Finally, we got into our seats. We had eighth row center so we could see the stage really well.

The first opening act to come out was True Vibe. They are a boy band. When they first came out I thought they would be N*SYNC wannabes but they ended up being really good. One of the members of the group used to be in 98 degrees but then quit to start this group. They really got the crowd pumped up and had good choreography. They also

looked like they were really having a good time. In our opinion they were the best opening act there.

The second act to perform was PYT. When they first came out our first opinion of them was that they were all Britney Spears wannabes. They had the dirty clothing and also lacked the singing ability. And then there was their dancing. Can you say totally off? No coordination was required to be in this group. Also lip synching at a live concert is not recommended, and if you're going to do it, do it good. In our opinion, these dirty girls did not deserve a record deal.

The final opening act was Stacy O'Rico. She was so bad she made the entire audience sit down. First of all the dancers, did Stacy pick these up the night of the concert at a gas station? Compared to these dancers the Marion Poms look like professionals. Next, after her first song she started talking about lost love and commit-

ment for about 20 minutes. Finally, she stopped talking after the audience started yelling obscene words at her. In our opinion, we've never heard of her, you've never heard of her, you will never hear of her again.

During the intermission we looked to our right and there was a big commotion.

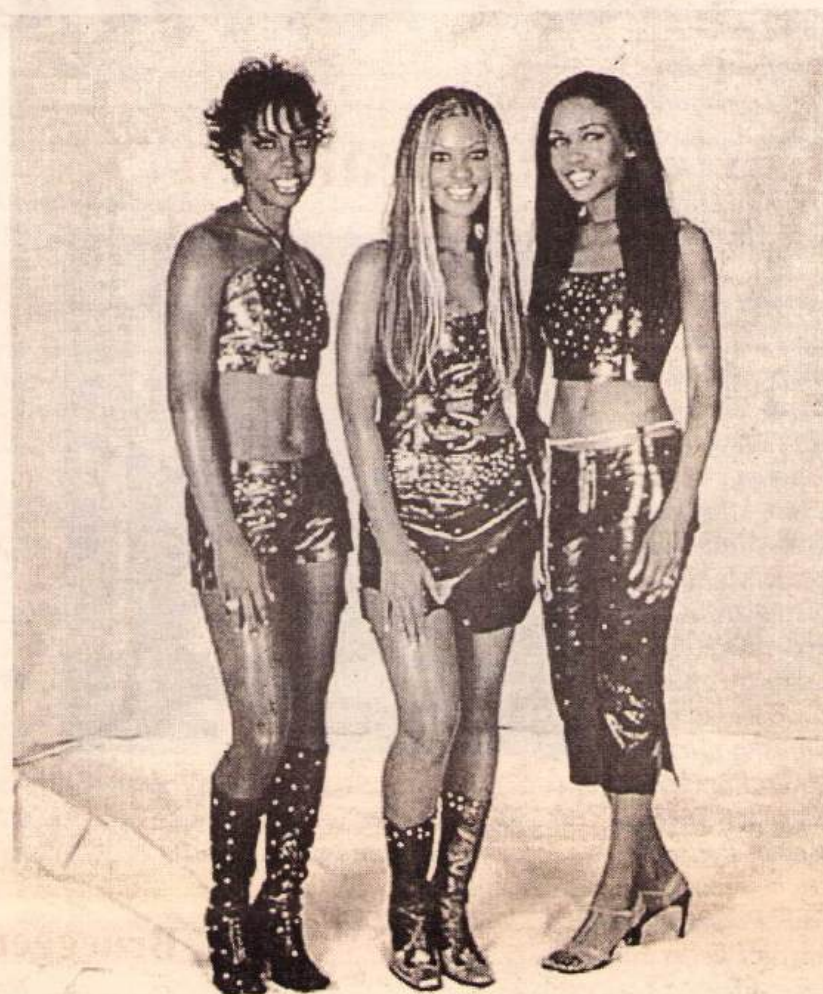
Word spread quickly that the Baha Men(Who let the dogs out?) were watching the show and people had identified them. Our first thought was that we hate that stupid dog song. After being swarmed by many girls, security made them go back to their seats.

Finally, Destiny's Child appeared through darkness

and smoke, with the first words being, "What's up Waterloo?!" Screams erupted as Beyonce, Michelle, and Kelly started their show with "So Good". The title of the song pretty much explains their performance. The dancers actually knew how to dance, the band knew how to play, and

the singers knew how to sing. Three wardrobe changes provided time for the dancers to show off their skills and the band to keep the crowd pumped. All three outfits were matching and very well worn.

Overall, the concert was great and worth the money.

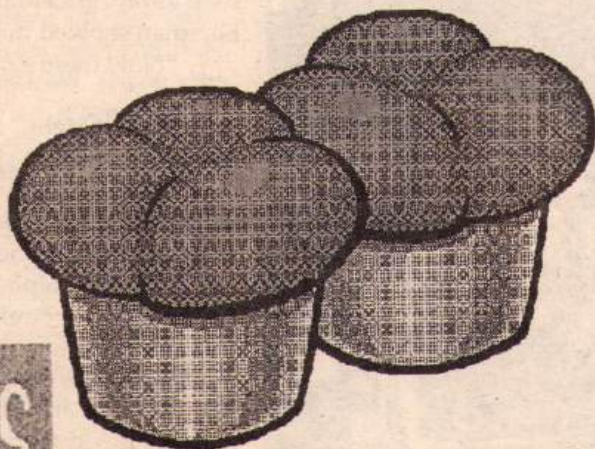


Let's Talk FOOD!

What's For Breakfast?

by Amanda Carson & Anna Kalkwarf

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It gets your day started! Eating the same old cereal and milk everyday may get old. Why not call a friend and go out?! Here's



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some places to try:
(All of these places take a maximum of 1/2 hour to order and eat.)

Hy-Vee
Open 6-11am
What they have:

Various combinations of eggs, meat, hash browns and toast. Pancakes, English muffins, and skillet.

We tried: ANNA- Biscuits and Gravy and a large OJ - \$4.28 "Good and big. I couldn't eat it all!"

AMANDA - 2 Eggs, Ham, Hash browns and toast. - \$3.14 "Good and filling."

Panera Bread
Open 6:30am-9pm

What they have:

Many bagels, and other baked goods. Soups, salads and frozen beverage.

ages. We tried: Bagel with large OJ - \$2.73 "This place is very elegant and the food tastes good."
1 bagel - 64 cents

Bruegger's Bagels
Open Mon-Thur 6:30am-6pm Fri-Sun 7am-5pm

What they have:

Many different bagels and 13 different kinds of cream cheese. Breakfast bagels served until 10 am. Bagel sandwiches.

Single Bagel 55 cents. "These bagels are smaller than Panera's but still tasted good."

Krispy Kreme
Open Sun-Thur 5:30 am - 10 pm. Fri & Sat 5:30am - midnight

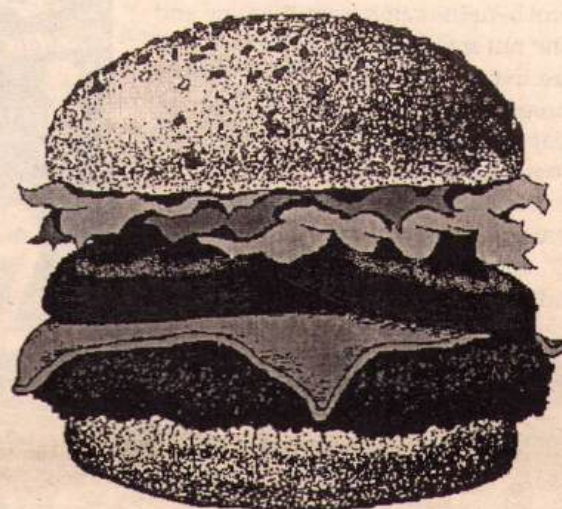
What they have:

Doughnuts! Not as healthy of a choice, but we know you all love them! 1 doughnut costs 46 cents or you can grab 12 for \$3.96.

Who has the best hamburger value?

By Justin Sperry

The journalism department did a recent study on which fast food restaurant had the best value on their hamburger.



burgers. We had a criteria based on price, taste, and the weight of the hamburger. Then we rated them on a 1-5 scale. We went to the following places:

Rating	Price	Weight	Taste
Wendy's			
(5)	\$.94	1.1 ounces	"Bun makes the burger"
McDonalds			
(4.5)	\$.83	1.0 ounces	"Burger small, but bun great"
Hardee's			
(1.5)	\$.88	1.5 ounces	"Overcooked and no flavor"
Burger King			
(2)	\$.94	1.3 ounces	"Burnt, and sesame not great"
Culvers			
(4)	\$ 1.49	1.4 ounces	"Bun okay, burger a little dry"
Dairy Queen			
(3)	\$ 1.05	1.4 ounces	"Very good burger, bun okay"

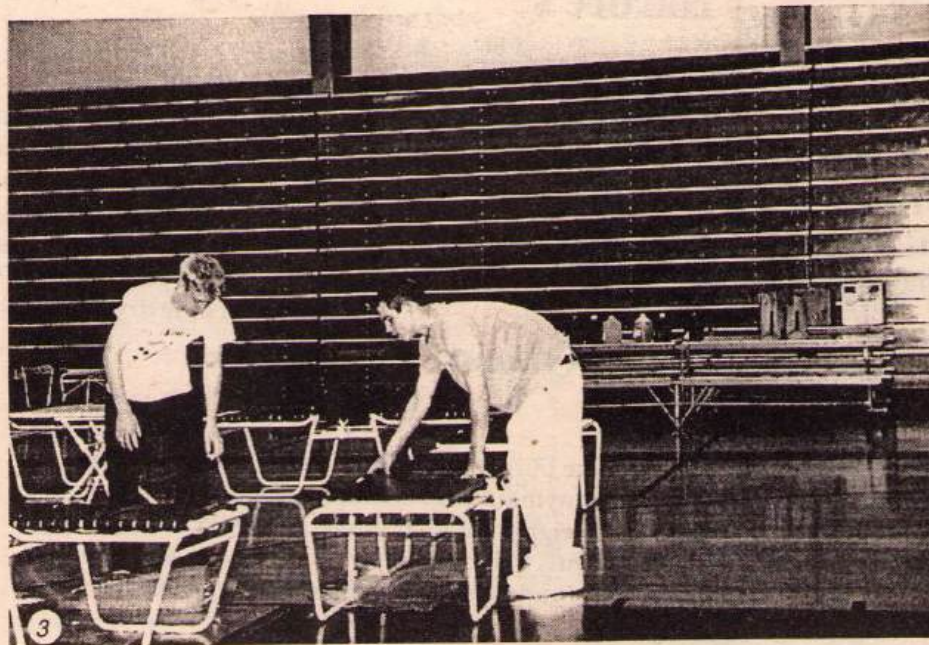
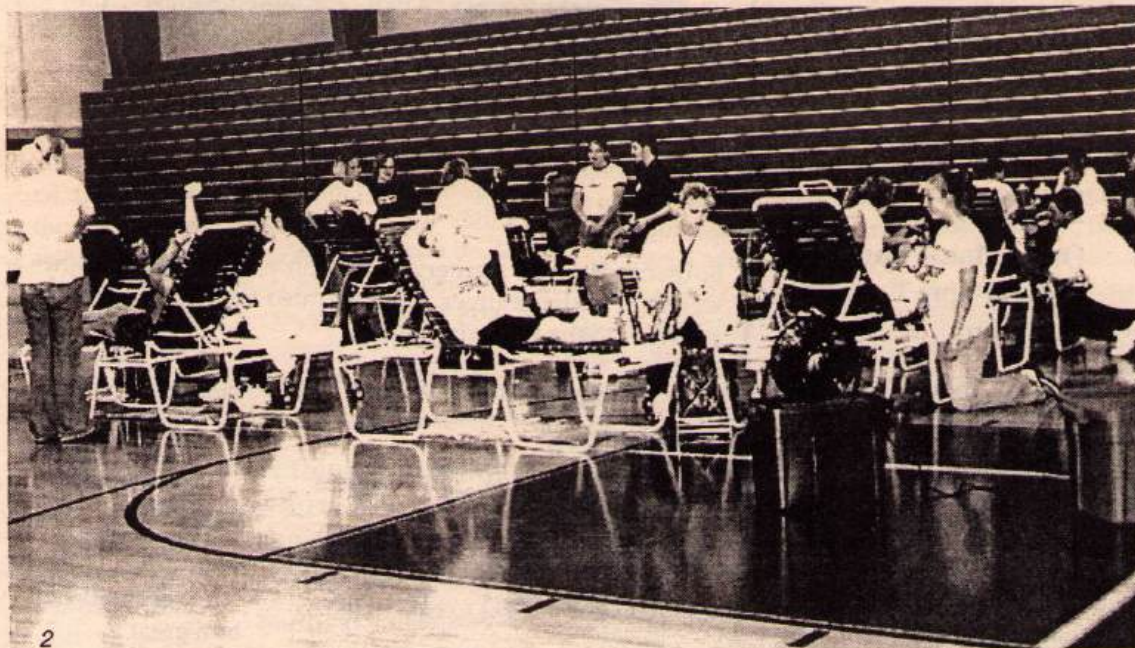
All the burger purchased were purchased plain - no cheese or anything else. Catsup and mustard were added after the weigh-in of each burger. All the taste tests were done by Chris Stine, and he was one who rated the all the burgers. I would also like to thank Mr. Sloan for the use of his scale.

"Stuck" for a Good Cause

This is what the 53 students and teachers said when they donated their blood to the Red Cross on Tuesday, May 1st.

Every year Marion High School journalism students put on a blood drive with the Red Cross to donate blood in order to help the local hospitals. The students were not paid, but they were treated with snacks, goodies, and beverages as well as t-shirts given away by the Red Cross. Last year approximately fifty-two pints of blood were donated and this year we beat the record with 53 pints. Not everyone was able to donate because in order to donate blood, each person had to be at least seventeen years old and at least one hundred and ten pounds.

Several benefits came from the time and effort everyone put into this day. For every pint donated, three lives can be saved. That means, with fifty-three pints given, 159 lives can be saved. Also, it gave everyone a chance to visit while the donating process was in progress. "It was a good experience because even though we had a little pain right now it could help save a person's life," commented Ryan Allan after he donated blood for the first time.



Marion Mystery

The Final Chapter

By Doug Cloven and Ryan Allan.

The trophies are all broken?!" repeated officer O'Mally. "I'll be there as soon as I can." As soon as officer O'Mally got to the high school Mr. Ehrman showed him the crime scene.

"Now there's no denying it; it had to be Jordan."

"You're right," admitted O'Mally. "You have the right to remain silent," he said.

"What?!" screamed Ehrman, "This is absurd! You can't think I did this. You know Jordan was behind it, all the evidence points to him."

"Not so," replies O'Mally, "Most of it shows you as the perpetrator. When it first happened I was reminded of our days back on the team. How much pride we all had in the team including our star kicker Shane Ehrman. However, what had almost slipped my mind was the semi-final round of the playoffs. When you missed the kick that would have won us the game you almost lost the game for us. It was an easy 15 yard kick but you kicked our center in the back of the helmet. So, in the championship game when we needed a kick we faked it and ran it for a touchdown. And now I see how that got to you. How can you hold things like that in for so long?"

"That may be true, but I didn't do it. You let Jordan out so he very well could have done it!" exclaimed Ehrman.

"That would be true had I let Jordan go home last night like I said," explained O'Mally, "but on a gut instinct I kept him the night and set up a video camera above the trophy case to see what happens. The tape reveals you as the thief."

1. Kevin Katezenberger comforts Nikki Martin as she donates a pint of blood for the first time.

2. The gold gym is transformed from from a playing area to a blood drive zone as a record number of students donated blood for the Red Cross.

3. Andy Balvanz and Nick Livingston help set up chaise lounges for the blood drive.

4. The charge nurse from the Red Cross gives instructions to Desiree Rouse, Nikki Evans, and co-chair Amanda Carson.

Spring Sports Staying busy until the end



Bringing home the "W"

by Ryan Allan

The Marion boy's soccer team is having a very successful season this year. The season last year was an excellent first year and the addition of two skilled foreign exchange students, Paolo Panicco (Italy) and Kevin Katzenberger (Germany), have given the team confidence. The team scrimmaged Linn Mar, a 4A team, on the 24th of March. The Indians lost 3 to 2, but played a great game in spite of missing many key players to a school trip. Also, Marion being a 3A school shows how well they did.

On the 29th, the Indians played against Prairie. Prairie, ranked 10th in the state in 4A, beat

Marion 3-0. Marion losing to a ranked 4A team, wasn't a disappointment. Chris Stine, a senior captain says, "I think we're going to surprise a lot of people this year in how well we do."

The Indians Played their first regular season game of the year on the 5th of April. The game was away in Iowa City against Iowa City Regina. Marion played an excellent offensive and defensive game. Eric Hubbell scored the two goals for Marion and the assists were by Panicco. Despite the strength the Indians showed, they lost the game 5-2. This was very respectable, although, because the regular varsity goal keeper wasn't able to play due to injury. The JV played right after the varsity and had a great game. They tied Iowa City Regina 2-2. Eric Allan and Jerry Levitan scored the goals.

On the 16th of April against South Tama, Marion pulled away with a big win of 9-2. Stine led the goals with 4. Hubbell had 3 goals, Katzenberger and Panicco each had 1 goal. In a three way tie for assists was Stine, A.J. Reisner, and Anthony Martin each with two. Also Panicco had one assist.

Another big win was on the 24 of April against West Dubuque. It

Gearing up For State

The Marion boy's track team took the trip across town to run in the Prairie Relays at Cedar Rapids Prairie. Marion took fifth in the team race. "We had many personal bests, and ran our best times if the year," said coach Scott Immerfall. Marion's only first place of the night came from the 1600 medley team. The team of Jason McGaffic, Jordan Immerfall, Kyle Koeppen, and Taylor Heim have won almost every meet this year. Also running well was the 4x100 team of Dustin Rhodes, Tyler Mayer, McGaffic, and Tony Offerman, placing 2nd.

Marion then went to Des Moines to compete in the Drake Relays, qualifying the 4x100 team and Tyler Mayer in the high jump. Mayer competed in the high jump on Thursday, and barely missed clearing the bar at 6'7". Mayer finished in 2nd place, clearing 6'5". "The experience to go into a big meet like Drake and finish 2nd was something I will always remember." The 4x100 team of Rhodes, Mayer, McGaffic, and Offerman, won their heat, but failed to qualify for the finals.

Marion took the track on Tuesday, running at home in their own invitational. Marion placed 5th out of 16 teams. The highlight of the night for the Indians was Tyler Mayer, jumping into a class of his own. Mayer cleared a height of 6'5 1/4", to break the meet record, which he tied last year. Mayer's name is now alone in the school record book. Also shining for the Indians was Tony Offerman, winning the 100 meter dash in front of the home stand full of Indians fans. "It

was a great feeling in front of the home crowd," said Offerman. "Hopefully the win will fuel me for the rest of the season." Offerman also anchored the Indians other champion, the 4x100 team of Dustin Rhodes, Mayer, Jason McGaffic, and Offerman. With a time of 44.7, that should qualify the team for the state meet in Des Moines. McGaffic also finished 3rd in the 200 meter dash, and the 1600 medley team of McGaffic, Jordan Immerfall, Kyle Koeppen, and Taylor Heim, also took home bronze for Marion.

Marion then traveled to Wellman, to take part in the Hawk Relays at Mid-Prairie. Marion's first

place finishers on the night were Brian Barkdoll in the shot put, and Tyler Mayer winning the high jump. The 1600 Medley team of McGaffic, Immerfall, Koeppen, and Heim, took home a silver medal, and the 4x100 team of Immerfall, Mayer, McGaffic, and Offerman also took 2nd place. In the individual events Jordan Immerfall finished 2nd in the 110 high hurdles, while Tony Offerman was 3rd to cross the tape in the 100, and Max Molitor took 3rd in the 800 meter run. Marion will run in two big meets this week, Tuesday at Benton, and the WaMaC conference meet on Friday.

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Marion Girls Track: Staying in Motion

by Kristen Osborn

The Marion Indian girls launched off the track season on Monday, March 5. Track practices for the first two weeks were held indoors due to the unpromising weather. The team has a lot of quick Freshmen who are ready to step up and fill in some holes on the varsity team. The Indians had their first indoor meet on Friday, March 23 at Cornell College. While many members of the team went on the band and choir trip to Florida those who did participate ran well. They did not keep a team score, but Leighann Freeman, the leading senior hurdler, won the 55 hurdles. The coaches had a chance to see what everyone could do and they showed them some promising things. The Indians goal for the season was to finish in the top three of the conference.

Thursday, April 6, the Indians hosted the Marion Early Bird Invitational. No scores were kept but the girls performed well. Amanda Carson threw her personal record of 32' 5" and scored second place, while the shuttle hurdle relay also placed second. Neanna Conklin and Cari Laue sprinted to two second place finishes in the 100m and 400m respectively. Also finishing second was Tess Putnam, who ran the 1500m in 5:37:04.

The Marion girls track team competed in the Lady Bobcat Invitational at Benton on Thursday, April 12. While the rest of the school's sporting events were canceled for the day the girls toughed it out and ran some good races despite the wind gust that were clocked at up to 45 mph. The cross wind gave nobody an advantage over the other as Marion placed 3rd behind Benton and Cedar Rapids Prairie. Neanna Conklin placed second in the long jump and Sara Reynolds also placed second in the high jump. The shuttle hurdle relay of, Jana Bradley, Rachel Eagle, Neanna Conklin, and Leighann Freeman placed second as well. Tess Putnam, a freshman, will be one to watch this year as she placed 3rd in the open 800 m and ran the 800 anchor leg in the Distance Medley bringing home the gold!

The weather did a 180 on Saturday, April 14, which was a beautiful day to catch some rays, as the Indians traveled to Tiffin. Amanda Carson threw the shot put a good 31'-11" and placed 3rd. Again Sara Reynolds tied for second in the high jump with a jump of 4'8". The shuttle hurdle relay placed second with a time of 1:09.77. Tess Putnam just missed the gold in the open 800 by .3 seconds and finished with a time of 2:29.5. The Distance Medley consisted of Kristen Osborn, Leighann Freeman, Kari Laue, and Putnam finished in second place after handing off the baton to the anchor in last place!

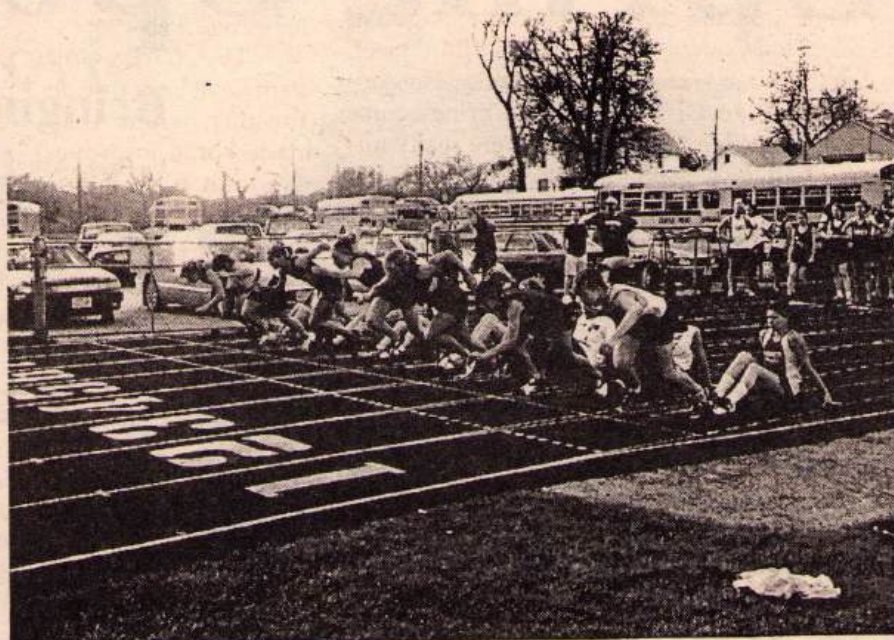
On April 26, the Indians hosted the Marion Invitational with 13 teams. The 4x800 relay of Meghan Salmon, Julie Straub, Jessica Trumpold, and Jaclyn Klopfenstein ran their personal record of the season of 11:11.87. The shuttle hurdle ran well with a time of 1:08.9 and received second place. Tess Putnam had a good 800m run with a time of 2:28.92. The 4x400 relay of Meghan Salmon, Kristen Osborn, Cari Laue, and Anna Servey ran their best time of the season with a 4:27.17. It was also the best time run in the past two years.

On Tuesday, May 1, the Indians ran at the Independence Invitational. Placing in most of the events gave the Indians a boost of confidence as they brought home a first place trophy for the second year in a row. It came down to the 4x400 relay, which included Cari Laue, Tina Lujan, Julie Straub, and Kristen Osborn. Senior Meghan Salmon made sure the girls knew they needed a good finished to edge by Independence in the team standings. "We weren't sure how many points we needed, but Meghan just said we had to beat Indy so I was feeling the pressure as I anchored the race. I told my teammates I would run as hard as I could and to be ready to drag me off the track. I felt the effects of donating blood from earlier in the day. We didn't beat Indy in the 4x400, but we did win the meet!" commented Kristen Osborn. Other events the Indians did well in included: first in the shuttle hurdle, first in the sprint medley, Neanna Conklin and Jana Bradley placed first and second respectively in the 100m hurdles, Tess Putnam finished second in the 800m, the 4x100 placed third, and Anna Servey and Sara Reynolds tied for 3rd in the high jump. The Indians came up with a first place team finish out of ten teams.

On Friday, May 4 the Indians traveled to Wellman for the Mid-Pairie Relays and had a disappointing fourth place finish. The only first place received was Sara Reynolds in the high jump. The shuttle hurdle placed second with a switch in the line-up. Many third place finishes included the 4x800, Leighann Freeman in the 100m hurdles, Anna Kalkwarf in the 200m dash, sprint medley, and the 4x100 relay. "We know we can't hold back at districts on Monday. There are no second chances and we plan to leave it all out on the track!" says Rachel Eagle.

On Monday, May 7, the Indians ran in the District meet at Vinton. There were no first place finishes for the Indians so they had to wait until Tuesday to find out if anyone made it to state. The shuttle hurdle relay qualified with Jana Bradley, Leighann Freeman, Rachel Eagle, and Neanna Conklin. Good Job Girls!!!

On Friday, May 11 the girls finished out the season with the WAMAC conference meet at Waterloo. The Distance Medley placed second as well as Tess Putnam in the open 800m. Other third place finishes were in the shuttle hurdle, sprint medley, and 4x100 relay. A couple fourth place finishes were in the Bradley in 100m hurdles and the 4x800. The team finished 4th overall in the conference behind Benton, West Delaware and South Tama.



Girls Soccer Begins

by Anna Kalkwarf

Girl's Soccer had their first practice April 16th. They practice every day from 4-6pm. They lift Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They are coached by Ms. Humbert. This is her first year at Marion. She was an assistant coach at Kennedy last year. She commented about her feelings this year, "Our goal is to improve from day one to the last day." They have about 30 or 40 girls out. Most of them have never played before or have played very little. Their first game was April 30th at home against Mt. Vernon. The girls accomplished the first win ever for Marion Girls Soccer defeating

the Mustangs 4-1. Jami Sunderman was the only one to score in regulation time. Jaclyn Klopfenstein, Brittany Mohling, and Neanna Conklin each scored in a shoot-out. Ginny Lujan was the goalkeeper for the team saving 9 out of 10 shots. May 3rd, the team played at home again facing the South Tama Trojans. The Indians made their record 2-0 by winning 3-0. Kirsten Nelson, Ashley Podoll and Sunderman each scored. Stacey Burke had 1 assist. Lujan stopped South Tama's 2 shots attempted. Nikki Martin, the only senior on the team, commented, "We have a lot of beginners. I'm looking forward to a good season."

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was an away game and the Indians walked away with a 5-2 victory. Leading the goals was Hubbell with 3 and following closely behind was Stine with 2. Leading the assists were Panicco and Stine with two each.

Coach Jim Conklin said, "These guys are learning to play as a team and not just individual players. There doing excellent midfield playing and transitioning from defense to offense which has been critical in our wins."

Messerli Shines

By: Jordan Immerfall

The Marion Boy's golf team continued its season on Tuesday, traveling to Vinton to golf at Gardner Golf Course. This is Marion's third meet, and first against WaMaC rival Vinton. "The conditions were good, which helped bring scores down, Justin (Remington) and I were really hitting the ball well," said junior Pete Messerli, the meet medalist, "We only have two players with varsity experience, so hopefully later in the season we can come around and win some meets." Messerli, the team's #1 golfer, also added that this years team is very inexperienced, with many Freshman out this year, so hopefully the program will have some numbers in upperclassmen in a couple of years.

Marion was edged out by Vinton, losing by a mere 4 strokes, 177 - 181. Marion was led by Messerli who shot a 39, followed by Justin Remington with a 43. Other scores for Marion were Joe Derby with a 49, and Caleb Lynott shooting a 50. Both Derby and Lynott are sophomores.

The Marion golf team traveled to Monticello, and drove away with their best performance of the year, and a 3rd place finish under their belt. Marion finished in the 3 spot out of 7 teams, missing 2nd place by only one stroke. Marions top golfer Pete Messerli fired a 79, finishing 5th overall, losing his playoff hole to the 3rd and 4th place finishers. "I was very happy with the way I played but was disappointed to lose the playoff," commented Messerli. "But we had our best showing this season as a team." Also shooting well for the Indians were Justin Remington with an 83, Joe Derby with a 86, and Caleb Lynott with an 89.

On a very windy day, Marion competed in the Wamac tournament at Hunter's Ridge. Pete Messerli won a four-way play-off to finish 10th overall and secure a place on the All-Wamac first team. Caleb Lynott scored a hole in one on the 16th hole. "I thought I hit it short, but my playing partner told me it went in, and I threw my club in the air and laughed," commented Lynott.

Boys tennis shows improvement

by Josh Ivey

This years Marion boys tennis season is almost over. There record is not great but the team is showing steady improvement. The teams record is 2-6 with many of their losses coming against much larger Cedar Rapids schools. The teams wins have come against South Tama and Washington JV. The win against Tama was a convincing 6-3, and they win against Washington ended

with a final score of 8-1. The varsity team this year is made up of Brandon Nigg, Tim Badker, Kyle Martin, Brett Kane, Eric Griggs, and Mark Stalnaker. The coach is Travis Fuller

Although their team record is not great, there have been some good individual/doubles performances, Kyle Martin, Brett Kane, Brandon Nigg, and Tim Badker have all picked up some im-

Marion Girls Golf

By: Jordan Immerfall

The Girls Golf team went to Prairie on Tuesday, where they made some improvements in their game, getting some help from the nice weather. "It was a good day, we improved a lot, and we also had the best team score yet this year."

Lynsey Rogers shot a 97, her best score of the year, she also added a birdie on one of the par 4 holes. Rogers, the teams top

player, continues to improve her game.

Marion then played at East Buchanan in a triangular with Center Point-Urbana, and East Buchanan. "We had our best team total ever," said Coach Martin of the inexperienced team. "I thought we played very well." Marion's top finisher was Lynsey Rogers who shot a 48 and finished 6th out of 18 golfers.



Sophomore Caleb Lynott plays in the WAMAC tournament.

Girls Tennis

by Desiree Rouse

This year, the Marion High School's girls tennis team had a decent season. Returning varsity players were Kristen Gehmen, Desiree Rouse, Nicole Martin, Stephanie Law, Meghan Redd, and Kris Renaas. Seniors on the team include Martin, Renaas, Angie Griffith, and Rachel Fuchs.

The team played their first game of the season here at Marion against Western Dubuque. The final score, 9-0, Marion.

"I was proud of the girls and I know that they're proud of themselves. Each girl played great out there. I'm more worried about the next meet we have away at Independence. The girls there are harder hitters and they know how to work the court. They'll have us running all over. If each of them just focuses and concentrates while they play I know they can do it," says McNutt.

The team showed a good effort, but went on to lose the meet. "Coach was right. I have never ran so much during a match. I think that I'll use this in the future and be ready for the upcoming matches," stated Kristen Gehmen.

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Putting talent on stage

by Josh Ivey

The Worst High School Play In the World, this was the title of this years school play that took place on Friday and Saturday, April 27-28. The play was a comedy about a group of students who put on a play about a medieval kingdom whose prince is raised by squirrel. The cast was made up of David Stulken, Tim Busse, Nikki Martin, Melissa Watt, Jessi Scheer, Taylor Heim, Jon Lien, Ben Samuelson, Kate Baumert, Neil Allen, Crissie Wood, Sarah Hansen, Crystal Schneider, Trent Fish, Tegan Reeves, Jaclyn Hugg, and Jordan Skilling. The

stagehands and extras were Casie Mulder, Perry Clouse, Molly Kelley, Angela Barltrop, Bethany Godar, Sarah Whited, Jenny Kruk, Sara McGrew, Lindsey Reinhart, Alicia Keiller, and Dave Wagner. Brad Feickert was stage manager, and Mr. McMahon was director. Tim Busse and Nikki Martin were the narrators and their ad libs and crowd interaction added a lot of humor to the already funny play. All the students involved put in a lot of time and practice and the product was a very funny play that was very enjoyable for the viewers.



David Stulken (Ivanha) and Crissie Wood (Lenor) share a joyous moment. Ivanha has just discovered women after living his youth as a squirrel.



All the students and the teacher from rm. 30 attended prom and had their picture taken as a group. They are Mrs. Hinds, Mary Hansen, Philip Barnes, Johnathan Mohler, Cyndi Raftis, Jason Prescott, and Mollie Chester.

Wonderful Tonight

by Nick Livingston

Prom 2001 will be one to remember for quite some time. It was held on April

21 with a theme of 'Wonderful Tonight'. Prom became the success

it was this year because of good planning and sufficient funds. The Juniors started very early in plotting, planning, and providing ideas for prom and the class came together and worked very hard to organize and raise funds. It took them 3 days and \$2,500 to get everything they felt necessary to make the dance as fun and memorable as possible. There were 101

couples that took part in the grand march and over 250 people attended the dance

"Although I'm sure we were all stressed about it at times our class really got together and put forth the effort and time it took to make an awesome prom! I was really excited about it and am so proud of our class." Tegan Reeves

time.

Post Prom took place at Castle Lanes Bowling Alley. About half of the people that attended the dance went to the post party. A fridge, two nineteen inch Televisions, and Fifteen \$100 gift certificates to Best Buy were given out plus a whole lot of little things. All juniors and seniors who took place in the party were given something. Everyone who didn't get hit

by a car left happy.

All together, Prom turned out wonderfully. The Juniors dealt with all the pressure flawlessly, and did it with ease. The environment of the dance made everyone feel comfortable and Prom 2001 will definitely be a dance to remember.

"It was an awesome time of just hanging out with friends and just having a good time. Also winning a TV didn't hurt."

Ryan Allan

"I had a lot of fun being able to enjoy the dance just like everyone else. To see everyone's reaction to the finished product, well, it was swell."

Douglas Cloven



As the DJ played the music, prom-goers filled the floor either in couples or groups to enjoy the evening.

Marty Labs gives a rose to his date, Elaine Laue, as they begin the Grand March.



Morgan Stemler and her date Chad Brown have fun dancing to one of the music selections at prom.

