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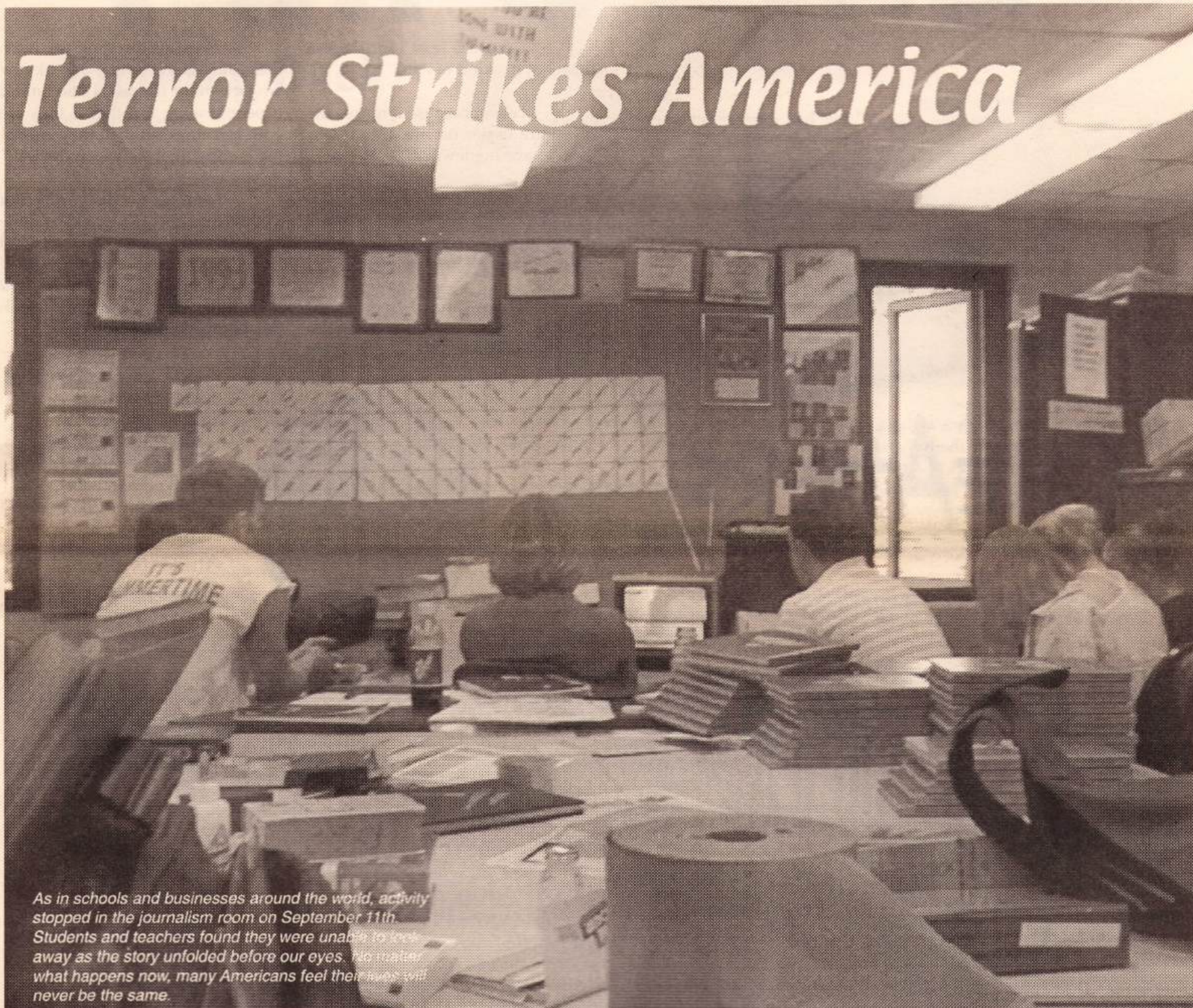
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Terror Strikes America



As in schools and businesses around the world, activity stopped in the journalism room on September 11th. Students and teachers found they were unable to look away as the story unfolded before our eyes. No matter what happens now, many Americans feel their lives will never be the same.

Terrorism has hit our nation. Tuesday, September 11 will be a day that will never be forgotten. About 9 a.m. Tuesday morning shock struck the United States. Our nation will never be the same. The image of the second plane crashing into the trade tower was plastered on the television all day long. Four planes were hijacked and two were steered in the direction of the World Trade Towers, the third plane was originally planning to hit the

White House but ended up crashing into the side of the Pentagon. The World Trade buildings collapsed to the ground covering a large area of the city with dust and rubble. The fourth hijacked plane ended up crashing into field in Pennsylvania across the country.

Events of the day were canceled. People rushed to the gas station as gas prices were raised as high as five dollars per gallon in some parts of the United States!

People waited in lines for hours to fill their tanks, and some stations actually had to turn people away because their gas supply had been depleted.

"It's hard to believe this actually happened. When I go to New York on Thanksgiving it will be weird seeing the demolished city. The hotel Christie (Ottaway) and I were going to stay in is no longer in existence," commented Nikki Evans about her trip to New

York. This country has come together in this time of need. Many volunteers rushed to New York to do whatever they could to help.

While in Iowa we simply watched, we were not untouched. Some faculty members had friends or family in the Pentagon or in New York. Even if we didn't know anyone directly involved, no one wasn't affected by the scenes of horror in New York as families searched for some hope.

Even though our nation is in crisis the country has come together to be united as one country. Differences have been put aside as we now come together to fight the war against terrorism, yet some Americans, those of Arabic background, find that they are immediately questioned. Pride in America is on the rise, and yet some feel that pride is an excuse to harass foreigners. We have gone on with our lives, but the word

WHY STUDY?



CHEATERS

After seeing the previews for this movie, ideas began coming into my head about how severe an issue this is in our school. So I began to research some similar happenings in our own hallways. I interviewed some students and here is what they say:

- "I cheat at least four times a test, but it's kind of hard."

- "I cheat because it makes the pressure easier on me, that way I don't have homework."

- "Cheating can be helpful, but it makes me angry when I spend 2 hours on homework and then someone copies it all in 5 minutes."

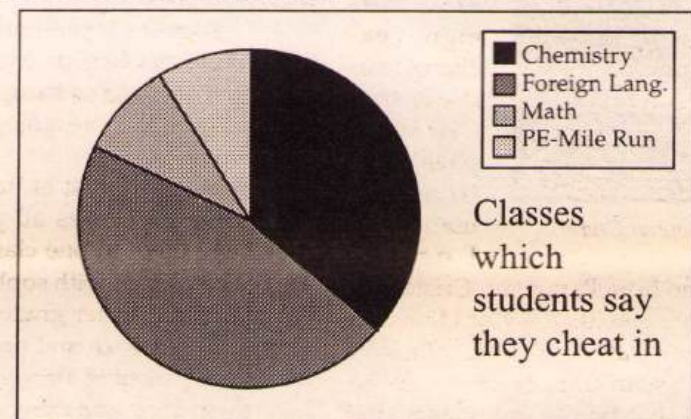
- "Often times I find myself frantically trying to find someone to cheat off of before a class, and I know

many others that do so as well."

I recently saw two class mates sitting down during a study time openly cheating for an assignment for another class. So I asked a couple of teachers to find out what they were aware of:

- "Most of the time we catch them, not all the time, I don't know why they take the risk. I don't mind if people work together if they are both learning, but if all they are doing is copying it shows on the test."

- "I don't grade daily work. For a grade they get their grades by quizzes, tests and projects, so if they don't do the work it shows on the tests. If someone cheats they get a -50 so it takes three A's to make that -50 an F. So nobody cheats in my class."



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A Foreign Point of View



by Desiree Rouse



Christopher Dams

Marion High School like many schools started the school year with two new foreign exchange students. Christopher Dams from Germany and Lordes Aquino from Paraguay. Cristopher is staying with the Conklins and Lordes is staying with Mary Ernzen. Christopher says that he misses his family and other little things at home. He especially misses the family parties they have. He says that though his family misses him also his mom just wants the best for him.

There are many differences in our school and Christopher's school back in Germany. They don't have the space we do and the school is five floors high. It's a really old building with beautiful architecture. The school also has a small soccer field, a basketball court and a running track. Two big differences are they have an area for smoking, something Marion had years ago, and they also have a small lake.

This year at Marion, Christopher plans on participating in cross country, basketball, and soccer. In his free time he enjoys playing soccer, tennis, and basketball. He also likes to visit and hang-out with his friends.

The thing that he likes best about Marion is the fact that we have many sports activities, but he doesn't like the fact that we seem to put sports ahead of school.

Christopher looks forward to the rest of the school year here at Marion and says that it should be easy, as all of the teachers and students seem to be very friendly and

helpful.

Like Christopher's parents, Lordes' also miss her but are excited about the new experience for her. She also misses her family and friends a lot.

Loures is presently on the volleyball team here at Marion but she is not at home in Paraguay and she is thinking about going out for tennis too.

She says that at her school she has seven classes all year and they have them in one class. They are not combined with sophomores, juniors, or any other grades. A difference in her town and ours is that they have plenty of things to do to keep them busy and they also don't have cornfields.

Lordes thinks that everything will work out for her here and she says that everyone is nice to her and easy to get along with.

Times Up!

By Pete Messerli

This year, the schedule for school is drastically different. There are many different schedules we use for different situations. Also we don't have seminar for the first time in a few years.

There were several reasons why we have no seminar this year and a different schedule.

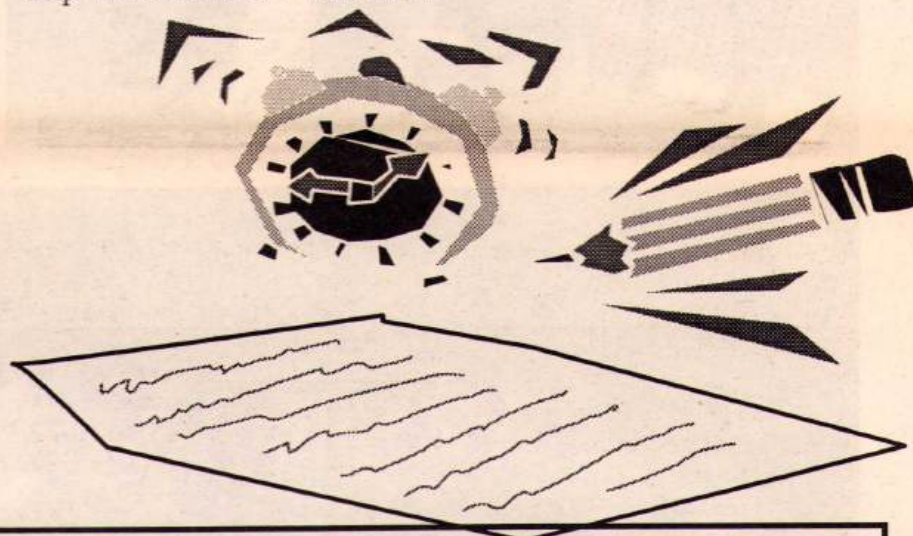
There was a lot of unproductive time during seminar last year. Also there were too many disciplinary problems with the students. When deciding whether to have seminar or do away with it, Dr. Thomas and others thought the cons outweighed the pros of seminar.

There are quite a few benefits of this year's schedule compared to last year's schedule, according to Dr. Thomas. More students are getting help with their school work in the

morning, before class, instead of in the middle of the day. Also, students have all their classes right in a row instead of having a break late in the day. Dr. Thomas says that the academic time is smoothly transitioned from one period to the next.

There was a lot of discontent last year among some teachers and administrators about the use of seminar. The teachers were spending a lot of time baby-sitting kids instead of helping students with their work and other things.

The overall opinion of our new schedule this year has been very positive. The vast majority of students and staff members don't miss seminar and they are happy with the new schedule.



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Homecoming 2001



1. The Cross Country team shows their version of "breakdown" during the Thursday parade.

2. Cheered on by Christie Ottaway, Kristen Osborn defends her title as the Pie Eating Champion while Jon Trumpold and Andy Balvanz wonder how she does it.

3. King Nick Campbell and Queen Tegan Reeves were crowned Thursday night.
4. In a Mustang driven by Ms. Humbert, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson wave to the crowd as they lead the parade from the high school to the football field.



Making Memories

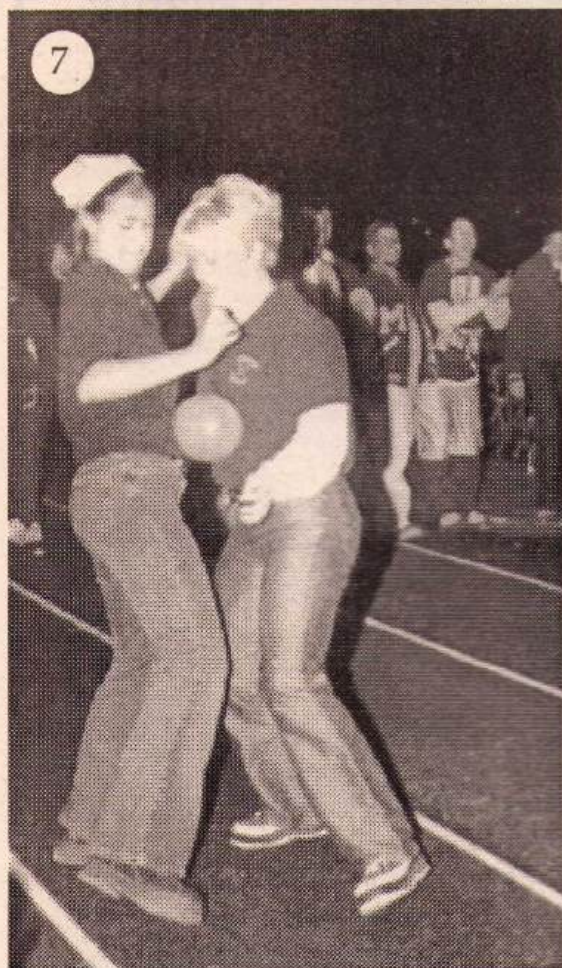


5. Kristen Mork, Gina Grissom and Stephanie Petchulat show where they think the Bobcats belong as they ride the senior float. The seniors won the float competition, the freshmen won the penny war, the sophomores won the class banner contest, and the juniors' door signs took first place.

6. Led by "Aretha" Duning, some of the female staff members asked for just a little "Respect."

7. Representing the band, Sarah Hansen and Lynsey Rogers try to make it from one point to the next without losing the balloon between them.

8. The sophomores transformed the lounge for the Saturday night dance. Student danced and visited from 8-11p.m., when the freshmen took over to clean up everything.



New To MHS . . .

Name: Julie Lear



Highschool: Walnut Ridge Academy - Waterloo, IA
College: Grace College - Winona Lake, IN
Favorite subject in school: English
Favorite website: The Goonies Homepage.
Favorite saying: Ability is what you're capable of doing...
Motivation determines what you do...
Attitude determines how well you do it.
Favorite activity: Reading books and scrapbooking

Biggest accomplishment: Graduating from college
Biggest role model: My dad, Dwight Slaikeu

This year at Marion, there is a great population of new students at the high school. There are so many new students that we could not possibly interview them all. So here are a few interviews of just a few of the new students attending MHS this year. Hopefully this will appropriately show how they feel at this school.

Melissa Steen is a 15 year old sophomore, she says she was forced to go to Marion by her parents. Before attending Marion she was homeschooled and attended Isaac Newton Christian Academy. Melissa says she is an average teenager

with a boyfriend and three siblings.
Melissa's favorites:
Food: Tacos
Movies: Tommy Boy
Book: comics
TV show: Dexters Lab
Actor: Tom Cruise
Actress: Julia Stiles
Color: Black
Quote: Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble flying.

Hilary Meeks is also a sophomore. She plays volleyball, golf, and softball. She moved to the Marion school system because she was used to small schools and Cedar

Rapids was too big. Springfield, a catholic school in Anamosa, and a public school in Anamosa. "The school is obviously bigger but not too big. For the most part people have been pretty nice, but kind of have some of the small town characteristics, like cliques, its hard for a new person to come into and be part of one of the groups."

Hilary's Favorites:
Food: Tacos and pasta
Actor: Bruce Willis
Actress: Reese Witherspoon
Sport: Volleyball
Color: Blue and Red

Name: Angie Rinaldi-Walsh



Highschool: Linn-Mar
College: UNI - Go Cats!
Favorite subject in school: Spanish -i claro!
Favorite website: Napster, Hotmail, E!online
Favorite saying: "You have to laugh at yourself, otherwise you'd cry your eyes out."
Favorite activity: Dance, Yoga and traveling with friends.
Biggest accomplishment: Living, studying, and traveling in Mexico for four months on my own, being able to live productively in another language and culture.

Biggest role model: My mom - she's smart, fun, kind, and has accomplished more than anyone said she would... she's amazing.

Name: Erich Lear



Highschool: Walnut Ridge Academy - Waterloo, IA
College: Grace College - Wionna Lake, IN
Favorite Subject in School: Math
Favorite Website: Bestbuy.com
Favorite Saying: Character is not

determined by what you do when people are watching, but what you do when nobody is watching
Favorite Activity: Camping
Biggest Accomplishment: Graduating College
Biggest Role Model: My Dad

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Faculty Kids

by Desiree Rouse

After spending all summer with your parents you use school as a get-a-way. Imagine that your mom or dad is a teacher at your school. How horrible! This is reality for many students. It is also something that we tend to see a lot of here at Marion High School. This year alone we have six freshmen who have a parent teaching here.

We have Mr. Perkins' daughter Whitney, Mr. Weisinger's daughter Brittany, Mr. Clark's son and daughter Bryan and Alyssa, Mrs. Young's son Nate, and Mr. Immerfall's son Josh. For Perkins, Clarke, and Weisinger, this is their first son/daughter, while Young is teaching her third and last son, and Immerfall teaching his second son.

Every one of them have their own opinions on the matter. The teachers are all looking forward to having their child/children up at the school and the students are all looking forward to seeing their mom/dad around. All of them have heard many great things about Marion, most have spent a lot of time here watching sports. They feel like

they've, "been here for a long time already." No one feels like there will be anything to worry about.

All of the teachers, who have daughters, were asked if they had any concerns about their daughter being up at the high school with the

"As a parent we hope they listen to what we tried to teach them when they were younger. You must trust your child to do the right thing and not get hurt."

Mr. Perkins

older guys. Perkins response, "As a parent we hope they listen to what we tried to teach them when they were younger. You must trust your child to do the right thing and not get hurt."

Whitney, like the others, was asked a very similar question about being "warned" about the people, in particular the guys. Her response, "Oh have I! If I ever make a comment about the Seniors his usual comment, 'I don't think so,' or another comment, 'No chance, you're a freshman.'" That seems like the usual comment a dad would give his daughter. Brittany Weisinger says she hasn't really been warned and Mr. Weisinger says that everything should be okay as the freshmen class seems to really close knit. At this point he's not too worried, but he will be sure to warn her about Senior boys, as he jokingly mentions Wes, Bryan, and Troy.

"Usually, you expect to get treated the same as the other students", is a usual saying. According to the parents, "They will be." Mrs. Young has a good outlook on the matter. "I try to teach all of the students like they are my children by being fair and consistent." We could probably all agree and say that that is exactly what she makes us feel like.

As a parent of a student you could probably expect to have some rules as to when you can and cannot talk to them. Not in this case. Each of them are very comfortable with their parent talking to them in front of their friends. It's not a big concern. Mr. Immerfall says that Josh is okay with it, but as for Josh's older sibling, Jordan who graduated last year, he says there were times when he knew that he didn't want to talk to him. Most know that if there's something to say you'll say it on your own time.

For Nate and Josh this school is like home for them. They've each had older siblings go here and they've also attended many different high school activities. They can at least get some pointers from their siblings. That's exactly what Nate received from his brothers. Nate's brothers told him to stay on task, contribute when called upon, pay attention in class, and always be polite to everyone. Those are things that he will remember so that his high school career can be the best. Something that he is obligated to do is to live up to their past performances. Everything should go well for both Nate and Josh.

All agree that this should be a great first year and the rest can only get better.



Faculty kids and their parents front row: Josh Immerfall, Whitney Perkins, Brittany Weisinger, Alyssa Clark, Bryan Clark, Nate Young. Back Row: Mr. Immerfall, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Weisinger, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Young.

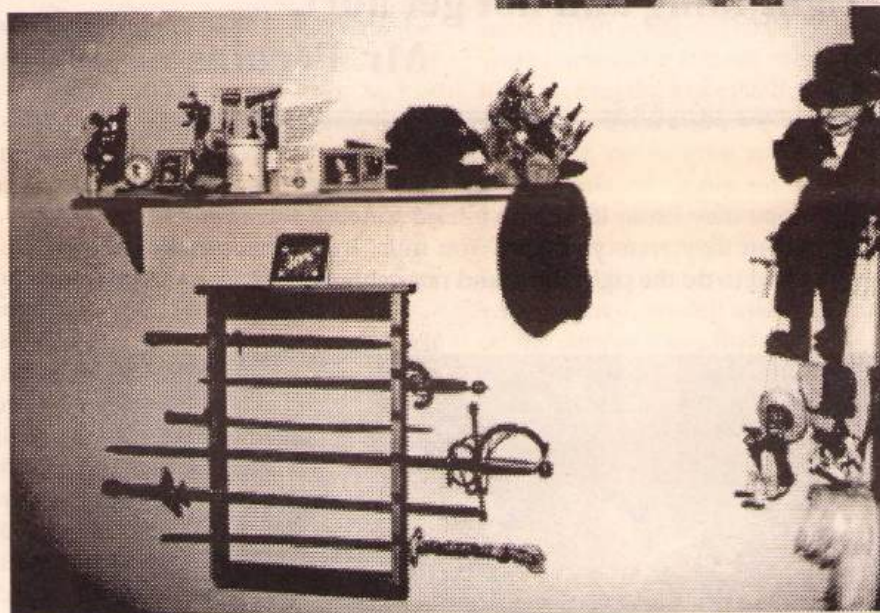
What Your Room

by Josh Ivey and Lindsee McGaffic

Marion High School students have a wide variety of rooms. Rooms can be messy or neat, big or small, plain or fancy. Rooms are a window into a person's personality. They show people's interests in activities. The following are pictures of the rooms of D. Cloven, T. Offerman, B. Ryther, V. Reynolds, A. Murray, K. Sauerbry, G. Kroemmer, H. Hanel. See if you can tell whose is whose. One of Doug's favorite qualities about his room is his sword collection and Scooby Doo collectibles, Tony enjoys his picture of Britney Spears, Bryan's collection of

Wheaties boxes are very unique, and Vic has a messy organization on his computer desk. Kristy loves dolphins and collects other stuffed animals, Gina loves her collection of light bulbs. Heidi has a lot of different colored cartoon characters in her room, and Amanda is very proud of her picture wall.

**Amanda
Murray**



Doug Cloven

Gina Kroemer



Kristy Sauerbry

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Features

Says About You



Heidi Hanel

Vic Reynolds



Tony Offerman



Bryan Ryther



Name: Heather Haas



Age: 18
Activity: Swimming
Season Thrill: Being voted captain last year.
Past Season Memory: Telling Erica Brighi stories

on the rides home from meets.
Starting Out: I was nervous. I only knew a few people, plus I didn't know how they were going to accept me.

Advice for Newcomers: Be yourself and have fun with it.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Having to get out of a car and walk up the median of I-80 to find an Adventureland ticket and getting honked at by a semi then being stopped by an Iowa State trooper.

Favorite Food: Mac & Cheese

Favorite Saying: "Ya Punk"

Biggest Influence: Family

College/Future Plans: Coe or Iowa to get my BSN in Nursing and maybe on to be a Nurse Practitioner

Name: Sarah Haddy



Age: 17
Activity: Dance
Season Thrill: At camp I got third place in final Drill Downs.
Past Season Memory:

When I messed up in the light routine and we watched the tape at least ten times and they all laughed at me.
Starting Out: I tried out during tenth grade, then started as a junior.

Advice for Newcomers: When you start it's really hard to catch on to certain dance moves and techniques, but if you keep practicing you'll get it.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Going to the Jessica Simpson concert with my friends.

Favorite Food: Chicken fingers

Biggest Influence: My great-grandma

College/Future Plans: I plan on attending Iowa and study Pharmacy.

Name: Heidi Hanel



Age: 18
Activity: Marching Band
Season Thrill: [As of September 10] Hearing members of Linn-Mar's

marching band yell, "Nice uniforms!" and cheer as we walked past.

Past Season Memory: I had the most wonderful feeling when we nailed the last move at state Marching contest last year. I knew at that second that we were going to get a Division I rating. It's such a high.

Starting Out: Getting on the podium the first time was really scary. I was afraid I would fall off. It's also hard to get down. I'm convinced if I don't fall off when I'm on it, I'm going to when I'm getting down.

Advice for Newcomers: IT'S NOT AS HARD AS YOU THINK IT IS!!

Favorite Weekend Memory: Marion Invitational

Favorite Food: Macaroni and Cheese

Favorite Saying: "You were born with wings. Why prefer to crawl through life" - Rumi

Biggest Influence: Eh.. it changes weekly

College/Future Plans: I hope to attend UNI and become an English and Russian teacher.

Name: Taylor Heim



Age: 17
Activity: Cross Country
Season Thrill: Getting second place at Conference
Past Season

Memory: Losing first place to my friend Forest. It was a close race all the way, and I ran the best I could.

Starting Out: My fat kid stage?

Advice for Newcomers: One word: Perseverance!

Favorite Weekend Memory: Asking Kristen Osborn out and getting rejected

Favorite Food: Spaghetti and Meatballs

Favorite Saying: "The Universe is change, life is acceptance" - Marcus Aurelius

Biggest Influence: Literature

College/Future Plans: Undecided

Name: Nikki Jellison



Age: 17
Activity: Volleyball
Season Thrill: Beating Cyclone Select at regionals for Marion Magic.

Past Season Memory:

When half our team was late for a game because they were playing "Salon" so Kristin and I had to play middle front and we won.

Starting Out: Going to volleyball camp in 7th grade not having a clue what I was doing and not even planning on playing volleyball.

Advice for Newcomers: Always try your best, never give up, and just have fun.

Favorite Weekend Memory: When Krystal and I went to my house after a volleyball tournament and we were so tired, we fell asleep at 9:00 on my dining room floor.

Favorite Food: Bread

Favorite Saying: Vince and Slugs

Biggest Influence: Parents and Coaches

College/Future Plans: undecided

Name: Bryan Keleher



Age: 17
Activity: Cross Country
Season Thrill: Frolicking through the field running after pheasants.

(with Taylor)

Past Season Memory: Taylor passing out at Districts

Starting Out: I was at Linn-Mar running cross country poorly, but having some fun.

Advice for Newcomers: Just have fun with it and don't worry.

Favorite Weekend Memory: A Saturday night in Fairfax with some local bands.

Favorite Food: Something Italian

Favorite Saying: "Some people just don't think" - Bill O'Reilly

Biggest Influence: myself

College/Future Plans: UNI with maybe a stop at Kirkwood majoring in Social Service teaching.

Name: Kristin Mork



Age: 17
Activity: Volleyball
Season Thrill: Beating Cyclone Select at Regionals for Marion

Magic.

Past Season Memory: Playing front row last year because some players were late and we did just as well as them considering I'm almost four inches shorter

Starting Out: I've played volleyball every year since 6th grade

Advice for Newcomers: Never give up. Give your all. Take big risks and get big rewards.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Road tripping to the football games with my friends

Favorite Food: Chicken and Peanut Lovers Chex Mix

Biggest Influence: My parents for always pushing me to be my best and never letting me give up.

College/Future Plans: Go to Iowa and study Pre-Med.

Name: Tony Offerman



Age: 18
Activity: Football
Season Thrill: Scoring a touchdown in my first varsity football game last year at home versus

Maquoketa Valley.

Past Season Memory: Qualifying for state my sophomore year in wrestling. That had to be the best feeling I've ever experienced.

Starting Out: I started playing metro football and Coach "Hammertime" Berry was my coach. It was funny!

Advice for Newcomers: Start out early because you will appreciate it later and it will be a lot more fun.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Sumo

wrestling with Bleeker at Gabe's after seeing it on T.V.

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Saying: "Do you have any food?"

Biggest Influence: Tim Dwight and Matt Wycoff, I've looked up to them for the longest time.

College/Future Plans: I plan on going to UNI and maybe playing football.

Name: Kristen Osborn



Age: 17

Activity: Volleyball

Season

Thrill: Beating

Center

Point-Ur-

bana two

years in a

row and be-

ing District

champs and winning the WaMac tournament last year.

Past Season Memory: When Coach Dostal was "OUT"

Starting Out: I played volleyball in 7th grade, but then I was a cheerleader in 8th grade and decided to return to volleyball freshmen year.

Advice for Newcomers: Work hard! Listen to the coaches they are the ones who decide if you play or not.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Staying with my sister and hanging out at the Greenie Weenie at Iowa State. Anytime my friends and I watch Wayne's World!

Favorite Food: Cookie Dough Icecream

Favorite Saying: PEACE!

Biggest Influence: My mom and my brother

College/Future Plans: I plan on attending Iowa State University and majoring in Business. GO CY-CLONES!!!

Name: Christie Ottaway



Age: 17

Activity: Competi-

t i o n

Cheerleading

S e a s o n

Thrill: Get-

ting second

place at the

Mall of

America competition. It is the biggest competition we go to.

Past Season Memory: I think that every competition is a great season

memory, just because at every competition we beat Linn-Mar. We have such a great time and beating our biggest rival is the best thing that could happen!

Starting Out: I started on competition my sophomore year. I wasn't supposed to be on the squad, yet Lanie asked me to fill in for one of the girls since she wouldn't be able to perform for the Mall of America competition. I was so happy that I got asked because I wasn't even an alternate. I learned that routine two days before the competition and in a total of two hours. We ended up getting third place at the competition.

Advice for Newcomers: You will get frustrated and you will want to give up but don't. You work so hard to achieve the best and if you let your frustration get to you, you will not be able to celebrate a victory. Every ounce of frustration and stress is worth what you get in the end.

Favorite Weekend Memory: When Jamie, Wes, Jake, Andy, my parents, and I all went to Illinois for the weekend. We had so much fun. We went shopping everyday, we saw Blink-182 in concert, and just goofed off the whole time. I even got my first tattoo while we were there which was really cool.

Favorite Food: Mac & Cheese and ice cream

Biggest Influence: My dad. He has helped me become a strong person and has let me do basically whatever I have wanted to do. He has stopped me from doing some things, but I thank him for that everyday.

College/Future Plans: I hope to attend the University of Iowa and major in Journalism.

Name: Bryan Ryther



Age: 17

Activity: Football

Season

Thrill: When we

win game

after game

and end

singing in the Dome.

Past Season Memory: After trailing West Delaware we came back in the second half to finish out the season. I'm glad the seniors were able to go out on a win.

Starting Out: In the school yards of Woodrow Wilson in Newton. The kids called me Rhino because I was huge.

Advice for Newcomers: Always give 100% and never let yourself settle for anything less.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Going to Minnesota with my dad, Nick Gray and some of my dad's business associates. We golfed, fished and went to a baseball game. Dean and Dixon were some friends I made.

Favorite Food: BEEF

Favorite Saying: "That's a pepper. Your Mama. Woo-Doggies. Sore Peter can't beater."

Biggest Influence: Parents and coaches

College/Future Plans: Undecided

Name: Matt Tielebein



Age: 18

Activity: Football

Season

Thrill: Be-

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named 2001

captain, and

leading

tackler in

2000.

Past Season Memory: Going back to Dewitt on a Saturday afternoon and kicking their (butt)!

Starting Out: I started playing Metro football in junior high.

Advice for Newcomers: Be coachable, work hard, and have fun.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Going to Nick Gray's birthday parties at pop's house.

Favorite Food: Steak and mashed potatoes

Favorite Saying: Barkdoll's famous words- "BIGNUTS 2001" and chaos.

Biggest Influence: My coaches and of course my parents

College/Future Plans: UNI to study criminology.

Name: Jessica Trumpold



Age: 17

Activity: Volleyball

Season

Thrill: Beat-

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bana in the

first round

of districts

last year.

Past Season Memory: Doing the Indian Jumping Jacks. We made up a

different routine and got it down good.

Starting Out: 6th grade and I didn't know a thing

Advice for Newcomers: Put it all out there, to play for Marion Volleyball is a privilege, besides what do you have to lose.

Favorite Weekend Memory: The Iowa Girls Basketball Camp when Jana, Holly, Tina, and I danced in front of the underwater mirror that was seen from the bar.

Favorite Food: Snickers and Kristen's mom's boyfriend's cookies.

Favorite Saying: hit it, hit it, hit it.

If you could do anything, what would it be?

Go to the state tournament and totally dominate.

Biggest Influence: Coach O'Connor taught me a lot about being not only a good player but being a good person.

College/Future Plans: I plan on attending the University of Iowa and major in pharmacy.

Name: Krystal Wise



Age: 17

Activity: Volleyball

Season

Thrill: Beat-

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for our first

conference

game. They

only scored

2-5 points all three games. It was great!

Past Season Memory: At practice one day the net wasn't up yet and Ferris (Lindsey) went to step over it and she tripped and fell.

Starting Out: I started playing volleyball in sixth grade for CeMar club volleyball and I just kept on from there.

Advice for Newcomers: Don't ever give up on a dream.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Learning about rules 1-3 with Jana, Jessie, and Nikki from my mom at Bohemie Beach.

Favorite Food: Chicken

Favorite Saying: "This is gettin' serious"

Biggest Influence: My grandma Wise

College/Future Plans: Kirkwood for two years and then go to a four year college

Fashion We'd Rather Forget - The Mullet



by Nick Livingston

The mullet is a well known hair cut that I seem to be seeing a lot of lately. On T-shirts, bumper stickers, posters, key chains, and even on human heads. It didn't take long for me to become overwhelmed with the number of mullets I was observing in a day. I decided I would try to find out more about this fascination and I might as well write an article about some of the half-funny things I found.

Nick Names:

the:
hockey-head
soccer rocker
ape drape
neck blanket
long island ice tease
the sho-lo
camaro
guido
sphinx
lobster
mud-flap
bridge and tunnel (New York)
Kentucky waterfall
the scorpion
butt rocker
beaver paddle
trans am
yin and the yang
either/or
10/90
spooner
Service 45 (Australia)

yep-nope (Kentucky)
Tennessee Tophat
dream
flat-top with fenders
squirrel cut
americut
Ape Cape
BallFlap
Business in the Front/Party in the Back
Missouri Compromise
Canadian Passport
Skirted egg shell

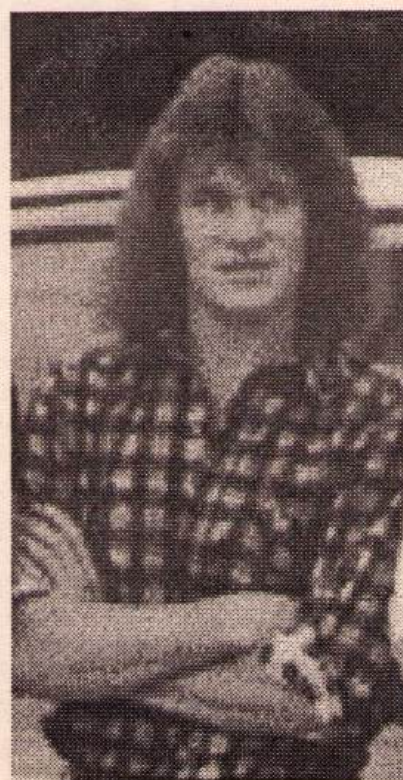


Phase 1:
This Mullet up and corner is beginning to show attributes of a Muller: arms crossed, smirk, and increased anxiety.

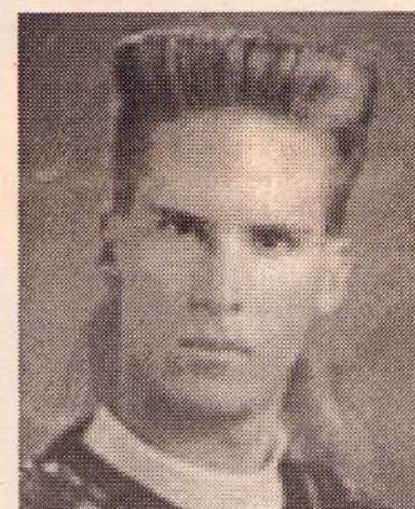
Status:
The quarter-Mullet is in the infancy stage when it comes to mullet production. This is his last chance to abort the mullet before it becomes full fledged.

Phase 3: →
Now here we are. A textbook power-mullet. There's no looking back now.

Status:
The hair has begun to mold to his neck and shoulders and the mullet will begin to take over.



Late 80's model mullet



Mullet yet to be specified



Baby mullet

Nikki Evans: Marion's 1st UDA All-Star Dancing Their Hearts Out!

by: Christie Ottaway

Nikki Evans is a four year dance team member. Starting out freshmen year on the winter squad, Evans never



thought she would make the All-Star team.

Attending UDA (Universal Dance Association) camp for three years, Evans started out performing beginner routines. By the end of her third year, Evans started performing level four routines, the hardest routines taught at camp.

All-Stars is a big deal at camp. About 16 girls tried out and only seven made the list. "When I found out I made it, I just sat there in total shock." Evans was named the only Marion All-Star out of both dancers and cheerleaders this year, and also the first UDA All-Star that Marion can remember.

By Nikki Evans

On Saturday August 25, 2001 the Marion Dance Team competed in the Westdale Mall Pom competition. This was the first time in five years the girls decided to compete. It was also the first time the girls would be able to compete under the coaching of Vivian Quinn.

The girls starting practicing for the competition at the end of July and worked nearly every day in order to get the routine up to par. Two weeks before the competition there was a big problem in

the choreographing, it didn't fit under the "pom category." The girls discussed the routine and decided it needed to be changed. Sophomore Adrienne Jones and senior captain Nikki Evans went ahead and did the changes. The squad pulled through and worked extra hard in order to get it learned. Just one week before the competition the 12 girls finished learning the routine. They then worked the next five days perfecting it.

Finally, it was time to compete. On Saturday, the girls found out that they

would be the only 3A school competing in the pom category. Therefore, they were stuck with all 4A schools. Even though the girls had their doubts they still pulled off an impressive routine. Senior cheerleading captain Christie Ottaway said, "It was the best routine I've ever seen the squad perform."

Even though the girls just nearly missed the top three they were still happy with their performance. The Marion Dance Team also says that they hope to compete in more competitions this year and finally get the respect they deserve.

Iowa Games

By Jami Sunderman

I'm sure you've all heard of the Summer Iowa Games. Both boys and girls can compete in just about any sport ranging from archery to weight lifting and at just about any age from three to 83.

This past summer, Marion boys' and girls' soccer teams got the opportunity to experience playing in the Iowa Games. The girls ended up with a total of 14 people going, and the boys with 13. If you know the game of soccer, that's not a whole lot of people to make up a team, considering you have 11 on the field at once.

Both teams left on Friday, July 19th. The girls had to play almost immediately after they got to Ames, and the boys played right after them. The girls won their first game and the boys lost

their first game. Saturday morning, the girls played first thing and the boys played right after them once again. Although they all fought hard, both teams lost their game Saturday morning. That afternoon, they both played their last game. The girls played a really tough team and fought hard, but they lost. Neither of the teams did well enough to advance on to the finals. Eric Hubbell said, "We had a lot of fun and it was a great experience. This experience helped us improve and work as a team. We should have a pretty strong team this year!"

Jaclyn Klopfenstein said, "The Iowa Games soccer tournament was a great experience for our team. I had a blast. Our team didn't do too well, but we gave it our all."



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Fall Sports in

Riding the Roller Coaster Starting Cross Country Off Big Up & Running

by Kristen Osborn

The Marion varsity girls volleyball team started off the season at the Cedar Rapids Washington Invitational on Saturday, September 1. The Indians finished 10th out of 16 teams losing to Cedar Rapids Prairie, but placed above the rest of the Metro schools including Linn-Mar, Cedar Rapids Washington, Jefferson, and Xavier. To start the tournament off Marion finished third out of four teams in pool play with a record of 2-4. The Indians split their first match with C. R. Washington 13-15, 15-7. They also split with the number one rated team Dyersville Beckman 15-10, 13-15. After losing to Beckman in Regionals last year this was the highlight of their day. Jana Bradley was aggressive at the serving line with 18 aces for the day. The Indians took on Jefferson in bracket play sweeping them 15-6, 15-11. Coach Dostal commented, "We got off to a slower start than we had wanted to, but we're still working on our team chemistry and knowing how everyone reacts to the ball." On Tuesday, September 4 the Indians opened with a conference game against Independence. The Indians crushed Independence in a clocked time of 22 minutes 15-2, 15-1, 15-5. On Saturday, September 8, the Indians traveled across town to the Linn-Mar tournament. Winning

their pool in the morning with a record of 5-1. They beat Clear-Creek Amana to start off the day 15-6, 15-11. They also met up with Solon, which is the Indian's first round pick of Districts, who they split with 15-5, 11-15. They held revenge on the Prairie Hawks which they had lost to the previous weekend at the C.R. Washington tournament. The Indians beat Prairie 15-6, 15-13. Heading into the championship bracket with a record of 5-1 the Indians looked strong having the third best record overall. They faced Pleasant Valley and just couldn't hold on. The Indians lost 15-9, 15-9. The Indians finished in a respectable 5th place. The Indians hosted their own tournament on September 15th. There were a total of eight teams that attended the Indian Invitational. To start the day off, Marion played New Hampton. The girls split with them, winning the first game 16-14, then losing the second game 14-16. The girls just had their ups and downs throughout the match. After that match, the Indians defeated Iowa Valley 15-6 and 17-15. Their second game against Iowa Valley was a pretty close game and once again the girls had their ups and downs. The last team in pool play that the Indians played was Benton. They swept Benton 15-3 and 15-1. Moving into quarterfinals, the Indi-

ans were 5-1. They increased their record to 7-1 after defeating Solon 15-5 and 15-9. In semifinals, the Indians faced Grundy Center. They defeated the Indians 15-10 and 15-9. The team finished in third place. On Tuesday, September 18, the Indians met up with Don Bosco at home. They took the Dons to five games but came up short with scores of 11-15, 15-12, 10-15, 15-12, 10-15. Thursday, September 20, the Indians bounced back and traveled to Waterloo Columbus to take on the Sailors. The Indians defeated the Sailors 15-9, 15-4, 9-15, 15-7. Saturday, September 22, the Indians finished 7th out of 9 teams at the North Cedar Tournament. They beat the East Central Raiders 15-8, 16-14 then lost to West Branch 12-15, 9-15. The Indians took down Springville 15-3 and 15-7 and finished off Ed-Co 15-12, 12-15, 16-14.

By: Troy Little

Marion freshmen started off their season in a big way with a 46-6 win over Vinton on Tuesday, September 4th. Bryan Clark led the team with three touchdowns and four extra points. His longest run was 48 yards. Kody Blazek also had a great game adding two touchdowns, Joe Smith had a 37 yard punt return, and Trent Jordan had a pass from Curt Hansen for three yards on an extra point.

Against Center Point, Marion scored their second win with a 28-8 victory. At half time, the score was 22-0 with the help of Bryan Clark, Joe Smith, and Josh Taylor.

With the big hits and plays by Kody Blazek and Jesse

The Indians had a slow start this year, but have since exploded. The sheer numbers of the team (35, a number unparalleled in a long time) has propelled the Indians to be one of the best competitors in not only the Wamac Conference, but possibly in the state as well. Marion has 6 runners that have medaled consistently in every meet this year. The Marion boy's team came out with a second place finish out of 20 teams at Independence where the conference meet will be held this year. The girls are doing pretty well conference wise considering Benton Community is highly ranked in the state.

Carsner they were able to stop the Pointers on their inside and outside game.

Marion scored on the first drive of their game against Independence and couldn't be stop after that. Joe Smith with a spectacular game once again. He scored five times with a total of 205 yards.

Also on offense Brian Clark lead the majority of carries into

scoring position. Curt Hansen did a great in leading the offense to a victory.

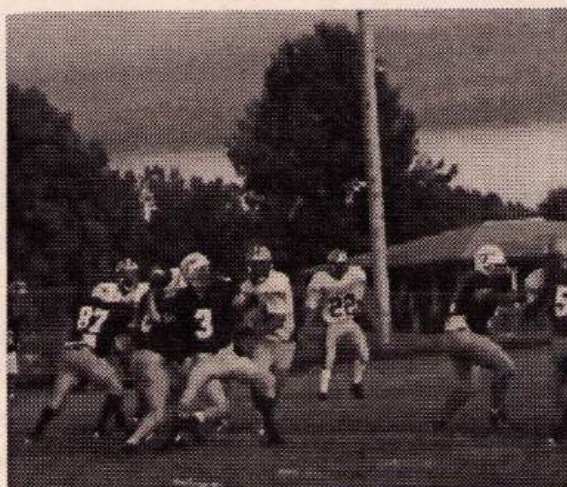
On the defensive side of the ball Jesse Carsner and Ryan Rogers dominated there offense with two interceptions and one fumble recovery. All for 86 yards. Andrew Barnd and Tom Peterson made two amazing hits to stopping Independence for scoring again.

Marion Showing Heart in Young Season

By: Tony Offerman

The Marion Indian sophomore football team has gotten off to a great start. The team lost the first game of the season to Maquoketa Valley, but came back after the loss to spank Starmont. The

next week Marion traveled to Maquoketa and pounded on the Cardinals. After coming off the win against Maquoketa Marion took on Dewitt Central and won 21-8. That's their first loss at home and hope it will be the last. The team has been led by Brock Holub, who in four games passed for 209 yards and three touchdowns. Holub's favorite receiver, Jamie Bolsinger, has two touchdowns and 109 yards receiving. Eric Steffes has 54 yards receiving. Mike McCue has led the ground attack for the Indians. McCue has 321 yards on 62 carries. The next week Marion played Western Dubuque for Homecoming and won 14-12. The Indians made a comeback victory with 27 seconds left. The win put the Indians at 3-2 for the season. Brock Holub has two interceptions in five games. The Indians hope to pick up the pace and will look to improve their record.



Quarterback Brock Holub, #3, looks to throw downfield as the line protects him against Starmont in the teams first home game of the season on September 7.

Full Swing

Fighting Back

By Pete Messerli

The Marion Indians varsity football team had their first game of the season on Friday, August 31, at Delhi against non-district opponent Maquoketa Valley.

Marion started out on defense and stuffed the Maquoketa Valley offense, forcing them to punt. With only 10 players on the field for the punt, Marion's Jason McGaffic returned the punt 70 yards for the first touchdown of the game giving the Indians a 6-0 lead. Brian Barkdoll's extra point kick was good, giving Marion a 7-0 lead.

When the Indian defense came back onto the field, McGaffic helped stop another Maquoketa Valley drive by intercepting a pass down the sidelines. This interception led to another Marion touchdown, which came on 4th and goal on the 1 yard line when tailback Tony Offerman plunged in for the touchdown. Barkdoll converted on the kick once again making the score 14-0. Maquoketa Valley came storming back on their next possession. They drove downfield and scored on a pass to the flat on 4th and 2. Later in the second quarter, Marion quarterback Ben Remington dropped back to pass, but the ball was tipped at the line of scrimmage and fell into the hands of a Maquoketa Valley player who returned the interception for a touchdown which got Maquoketa Valley back into the game at halftime, trailing 14-12. Marion opened the second half with a bang as linebacker Greg Oberbroekling caused a fumble, and middle linebacker Rick Bleeker picked it up and ran it in for a touchdown from 10 yards out. The extra point was good again, giving the Indians a 21-12 advantage. Later in the third quarter, Remington threw a 38 yard touchdown pass to McGaffic to break the game open, giving Marion a 28-12 lead. Midway through the 4th quarter, Maquoketa Valley scored another touchdown converting on two long passes, one being for a touchdown, making the score 28-19. Later in the 4th, fullback Jordan Forkner scored on a run giving the Indians a 35-19, which proved to be the final score.

Offerman led the running backs with a total of 100 yards on 16 carries. Remington completed 4 of 10 passes for 93 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Defensively, Jordan Forkner led the team in tackles with 9. The defense also had 4 interceptions by McGaffic, Justin Sperry, Nick Campbell and Nick Livingston.

On Friday, September 7, Marion had their first home football game of the season against the Starmont Stars.

The Indians started their scoring when Tony Offerman busted a 44 yard run up the middle which resulted in Marion's first touchdown. This run jump-started Offerman who had 11 carries in

the game and ran for 194 yards, thanks to the big help from the offensive line.

In the second quarter, Offerman had yet another long run, this one a 79 yard touchdown run, which made the score 14-0 after the extra point kick from Brian Barkdoll. Still in the second quarter, the Indians capitalized again, Offerman this time scoring from 19 yards out for his third touchdown of the game. At halftime, Marion had a 21-0 advantage. The Indians didn't hesitate to score in the second half, when on the first play, Jason McGaffic went 60 yards on an option quarterback keep for the touchdown. Later in the third, Jordan Forkner scored on a play up the middle from 20 yards out to end the Indians scoring. After Barkdoll's extra point kick, Marion was in front 35-0. Late in the third quarter, Starmont got on the board with a 27 yard touchdown pass. The 2 point conversion made the score 35-8, which ended up being the final score of the game.

In the first district game of the season at Maquoketa, Marion suffered its first loss of the season by the score of 7-3. It was a very good ball game that just didn't go the Indians' way. At halftime, the score was 0-0. Marion got on the board first with a field goal by Brian Barkdoll midway through the third quarter. Early in the fourth quarter, Maquoketa scored its only touchdown on a screen pass. That ended up being the last score of the game.

On Friday, September 21, the Marion varsity football team had their district home opener against Dewitt. Marion kicked off to begin the game and on the first defensive play, linebacker Greg Oberbroekling intercepted a pass to give the Indians the ball inside the 20 yard line. After a few plays, Marion capitalized as Eddie Rose scored a touchdown from one yard out to give Marion a 6-0 lead.

However, Dewitt came storming back and scored on an 8 yard pass in the second quarter to make the score 7-6 Dewitt. Early in the third quarter, Dewitt recovered a Marion fumble in the touchdown to give them a 14-6 lead. Down 14-6, Marion needed a big play to get them back into the game.....and that's just what they got. Jason McGaffic returned a punt 94 yards for a touchdown to inch the Indians closer, with a score of 14-12. Dewitt answered on 4th down later in the quarter on a 24 yard touchdown pass to put the game away. Marion couldn't score after that, making the final score Dewitt 21, Marion 12.

On Friday, September 27, the fourth ranked Western Dubuque Bobcats came to Marion to battle the Marion Indians.

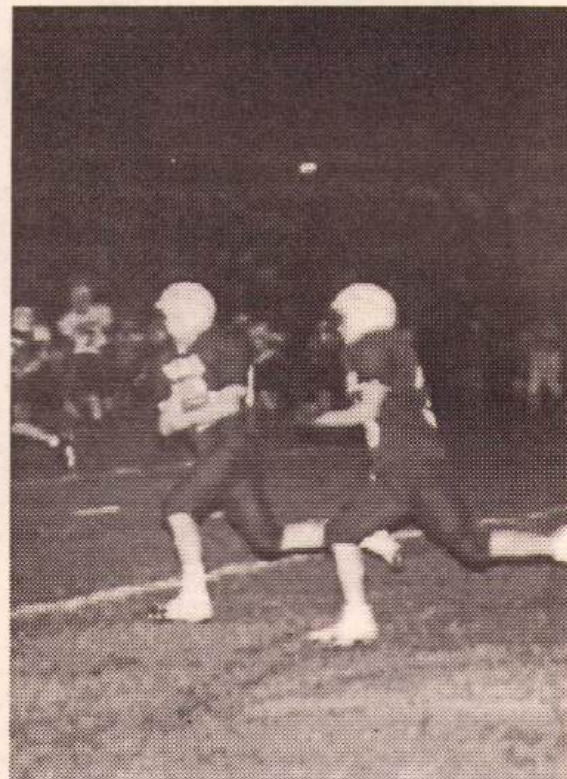
In the first quarter, Marion had a great opening drive which resulted in a 25 yard field goal by Brian Barkdoll. Western Dubuque answered Marion's field goal with a touchdown, making the score 6-3 Western Dubuque after the first quar-

ter.

In the second quarter, the Indians came back strong. After yet another good drive by the offense, quarterback Ben Remington threw a 10 yard touchdown pass to tight end Kyle Olson making the score 9-6 Marion. The second half began with Marion on defense. The defense held Western Dubuque and forced them to punt. Marion's Jason McGaffic returned the punt 63 yards for a touchdown to give the Indians a big boost of momentum and a lead of 16-6. Early in the fourth quarter, the Bobcats got back into the game with a 95 yard drive, resulting in a five yard touchdown run. The extra point made the score 16-13, in favor of Marion.

However, the Indians answered with a great drive of their own which ended with a one yard touchdown run by running back Wade Burrell. Barkdoll's kick made the score 23-13. Later in the fourth, the Indians got the ball back after stopping Western Dubuque. On a key fourth down play, Remington threw a pass to Nick Campbell who turned the play into a 34 yard gain, down to the two yard line. On the next play, Burrell scored his second touchdown of the game, giving Marion a lead of 30-13. That would end up being the final score of the game, giving the Indians their first district win of the season.

Remington had a great game at quarterback, completing 11 of 13 passes for 138 yards and 1 touchdown. Burrell led the ground attack for the Indians carrying the ball 18 times for 109 yards. Marion had 3 takeaways in the game, including 2 fumble recoveries and an interception.



Eric Hubbell returns a kickoff as Jason McGaffic follows in a game against Dewitt on September 21.

How I Spent My Summer Vacation

Life in a Foreign Country

By: Tony Offerman

This summer, 23 students from Marion High School took a school functioned trip. The students went to London, Paris, Nicé, and Geneva. Half of the students had to wake up early and catch a plane heading to Dallas. While waiting for the others to join the group, they took a two hour tour of Dallas.

Bryan Ryther said "Dallas is one of the coolest cities. We saw a lot of very interesting and important things."

The trip from Dallas to London wasn't extremely fun. It was the longest trip ever. When the students arrived in London, England they loaded up on the tour bus and took an hour ride to the hotel.

Once at the hotel, we got to take a tour of London that took an hour. This quote is from

our tour guide, Mike, "It will take literally five minutes."

Well, after three days of experiencing life in London, they went to Dover. In Dover the students took a ferry over the English Channel.

Then the students arrived in Paris at 9, they went on another tour and went out to eat. The only downfall of Paris was staying out in the middle of Paris, which meant that no one could do anything in the town.

Off to nicé we go. We took an eight and a half hour train ride which was over night. Once in Nicé, we didn't get to shower until seven or eight at night. About the first day in Nicé, Royce Kensinger states "we couldn't shower, eat or sleep. That day was terrible. I still can't believe they did that to us." When we were in nicé we saw Monaco which was an extremely rich city. Nicé was supposed to be the "French Riviera" but it was boring. Nothing was going

on in the town. Ryther and Tony Offerman went to little shops and bought some soccer jerseys. We wore them out on the town and were threatened. Come on, it's a soccer jersey, it's not like we liked the team.

On the bus ride to Geneva, which took 12 hours, we had no source of entertainment or bathroom. If we needed entertainment we would call up Offerman and Ryther for the help. Nikki Evans said "when it got boring they picked up the slack. They were doing anything they could do to make us laugh."

The group only stayed in Geneva one night. After the night in Geneva was over, they headed to the Geneva Airport where they would take off for home. The trip home took at least 15 hours. When we got home from all the plane rides we were all excited but bummed more than anything. But all in all, it was a good trip.

Summer Fun

Mike Todd-

I took a two and half day trip for DeMolay. The event was a state conference that took place at Coe College for all of the local DeMolay members. They had lots of fun activities including Jell-O eating contests, flag football, and Nectto games.

Angela Cannavo-

I went to Chicago for my trip. I went to a Cubs game. While I was there Sammy Sosa hit two home runs. The rest of the time I was shopping.

Shelby Hurt-

I took my trip to Tennessee. While I was there I visited the Brooks and Dunn house. I also went to Aldephia coliseum to see where the Titans played.

Alicia Keiller-

I went to softball and volleyball camps all summer and paid for a new car.

Nicole Ivers-

I sat at home most of the time and watched soap operas. I also caught my stove on fire cooking mac and cheese.

Jenny Fager-

I went to St. Louis for a week to see the Cardinals play. I also went to the 98 degrees concert and met a lot of new and interesting people.

Megan Anderson-

I took my trip to Europe over the summer to be a student ambassador. I met a lot of new friends and still stay in touch. I also stayed with other student ambassadors.

Natalie Allen-

I went to Adventureland this summer with my family and friends. I had lots of fun, but I about got sick a couple times. We also stayed in a suite.

Katlyn Cooper-

I worked almost all summer at Burger King. I made lots of money but didn't have much time for my friends and family.



Taylor Heim, Tony Offerman, Justin Sperry, Kristen Mork, Mr. Ryther, Nichole Jellison, Bryan Ryther, Krystal Wise, Greg Oberbroeckling, Mrs. Ryther and Josh DeLong prepare for their adventure in France at the Cedar Rapids airport.