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LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS



The cast of *Little Shop of Horrors* sings about the problems of where they live in the song "Skid Row."

Leaving A Lasting Impression

Student Artist Display Talent



by Tegan Reeves

Marion High School has become more warm and inviting due to the talents of student artists. Many teachers have their room personalized with help from student artists. Mr. Bates' room has murals from many former art students. Gina Kroemer is one of those talented students. Gina recently had the opportunity to decorate the once boring and big new choir room. Mrs. Freese, the choir director, had noticed that the walls seemed empty in the new wing of the school.

Mrs. Freese thought something abstract would be fun, so Gina planned out a crazy music related theme for the mural. In mid August Gina started to paint her design. She used a Latex paint and stenciled giant shapes that seem to be visual music coming out of excited red lips. It took her four days to paint the right wall and as the first day of school started to creep up she received help from Cara Langfitt and finished the left side in about two and a half days. There was only one disaster in the seven days of painting, a can of green paint spilled on the floor and Gina remembering the janitor saying not to spill, ran around trying to clean it with paper towels. Gina says she was scared to get a janitor, but after making the choir room floor spotless she told him. "It was hilarious, but I'll never live it down," she says.

Thanks to Gina's hard work, the walls look amazing, with a warm and welcoming feel when you come into the room.

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It's Good To Be Queen?

By Jami Sunderman

Every high school has their own tradition that holds meaning and affects their school during homecoming week. For instance, Marion High School's spirit week, parade, class floats, class door signs, class banners, the bonfire, and the dance itself hold great meaning to our school. But what about the homecoming court? To be more specific, King and Queen. Does that hold great meaning to our school or does it hold hatred towards others deep down? Singling out two candidates who are selected King and Queen. For what reason, to conquer the school?

Many people ask the question why. Why do we need or want to have a homecoming King and

people win, others get all angry that those people won and start rumors and what not."

It's not just when the King and Queen are announced that the rumors start to fly. As soon as the results come in for who the homecoming court is, they get started. Some good and some bad, but either way, there shouldn't be any at all. The Senior class votes these candidates in, then they're usually the ones to start rumors when they themselves aren't voted on the court. Because why? Because they're jealous? Because they "aren't as popular?" Because those selected might get more publicity than them? Because someone thought they were going to be selected on to the court over someone else? Because this person and this person didn't deserve to be on the

win, they'll wonder to themselves: Why wasn't I chosen? Am I not good enough? Do people really not like me? Are they a better person than I am? Did I do something wrong? Did they win just because of who they are, or because of who people see them to be?

I'm not saying we need to cancel homecoming or quit having a homecoming court. I think it's a great experience and a great idea to have a homecoming court. I just don't think it's right to single out two people and basically say that they're better than everyone else in the school by naming them king and

ing of the King and Queen. The process for determining who gets on the Homecoming Court begins with the Senior class voting for five female and five male members of their class. There is no application proves to see who would and would not like to be on the court. It is a matter of which candidates get the most votes by their fellow classmates. After the Senior class determines the "top" five King and Queen candidates, a ballot is given to the entire student body to vote for the final King and Queen. Here again, it is based on which male and female candidate gets the most

There are students who don't know who the candidates are and/or don't care about voting for the king and queen.



Queen? Having a homecoming court is a good idea, but why do we need to single out one guy and one girl? What is it going to prove? That they're better than everyone else in the school? That they're the most popular in the school? That they're the most involved? You shouldn't need to prove anything by having a King and Queen.

One of this year's Juniors states, "With as politically correct as this country has gotten, I am actually surprised that we are still allowed to do this. I realize that this is a tradition being passed down. But parents today, where are you? Come on, you call and complain about everything else in this school especially about our bonfire. So why don't you try to stop doing homecoming all together and make that phone call? But back to the subject. It doesn't make sense to me that the students choose the candidates and the winners, then when those

court? Why?

Yes, there is also a positive side to having a homecoming King and Queen. It is an honor to be selected on to the court and to know that you will be able to look back 10 years from now and say "Hey, I was on my school's homecoming court my Senior year."

But you also have to look at it in another aspect. Yes, it's a great honor to be selected to the court, but how does it make you feel when the King and Queen are announced? If you're announced King or Queen, of course, you're going to be happy and excited that you were selected by not only the Seniors, but your whole school. Are you going to feel different or be treated different when you're selected? Do you let it get to your head? But then again, think of how those other eight people feel. It's almost like it's public humiliation if you don't win. Then when those other eight people know they didn't

queen. When in reality, not one person is any better than another. If you are going to single out two people, something needs to be done in order to choose the winner. For instance, all candidates should have to write an essay, answer questions in front of the school, etc. I say this because a lot of the younger kids don't know the candidates, but vote for them because they've heard the name or they think they're hot. On the other hand, the people that do know the candidates usually just vote for whoever they're friends for, and you should vote for the person that deserves the title, not just your friend. I just think there needs to be something to help students determine who to vote for.

An unnamed teacher says, "I'd like to see criteria developed for being selected King and Queen. Right now it is a popularity contest and, therefore, is meaningless. Possibly an all-school assembly where candidates profess their merit to the school and community as well as answer questions."

Opinions are mixed, while some say it's a good idea, others say it's a bad. Another teacher states, "Homecoming is defined in the dictionary as a return to one's home; arrival at home; an annual event held by a school, college or university for visiting alumni. Homecoming has been a tradition that is celebrated every year by Marion High School and the Marion community. Part of the traditional celebration is the crown-

votes. There are students who don't know who the candidates are and/or don't care about voting for the king and queen.

It is very unfortunate, as the author stated, that the students who are voted to be on the homecoming court are subject to behaviors of others who are trying to be hurtful. In years past, there has been tires flattened, graffiti drawn on car windows, menacing words spoken, and etc. Each time I have spoken to candidates who are on the receiving end of these unpleasant incidents, they have stated that they wouldn't wish this on anyone and that they had wished that they weren't on the homecoming court. Remember, it is an honor to be selected to the homecoming court, right? What do I say or do to help comfort them when they are feeling attacked?

I would agree with the author of this editorial, that having the homecoming court is a good idea but the way we single out these ten people in front of a huge crowd when the actual crowning takes place creates hard feelings. The public humiliation that is done to the other eight candidates that didn't get crowned and the inappropriate actions of other students shown to the King and Queen after the crowning is not merited. At least with having ten students on the homecoming court, there is comfort in numbers when being "honored'."

Where's The Happy Medium?

By Douglas Cloven

Running a stop sign, going 20 miles per hour over the speed limit, not wearing shoes, expired insurance card, not carrying a license or registration. No ticket was written for this single stop. Correct, the above list of driving violations was all in one stop and was let off with a warning. This wouldn't be that bad if it were consistent but it isn't. In fact it goes from extreme to extreme. This stop was for a male teenager an age group at large risk of accidents, yet he was let off saying to himself that this would be tolerated. So doing it more, maybe getting him into an accident is okay? No, I'm not an expert, but I feel this is sending the wrong message and is not what the police department stands for. However this kid's further thoughts are now, I won't get in trouble. Where is the line drawn? Then you have a 75 year old woman that has never had a ticket in her entire life pulled over and given a ticket for going five miles over the limit by a fire station. Where's the justice? This woman has a very low risk in accident as compared to the above teenager. I don't know about you but I'd like to have some happy medium here, that I know I will be ok going maybe, five over but should watch out going 20 over. Most definitely not the opposite, that is absurd. Asking our own Officer Fruehling about the matter he responded with a, how I see suitable answer, "It depends on the officer, most of us in Cedar Rapids look for the attitude of the person. As long as you're descent and it's not a big deal you'll get off." When asked where he draws the line he replied with the following statement, "Usually if they're going 12 or more over I'll pull them over, but if someone is going 20 over and has all those other violations I'd give them a ticket." While talking to Mr. Fruehling he brought up a very nice point. Marion has a different agenda than other cities especially in Cedar Rapids. For Marion, traffic is very important, that is where they get most of their drug busts, warrants and suspensions.



What New Parking Rules?

By Tony Offerman

What is up with the school parking this year? Sometimes there is a place to park sometimes there's not. But if there is, it's all the way by the softball fields. That's just way too far to walk just to get inside. Honestly, no one wants to walk that far on a freezing cold day. It would be great if we could just have a tunnel we could walk through to stay warm. Yeah, that would be just great, but in all reality we're just going to have to freeze.

On to the real subject of this article, the new school parking rules. You can't park here, here, and here. If you park in these designated areas you might just find yourself in a little bit of trouble. Trouble would be a ticket not restitution. Yes, a dreaded fine. I am about to tell where and what violations you don't want to get.

RULE #1

Directly in front of the school where there are signs that say "No Parking bus loading zone" I guess you can't park there. If you do park there you will get a \$25 fine. You can't even park there for two minutes just to run into the school. I do believe that is a little expensive for just parking there when you're not suppose to.

RULE #2

You can't park by the south parking lot grass or on the east side of the school. The reason you can't park there is because of a fire lane hazard in case there is a fire at the school and fire trucks would need to get through.

The tickets for this fine are going to be expensive; I'm guessing because it doesn't come from within the school, it comes from the police station. So if you get a ticket don't get mad at Mr. Ehresman, get mad at yourself. He had nothing to do with it.

RULE #3

The school has just made some nice visitor parking spots. There are about seven or eight spots open everyday for them, not the students. The spots are located in the north and south parking lots.

This is what Mr. Ehresman had to say about it, "The reason why we did this was because we have a lot of people visit Marion each day. When we have people come visit and they don't have a spot to park it just doesn't seem hospitable to us. I don't want people to think we don't want them here."

So the real question is what happens to your car if you park there? The first time you get a warning from Mr. Ehresman himself. The next time you park there you will be towed. I know no one here wants to go pick up their car at the tow yard and pay for it. NOT FUN! I guess they have given out three warnings so far, but no one has been towed yet. They called the tow company twice, but by the time they got there the cars were moved.

Hopefully, everyone realizes that the parking issue is not a joke. Just for a closer parking spot, that everyone wants, it wouldn't have been worth it.

For Many High School Students:

Pain + Art=Beauty

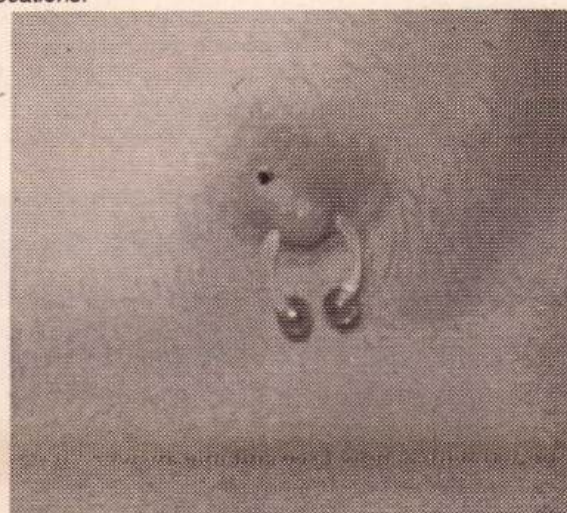
In November of 1999 a survey "tattooing and body piercing" appeared in Clinical Nursing Research. They went to 18 American universities and 1 Australian university and asked "why did you get it?" 50 percent saw it as a means of self-expression the other 48 percent said "I just wanted one". In today's society, A changing and growing form of self expression is body art, more commonly known as tattooing. If you want you can get anything from a simple butterfly on your ankle to a portrait of Mona Lisa your bald head. Many of have either a tattoo or a is the schools stance on the recent interview with Mr. the school doesn't really stance on the subject but if your tattoo is inappropriate cover it up and in boys kind is allowed. In school to be able to express themselves, however, if the tattoo disrupt the classroom environment have to suggest that the so remove the. piercing or cover the tattoo. What are the legal issues with getting a tattoo or being pierced? Well In order to get tattooed legally you must be 18 years of age and with valid form of I.D. In order to get a piercing you must only be 16 for any piercing not on the face but you must have valid I.D. Well with this little bit of information I hope that you can make up your mind on the subject and decide whether this type of self-expression is for you.



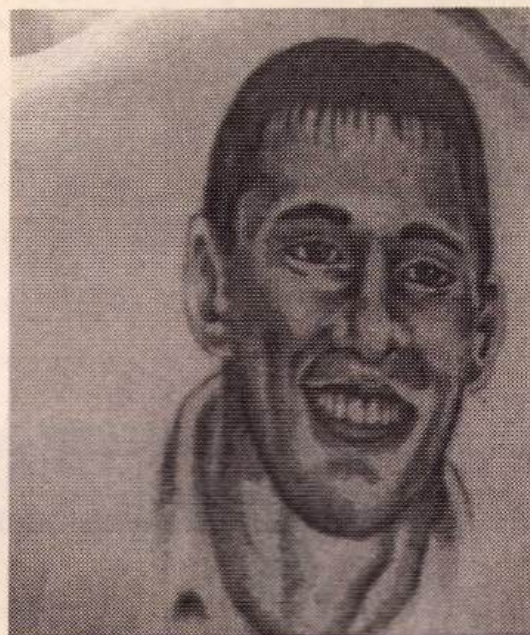
Jacob Blazek got his tattoo on the upper back.



Many girls get smaller tattoos in more discreet locations.



Wes Waters got his nipple pierced in California while on spring break last year.



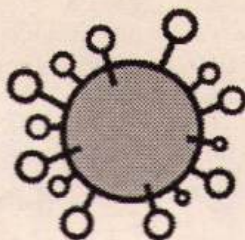
Troy Little's new tattoo is a portrait of his brother Todd, who died in 1999.



The autoclave at Hardcore Tattoos is used for sterilization.

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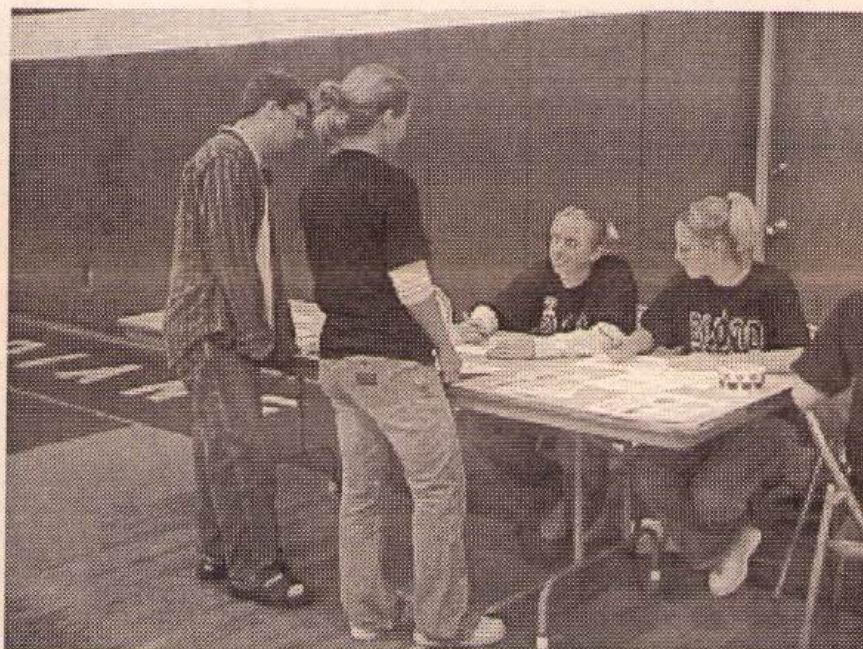
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Blood Drive

by Troy Little

Marion High School decided to hold the annual blood drive months earlier do to the tragedy of the New York incident. The blood drive turned out to be a success, there were 63 over all people from Marion High School that gave blood. Only 15 of the 63 people that gave blood we did not use. There was an over all 48 usable pints of blood (6 gallons). One third of the senior class students gave blood. Some of the students went as a group, including all of the students from Social Studies and Business class.

Eligible donors must be in good health, weigh between 110-350 lbs., be at least 17 years of age, wait 56 days (8 weeks) between whole blood donation, feel well the day of the donation, and have vital signs (Pulse, Temperature, Blood Pressure) within criteria. Some of the people that try to give blood can't because of things like blood transfusions, cold or flu, heart problems, pregnancy, and tattoos that they have had or done within twelve months.



New York City's Macy's Parade part 1

by: Christie Ottaway

Two of our very own Marion girls will be attending and performing in the 75th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Christie Ottaway and Nikki Evans will be leaving on November 17, for New York City, and will begin their week long adventure. This trip will include not only the parade performance, but also a Broadway show, Radio City Music Hall Spectacular show, trips to the Statue of Liberty, dance classes with a famous choreographer, and lots of shopping. The performance time for the cheer/dance portion of the parade is scheduled for 10:00 am-10:15 am, on Thanksgiving morning. The girls return home on November 23. Stay tuned for part two in the next issue of the *Vox*.

Top: The blood drive was busy all day as donators waited for the blood to flow.
Bottom: Nikki Evans and Desiree Rouse check in students at the blood drive.
Right: Those donating blood had to fill out forms before they could continue the donation process.

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Running To Raise Awareness

By Desiree Rouse

Every year the S.O.D.A. program holds an event during Red Ribbon Week for everyone to get involved in. For the past few years the program has thrown a fun fair at Vernon Middle School, they were always huge successes but this year SODA decided to do something new.

Last Spring a committee of Marion and Linn-Mar students got together to brainstorm a new activity. They decided that we should try having a race. The group of students met throughout the summer and after lots of planning things were ready. The race was held on October 27, 2001 and was a huge success. Mrs. Putnam said that "It was a beautiful day to run. I was pleased with the turnout since it was the first time for this activity." She also hopes that if the program decides to do this again next year there will be an even bigger turnout.

There were seven different age categories for the 5k and mile races for elementary and junior high students. Prizes were given to the top three contestants in each division. Prizes ranged from gift certificates from Best Buy or Hy-Vee to computer programs, also from Best Buy and all of the prizes were generously donated by those businesses. Trophies and medals were awarded to those placing first or second. "Everyone looked like they were having a good time and hopefully next year will be bigger," commented Mrs. Hamann.



Opportunities To Explore

By Josh Ivey
and Nick Livingston

The physical education classes have been doing a number of different activities lately. These activities include Yoga, Tae Kwon Do, handicapped awareness activities, and Army Reserve visits. The students say that P.E. has gotten a lot better and a lot of them say they look forward to P.E. during the day. The teachers have done a great job introducing the students to new things and making physical education interesting and fun. "At first I was laughing and joking about the yoga guys but

now I'm going to do it before wrestling meets." says Chris Clendenen. The Army Reserve brought in a inflatable obstacle course that became a topic for conversation immediately. A lot of students found themselves battered and burned after going through. Lindsee McGaffie says "The army obstacle course was awesome but I was really sore afterward. I went at least ten times."

Many of the new activities were found at teacher workshops that Ms. Dostal and Mr. Fish attended. They thought it would be an important part of next years curriculum. For the terms to come

the gym teachers are planning snowshoeing, obstacle courses, repelling, bowling, and Tae Kwan Do. When asked about future curriculum Mr. Fish said, "Actually, it is my hope that we move to a selective type curriculum where students sign up for activities instead of just 10-12 P.E. I want to see classes such as strength enhancement, personal wellness, racquet games, aerobics etc.. be what kids sign up for."

Overall the new curriculum has been very well accepted, students are being exposed to many new things and activities. It is also good because all the activities are done by volunteers and don't cost the school at all.



Ashley Hanna and Sarah Haddy watch as Kristin Mork attempts to move without the use of her legs.

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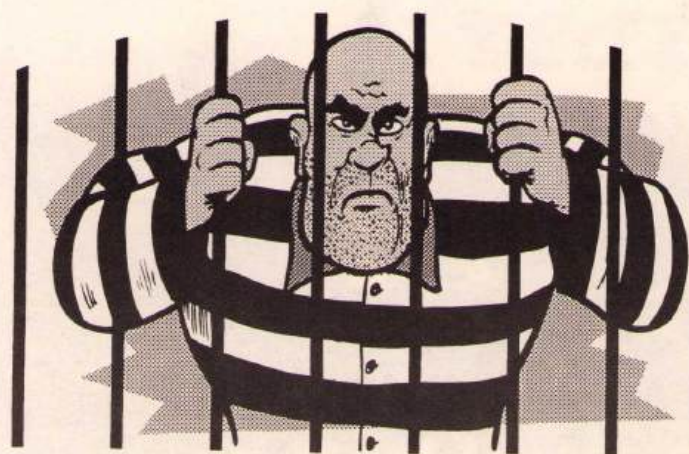
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"Shoplifting used to be fun until some of my friends got caught."

"It's fun."

"If they get caught it's their own fault."

By Nikki Evans

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- THEY FREQUENTLY FEEL ASHAMED OR REMORSE ABOUT WHAT THEY DID

"IT'S A RUSH, BUT IT'S BAD. I DON'T DO IT ANYMORE."

"Shoplifting is a crime, it says in the Wal-Mart bathroom."

re Busted: Deal on Shoplifting

"A lot of stores are very easy to steal from because they lack the cameras."

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PEOPLE WHO SHOPLIFT MAY NOT REALIZE THAT THEIR POOR CHOICES AFFECT STORE OWNERS, EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES, AND TEENAGERS IN GENERAL. MANY PEOPLE WHO STEAL DON'T SEE THAT THEIR NEW CD OR SHIRT JUST COST THE COMMUNITY MORE MONEY. IN THE END, NOTHING GOOD COMES FROM SHOPLIFTING; ALL YOU END UP WITH IS SOMETHING THAT WILL BE COOL FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS AND CONSEQUENCES THAT WILL LAST MUCH LONGER.

"Shoplifting is for stupid, white trash people who have no respect for themselves or their actions."

"It's bad."

"I think it's stupid for people to shoplift; they make prices go up."

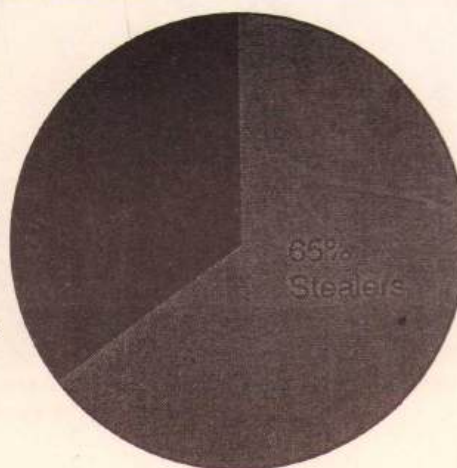
"I STOLE A PACK OF BASEBALL CARDS WHEN I WAS TEN. I FELT VERY GUILTY SO I NEVER DID IT AGAIN."

"Stealing from the lunch ladies is easier than you think. It's okay if they don't see you."

"I like it, I get a ton of free stuff."

Marion High School Stealing Survey

I asked 50 Marion High School Students if they have ever stole anything their whole life. The numbers are shown.



Creative Corner

I Love? Thee The Path

By Meghann Redd

The water trickles
flows through
around
surrounding thee
but you see not me.
You possess the character
capability
strength
you are perfect...
did I really say perfect?
No... for thee is not perfect.
Thee sees the melting ice cream
as the sun shines glory upon
the world.
Thee sees the meat
as the pheasant soars through
the sky
driven only by the little he
has been taught.
Carelessly
you throw the apple's core
little does thee know
the magnificence of the tree
growing simply
because
it was touched by thee.
Little does thee know
that the bee
thee swats away
reflects the very honey
that thee possesses.
Thee does not see
the caring gesture the
yearning eye
that reflects thee so vividly
for.
Thee sees only the breath
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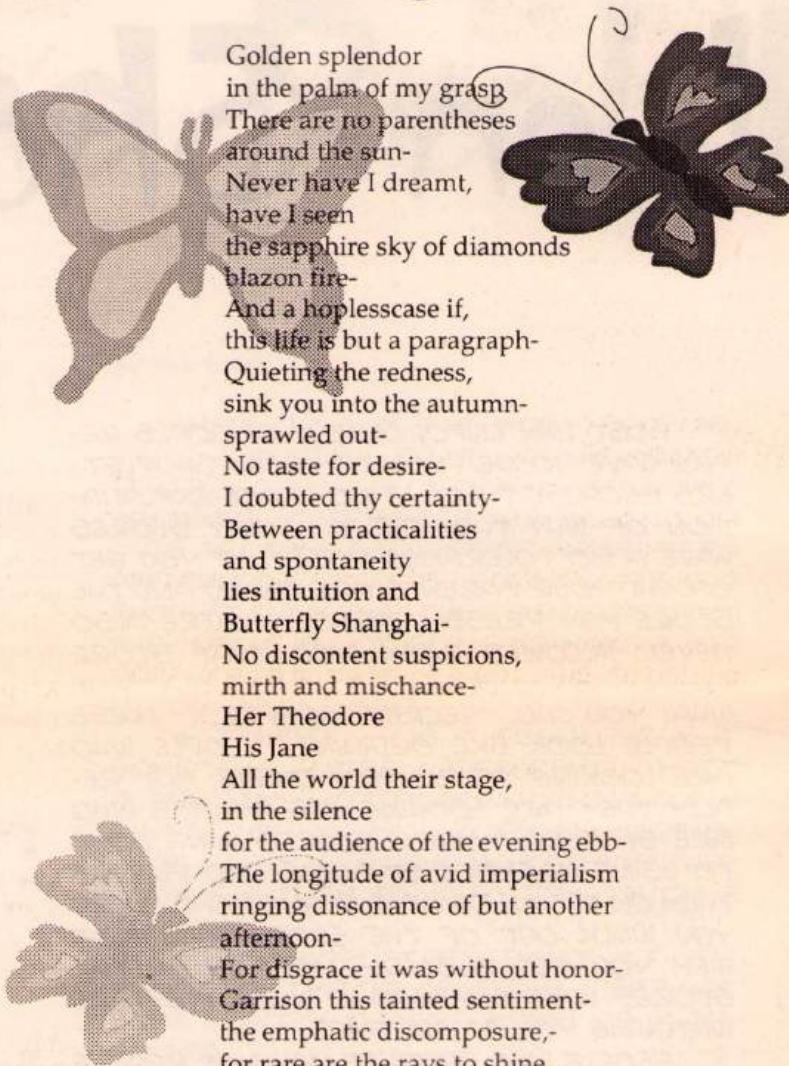


by Nick Gray

The path lay here hidden
amongst dreams once forgiven
In my mind I am driven
on this desolate road
Of my youth once forgotten
somewhere locked in the bottom
Of my soul raped and rotten
Hidden timelines unfold
Into years of lamenting
with each step unrelenting
Bitter scars spark remembering
Of my life so alone
Looking back in the distance
hindered not by resistance
past the years of acceptance
When my mind was my own
Stands a child in reflection
of his own aged complexion
My heart stops at attention
Our eyes frozen in time
With this fateful submission
to my youth in a vision
On this road of decisions
Buried deep in my mind
Waving of signs of danger
I proceed toward the stranger
But my thoughts turn to anger
When I look at the path
That unfolds from the years
of a mother's fake tears
all my love turned to fear
Still I'm slow to react
to this short-lived oppression
handed down in succession
of my self worth's regression
unto manhood and back
Walking now through the scenes
that for years filled my dreams
with these insincere themes
I began to look past
All The lies into meaning
Through hurt & deceiving
that for years disbelieving
I struggled to grasp
Now at one with this child
In my mind all the while
hiding truth by denial
I can cope with my scars.

Butterfly Shanghai

Golden splendor
in the palm of my grasp
There are no parentheses
around the sun-
Never have I dreamt,
have I seen
the sapphire sky of diamonds
blazon fire-
And a hopelesscase if,
this life is but a paragraph-
Quieting the redness,
sink you into the autumn-
sprawled out-
No taste for desire-
I doubted thy certainty-
Between practicalities
and spontaneity
lies intuition and
Butterfly Shanghai-
No discontent suspicions,
mirth and mischance-
Her Theodore
His Jane
All the world their stage,
in the silence
for the audience of the evening ebb-
The longitude of avid imperialism
ringing dissonance of but another
afternoon-
For disgrace it was without honor-
Garrison this tainted sentiment-
the emphatic discomposure,-
for rare are the rays to shine
and glisten upon genuine devotion.



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Name: Neil Allen

Age: 17

Activity: Fall Musical

Season Thrill: The time Nick Campbell climbed across the ceiling in the lounge, and then threw skittles at Mrs. Freese from the top of the snack bar.

Past Season Memory: Keenan, when he first put the Audrey 2 costume on, and then accidentally sat on the bench in the middle of the love scene.

Starting Out: I remember how nervous I was for auditions. I later realized that if I would have relaxed, I probably would have sounded a lot better.

Advice for Newcomers: Don't make Ms. Martin mad.

Favorite Weekend Memory: When I went to Adventure land with my girlfriend. It was so much fun.

Favorite Food: Pizza, nachos, and mac and cheese with hotdogs.

Favorite Saying: "Stick a spork in me, I'm done."

If you could do anything, what would it be? I would love to sky dive.

Biggest Influence: Definitely my girlfriend

College/Future Plans: I'll be going to Kirkwood to earn my associate degree in Graphic Communications. I will then transfer to UNI to earn a more advanced degree.



Name: Kate Baumert

Age: 18

Activity: Fall Musical

Season Thrill: Being able to work with such an incredible cast in Little Shop of Horrors.

Past Season Memory: Singing to Dr. Jacobson during a performance of Godspell last year.

Starting Out: My eighth grade year I played Mae Peterson (one of the leads) in Bye Bye Birdie. I have been acting since I was eight years old.

Advice for newcomers: Work hard at what you love.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Hanging out with my friends at Barnes and Nobel.

Favorite Food: Hummus and Tofu

Favorite Saying: "Follow your passions, for they will lead you to your greatest dreams."

If you could do anything, what would it be? Star as Catherine in the musical Pippin on Broadway.

Biggest Influence: A community play director of mine Colleen Rutten. She really got me excited about theater.

College/Future Plans: To attend either Millikin University or Illinois State University and major in acting.



Name: Ann Cannon

Age: 17

Activity: Band, Cross Country, Musical

Season thrill: Making the costumes for the DEAD. Also coaches appreciation. That was pretty meaningful.

Past season memory: One-hour runs at Squaw Creek with Steph, Crissie, and David.

Starting out: I started cross last year and I was so nervous. I was a whole minute better on my P.R. time that year.

Advice for Newcomers: "Fall down eight times, get up nine". Keep working hard!

Favorite Weekend Memory: Anything involving the police is pretty memorable.

Favorite Food: Chinese and orange juice floats.

Favorite saying: Dude! What's your deal?

If you could do anything, what would it be?

Travel the world in a hot air balloon.

Biggest influence: My brothers: Chris, and John.

College/Future Plans: I plan on attending ISU for..... whatever. Maybe elementary education or Spanish. Possibly the St.Lukes/Mercy school of I don't know what! It's really long. Basically, it's radiology. I have a job shadow Nov. 7, so if I hate it, I guess I'll plan on ISU.

Class of
2002



Name: Casie Mulder

Age: 17

Activity: Colorguards, Wintergaurd, Marching Band, Concert Band, Choir, Musical, Thespians, Creative Ink, Speech, Theater.

Season Thrill: Getting a higher Division I rating this year than we did my freshmen year, and having a solo this year.

Past Season Memory: Waiting to go on the field in our old uniforms. The colorgaurd would huddle in a circle and sing "Kokomo" by the Beach Boys to keep warm.

Starting Out: It's not really as scary as everyone makes high school, and everything else, out to be. It's actually a lot of fun.

Advice for newcomers: You don't need to be afraid of the older students until you get an attitude with them. Oh, and walk a little faster in the halls, and when you do walk, don't suddenly stop.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Going to Jefferson Invitational this year. After we performed Gordon Herb bought a Mt. Dew and \$5 worth of sugary candy and put it all in there. Everyone who drank it was tweaking out and we were hyper the rest of the day.

Favorite Food: Chicken Quesadilla

Favorite Saying: "It takes seconds to destroy someone's trust, but years to rebuild it."

If you could do anything, what would it be? Be able to get a Chicken Quesadilla for free whenever I want. Yummy, yummy!

Biggest Influence: My Jeff

College/Future Plans: Kirkwood for two years then something else. That also depends on where my Jeffy baby decides to go to college.



Name: Jessi Scheer

Age: 17

Activity: Fall Musical- Little Shop of Horrors

Season Thrill: Getting to sing a solo.

Past Season Memory: Nick Campbell banging his head on a metal trash can and

denting it in.

Starting Out: I was in Cinderella and Oklahoma before this play.

Advice for newcomers: Don't be discouraged if you're in the chorus- you're just as important.

Favorite Weekend Memory: Being at Disney World the weekend of spring break.

Favorite Food: Macaroni and cheese

Favorite Saying: "Ringy-dingy!"

If you could do anything, what would it be? Move to London

Biggest Influence: My parents and friends.

College/Future Plans: Go to either UNI or Iowa and major in broadcasting and journalism.

What the Stars Have In Store

By Lindsee McGaffic

Aries-(Mar.21-Apr.19)

Obviously you're not into work today. You'd rather play. Your odds of winning are good, that goes for romantic games too.

Aquarius-(Jan.20-Feb.18)

You are so precise that you may scare people with your pronouncements on current twists of fate. You not only seem to be ready to explain the present, but you could also be ready to predict the future. Why, then, aren't you listening to yourself when it comes to romantic struggles?

Cancer-(June 22-July 22)

Your natural charms and talents are enhanced, so you're full of ideas, eager to start on new projects. But your sweetheart will be drawn to you, wanting to monopolize your time. Prioritize.

Capricorn-(Dec.22-Jan.19)

Shiny happy person. Today your individuality will really shine. So for the best day possible, try showing off the qualities that make your favorite clothes, sharing your hobbies and collections, or even telling others your most unique desires.

Gemini-(May 21-June 21)

People power. To feel your best today, spend more time socializing with others. Attending a party would fit the bill perfectly! But, that's not the only solution. You could also go to any crowded public place where you can mingle with lots of people. Great day to go to a popular restaurant, movie, theater or store.

Leo-(July 23-Aug.22)

Relationship elevator going up. Today you'll want to spend more time with someone you find extra special. That's because today the stage is set for your relationships to improve and mature. If possible, try planning something unique with that special someone, and don't let outside influences interrupt.

Libra-(Sept.23-Oct.23)

Sooner or later somebody is going to step into the mantle of leadership. Not everyone will be perfectly happy and not everyone will see your deed as noble. Nevertheless, your action will allow you to get to the more important matters.

Sagittarius-(Nov.22-Dec.21)

Adventurous day. Do you feel like having an adventure? Well today, you're more likely to have an adventure when you go on a short journey. No need to go very far, just someplace you've wanted to go before yet never been. Today is also a good day to surprise a close friend with news or a small gift.

Scorpio-(Oct.24-Nov.21)

Not a good month for romance, the person you are into doesn't feel the same. Don't get too close, no point in getting hurt for nothing.

Pisces-(Feb.19-Mar.20)

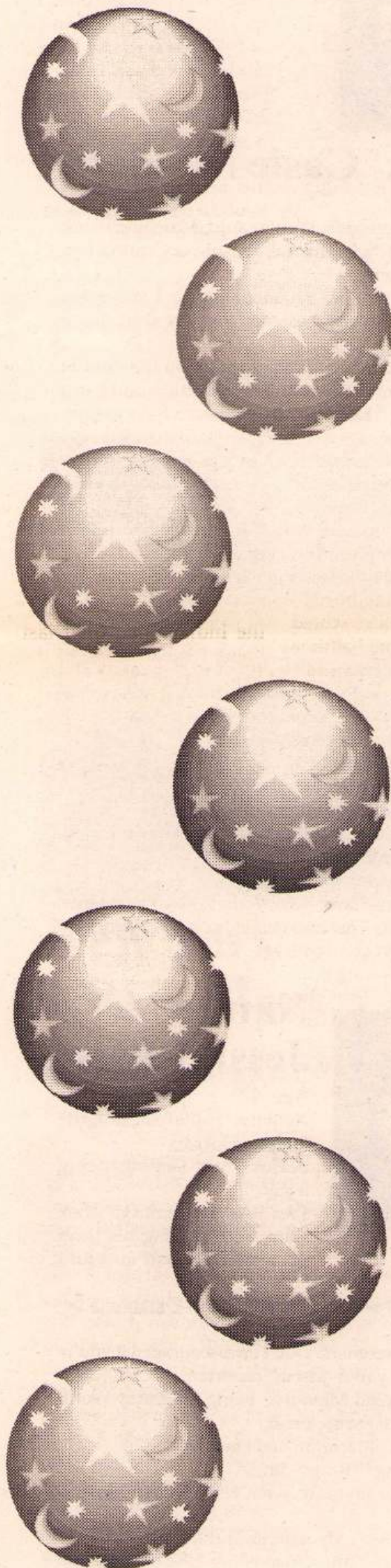
Back to the simple things today, simplicity is your key to having the most successful and satisfying day. That means you'll want to avoid situations that seem overly complex instead, choose to do things in the simplest manner possible it's a great day to focus your time on favorite places, activities and people.

Taurus-(Apr.20-May 20)

The language of love. Today romance is much a greater possibility! So what can you do to improve your chances? Don't say a word. That's because your nonverbal signals are the key to improving your chances of making a love connection. When meeting new people today, let your eyes and smile express your true intentions.

Virgo-(Aug.23-Sept.22)

Better shape. Great day to focus on bettering your health. That's because today your health and physical well-being are in stronger focus. To help achieve the best results today, try to focus mostly on eating healthy foods, and on getting enough rest for your body to rebuild its natural defenses.



Playing With Heart



The Varsity Volleyball team poses with Coach Dostal and the ball they gave her for her 300th career win. The Indians beat 6th ranked Mid-Prairie to claim their third straight District title.

by Kristen Osborn

After coming off a loss to South Tama on Tuesday, September 25, the Marion Indians varsity volleyball team looked strong on Tuesday, October 2, defeating Vinton at home. They took out the Vikings in a five game series. The Indians dominated the first two games 15-11, 15-8. The Vikings then showed some strengths and won the next two games 9-15, 5-15. The Indians took control of the fifth game and whipped the Vikings 15-3.

Senior night was held at the Marion High School gymnasium honoring the seven seniors on Thursday, October 4. This was the make-up game from Tuesday, September 11. The Indians were fired up and won in three games 15-5, 15-10, 15-12.

The Indians traveled to Dewitt on Saturday, October 6. They won five out of six matches losing to Dewitt finishing in second place. It was a round-robin tournament, since Maquoketa Valley dropped out. Marion defeated Calamus-Wheatland 17-15, 15-1; Northeast 15-10, 15-8; Solon 15-8, 15-11; Alburnett 15-4, 11-15, 15-12; and Anamosa forfeited because they had prior commitments. The Indians lost to Dewitt 11-15, 4-15.

The Marion Indian volleyball team didn't quite finish where they did last year in the WaMac tournament. The returning champions fell short of continuing into bracket play on Saturday, October 13. The Indians started off the day splitting with South Tama 15-10, 10-15. They then took on Waterloo Columbus and split with them 16-14, 1-15. The Indians finished pool play defeating Benton 15-3, 15-3. With a record of 4-2 the Indians were tied with South Tama and had to have a play-off. South Tama defeated the Indians in a one game tie-breaker 15-8. Waterloo Columbus and South

Tama continued their play, as well as West Delaware and Vinton. West Delaware defeated Vinton in the championship match 15-9, 15-5.

The girls went into Districts with a record of 19-9-6. The team was serving a strong 92% overall and led the state in aces per game. On Thursday, October 18, the Indians hosted the first round of Districts. Solon strolled into town, but the Indians were fired up and ready to attack. The Indians had an 11-0 lead on the Spartans, but they didn't go down without a fight. The Indians pulled out the win 16-14. They won the next two games 15-6 and 15-13.

On Monday, October 22, the team traveled to Wellman to take on Mid-Prairie in the District Final match. The Hawks were up two games to none when the Indians dug themselves out of the deepest hole. The Hawks were one point away from clinching a District title and sweeping the Indians in three games. The Indians were down 14-9 in the third game, and they pulled out a sweet victory, 16-14. The next game was just as exciting coming back and winning it 16-14. The fifth and final game was rally scoring the Indians took control and claimed their third straight District title, 10-15, 4-15, 16-14, 16-14, 15-13. Not only was it a great comeback but an incredible display of heart and determination. Dostal will never forget that game, it being her 300th career match win.

The Indians finished the season at home losing to Mount Vernon in first round of regionals on Thursday, October 25. The season was an overall success although they all wished they could have continued farther in post-season play. The seven seniors Jana, Jessie, Krystal, Kristen, Nikki, Kristin, and Rachel will be missed.

Marion Finishes With a Winning Record

By Pete Messerli

On Friday, October 5, the Marion Indians varsity football team traveled to Van Horne to face the Benton Community Bobcats.

Little went right for Marion, as they were defeated by the score of 28-6.

At the end of the first quarter, Benton had the lead 7-0. Early in the second quarter, The Bobcats scored twice more before halftime to make it 21-0 at intermission.

Marion's only bright spot came on the last drive of the game, when on the last play, Wade Burrell ran up the middle for the Indians' lone touchdown of the game to make the final score 28-6. Nick Campbell lead Marion on defense with 16 tackles, Jordan Forkner had 13.

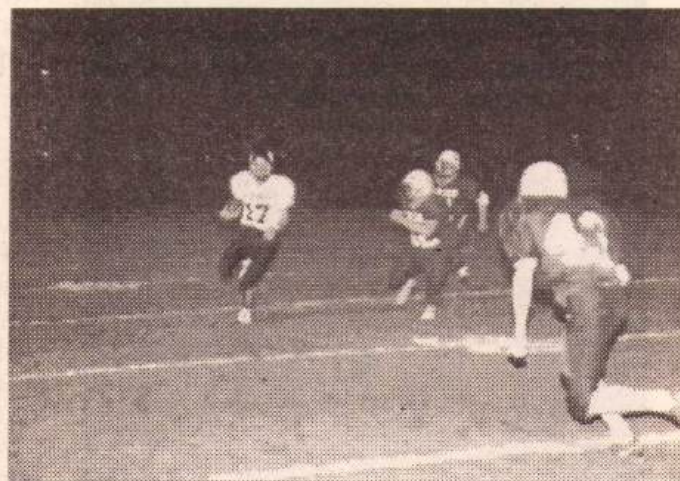
On Friday, October 12, the Indians went on the road to Laporte City to face the Union Knights in a class 3A District 4 football game. Marion started off on de-

fense and stopped Union, forcing them to punt. Marion's Jason McGaffic returned the punt 66 yards for a touchdown giving Marion an early 6-0 lead. Kicker Brian Barkdoll converted on a 26 yard kick to give Marion a 9-3 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Indians extended their lead after a long drive resulting in a 6 yard touchdown run by Tony Offerman giving Marion a 15-3 lead. Offerman also ran in the two point conversion to give Marion a 17-3 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The score remained 17-3 until the last minute of the game when Marion finished off yet another drive with a 9 yard touchdown run by Wade Burrell to give Marion a 23-3 victory. Quarterback Ben Remington completed 8 of 12 passes for 137 yards.

On Friday, October 19, the Indians had their last home football game of the season against the Vinton Vikings. After losing two straight years to Vinton, the Indians were looking to get a big win. On Marion's first offensive possession, they marched down the field successfully making first down after first down. Finally, Remington threw a 25 yard pass to tight end Kyle Olson, who took it in for the touchdown, giving Marion an early 7-0 lead after Barkdoll's extra point kick. Marion went on defense following the touchdown and held Vinton's offense, forcing

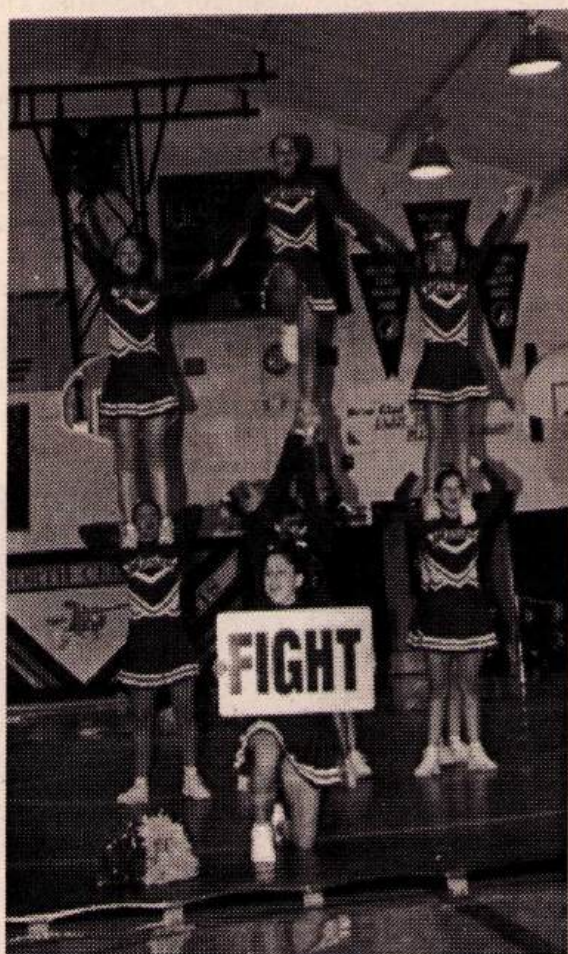


Jordan Forkner and Matt Tielebein pursue Vinton's running back during Senior Night. Marion won 14-0.

them to punt once again. Marion's Pete Messerli came free from the line of scrimmage and blocked the Vinton punt, knocking it sideways. Spencer Dirks dove onto the football giving the Indians the ball at the Vinton 20 yard line. After a few plays, Tony Offerman scored from 1 yard out to give the Indians a 14-0 lead, still in the first quarter. That would end up being the final score of the game. Marion's defense scored their first shut out of the season helped by two interceptions by Jamie Tiernan and Eric Hubbell.

On Friday, October 27, Marion had their last game of the season in Manchester against the West Delaware Hawks.

The football game was very hard fought from start to finish. Both teams gave everything they had in this football game, but unfortunately, after a few bad breaks for the Indians, West Delaware came out on top by the score of 20-14. The Indian offense had a very strong drive on their second possession. They ran the ball and passed the ball at will until finally, Eddie Rose converted on a 12 yard run which resulted in the first score of the game. After the extra point, Marion had the lead 7-0. At the end of the first quarter, the score was 7-6, Marion had the lead. Near the end of the second quarter, Marion was in the midst of another drive, when Remington threw a 14 yard touchdown pass to Forkner. After Barkdoll's kick, Marion had the lead 14-6 going into half time. In the fourth quarter, After a Marion punt, West Delaware scored again to make the score 20-14, which ended up being the final score. Although the Indians lost the football game, they played a great game, but the ball just didn't roll their way on a few plays. Remington completed 12 of 17 passes for 153 yards, and 1 touchdown pass. Marion ended the season with a record of 5-4.



At the North Cedar Competition the Marion squad performs their pop lib. The squad placed 4th out of 10 teams.

Running For the Future

By Taylor Heim

It was a tough year for the Indians competition wise, as well as psychologically. The Boys team was poised to take the Wamac Championship trophy from the defending champs Benton Community. Marion's boys team consistently defeated not only Benton but other Wamac powerhouses such as Vinton and West Delaware. The Marion girls' team was also optimistic about their outlook despite the three time, state champion Benton girls' domination of the conference. All those hopes were lost, however, after the Wamac meet in Independence. The boys team slipped from 1st place to a head hanging 5th and the girls also finished a respectable 5th place in one of the most difficult conferences in the state. The Indians did end on a good note despite the gloomy outcome of Wamac, with several runners finishing with personal bests for the season.

Taylor Heim and Garrett Wood placed 10th and 15th respectively for the boys despite the intense competition. Although their times were not season bests, the course in Monticello was slower than others they have run on. On the girls team, Tess Putnam and Valerie Crutchly placed well.

Despite the disappointing finish to the season, Marion will be back next year with a seasoned team after losing only one senior, Taylor Heim. In addition, the girls team is looking forward to gaining three of next year's freshmen who have been running all season and dominating in junior high races. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Coach Thomason and Coach Bliss, without whom we might have never been able to "Pass everybody we could, and then one more." - Coach Thomason

Revamped Routine Earns Fourth

By: Christie Ottaway

On Saturday, October 27, the Marion Competition Squad traveled to North Cedar to perform their revamped routine. The squad had to redo their first half of their routine to make it more crowd effective and cut back almost 30 seconds. With the revamping finished, the girls performed their routine almost perfect. Stunts were well executed, the dance was performed with enthusiasm, and the cheer was well tempoed. In the final awards the squad placed 4th out of 10 teams, beating a cheer rival, Cedar Rapids Jefferson. The squad also received a bid to Nationals in Myrtle Beach.



Taylor Heim reels in Wapsie Valley's runner during the cross country invitational on Saturday at Independence. Marion placed 2nd out of 20 teams.

Marion Dance Brings Home 2nd

By Nikki Evans

On Saturday October 27th the Marion Dance Team competed in the CanAm Invitational in Stanwood, Iowa. The girls were competing with a new routine in the Senior Pom category. The girls went out on the floor and performed a near perfect routine to the large crowd.

The girls had high hopes when the awards ceremony came around. The dance team ended up placing 2nd to Davenport Assumption. Even though the team placed 2nd they still were very proud of their performance. The squad got a point total of 271 out of 300 and the first place team only got seven more points than they did. "Davenport Assumption has gotten 1st place at state the last four years and have traveled to nationals. We have only competed at Westdale. To even come that close to a squad that good is a huge confidence boost for us. I'm really proud to be on our squad," states senior Amanda Pexa.

Not only did the girls place 2nd, but they also received a bid to nationals in Myrtle Beach. It is still unknown if the girls will travel to nationals, but they do hope to compete in more competitions throughout the year. The girls hard work ethic and their dedication has really paid off as they have improved so much from the beginning of the year.

The first Marion Winter Dance Team performance will be December 7th at the basketball game.

Preparing For The Next Level

By Tony Offerman

The Marion sophomore football season had a very extouding season this year. They finished 6-3 overall, and 4-2 in conference play. Marion's three losses came against high powered football teams; Maquoketa Valley, Maquoketa, and Dewitt Central.

Marion's rushing game was lead by sophmore Mike McCue who had a total of 627 yards on 152 carries, that is an average of 4.2 yards per carry. The other leading rusher was freshman Joe Smith who had 483 yards on 83 attempts. Those yardage totals are more than most freshman that get when playing freshman football. The team ended up with 1489 yards on 317 attempts. The ground game was a very big part of the season this year with qaurterback Brock Holub hurt halfway through the season but came back the last game of the year. Brock passed for just under 400 yards and finished with 398 yards with a 41% completion rate. Holub threw for six touchdowns but also threw five interceptions.

The defense was huge this year, holding their oppents to 40 points less then them all year. The defense was lead by Jamie Bolsinger who had five interceptions and one was ran back 85 yards for a touchdown. Holub also was a big contributor to the team. He had two intecptions on defense. The team ended up with 11 picks all year. The team also recovered 9 fumbles on the year.

All in all the team played very well all season long and hope to help out on the varsity squad next fall.

Big Plays Big Part Of Freshman Success

By Troy Little

Marion's freshman football team had a pretty good season this year. They ended the season in a big way with a 3-1 record in the last four games. They began the second half of there season with the victory over Linn-Mar with a final score of 52-24. By half time the score was 39-0. After that came the victory agianst Benton. By half time of the Benton game the score was 24-0 with huge plays by Joe Smith and Jessie Carsner. Marion's freshman coach, Bruce Wiesinger, was quoted as saying " We had much improved plays, defensivly we tackled much better with great hits keeping the Indians on there toes. There were some great plays and hits from the special teams that kept the team fired up." Joe Smith was Marion's leading rusher while Jesse Carsner and Ryan Rogers anchored the defense for this solid freshman team. They ended with a 6-2 record and Marion will looking forward to seeing these great athletes in the future.

Ups & Downs Teach Sophs Character

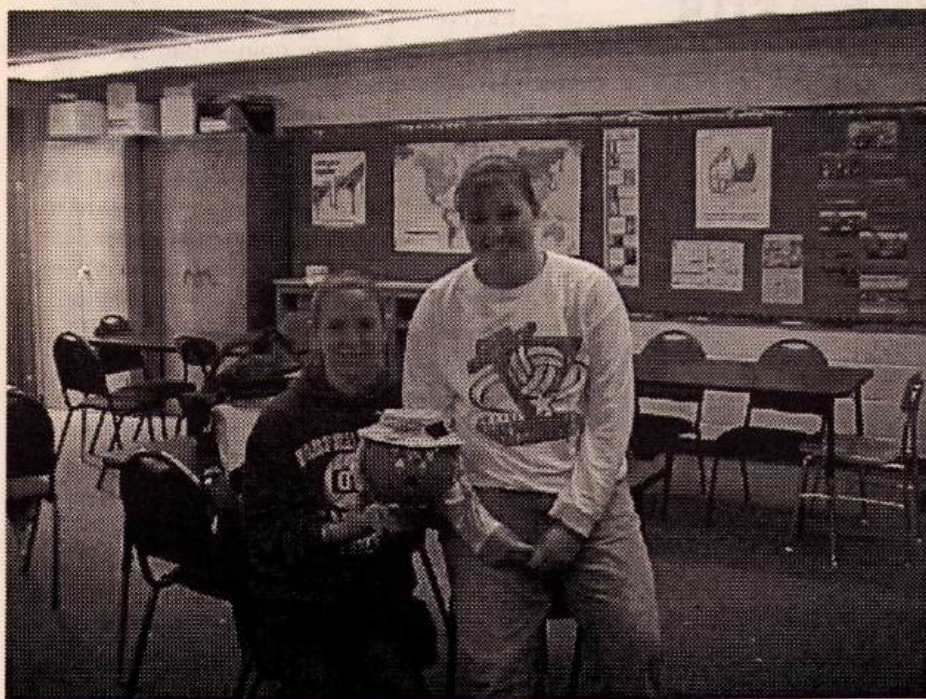
By Jami Sunderman

Although they fought hard, the sophomore volleyball season didn't fulfill their goals. The girls played well as a team, and they were coached very well. The sophomores were coached by Roxanne Paulson and Troy Becker. Mary Soldner led the team in kills with 70 and Ashley Berry wasa right behind her at 61. On the serve line, Rachel Grissom served 31 ace serves. Anna Servey chpped in with a serving average of 95.3 percent and Jenny Fager served 92.9 percent. In serve receive, Grissom also led the team by far with 128 digs. She also averaged 2.7 digs per game. The sophomore team ended their season with a record of seven wins, 12 losses, and 8 ties. These girls saw a lot of big competition in their games, and they played well against them all. Coach Roxanne Paulson quotes "I think we had a very successful season. We improved greatly and learned to play as more of a team. We were very excited to be in the top five at the CRANDIC tournament held here at Marion." The girls finished the CRANDIC in fourth place out of 10 teams.

Marion Has A Bright Future Ahead

By Jami Sunderman

Both the freshman red and gold volleyball teams ended their season with a great record. The gold team had a final match record was 21-1-4, and their game record was 46-10. The red team had a match record of 18-8-1, and an overall game record 44-23. These girls fought hard and worked well as a team. During practice, both teams asked to do certain drills that they knew would be a challenge, but that's what they were looking for. This showed the coaches that the girls just wanted to improve and they did just that. The red team was coached by Becki Embertson and the gold team by Jennifer Wenthe, while both teams had the help of Kevin Hahn. Hahn was a volunteer coach for these girls, as he also helped out the sophmore coach when he had time. In the CRANDIC, the red team tied for third place with Iowa City West, while the gold team tied for second place with Iowa City High.



Pumpkin Prizes

The journalism class sponsored a pumpkin decorating contest open to all students. Teams of two students chose a pumpkin and then decorated it according to their wishes. After serious judging, the grand prize winners were announced at the pep assembly on October 19th. Following the announcements, all the pumpkins ere donated to the residents at Crestview Acres Nursing Home.

The grand prize winners were Alyx Miskell and Alyssa Clark for their pumpkin decorated as a scarecrow girl. Other

winners were Gina Kroemer and Emily Barnd - Most Artistic; Jessica Sauer and Tess Putnam - Most Creative; Cari Laue and Trina Savard - Best MHS pumpkin; Lydia Chadek and Jenny Kruk - Most Original.

Teachers could also participate. The winners int he faculty category were Most Artistic - Ms. Duning; Most Creative - Ms. Humbert; Best Halloween - Mr. Bates.

The journlaim staff would like to thank all those who participated in the decorating contest.



Seymour Krelborn (Ben Shinrock) sings of his desire to get off Skid Row;

After the Audrey II makes Seymour famous, the street urchins (Jena Hugg, Lynsey Rogers, Leah Kinnaird, Sarah Hansen) and Mr. Mushnik (Danny Hocken) listen to one of his interviews on the radio.



by Josh Ivey

It is certainly hard to follow up a great performance like last years "Godspell" but this years musical definitely came through. This year the Marion fall musical was "Little Shop of Horrors," starring Ben Shinrock as Seymore, Kate Baumert as Audrey, Sarah Hansen, Lindsey Rogers, Leah Kinnaird, and Jenna Hugg as the four doo-wop girls, Nick Livingston as Audrey's jerk-faced boyfriend and evil dentist, Danny Hocken as Mushnik, the plant store owner, and Nick Campbell as the voice of the plant named Audrey two.

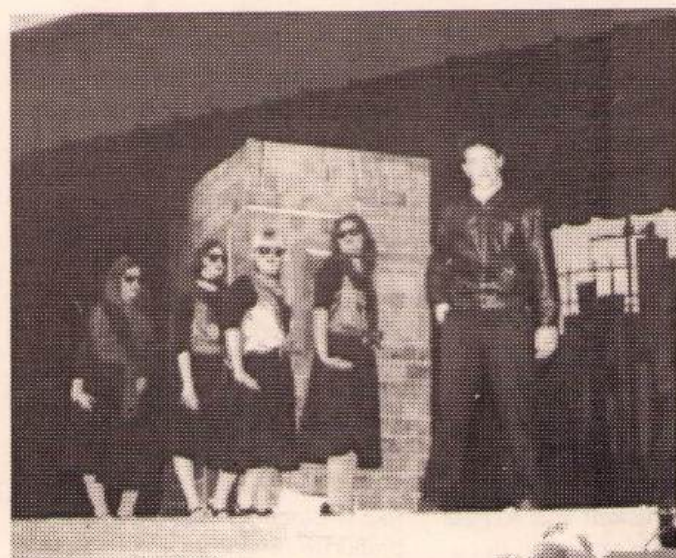
The play is based in a small plant shop located on Skid Row. Working at the plant shop are Audrey, Seymour, and Mr. Mushnik. During the play Seymore

discovers a talking Venus fly- trap and names it the Audrey II. He takes care of this plant as it becomes bigger and bigger and attracts many new customers who want to witness the plant. He soon finds that the plant feeds on blood. So the plot turns and Seymour must find a way to keep the plant fed so he can continue to be successful. Then he finds he has to contain the plant from hurting someone he cares for, and the same time try to win the love of Audrey. When asked about his feelings concerning the musical, Nick Livingston replied, "It was hilarious. I enjoyed performing and I hope that others enjoyed watching."

The musical is directed by Ms. Martin and Ms. Freese. It was performed on the nights of November 8, 9, 10 in the Marion High School auditorium.



In the song "Suddenly Seymour," Seymour professes his love for Audrey (Kate Baumert).



Orin Scrivello tries to explain his love for pain in the song "Dentist."



To protect Audrey, Seymour decides to do away with her no-good boyfriend, dentist Orin Scrivello (Nick Livingston). However, Seymour doesn't have to do anything as Orin gasses himself to death.

After the Audrey II tries to eat Audrey as his next meal, Seymour realizes what has happened. Unfortunately, Audrey dies anyway and Seymour soon joins her inside the plant.