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Feasting For the Holidays

by Jessi Knapp

On December 12, the annual holiday dinner was held for Marion students and staff. The MHS choir sang Christmas tunes as everyone enjoyed the great food that is awaited throughout the year.

The holiday dinner

that comes with it, they say that they wish they would get a little more appreciation and a few more "thank you's" from the students.

Speaking of the students, what do they enjoy most about the holiday dinner?

"The green jello"--

doesn't?"--

-Whitney Perkins

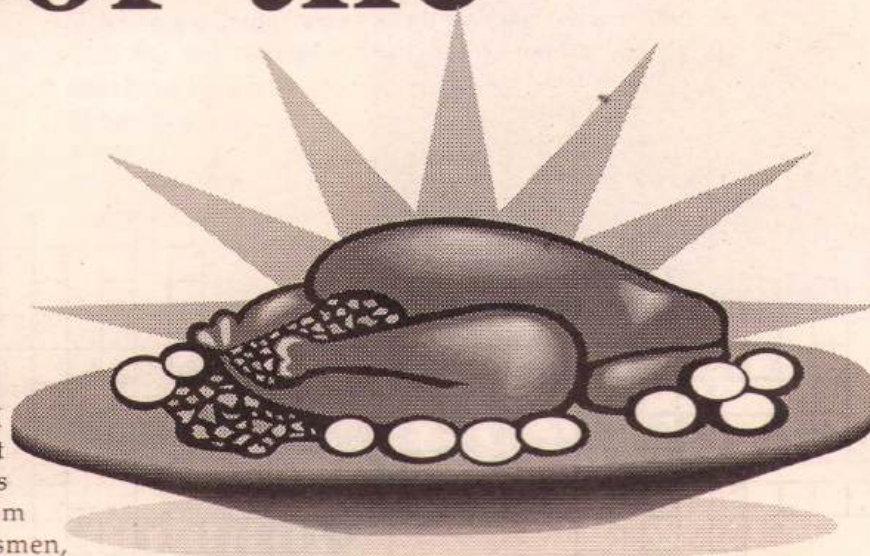
"I hear that the food is great from upperclassmen, so I hope that its

good. I think it will be a lot of fun"--Danika Johnson

As for the Seniors, it's their last year of the great holiday feast they have looked forward to for the past four years:

"I am going to miss seeing Dr. Thomas in his Santa hat"--Nick Campbell

"I won't really miss it, the only thing I'll miss when I leave are my friends. A lot of things have changed since my freshman year, and things just aren't as fun as they used to be"--Andy Balvanz



"What I'll miss the most is seeing my friends during this time of year"--Ryan Knapp

As the Holiday Dinner has past, students enjoyed all of the dishes that were served. The choir sang great, hitting every note. The students thought that this was a time to have fun, enjoy the food, and show their holiday spirit.

"The mashed potatoes and gravy were awesome"--Blake Hacker

"My favorite things were the rolls"--Taryn Hyduk

"I thought that it was good, way better than last years

dinner"--Kristin Mork

"It was really good, but I think we should get unlimited milk. The stuffing was the best"--Cari Laue

"Favorite dish? The mashed potatoes and gravy!"--Rachel Eagle

"I liked the mashed potatoes this year"--Lyndsi Clefish

"It was really good, and as the first year I've been to it, I enjoyed the food a lot. My favorite was the rolls"--Jessica Ogburn



Staff and students enjoyed the Holiday Dinner on December 12.

isn't just any meal, but a special Christmas dinner that is filled with dishes such as: turkey, stuffing, ham, potatoes, and many other favorites.

The food is great, but can you guess how long it takes the lunch ladies to cook such a large meal for all the students and staff? The lunch ladies are at school and have started to cook like crazy at 4:15 in the morning and don't stop until serving time which is 11:15. They put a lot of time and effort into the feast and love to see all of the enjoyment that comes from it, but when asked if there were any drawbacks to the meal and all of the work

Gunnar Rowe

"The mashed potatoes, I love mashed potatoes"--Josh Ivey

"There isn't really a specific dish I like most, but I'd have to say that this is best meal of the year"--Jena Hugg

Freshmen students have never been to the holiday dinner, so this will be a new experience:

"I hope there's lots of good food like mashed potatoes and turkey!"--Jon Trumpold

"I can hardly wait to have the green jello, and hope there's green bean casserole! I love that stuff, who

An Open Letter to the Students, Staff, and Community of Marion High School

Often times those of us in the teaching profession are asked why we would ever be crazy enough to go into education. When



people ask me what I plan to do when I graduate and I tell them teaching, the most common reaction is asking why on earth I would ever do something like that. They are even more surprised upon finding out I want

to teach social studies, and nearly fall over

when I tell them I enjoy working with juniors and seniors in high school. "They're the Devil's Spawn," they say. Or, "All high schoolers are evil. They're impossible to deal with." Nothing could be farther from the truth, especially here at Marion High School.

During my student teaching placement here at Marion, I have had the opportunity to work with some outstanding young people. They are bright, interested, and engaging students. Many of them will remain

Open Letter

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Marion High School's Obscure Fact Crossword

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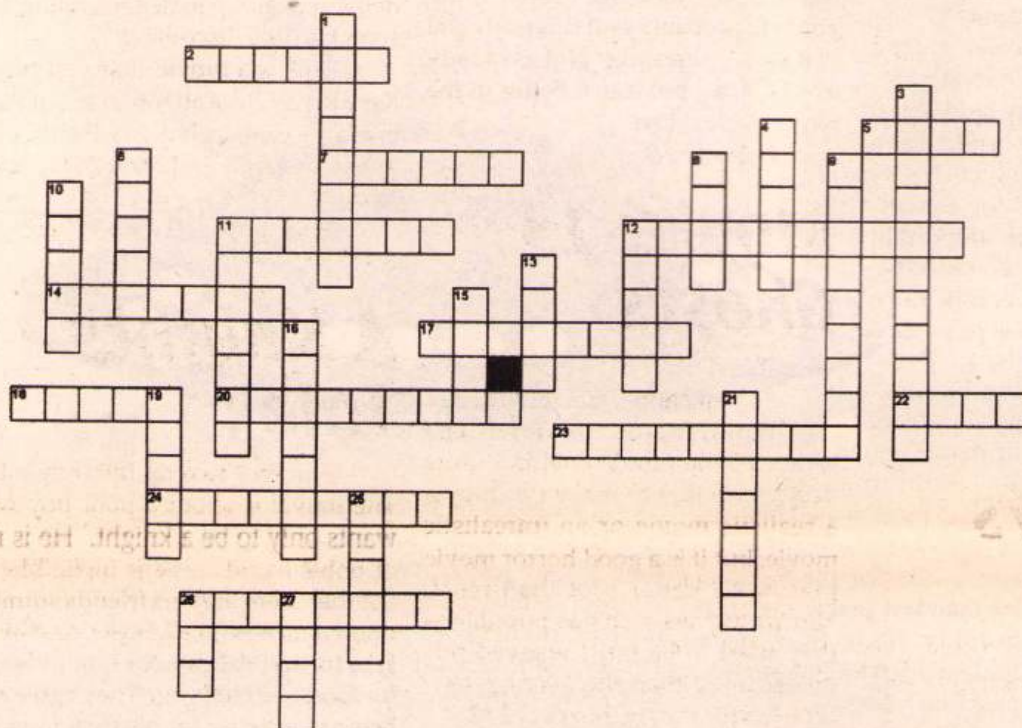
2. home of the original high school
5. cross runner that recently made academic all-state
7. the teacher nicknamed "the snowman"
11. all-American girls thrower in track
12. the teacher with a near professional bass voice, said to sing "O Holy Night" the best
14. single season homerun leader at Marion
17. all-time girls basketball leading scorer
18. 1982 was the last year the boys basketball team won this
20. last high school all-American at Marion

22. what is Mr. Immerfall's middle name

23. first all-state choir member since 1988
24. leading scorer in Marion girls soccer history
26. name of the coach who led his team to the only football state championship

Down

1. sport that won the state championship in 1980
3. leading scorer in boys basketball at Marion
4. the teacher who used to raise hedgehogs
6. computer networking class at MHS
8. boys sport that won state in 1991
9. this teacher taught here for 32 years
10. name of Mrs. Johnson's newborn
11. the teacher combination that raises horses
12. college attended by both varsity basketball coaches
13. original name of Industrial Tech
15. what organization was started 10 years ago at Marion
16. all-time steals leader in girls basketball history
19. the sport with the most state championships at Marion (first word)
21. Mr. Martin spent a year overseas in which country
25. holds the high jump record at Marion
26. number of boys in choir in 1988
27. first coach in Marion girls basketball history



Can you figure out the puzzle??? Complete the crossword and return to Ms. Martin's room 22. Prizes will be awarded.

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Doing It Ebert Style!

By Nick Livingston

I was at work one day (the Collins Road Theatre) and as I was wandering around trying to find something to do, I remembered that there were a few decent movies that I had wanted to see. As I investigated further, I found that there were a whole lot more good movies than I thought. So I decided, "Why not go to a bunch of them and help out my fellow students by letting them know how good the movies were by my standards?" I consider myself somewhat like the normal teen in the sense that I believe others might respect my opinion and maybe even make a decision on what movie to see based on my research and writing. I will do this by ranking the enjoyment of the movie using up to 4 popcorn containers (the same as stars, I just wanted to be original). I tend to higher the bar for the drama movies because I am more of comedy and action guy then anything, but when I see a good drama I make sure to give the drama its props.

Movie: Iron Monkey

Rated: PG-13

Classification: Obvious Action

Opinionated Review: If you liked Crouching Tiger you will most likely like this. Like the Hidden Dragon movie Iron Monkey has subtitles which is its biggest downfall, but it makes sure to make up for the subtitles with almost non-stop action and extremely well choreographed fighting scenes. I enjoyed this movie to the point where I hurt myself, my car, and others trying to exit the theatre the Iron Monkey way.

Popcorn Containers: 3

Movie: The One

Rated: PG-13

Classification: Obvious Action

Opinionated Review: This movie has a pretty unbelievable plot that is not completely explained but tries to cover up for it with sweet special effects. The fighting scenes are really enjoyable due to such special effects but understanding is pretty sketchy. Only go to this

movie if you have already seen Iron Monkey and are still in the mood for action.

Corny Symbols: 1 1/2

Movie: Training day

Rated: R

Classification: Drama

Opinionated Review: I can't imagine anyone not enjoying this movie. This movie is by far the best movie I saw. Denzel is brilliant as a corrupt detective and Ethan Hawke is equally as sweet as the trainee. The soundtrack is the best out right now and adds to the awesomeness. I advise anyone and everyone to go see this movie as soon as possible.

Sweetness Rating: 4

Movie: Monsters Inc.

Rated: G

Classification: Children's Comedy

Opinionated Review: Definitely a Children's movie. An interesting plot and a good cast make the movie pretty interesting but the comedy is pointed at the under 8 age group. Good physical comedy and wonderful animation are ups to the movie and this would be an excellent movie to take a young one too. It is somewhat enjoyable but not pointed at the high-school audience.

Goodness: 1 1/2

Movie: Max Keebler's Last Move

Rated: Don't Care

Classification: Not quite sure

Opinionated Review: If you think about going I pity you. This movie is by far the worst movie to come out in years. I'm not quite sure who if anyone would think this movie was funny or good. I went to the movie for about ten minutes, left, and went to Iron Monkey again.

Pictorial Rating: 0

Movie: From Hell

Rated: R

Classification: Mystery/Thriller

Opinionated Review: I really enjoyed this movie. I like Johnny Depp movies and I was somewhat interested in the Jack the Ripper mystery so I thought this movie was pretty wicked. If you have any interest in the Jack the Ripper thing you will probably find this portrayal of it very interesting. Not as bloody as 13 Ghosts but much better in the plot and storyline.

Popcorn: 3

Movie: 13 Ghosts

Rated: R

Classification: Horror/Thriller

Opinionated Review: The writer of the movie couldn't quite decide whether to make this movie a realistic movie or an unrealistic movie, but it is a good horror movie that has a better plot than most. Horror movies aren't as popular as they used to be but I enjoyed this movie more than the average teen type horror movie. Boxes: 2 1/2

On Video..

By Desiree Rouse

Exit Wounds:

This movie is number eight on the vhs top ten movie list.

The plot of the story is of a police officer who had a temperament problem and has been relocated to a different area of the city. He stumbles upon many suspicious drug dealing incidents and on his own time he begins to investigate. Soon he finds that a few of his co-workers are in on the deals, he knows that he himself cannot do anything about the matter and he has to convince his Sergeant that these activities are taking place.

This is a movie that will keep you on the edge of your seat and you can look forward to staying awake during this one.

This movie receives a rating of 9.

Blow:

This movie is number five on

the top ten list. The movie is based on the true story of a young boy named George Jung whose parents go bankrupt. He vows never to be poor in his adulthood. Him and a friend decide to start a new life by moving to California. They find that the best way to make money in California is by selling drugs. Together they become the most successful drug dealers around. Soon he's caught and he's sent to prison. After staying cooped up for 23 months he is finally released, only to catch up with his old cell mate, another major drug dealer. The two of them team up to begin dealing, but soon become discovered.

This is a movie that you might have to pay close attention to but there is a large chance that you'll either fall asleep or you'll find something better to do.

This movie receives a rating of 6.

A Knights Tale :

Number two on the movie list. The movie is about a poor boy who wants only to be a knight. He is not of noble blood so he is ineligible for the role. Him and his friends stumble upon a man who promises to make a fake birth certificate for him in return for food and clothing. They agree and begin practicing for his first jousting match. He wins and becomes the most successful jousting of all time. Everything turns around on him when he is discovered, yet he again seems to find some way around that too. In the end he is made a knight by the king so that he can continue his lifelong dream.

The movie receives a rating of 8.

It really is a good movie despite its title. The movie contains a good amount of comedy, which makes it very interesting.



Battling to be Top Dog

By Douglas Cloven and
Nick Livingston

I know what you're thinking, another article telling you why you shouldn't buy a Gamecube and why you should go out to the store and buy every X-Box accessory possible. However, from the research recorded by these two high school "vidiots", we found out it's more a matter of preference and loyalty. For instance, obviously the Playstation 2 has been out for a year longer than its counterparts: the X-Box and the Gamecube. Which is why the Playstation has an entire library made up of hundreds of PS2 games, as well as the thousands of PS1 games you can bring to your PS2 as well. It is nice for those of you who have figured out to buy a mod chip and burn as many games as you can rent. For some reason the PS2 is still priced the same as the X-Box which is saying to me "Go for the new one!" But which new one? Well let's take a look at the obvious differences first. The Gamecube is aiming mainly at the easily entertained younger crowd looking for a quick new way to play

Pokemon, Mario, and all the other genius ideas that made Nintendo a world renowned company name for gaming. Nintendo has created an absolute craving by kids 7-15, but turning away those "vidiots" looking for a game with strategies or role playing, so these people are turned more to the PS2 and X-Box. At that same time there are those who will stay true to their childhood

and PS2, it's preferred by many parents, but again, "vidiots" look more toward the PS2 and X-Box. These people are looking for their favorite characters in more exciting games. The X-Box is manufactured by Microsoft so,

on top of the \$300 you pay for the system. Or you could pay the \$200 for the Gamecube and have all you need for optimal performance, except a game. For instance the PS2 is ca-

your hip new X-Box. One feature not matched by the other's, is the X-Box's CD ripping ability. You can put your favorite CD's in the disk drive and rip your favorite songs to

games. The Nintendo used to have more an upper hand on the rest with sports games where as the PS1 had more the fantasy, and role playing. Now the X-Box has unbelievable sports graphics and realistic qualities, as well as some of the greatest Sci-Fi shooter games imaginable. Gamecube has an awesome flight simulator in the newest Star Wars game, and also the new cartoon fighting games like the new "Super Smash Bros." But if you want an awesome action game go for your PS2 there's no match to the new "Metal Gear Solid 2." So now the choice is up to you, what are you looking for? Where can you get the most games that you will enjoy? These questions I can't answer for you, I can only point you in the right direction of what you prefer.



friend, Nintendo. Since the Gamecube is \$100 cheaper than the X-Box

of course, there's about \$200 worth of wires, controllers, chips and memory cards to improve your game play

pable of playing DVD's. The X-Box is also capable, however, you must first buy a chip to plug into your console and a controller before you can watch Saving Silverman on

the X-Box's 10 gig's of hard drive space and listen to them while playing your games. So now you know about the features let's talk about

Where's the Snow?????

by Eric Allan

I know pretty well what I do during the winter, but I thought it would be a good idea to see what other people do. So I made up some questions and asked people right here at Marion High School what it is they like to do during the winter. Below are some of the questions I asked and responses.

What is your favorite thing to do in the winter?

- "Eat Snow."
-Pete Messerli
"Ski down hills in a bathtub."
-Aaron Doubet
"Our annual Christmas party."
-Ashleigh Derby and Danika Johnson

What sports do you do during winter?

- "Wrestling because it is the sport for a real man."
-Jon Trumpold
"Indoor soccer."
-Eric Hubbell and Dustin Clair
"Basketball."
-Josh Ivey

What is your favorite place to sled or ski?

- "Sundown Mountain."
-Zach Kerton
"Backyard."
-Gunnar Rowe
"Woodpecker Hill."
-Wade Burrell.

What is something crazy that you did or that happened to you last winter?

- "I jumped snowbanks with Ryan Allan in his car (Christine)."
-Brett Kane

- "I fell through the ice at Lake Delhi."
-Trent Fish

What do you do when school is canceled because of a blizzard?

- "Sit at home, watch TV and eat junk food."
-Chelsea Dirks

- "Go back to bed and watch a movie. I like to stay in my pajamas late, hang out with someone or go to the mall but mostly stay in PJs for a while."

-Señora Rinaldi-Walsh

- "Go sledding and shovel snow."
-Brock Holub

What is the coolest thing you have ever made out of snow?

- "A snow-caterpillar."
-Christie Ottaway
"An iced-over snow ramp."
-Brad Young
"A werewolf."
-Jess Leverett
"A snowball."
-Rob Griffith



It's Christmas Time Again!

by Lindsee McGaffic

As always, Christmas seems to be the most exciting time of the year. Everyone is looking forward to waking up and opening those presents first thing Christmas morning. Not everyone likes the presents that they get, but that is only because most parents don't know what kind of things their teenager wants. What are we going to do when we get a present we just don't like - look mom or dad in the eye and say "I don't like it?" No, of course not. We probably look at mom and say, "Oh, it's great," but on the inside we are thinking, "Oh, my! Where did this come from?" Well that's why we decided to ask what kinds of things people want for Christmas this year and boy did we get a helpful response.....

- "Cell phone"- Jen Garman
"A pony"- Eddie Rose
"Coal in my stocking"- Jimmy Heslop
"CD player for my car"- Mike McCue, Kristy Sauerbry
"Miniature horse"- Gabe Warrick
"New cd player"- Cory Cosman
"Car"- Jamie Tiernan
"New set of golf clubs"- Dr. Thomas
"New tires"- Chelsea Dirks
"Anything as long as I get something"- Travis Buitron
"My two front teeth"- Desiree Rouse
"Playstation 2"- Spencer Dirks

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**Name: Pete
Messerli**

Age: 18
Activity: Basketball
Season Thrill:
Beating Linn-Mar
on their court.
Past Season

Memory: Making a shot at the buzzer to help us beat Alburnett last year.
Starting Out: Playing YMCA basketball and playing in my driveway.
Advice for Newcomers: Have fun, always go 100%, trust and respect your coaches and teammates.
Favorite Weekend Memory: Going to the PGA Championship in Medinah, Illinois. I got to see Tiger Woods who eventually won the tournament.
Favorite Food: Pizza
If you could do anything what would it be? Be on the PGA Tour.
Biggest Influence: My parents.
College/Future Plans: I plan on attending a four year college where I can play either football, basketball, or golf.



**Name: Nikki
Evans**

Age: 17
Activity: Dance
Team
Season Thrill: Making all-stars at camp.

Past Season Memory: The time Desiree and I were accused of being late to practice because we were "interviewing" some guys.
Starting Out: 8th grade cheerleading
Advice for Newcomers: Don't give up easily, things will happen, stay tough, and get over it.
Favorite Weekend Memory: The time Desiree, Jessie, and I wanted to stay out late with these guys so we all said we were spending the night at a friend's house. The time ended up being 1:30 a.m., 10 degrees, and no place for us to stay. We were going to sleep in her car, but we would have died. We ended up calling Desiree's grandma and stayed with her.
Favorite Food: Cold cheese pizza
Favorite Saying: "It's time to ride"
If you could do anything what would it be? Go to Michigan and watch my friend Dave play hockey.



**Name:
Rachel
Eagle**

Age: 17
Activity: Basketball
Season Thrill:
When I made my

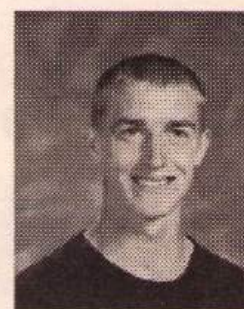
first three-pointer ever against Independence.
Past Season Memory: Making a last second shot to beat Prairie by one point last year.
Starting Out: 2nd grade I played YMCA basketball and was on the Blue Devils.
Advice for Newcomers: Believe in yourself, there is nothing you can't do.
Favorite Weekend Memory: Sleepovers at Kristin Mork's house.
Favorite Food: Bagels and cream cheese.
Favorite Saying: "SLAM"
If you could do anything what would it be?: Skydiving
Biggest Influence: My parents.
College/Future Plans: I plan to attend a four year university to study either criminology or law.



**Name: Jana
Bradley**

Age: 18
Activity: Basketball
Season Thrill:
Beating South Tama
at home.
Past Season
Memory: Getting a

technical called on me for accidentally kicking a girl.
Starting out: I played in school leagues when I was young and then started playing AAU in 5th grade.
Advice for Newcomers: Work hard at the things you decide to do and stay dedicated.
Favorite Weekend Memory: The late nights at Tegan's making the smoke detector go off at 3 a.m.
Favorite Food: Pasta
Favorite Saying: "Regina, Regina, Regina, Christina, Christina, Christina, Misdemeanor, Misdemeanor, Misdemeanor."
Biggest Influence: My parents
College/Future Plans: Undecided



**Name: Nick
Campbell**

A.K.A. "The Deer"
Age: 17
Activity: Basketball
Season Thrill: Coming back at Linn-Mar and scoring 20 in the second half.

Past Season Memory: When Pete hit the winning basket to beat Alburnett.
Starting Out: Playing basketball against my brother.
Advice for Newcomers: Work your tails off.
Favorite Weekend Memory: Going out to Perkins after the Linn-Mar game with the team.
Favorite Food: Anything that doesn't taste bad.
Favorite Saying: "Rabid goat skills"
If you could do anything what would it be? Either go deep sea fishing or scuba diving.
Biggest Influence: My family.
College/Future Plans: Go to college and hope to play basketball.



**Name: Troy
Little**

Age: 18
Activity: Wrestling
Season Thrill:
Winning the
Mount Vernon
Invitational

Past Season Memory: Winning the Williamsburg tournament
Starting Out: I have been wrestling since I was in preschool
Advice for Newcomers: Start young and always go as hard as you can. Set strong goals and learn from your mistakes.
Favorite Weekend Memory: My friends and I at State Wrestling.
Favorite Food: When I am cutting weight it doesn't matter.
Favorite Saying: "What would you do if..."
If you could do anything what would it be? I would be a transformer.
Biggest Influence: My dad for sure, he has always pushed me to be the best I can. Thanks, Dad luv ya.
College/Future Plans: I don't know yet. I'm thinking about being a bum.



Name: Andy Balvanz

Age: 17
Activity: Wrestling
Season Thrill: That one time I found a dollar walking to

practice in the band hall.

Past Season Memory: That time Wycoff wrestled a guy from Wash and he killed him, funny stuff.

Starting Out: I have been wrestling since preschool.

Advice for Newcomers: Don't do freestyle walking tricks off of the wrestling room walls, it ----- off the coaches.

Favorite Weekend Memory: The nights we hung out at Jimmy's house. That and playing GTA3 in my attic with everyone.

Favorite Food: Mashed potatoes and gravy and corn.

Favorite Saying: "Beeyah! Beeyah!"- Jacob Blazek.

If you could do anything what would it be? Fly to the clouds and square dance with angles. Then I would fly to a magical gnome village and square dance with them.

Biggest Influence: My biggest influence is Raekwon from the Wu-Tang Clan. He can rap w/ the best of them. I rap a lil myself. Listen to this: Yo, what's up!? My name is Andy B. And I love Cheese. Look at me wrong and I break yo knees!

Word

College/Future Plans: I am going to UNI to major in Art (Graphic Design)



Name: Douglas Cloven

Age: 17
Activity: Basketball
Season Thrill: Beating Linn-Mar

Past Season Memory: Beating South Tama last year at home.

Starting Out: I started in kindergarten at the YMCA and I've been playing ever since.

Advice for Newcomers: Don't be surprised if you aren't amazing from the beginning.

Favorite Weekend Memory: I don't generally do anything on weekends.

Favorite Food: Nachos

Favorite Saying: The right thing at the wrong time is the wrong thing.

If you could do anything what would it be? Build a teleportation device so I could teleport to see my girl friend without an hour and a half of driving.

Biggest Influence: I have a lot of influences, but if I had to pick it would be my pastor, Stan Wierson.

College/Future Plans: Get my undergraduate degree in Theology at St. Ambrose University, then going to Seminary to become a pastor.



Name: Justin Sperry

Age: 17
Activity: Wrestling
Season Thrill: Winning the team title at the Mount Vernon Invitational,

it was the first time we've won that tournament in ten years.

Past Season Memory: Winning the West Delaware tournament last year. It was my very first tournament win in high school.

Starting Out: I went to little kids tournaments all the time. It all started in kindergarten.

Advice for Newcomers: "Don't ever be denied of your goals. Work as hard as possible and always believe in yourself."

Favorite Weekend Memory: Going to Europe with friends and chillin with my boyz.

Favorite Food: Anything I can get my hands on. I prefer steak or Mexican food.

Favorite Saying: "Bling, Bling"

If you could do anything what would it be? Travel the world and never have to work. That includes being rich.

Biggest Influence: My parents, I couldn't have achieved anything without their support. I love you mom and dad.

College/Future Plans: Go to the University of Iowa to major in Business.

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Biggest Influence: Michael Jackson, because he has all the moves!

College/Future Plans: Winona State University for four years majoring in Pre-Law, then graduate school somewhere. Then I'm going into the FBI... don't laugh.

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MEMO:

The French four students have been teaching each other units that they could choose from including soccer, clothing, Christmas, theater, music, and the park. They got the chance to make up their own assignments and quizzes. They learned a lot from the lessons as well as from teaching them.

The Fellowship Group

On Friday mornings, at 7:30, a group of Christian students meet to talk about the week and pray in Mrs. Wikert's room.

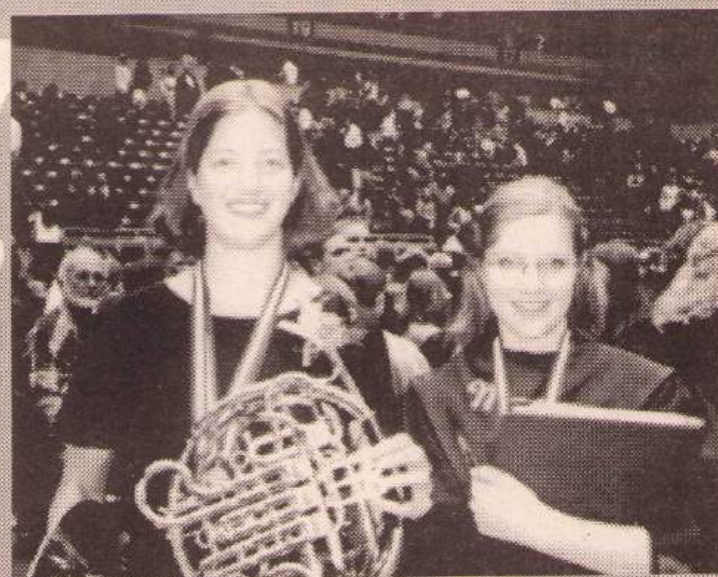
I'm sick because. . .

During the week of November 27th Marion High School had a high number of absences due to the flu bug. Rumors were flying that there was food poisoning, but that proved to be false when students had to fill out a questionnaire asking them what they had eaten the previous day. Most students are becoming sick because of the recent weather change.



A new sound system has been installed at the football field.

- ☐ American Government students have recently gone through a "mock" election in which groups were to get together a name for their political party, a flyer, a speech and even a commercial. Each group also got to "dig up" some fake rumors and secrets to get a little inner-class mud slinging going. All in all, it was an interesting experience. Fun videos to watch promoting certain students with different topics that they believed in helped them win the election. At the end of the activity the class thought to elect a representative for the class and the school. The results were fun, no one's feelings were hurt, and in the process we learned something about the campaigning that goes on in the
- ☐ real government.



Stephanie Law and Crystal Schneider performed in the All-State Festival in Ames the week before Thanksgiving.

co Academy

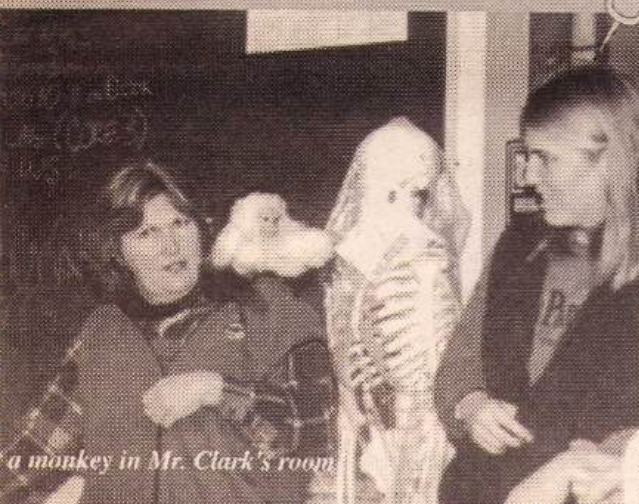
Networking Academy and Wood college are sponsoring a class at the high school this year. The class gives students the opportunity of computer networking. This is the first year, this is special because they had to and wire a new computer that future Cisco classes have a place to study and art in labs.



Iowa State won the football game; Mr. Ferguson lost the bet with Mr. McLaughlin and had to wear a SU sweatshirt for a day.

Gray Teamers:

The Varsity Girls basketball team has 12 members of the male gender. The Indians are improving daily with the aid of 12 guys who go to practice once a week to scrimmage against the ladies. Seeing new abilities, height, and quickness helps improve the ladies skills.



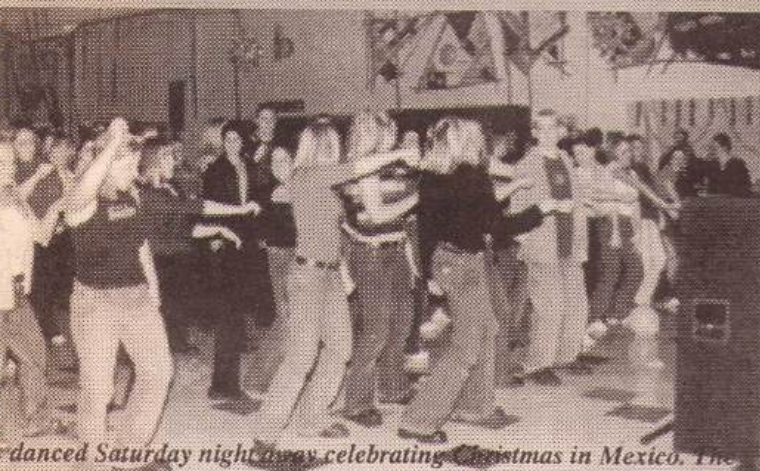
a monkey in Mr. Clark's room

MEMO:

This year's annual Creative Ink writing contest was held during the end of November. Due to the enthusiastic response by so many, the Creative Ink writing contest was extended for another week. There were two different categories that students could compete in: Poetry and Short Story. The top three students in each category would be recognized and would receive a Barnes and Noble gift certificate.

The winners for Poetry are as follows: 1st-Nick Gray, 2nd-Rachel McCallum, 3rd-Ragina Kroemer. The winners in the Short Story category are as follows: 1st-Sarah Whited, 2nd-Kate Baumert, 3rd-Meghan Redd. These winners each received a gift certificate for different amounts depending what place they finished.

Overall this years participation in the Creative Ink contest was up to 25 participants. According to Mr. Ferguson, the quality of the poems and stories were excellent.



danced Saturday night away celebrating Christmas in Mexico. The was a fundraiser for the Spanish trip.

Mrs. Shultz Has the Trip of a Lifetime

by Andy Balvanz

On November 11th, Mrs. Shultz went on a three week trip to Tokyo, Japan. She left the 11th and stayed in San Francisco, California. Then she left there on the 12th and was in Tokyo eleven hours and twenty minutes later. That's a long time to be in a plane. That is like almost 23 episodes of Full House or the Fresh

Prince of Bel-Aire. She stayed in Tokyo for seven days, flew to Hiroshima for a day, and went by bus to Masuda. On the 27th she went back to Tokyo for three days and came back to Cedar Rapids.

When Mrs. Shultz was asked what the economy was like in Japan she said, "They say they are in a depression but the people were

well-dressed and the shopping areas were crowded."

Mrs. Shultz went to Japan on a big study group of 200 teachers from all over the country. About 2,000 applications were submitted from teachers around the country explaining how they would use what they learned. Each state had some representatives come including 2 from Iowa.

The main goal while visiting Japan was to learn more about the Japanese people and their culture. When asked what she learned, Mrs. Shultz said that the Japanese are very law abiding individuals. The teachers said that the only real problem that they ever have to worry about is when a student doesn't properly greet a teacher or if their shirt

isn't tucked in. But Mrs. Shultz told us that they were treated like royalty. They really respect teachers and love Americans. The students also have a very clean lifestyle at school. All the students clean the whole school after lunch and they also keep the school very cold. They don't turn on the heat unless the temperature is below 45 degrees.

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in this area and serve as the leaders of this community. Some may drift away to other parts of Iowa or leave the state altogether. Regardless, wherever they go, they will be successful. I wish all of you the best of luck wherever that strange and winding road we call life may take you. Thank you all.

I would also like to thank the administration, faculty, and staff of Marion High School for making this opportunity possible. To Dr. Jacobson, Dr. Thomas, Mr. Ehresman, and the school board I thank you for opening up and hosting myself and other student teachers in your building. To the staff, thank you for making me feel so welcome and really making me feel a part of the team. And finally, thank you to Mr. Messerli for turning his class over to me and giving me the freedom to sink or swim on my own. I would like to think that I at least kept my head above water, even if I didn't necessarily win a Gold Medal in the butterfly. Thank you for all the guidance you have provided me.

As my time here comes to a close, I can't help but look back on the short period I spent at Marion. They say you don't really learn anything about teaching until you finally student teach and have a classroom. That is 100% accurate. I have learned more here than I could in any education class in college. Hopefully you all have learned as much from me as I have from you. One of those things I've learned is humility. There is little more humbling experience than spilling coffee everywhere in front of 30 high school seniors. As humbling of a profession as teaching is, it is all-the-more rewarding. To see young people become interested in learning and become active participants in their own learning are what we all strive for in teaching yet still exciting to see and be a part of.

Once again, thank you to Marion High School. Wherever my own winding road of life decides to take me, I shall always remember and cherish my days here. I would love and encourage all of you to stay in touch. I shall be around at least through this school year to check up on you. Probably the biggest compliment I can give you all is that I would love to teach here some day. Until then, I wish the best of luck to all of you and hope you all go on to have a good year.....wait, not too good (those who have had me in class will know what it means).

Sincerely and respectfully,

Mr. Travis Wilson



Mrs. Shultz helps a young Japanese student paint a picture of a leaf found outside. All the students really appreciated all the help the teachers provided.



Here is Mrs. Shultz as she demonstrates her potter's wheel skills with a Japanese art instructor. Even though the Japanese potter's wheel is less advanced as our's here in art class, they can still make pot's just as good.

Activities Update

by Meggan Carter

Many exciting and different things have been happening in MHS activities.

CHOIR:

On Nov. 6, all choir members went to Independence High School for WaMaC.

MHS students went with eight other schools. Marion performed first out of all the schools and many people agree that it was successful. Mrs. Freese said, "It was nice for Marion to go first in performing. I was proud of every single student who was up there."

Over the past month choir has split up into two groups. A mixed choir and a Women's' Choir named Cantoeri. They split because so much participation occurred this year. About one hundred and twenty people joined choir. Mrs. Freese was very happy with all the participation, but she thought it would go a lot smoother if the choir split into smaller ensembles. This has offered the students a more individualized approach to musical rehearsal. This will also make the performances better to be heard throughout the year. The splitting was also dictated by 4 by 4 block scheduling.

The next concert to be heard by the two choirs will be Dec 17 and will feature the band, Cantoeri, and concert chorale.

Also, many fund raisers have been going around the music department to pay off the choir robes that the choir got last year. Some of the fund raisers were selling Christmas Greenery, selling apple pies at Hy-Vee and selling Christmas CDs. All together from all three of the fund raisers, lots of money was collected. Also, a donor gave MHS \$5000 to go towards the robe fund!! That donation and all other ones really helped out with paying off the robes. A great effort was made throughout the choir.

BAND

Band has been doing

well! They also had WaMaC a little bit ago. There are two bands - a freshman/ sophomore band and a junior/ senior band. They both went to WaMaC and performed well. A total of 25 people participated and represented MHS well.

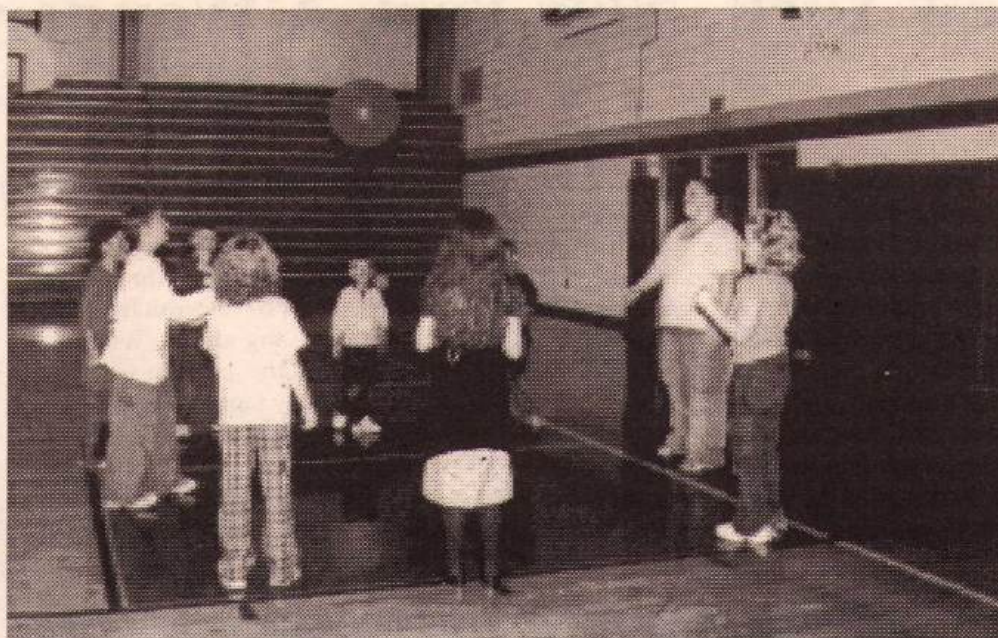
There are six people in the honor band (NEIBA). They are: Amelia Warner on the flute, Jessi Scheer/ Kristen Curtis on the clarinet, Sarah Whited/ Lynsey Rogers on the trombone, and Gavin Wright on the tuba. They all performed in Oelwein on Dec 1 and it was a success!

FBLA

FBLA has been having many meetings about different things. There were a total of 65 members as of November 19. At their last meeting they were talking about fund-raisers they could do. The Tom Wat fundraiser was done to help the members raise money for the conference at the US Cellular Center, which is to be held in early April. They were also planning community service. One idea they had is a Holiday Fun Afternoon which was on Saturday, Dec 15 from 12:30- 3:30. It was a time that parents could drop off their kids to get Christmas shopping done without the hassle of having their little ones by their side. Proceeds will go to sponsor fruit baskets and gifts for needy families.

NHS, SODA, Student Senate

National Honor Society, Student Senate, and SODA sponsored the Holiday Food and Gift Drive. This year they decided to have three ways that people could take part in the holiday spirit of giving. They could either donate nonperishable food items, donate a present that was chosen off the "Giving Tree" or sign up to win a chance to throw a pie in the face of a teacher during the January pep assembly.



FBLA sponsored a Saturday fun day for kids on December 15th. Parents could drop off their children for two hours. The parents had two hours for shopping and the kids had fun at the high school. Heather Ottaway was one of the FBLA members who worked.

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New York, New York A Wonderful Town - Part II-

by Christie Ottaway

Starting the day off at the Cedar Rapids airport, we found that our plane never made it in from Des Moines the night before due to fog. Not only did this delay us for our flight to Chicago, it would delay our flight to New York as well. After spending a long and boring five and a half hours in the CR terminal, our flight was FINALLY ready for us to board. Once in Chicago, we took off in dead sprint down the O'Hare airport to catch our next plane, thus including knocking over small children and getting odd looks

from civilians, Nikki and I found that we missed our connecting flight by a whopping four minutes. Finally arriving in New York at five o'clock, we looked on in amazement. Driv-

ing through New York in a tour bus, we were able to see many of the places New York is known for. Our hotel, the New York Hilton and Towers, was a great spot for famous people, including Ben Affleck.

Throughout the week we had many fun experiences. Thus including hours and hours of shopping with every girl spending hundreds of dollars. Our shopping was all around New York, including 5th Avenue, Canal Street, Macy's, and many shops along the streets. Macy's was also a hot spot for celebs, where Tommy Hilfiger was promoting his teen line of clothes. Everywhere you turned you would see vendors trying to sell things, watches, purses, clothes, pictures, you name it you would probably find in on the streets.

Along with all the shopping, we were able to catch a Broadway show, whether it be AIDA or Lion King. These shows were probably one of the best features of the trip. The Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular was also a highlight. Here we were treated with many skits and the Rockettes.

Also there were many practices and rehearsals scheduled for the 650 participants. These rehearsals took place in our hotel, in a large parking lot in New Jersey, and in Herald Square. Rehearsals could take up to eight hours a day, and many changes were made to the routine. Changes would be made up until the day before our nationally televised routine. Our instructor was not only pushy, she was rude, calling girls names and making us feel like we were nothing. This only

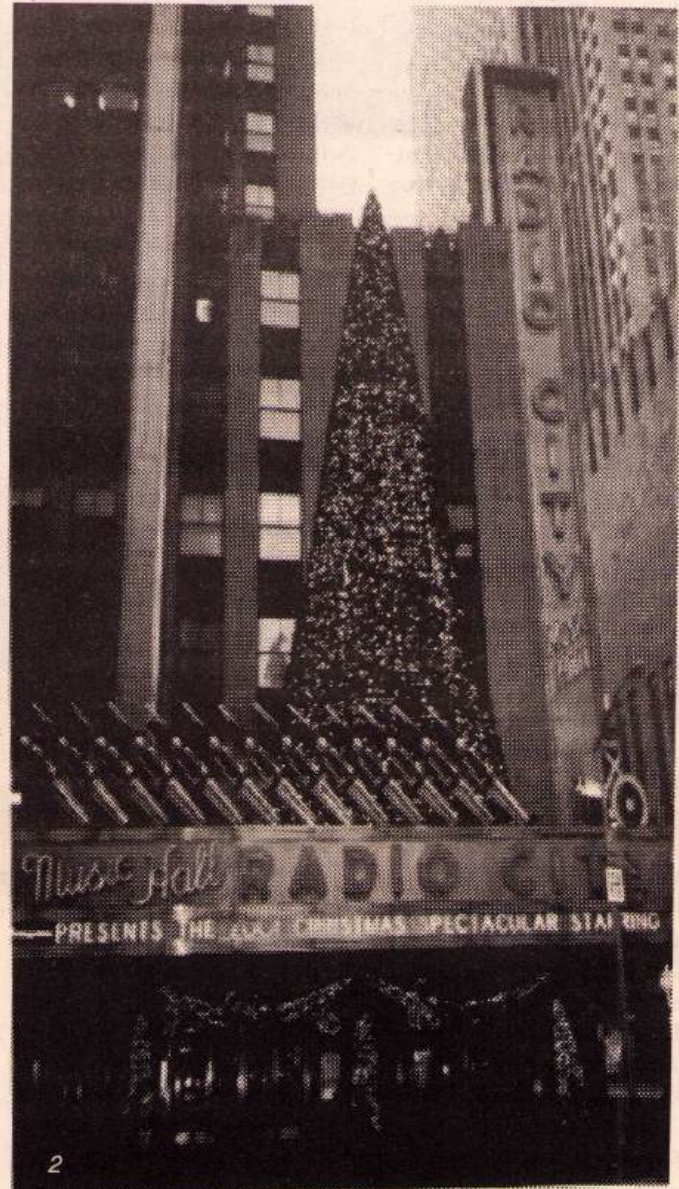
pushed us harder to show her that we were ready to perform on Thanksgiving.

Thursday was the big day. All 650 girls had to be ready by five o'clock in the morning so we could have breakfast and a rehearsal before the big show. When we were lining up for the parade we were shocked by how many famous people were actually in it. Usher, Billy Gilman, Charlotte Church, Billy Ray Cyrus, O-Town, LMNT, Boys to Men, the cast of Scrubs, the cast of Days of Our Lives, the cast of Sesame Street, and many others lined up and cheered along



with us. Walking along the New York Streets, millions of people were screaming and doing cheers along with the performers.

Once reaching Herald Square everything seemed to go by fast. The two and a half minute routine seemed like it only lasted a total of 30 seconds. One week of adventure and great experiences all came to an end after the performance. We would have to leave everything and everyone who we became friends with, yet we will never forget the memories and good times we shared.



1. Christie and Nikki take time for a picture since they hardly saw each other during the trip.

2. The famous Radio City Music Hall is where the Rockettes perform.

3. Times Square is one of the busiest places full of theaters, billboards, and ads.



Marion Wrestlers Off To An Impressive Start

By: Tony Offerman

December 1, opened up the wrestling season for everyone. Marion traveled to West Delaware for the Hawk Invitational and took home third place. That third is very impressive considering the caliber of teams that were there. West Delaware, which took home first, Linn-Mar, second, C.R. Washington, fourth, New Hampton, fifth, Decorah, sixth, Waterloo East, seventh, and Edgewood-Colesburg, eighth. For the team to place that high in the tournament is very, very impressive.

The team advanced four wrestlers to the finals and grabbed one championship. Aaron Conway, champion at 119, had a very impressive meet recording a 9-5 dominating win in the finals. The other wrestlers were freshmen Kody Blazek, lost 15-6 to fourth ranked Adam Baumgartner at 112, senior captions Justin Sperry, lost to fifth ranked Edgar Haynes 9-1, and Troy Little, lost to fifth ranked Blake Livingood 8-4. Jake Blazek and Aaron Doubet placed third with very impressive wins. Marion's fourth place winners 160-pounder Andy Balvanz, and 189-pounder Wes Waters.

Marion was helped with points by lots of extra points by pin fall or major decisions. The team was leading by 7 points after the first round of the meet and didn't fall lower than fourth place the whole meet. Coach Bruce Weisinger said, "It was a good first meet for the team. Several wres-

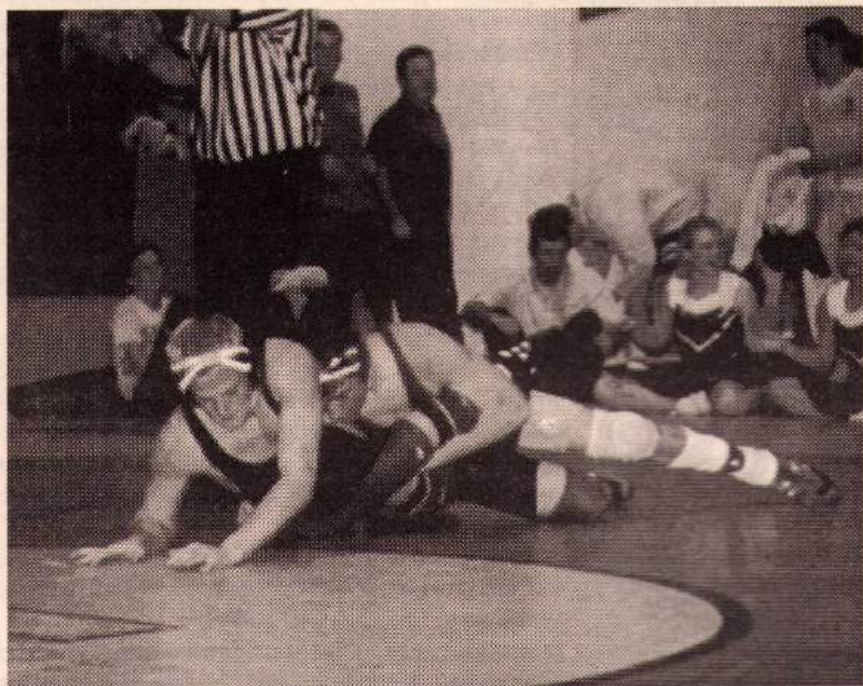
tlers had outstanding days. We will look to build from this in the rest of the season."

On Thursday December 6, the Marion Indian wrestling team traveled to West Delaware for a double dual against West D. and South Tama. The team lost both duals. In the dual meet losses, they performed extremely well. Marion wrestled South Tama first and lost 10 matches. Three of the four losses were by less than two points. Jeff Shinrock and Troy Little lost in overtime. The four wins were by Aaron Doubet, Kody Blazek, Aaron Conway, and Andy Balvanz. The meet score was 48-23.

The second dual meet was also lost to West Delaware 39-26. The team started out behind but put on the after burners and caught up to West Delaware with huge wins by Kody Blazek and Aaron Conway. Kody beat Adam Baumgartner, Baumgartner beat Kody on Saturday. Kody's win got the Indians fired up and won 3 of the next four matches. That's all the closer the meet would get. Marion still wrestled really good and both meets were closer than the score would show.

On Saturday December 8, Marion traveled to Mount Vernon and took home the team championship. It has been a long time the team has been close to winning that tournament. The Indians brought 10 wrestlers and all placed higher than fourth place. That gave the Indians all the

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Troy Little takes down his opponent at the West Delaware tourney. Troy placed 3rd at 152 lbs..

Shooting For Victory- Looking To Net First Winning Season Since '90-'91

Varsity Boys Basketball off to Fast Start

BY PETE MESSERLI

On Tuesday, November 27, the Marion Indians varsity boys basketball team opened their season with a non conference home game against Alburnett. Marion led the game from start to finish and won by a final score of 66-52. "We started and finished well but we lost our focus in the second and third quarters,"

points, 20 points coming in the big second half. Other top scorers for the Indians were Cloven and Pete Messerli with 14 points, and Chas Raeside had 9.

On Monday, December 3, the Monticello Panthers came to town to face Marion. Most of the ball game was played evenly between both teams. At halftime Marion was ahead 25-21. The third quarter was very close. There were several lead



Nick Campbell shoots for three against Linn-Mar. Nick's second half point total helped Marion defeat their crosstown rival.

said Coach Laube. Leading scorers for Marion were Nick Campbell with 22 points, Doug Cloven with 14, and Dan Thomas had 13 points.

On Saturday, December 1, the Indians had their first road game of the season, traveling across town to face their rival, the Linn-Mar Lions.

In the first half, Marion was outplayed and out hustled. Linn-Mar dominated and took a lead of 32-21 into halftime. However, the second half was a different half and a different story. Marion wasted no time coming back. They went on a 16-1 run to open the third quarter and took a 37-33 lead. Linn-Mar stayed with the Indians through the third quarter, trailing 45-42 heading into the fourth. Marion was too much down the stretch. In the fourth quarter the Indians outran the Lions and pulled away with the game. Marion outscored Linn-Mar 26-12 in the fourth quarter and 50-22 in the second half. The Indians won by a score of 71-54 to move their record to 2-0. Marion's Nick Campbell was the game's high scorer with 22

changes throughout the quarter. In the fourth quarter Marion slowly started to pull away. They had a lead of eight points but then Monticello cut the lead in half to four points. Marion exploded for a 17-6 run and finished the game with a 64-48 victory to move their record to 3-0. Jamie Bolsinger lead the team in scoring with 19 points, Campbell had 16.

On Friday, December 7, the Indians traveled to Gilbertville to face the Don Bosco Dons in their first WAMAC conference game of the season. In a game plagued by fouls, the Indians found a way to win. Marion lead the whole game due to their hot shooting from the field. Marion won by a final score of 82-64 to move to 4-0 overall and 1-0 in the conference. Throughout much of the first half, Marion held a double digit lead before Don Bosco cut the lead to 38-30 at halftime. The Indians came out in the second half and pulled away with the game. High

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Playing Larger Than Life

By Kristen Osborn

This year marks the 30th Anniversary for Marion Girls' Basketball. The team hopes to continue the Marion winning tradition and finish with a winning season. Their goals are to finish in the top three of the conference and win a tournament game. Third year Varsity Coach Gaffney-Paige said, "I hope to instill a love of the game of basketball and develop the players' abilities." The team has a tough schedule ahead of them, but they will work hard to achieve their goals. Even though the Indians lack the size and post play, each girl plays an aggressive role. They will have to be ready for every game because there will be no easy game.

The Varsity Girls' Basketball team started off the season on the right foot by winning the Anamosa Tournament. They shut out Springville 40-24 on Monday, November 19, and defeated Clayton Ridge on Tuesday, 62-48.

The varsity girls opened up conference play against West Delaware at Manchester, on Friday, November 30. Jana Bradley scored close to half of the team's total 37 points, scoring 17 with two three-pointers. The Indians lost to the Hawks 37-58.

On, Monday, December 3, the Indians hosted the varsity guys and girls doubleheader against Monticello. The team lost 46-54. Rachel Eagle led the team adding in 13 points.

After losing two straight games, the Indians decided it was time to step it up and not let another one slip by. They took on the Mustangs at home on Tuesday, December 4. The score was 17-16 at halftime until the Indians fired up and got on a roll outscoring Independence 40-21 in the second half defeating them 57-37. Sophomore, Tina Lujan, had an outstanding 14 rebounds which contributed to her double-double as well as 10 points.



Jana Bradley goes for a steal against Monticello. The girls have rebounded from this early season loss and seem to have found their winning ways.

Frosh Girls Looking Good

By Sara McGrew

The freshman girls basketball team is off to a great start this season. The team has played with energy and enthusiasm and it shows on and off the court. With a record of 2-1, the girls are showing that they know the game of basketball quite well.

On November 27, 2001, the 9th grade team played a hard game at Benton Community and defeated the Bobcats 41-40. They played with heart and didn't get down on themselves, causing them to overpower Benton and win.

Two days later after they beat Benton, the Indians hosted their first game of the season against our rival school, Linn-Mar. The game started off a little shaky, but at the end of the first half the score was 16-15, in favor of Marion. They came back from halftime with a bunch of heart, but the game didn't go the way they wanted it to. The freshmen ended up taking their first defeat of the season with a final score of 18-41. They showed heart and played with intensity. Leading scorers were Alyssa Clark, with 6 points, Kali Schoon and Rachel Grissom, both with 4 points. Alyx Miskell played tough defense down underneath the basket.

On December 3, 2001, the Indians won against West Delaware at home 31-25. They played great and deserved the win.

The next stop was Don Bosco on Friday, December 7. The Indians slipped by the Dons 47-45. Jana Bradley contributed 19 points with 10 steals.

A week later the Indians took on Maquoketa Valley at home on Thursday, December 13. With Maquoketa Valley leading 35-24 at halftime the Indians never got any closer. The Indians were

defeated 72-43. Sarah Soldner had a game-high adding 13 points.

Defending South Tama's tall posts was key to clinching the victory over the Trojans on Friday, December 14. Tied at halftime the Indians pulled away taking good shots, shooting 44% from the field and outscoring South Tama 57-40. The Indians played excellent team ball and everyone had something to contribute to the win. Jana Bradley had 18 points followed by Tina Lujan with 16. The Indians are now 5-3 overall and 3-1 in the conference.

Striving for Victory

by Josh Immerfall

Every morning the 9th grade boys basketball team files in the gym at ten 'till 6. "Early morning practice is tough but it is making us better and more disciplined" says co-captain Trent Jordan.

After 3 weeks of tough practice the Indians opened with their 1st game against Anamosa. Anamosa was a very good, strong team. The team was lead by Shane McCallister with 18 points, and Trent Jordan with 12. The Indians ended up falling short 61-42.

The next game was just as tough. The Indians hosted a very physical Benton team. The Indians offensive attack was again lead by McCallister with 15 points, followed by Travis Eagle with 10 and Bryan Clark with 8. In a very physical game, the Indians fell 45-71.

The Indians hosted a very great team, Maquoketa Valley. This game was a defensive struggle by both teams. The team was lead by Bryan Clark with 17 points. Travis Eagle and Shane McCallister poured in 10 points a piece. A great game but the team fell short, 72-49.

Despite some tough losses, the team is still working really hard. Co-captain Bryan Clark says, "We have a lot of potential and high spirits, and I know we will get some wins."

Working to Improve

by Sara McGrew

After watching the sophomore girls play some basketball, you can tell that they are getting close to clicking and becoming a better team. They have no team captain so no one player stands out from the rest of them. This causes the girls to think that no one girl is the best player on the team. This proves to the sophomores that each and everyone of them are important and a vital part to the team.

A few sophomore girls have moved up to varsity. Tina Lujan is playing varsity again, just like last year, and Mary Soldner and Jena Hugg play both sophomore and varsity basketball.

On November 30, 2001, the Indians started their season on the road at West Delaware. During a tough game, the Indians fell short and lost 28-55.

They had their first home game on December 4, 2001 against Independence and played tough and showed intensity. Mary Soldner was tough under the basket getting rebounds and boxing out, and Jaclyn Klopfenstein had 4 blocks against the Mustangs. They lost the game though 17-36.

Still the team has a positive outlook. Ashley Hanna says, "We know now what we need to work on to improve our game."

"Our season has started off a little slow and shaky," says Krysta Olinger, "but we will improve once the season gets going a little more."

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extra points needed to take home the win. There was also five wrestlers in the finals but the only victor was Aaron Conway.

The place finishers were: 103 Aaron Doubet, second, 112 Kody Blazek, second, 119, Conway, 130, Jacob Blazek, third, 135, Justin Sperry, second, 145, Chris Clendenden, 152, Troy Little, third, 160, Andy Balvanz, second, 171, Jordan Forkner, third, 189, Matt Tielebein, fourth, and HWT. Brett Blofield, fifth.

The surprising finish was senior captain Balvanz. Balvanz pinned his first two opponents. In the semifinals he was down by three and threw in the headlock to pin the number seed in second period. Andy comments about his match, "Right when I thought I lost the match I tossed him and was over whelmed with excitement when the ref slammed his hand to the match." That match pretty much explained the day.

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scorers for Marion were Bolsinger with 20 points, Campbell with 16, Cloven had 11, and Kyle Olson had 9 points. The following day, the Indians went back to battle against Center Point-Urbana at home. Center Point was looking for their first win of the season while Marion was trying to stay unbeaten. In the end, Center Point came away with the win by the score of 72-63. Center Point outplayed Marion throughout the game and also out hustled the Indians. Leading scorers for the Indians were Campbell with 20 points, Messerli had 17, and Cloven scored 10.

On Friday, December 14, Marion traveled down to Tama to face the South Tama Trojans in a WAMAC Conference boys basketball game. South Tama has always been a tough place to play for Marion. It has been years since the Indians have won in South Tama's gym.

Marion came out hitting on all cylinders and got out to an early lead. The Indians played well the first half and maintained their lead until half-time. Chas Raeside capped off the half with a 3 pointer at the buzzer to give the Indians a 35-24 advantage at half-time.

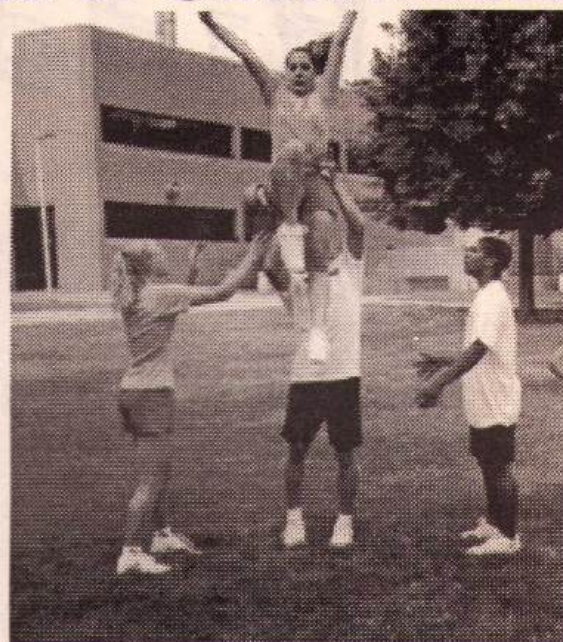
Marion got off to a good start in the second half as well. Throughout the whole second half, the closest South Tama came was nine points at 60-51. Marion's biggest lead was 16 points in the second half.

In the end, the Indians overcame a South Tama rally and prevailed to a 72-58 victory.

Leading scorers for the Indians were Cloven with 15 points, and Campbell had 13 points. Also, Bryan Ryther gave the Indians a great spark off the bench, rebounding great and also tallying a career high 13 points.

New Kind of Cheerleader

On Tuesday, November 29, the Varsity Basketball Cheerleading squad debuted the newest members to cheerleading. Eric Bennett, Danny Hocken, and Corbin Olds are only on the third squad to ever have guys. The early 90's was the last time that Marion has seen male cheerleaders. These three guys not only cheer, they stunt, something that guys before them rarely did. Along with stunting and cheering, Eric and Corbin are working on their tumbling skills.



While at camp at UNI, Eric Bennett and Corbin Olds work on tossing a cheerleader into a chair.

Soph Boys Show Strong Opening

By Josh Immerfall

The 10th grade boys basketball team is working very hard this season and it is showing in their games. "We are a very good team and we are working hard, we've had some tough loses but we have rebounded." says Dane Anderson.

The Indians opened their season against Alburnett. They beat the Pirates 65-48. The next game for the Indians was a very tough one. They played a very skilled Linn-Mar team, the Indians fell 68-38. The team rebounded with a convincing 55-41 win over Center Point Urbana. A wild game followed, when the Indians lost to Waterloo Columbus in 3 overtimes. It was a crazy game.

The team is looking forward to the rest of their season. They have a lot of potential and skill, and will have a very successful season.

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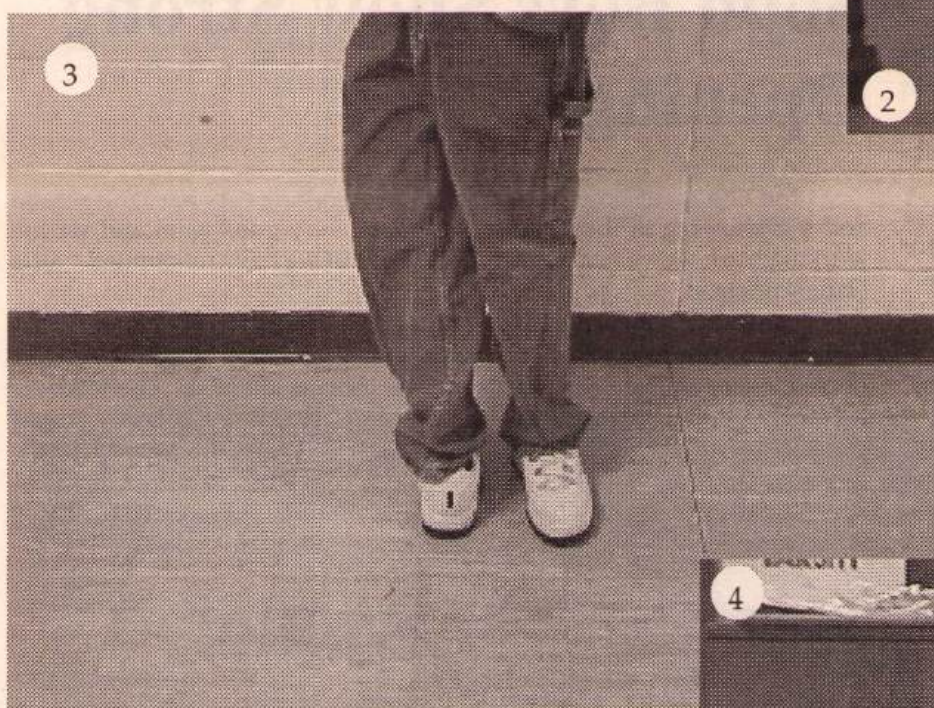
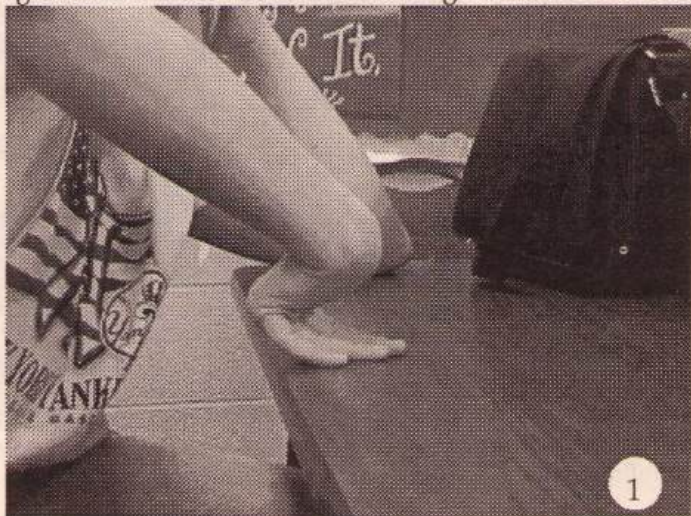
Beginning in the year 2000, each All-State athlete gets a picture of him or herself mounted on the Wall of Champions. Each eligible athlete will have their picture mounted on the wall after they graduate from high school. The Wall of Champions is located outside the red gym, above the trophy cases.

For each team sport, athletes nominated for All-State teams, with the exception of special or honorable mention teams, get their picture on the wall. For individual honors, an athlete must place in the top 6 at state in wrestling and track. In tennis a person must place 8th or better at state, and in golf and cross country you must place in the top 10 at the state meet to earn a spot on the Wall of Champions.

Hidden Talents

Attention!! Attention!! Duane Arnold nuclear power plant has experienced a melt-down. Do to the radiation leaks, certain things have been happening to some of the students a Marion High School. Please do not

harass or tease these who are different. They all have just recently discovered their hidden mutations. We know there are others out there who have yet to come forward.



1. Nikki Evans can bend her fingers the way the aliens in the movies do.

2. Jimmy Heslop's fingers can do things fingers shouldn't do. If you're brave, ask him to hit his flat hand and see what happens.

3. Cory Cosman can stand facing forward and totally turn around one foot.

4. If you ever need a pop can smashed, just ask Sara Reynolds if you can borrow her shoulder blades. When she pushes her shoulders together, she can completely cover a hand on her back.

5. Josh Ivey's arm joints go where no man should ever go.

