

The VOX

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Marion High School

Showing Some Spirit



During Spirit Week, there are many days to dress up for, and one of the days this year was MIS-match/Wild Hair Day. Junior Zach Labs said, "It's mis-match day?" Zach was one of many students who dressed up for this week's special days. Along with MIS-match/Wild Hair Day the days were 80's Day, Class Color day, Pajama day, and Red and Gold Day.

2002 Spring Awards

BOYS SOCCER

All-Conference

Honorable Mention - Eric Hubbell, Nick Husman

GIRLS SOCCER

All-Metro

2nd Team - Neanna Conklin
Honorable Mention - Jami Sunderman, Kirsten Nelson

All-Conference

1st Team - Jami Sunderman, Kirsten Nelson, Neanna Conklin, Sarah Soldner, Valerie Crutchley
2nd Team - Brittany Mohling

Honorable Mention - Jaclyn Klopfenstein, Leslie Nigg

All Academic - Ann Cannon, Jamie Johnson
Coach Of The Year - Ms. Humbert

All-State

2nd Team - Neanna Conklin
Honorable Mention - Jami Sunderman, Kirsten Nelson, Val Crutchley, Sara Soldner

Eating Healthy

An issue in schools today is nutrition. Many adults, coaches included, think that the athletes perform better if they eat nutritious meals. However, this doesn't always happen. Vending machines are on during all lunch cycles, and during the day. During one class period, approximately thirty students came to the vending machines. Some weren't even headed there, but when they walked by, they changed their mind. The food sold in them is not healthy, but Marion, as well as other schools, makes a lot of money with them. Mr. Ehresman stated, "All of the money we make with the vending machines goes back to the activities. We would prefer the students to eat healthy, especially before a sports activity, so they can perform their best. We turn the pop machines off because of State regulation, and right now the Athletic Council (consisting of coaches and parents) is trying to get rid of the snack machines, and maybe replace them with some that contain healthier choices." Drew Martin said, "I think we should have both a healthy and a snack vending machine."



Currently, the cooks are trying to sell more nutritious snacks and items in the short line. But students need to remember that they are providing fuel for their bodies when they eat, and if the fuel is junk, the body won't perform.

Student Space

by: Danny Boggess

To whom it may concern. Contrary to popular belief the student section is in fact for students.

To all you adults that sit in the student section, be prepared to stand up, be caught in the middle of rowdy students, hear student sayings, and have possible hearing loss.

In the past few home games, the student section has been overrun by parents. This is a problem because the students have nowhere to sit. And let's face the facts, parents, the students are louder and more involved in the games.

On top of the parents sitting in the student section, some parents even have the audacity to complain about the students being too loud

and obnoxious. Some parents will even ask us to sit down so they can have a better view of the game. Well what do you want us to do? Sit down with our legs crossed and hands in our laps? Think again! Jumping up and down and screaming is our way of showing support and spirit for our school.

If you don't like sitting in the student section, then you can either move or respect students' right to support our school the way we do.

Just to reiterate what was previously stated, if parents want to sit in the student section, don't be angry because we're loud and showing our support. Either join in, or move!

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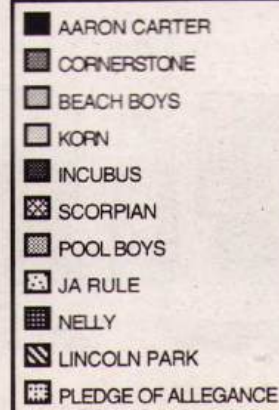
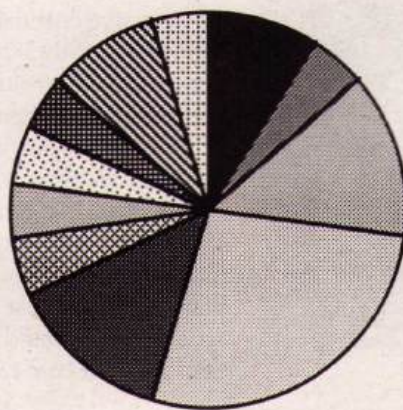
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Remembering Summer

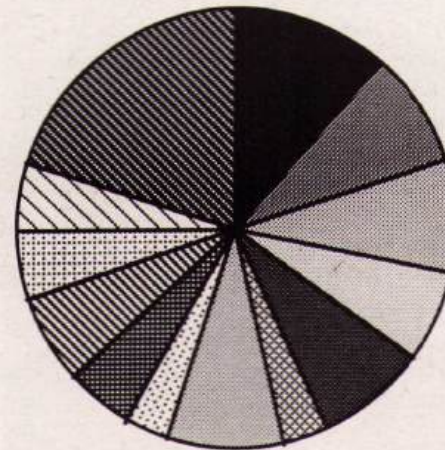
Summer is a time for teens to enjoy themselves and get away from school, teachers, homework, etc. Teens do a number of different things throughout the summer. Some get jobs and some play sports.

Others go on vacation, go to concert and just relax at home. Below are the responses we got when over 100 students at MHS were asked the following questions.

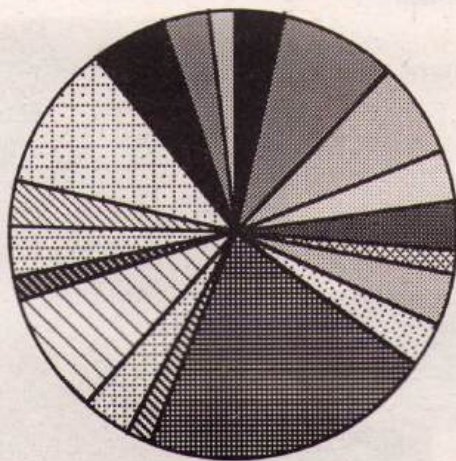
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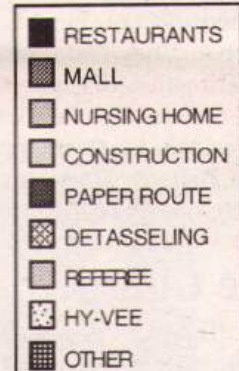
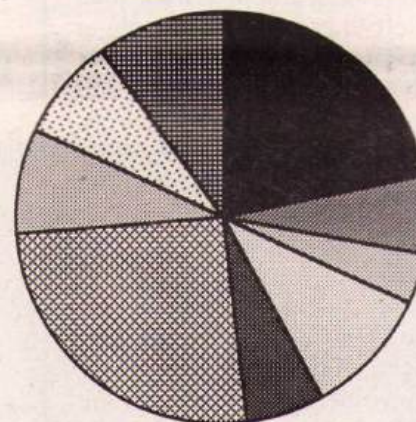
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO DURING THE SUMMER?



WHERE DID YOU GO ON VACATION?



WHERE DO YOU WORK OVER THE SUMMER?



What do you remember most about this summer?

"I like working at Red Lobster because I get free food and I can scare little kids with the live lobsters." Lindsey Reinhardt

"During a camping trip, I tried to see if candle wax would protect my hand from the fire, it didn't work!" Jake Corell

"I worked hard all summer at the golf course, and in the end I won 2nd place in the city tournament." Ben Messerli

"Summer is way too short, but it was fun while it lasted." Matt McVeigh

"Summer was awesome! I don't know why, but for some reason it was." Brock Holub

"I had a great summer. I did baseball and softball scoring, help Mr. Jackson with detasseling, and had my grandkids over. It was a funtime." Mrs. Jackson

"My summer was awesome. I went to all the softball games, went fishing, and lifted weights." Mr. Perkins

"It was the last time to have fun before college." Kim Little

Activities Update

by Josh Immerfall

SODA

Once again SODA is off to another great start. It has already had one event and is planning for another. That first event was the tailgate party before the football game on Sept. 20. It was a big success and many students showed up for hot dogs, chips, cookies, and pop. SODA is also planning for its 2nd annual 5k run/walk. The run is on Oct. 19 at 9:00 a.m. and is open to the public. They will also have the annual Open Gym/ Karaoke night. Other planned activities include pizza parties, Planet X, a Rough Riders hockey game, and the always popular ski trip to Sundown. SODA also has decided on this year's officers, they are as follows: Co-Presidents Whitney Perkins and Tess Putnam, Co-Vice-Presidents Keenan Gehman and Taryn Hyduk, Co-Secretaries Angela Cannavo and Holly Grieder, Jr. High Links Jena Hugg, Cari Laue, Amber Jordan, Alisabeth Caraway, Danny Hocken, and Jessi Clark, Promotional Jessica Sauer and Chaz Beck, Historians/Display Case Jenny Fager and Ben Remington. SODA is off to another great year.

FBLA

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) has started its 33rd year here at Marion and is still going strong. The group is under new leadership this year, Mr. Freuling and Mr. Laube took over the position after Ms. Young left to become a principle in Monticello. They had their first meeting on September 12th. At the meeting they discussed their plans for the year, paid dues and elected officers. The new officers are: President Amanda Murray, Vice President Jen Garman, Secretary Cadice O'Connell, Treasurer Angela Baltrop, Reporter Jami Sunderman, Historian Kristy Sauerbry, and Parliamentarian Nick Livingston.

Take Charge

Take Charge has a great group this year with 49 members and many others on a waiting list who would really like to join. They started the year with their September meeting. The group meets one time a month all year, at the meetings, which are held over lunch, the students have pizza and discuss upcoming events. Once again the Take Chargers attended the annual conference at Kirkwood College. This year some of the students did a presentation on advocacy at the conference. It was a great time by all. The group plans to do more presentations and hopes to get even more involved in the community.

Thespians

The Thespians are a drama group which was started many years ago here at Marion. This year's group is already underway. At their first meeting the nominated and elected officers. The officers are as follows: President Cam Thomas, Vice President Jordan Skilling, Secretary Sarah Whited, Historians Jenny Kruk and Jessica Sauer. At the meeting they also discussed fundraising. One idea was to have a dance. They are now planning and trying to get one together for November 2nd. The plans are not final but they hope they can get it together. Once again the Thespians are looking forward to another great year.

Win With Wellness

Win With wellness is a group that supports health and fitness. Applications for the group are due October 4th. After the group is chosen they will start with activities in November.

Fanatic Fans

When it comes to sports we all have our favorite teams and we have often been tagged as fans of those teams, but what does it take to be an actual fan. Who sets the guidelines on who's a fan and who isn't. How about me. I know a lot about a wide variety of sports and have seen the extremes of fanatic activity first hand. I think that the word "fan" is overused. Often times we hear the commentators or announcers refer to the crowd as fans. They aren't all fans, only a select percentage of them are.



The definition of fan is this; "a devotee of a sport, celebrity, etc. - one who is moved by excessive enthusiasm or zeal, a religious zealot". This definition suggests that fanaticism has some of the same devotional qualities as your religious beliefs. Well I set out to find students that met this definition. There weren't very many but the rest of this article is dedicated to recognizing the true fans.

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Freshman Focus: Adapting to MHS

What do you like most about high school?

Nicole Cox- "I like how there are more people to meet, and the block scheduling."

Ashley Evans- "Most people are really nice."

Tim Cook- "The teachers are cooler."

Derek Meyers- "There's not so many classes."

Bailey Schindler- "I like how you get to be around all the different grades."

What's the biggest difference between Vernon and MHS?

Nicole- "There are more people."

Ashley- "I like the block scheduling."

Tim- "The lunches are the best." Derek- "The periods are longer and there's more homework."

Bailey- "Having more interaction with the other grades."

Were you scared on the first day of school?

Nicole- "No, I knew the cheerleaders and they helped out."

Ashley- "I was scared, but then I realized there's nothing to be scared of."

Tim- "No, I knew most people."

Derek- "No, I had all of my friends and I knew my way around."

Bailey- "No, I had all of my friends."



Tim
Cook

Nicole
Cox



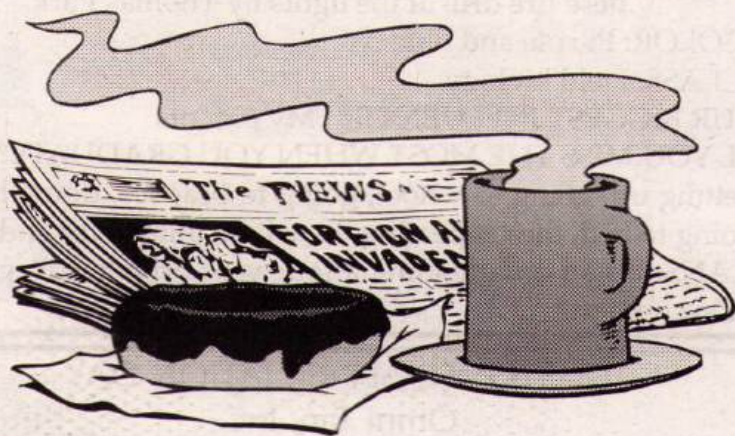
Ashley
Evans

Derek
Meyers



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Once Upon a Mattress

by Danny Boggess

Have you ever heard the story about the "Princess and the Pea"? Well if you haven't and you want to, come see Marion High School's production of "Once Upon a Mattress."

This play follows the basic story line of Princess and the Pea only with singing, dancing, comical scenes, and witty lines and verses that will have you rolling out of your seat.

The whole plot of the story is about a prince named Prince Dauntless (Keenan Gehman) who is trying to find someone to marry him, but until the prince gets married nobody else in the kingdom can get

married. Meanwhile, the queen played by Leah Kinnard doesn't want the prince to get married, so she's trying everything possible to stop the prince from finding a wife.

Alisabeth Carraway plays the leading role as Princess Winifred, the woman who tries to marry the prince. "The play is going to be really funny. One of the funniest parts was during practice one day when Ms. Martin fell out the window. It was awesome!"

said Alisabeth on her favorite memory from the play.

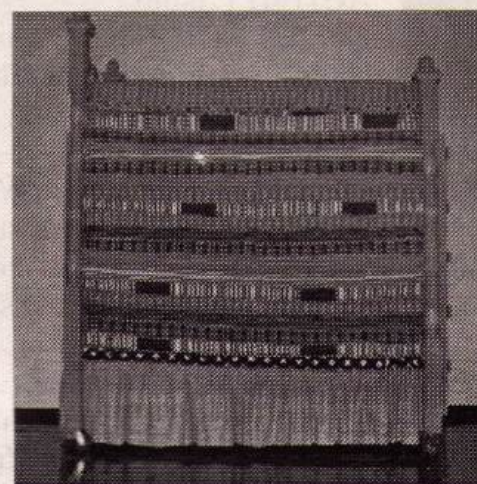
Other lead characters are the mute King who is played by Jeff Shinrock, and his brother Ben Shinrock plays the Jester who trans-

lates everything for the king. Josh Immerfall plays an old wizard that tries to prove his magical powers to everybody.

"It was a really fun character to play. In some ways, he's kind of crazy like me, which is funny." Some other characters in the play are Sir

Harry, played by Danny Hocken, and Bethany Godar who plays Lady Larkin. These two characters play a big role in the play, because Lady Larkin and Sir Harry are getting married, Lady Larkin sends Sir Harry out to find a princess and he eventually finds Princess Winifred.

So if you not doing anything November 7th, 8th, or 9th then come see Marion High School's production of "Once Upon a Mattress".



In the musical, the queen puts a pea under twenty mattresses to see if the princess feels it. The bed is being loaned to the school by the Old Creamery Theatre. Picked up by Bethany Godar's father, the bed wouldn't fit through any of the doors when he got to the school, so it was stored in the metals room, taken apart, and put back together in the auditorium.



NAME: Jessi Clark

AGE: 17

ACTIVITY: Volleyball

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Basketball, soccer, student senate, NHS, SODA, volunteering

FAVORITE MEMORY: One night, a bunch of us were having a bon fire at Matt's house. It was

the summer between fresh and soph year. Zach was pouring gas on the fire then the can he was holding caught fire. He freaked out and threw the big flaming ball behind him hitting the tent. The tent blew up in flames causing the tree and part of the ground to catch fire. Everyone kind of just sat there watching it until Matt got a hose and Aaron got a fire extinguisher. It was supper funny!

FAVORITE CLASS: Spanish III, because I had awesome people in there.

WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCE? : My mom

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST WHEN YOU GRADUATE? : Being able to see all of my friends on a regular basis.

FUTURE PLANS: I plan on going to Drake University and possibly major in law.

NAME: Leah Kinnaird

AGE: 17

ACTIVITY: Band

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Musical, choir, all-state auditions, Thespians, NHS, Creative Ink, Take Charge, ATOMS

FAVORITE MEMORY: When I got trapped in the gym storage

room under a ladder and a volleyball pole in the dark at Vernon. No one found me for an hour, it was scary but cool.

FAVORITE COLOR: Orange

FAVORITE CLASS: Art classes and AP English.

WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCE? : My friends

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST WHEN YOU GRADUATE? : Not having any responsibility and being able to cruise through classes with little effort.

FUTURE PLANS: I plan on attending either Coe, Central, Wartburg, or Luther and major in art and someday be an art professor.



NAME: Jami Sunderman

AGE: 17

ACTIVITY: Journalism

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Soccer, FBLA, SODA, Take Charge, volunteering, track, Win With Wellness, bleacher creature leader

FAVORITE MEMORY: Last year, about 5 senior girls and I were staying at Nikki's house and we decided to go TPing. We had 2 of our cars completely full

with TP and decided we wanted to go to Hy-Vee and get saran wrap and toothpaste to use as well. When we were in there, a cop was staring at us and she followed us outside and took down our license plate numbers so we decided to go switch cars. After we switched into 2 different cars, we went and got about 10 peoples houses and/or cars. We also put about 15 signs and about 500 rubber bands in Rythers yard. It was great!!!

FAVORITE COLOR: Pink and blue

FAVORITE CLASS: Intro to Criminal Justice

WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCE? : My parents

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST WHEN YOU GRADUATE? : Nothing!

FUTURE PLANS: I plan on attending Wartburg college and playing soccer there. I plan on majoring in law as of now.

NAME: Angela Barltrop

AGE: 17

ACTIVITY: Fall dance

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Choir, show choir, FBLA, SODA, JEL, Take Charge, Win With Wellness, soccer, track, Bleacher Creature leader, volunteering, winter dance, student ambassadors

FAVORITE MEMORY: This years first football game, we had a team dinner at Morgan's and on our way to the game, all 4 car loads of us did a Chinese fire drill at the lights by Thomas Park.

FAVORITE COLOR: Purple and blue

FAVORITE CLASS: Field biology

WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCE? : My parents

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST WHEN YOU GRADUATE? : The routine of getting up, going to school, going to practice, doing homework, and going to bed, then repeating the whole thing over and over.

FUTURE PLANS: I plan on attending a four year private college and majoring in Psychology.

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NAME: Lindsey Steffek

AGE: 17

ACTIVITY: Volleyball

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Soccer, S.O.D.A.

FAVORITE MEMORY: In seventh grade, Ferris and I were in gym class. It was gymnastic week and we were supposed to run and jump on a spring board, then jump over the palmar horse. You were supposed to use your hands and lift your legs over it,

but Ferris decided she wanted to take a running jump and fly over it like Superman. She then landed on her stomach and slid on the floor.

FAVORITE COLOR: Turquoise

FAVORITE CLASS: Gym

WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCE?: My family

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST WHEN YOU GRADUATE?: Not being able to see everyone at school everyday and not being able to live off my parents anymore.

FUTURE PLANS: I'm planning on going to a four-year University and my major is undecided.



NAME: Nick Livingston

AGE: 17 1/2

ACTIVITY: Football

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Basketball, track, baseball, SODA, student senate, NCYL, FBLA, Take Charge

FAVORITE MEMORY: The good ol' days, when the sun went down and the class of '03 came out and messed stuff up.

FAVORITE COLOR: Tickle Me Pink

FAVORITE CLASS: Recess

WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCE?: The disgusting society

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST WHEN YOU GRADUATE?: All organized sports, friends, teachers, coaches, and family.

FUTURE PLANS: I plan to go to college, get wealthy, and raise a family.



NAME: Lindsee McGaffie

AGE: 17

ACTIVITY: Journalism

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Volunteering

FAVORITE MEMORY: Last year, the guys we went with decided they wanted their picture taken in front of the adult shop, so they asked the limo driver to take them. I felt kind of stupid, but it was pretty fun.

FAVORITE COLOR: Baby blue

FAVORITE CLASS: Creative Writing

WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCE?: My family

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST WHEN YOU GRADUATE?: My friends

FUTURE PLANS: I'm going to Kirkwood for a year and then going to transfer to Mt.Mercy for journalism.



NAME: Royce Kensinger

AGE: 18

ACTIVITY: Journalism

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Football

FAVORITE MEMORY: Trying to TP Coach Fuller's house, but we didn't know which house was

his so we ended up doing the whole block.

FAVORITE COLOR: Baby blue

FAVORITE CLASS: Journalism

WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCE?: Ms.Martin

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST WHEN YOU GRADUATE?: The door knobs, they always helped me open doors.

FUTURE PLANS: Coe College



NAME: Jennifer Garman

AGE: 17

ACTIVITY: Fall cheerleading

OTHER ACTIVITIES: SODA, FBLA, volunteering, NHS, NCYL

FAVORITE MEMORY: Homecoming week

FAVORITE COLOR: Purple

FAVORITE CLASS: Health Occupations

WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCE?: People who help others

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST WHEN YOU GRADUATE?: My friends, having girl nights, and cheerleading.

FUTURE PLANS: To attend University of Florida or University of Iowa and have an occupation in the medical field.



NAME: Wade Burrell

AGE: 17

ACTIVITY: Football

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Track, Take Charge, SODA

FAVORITE MEMORY: When Nick got a flat tire at Wendy's. (You had to have been there) Josh Ivey - You're outa

control...obviously!

FAVORITE COLOR: Red

FAVORITE CLASS: Building Trades

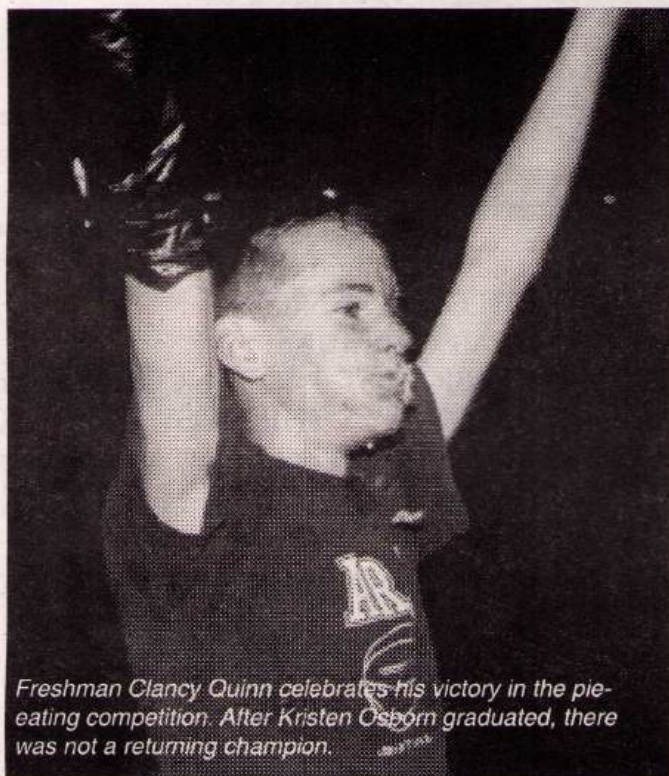
WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCE?: Coach Perkins

WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST WHEN YOU GRADUATE?: All my friends and being with them every day.

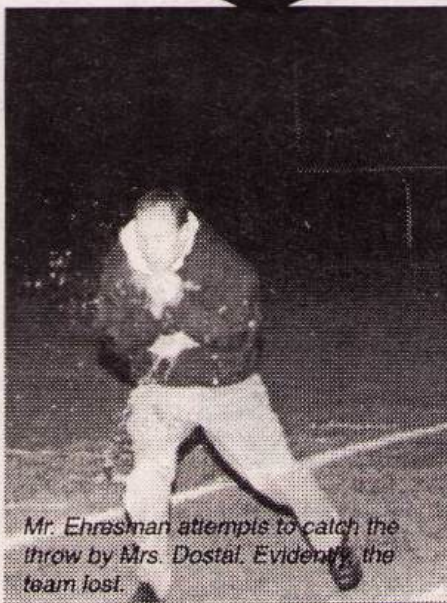
FUTURE PLANS: Go on to Coe College, play football and run track and graduate from there. Then possibly extend my education.

Class of
2003

SHOW



Freshman Clancy Quinn celebrates his victory in the pie-eating competition. After Kristen Osborn graduated, there was not a returning champion.



Mr. Ehresman attempts to catch the throw by Mrs. Dostal. Evidently, the team lost.



Queen Leah Kinnaird and King Wade Burrell were crowned at the end of the Thursday bonfire.



The Thursday night Bonfire crowd was fired up for the evening's events.



In trying to catch a water-balloon, junior John Likens slips on the damp field.



Under the direction of Jenna Hocken, Eric Bennett, Eric Buh and Neanna Conklin solo on the final piece of the marching band show. The band performed at the State Marching Band Contest at Kingston Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 12.



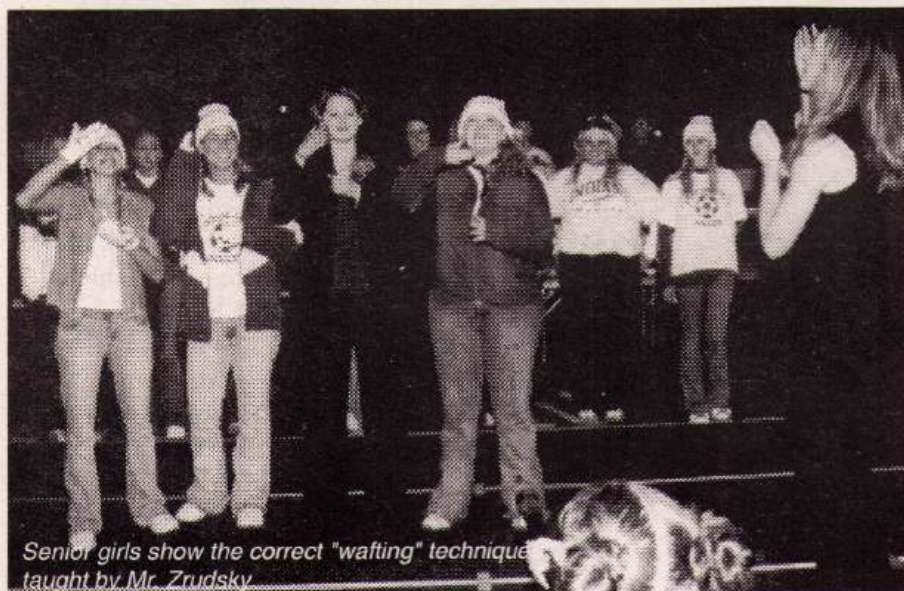
Neanna Conklin shows her spirit on students' favorite day - PJ Day.



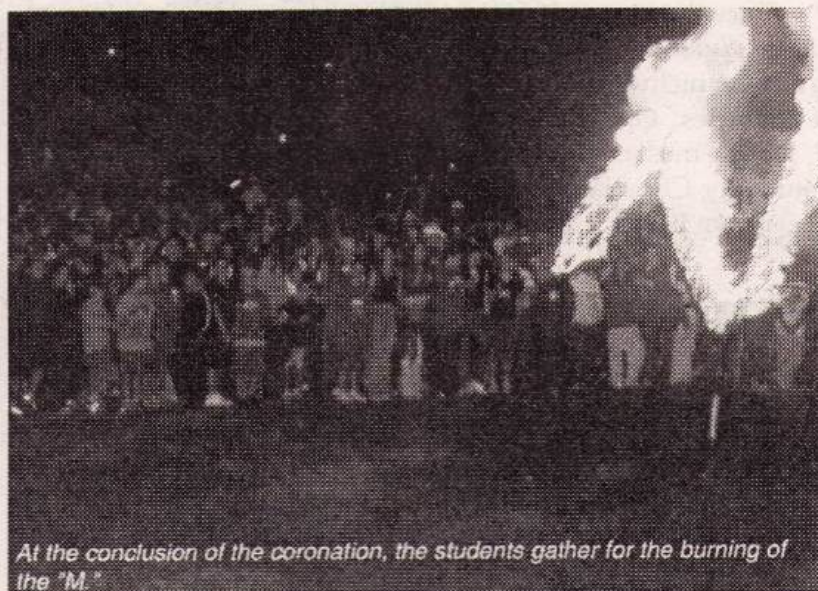
The senior float with Aaron Doubet, Christie Holecak and Josh Ivey, was named the champion float in a tough competition.

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Homecoming 2002 finds fun and victory



Senior girls show the correct "wafting" technique taught by Mr. Zrudsky.



At the conclusion of the coronation, the students gather for the burning of the "M."



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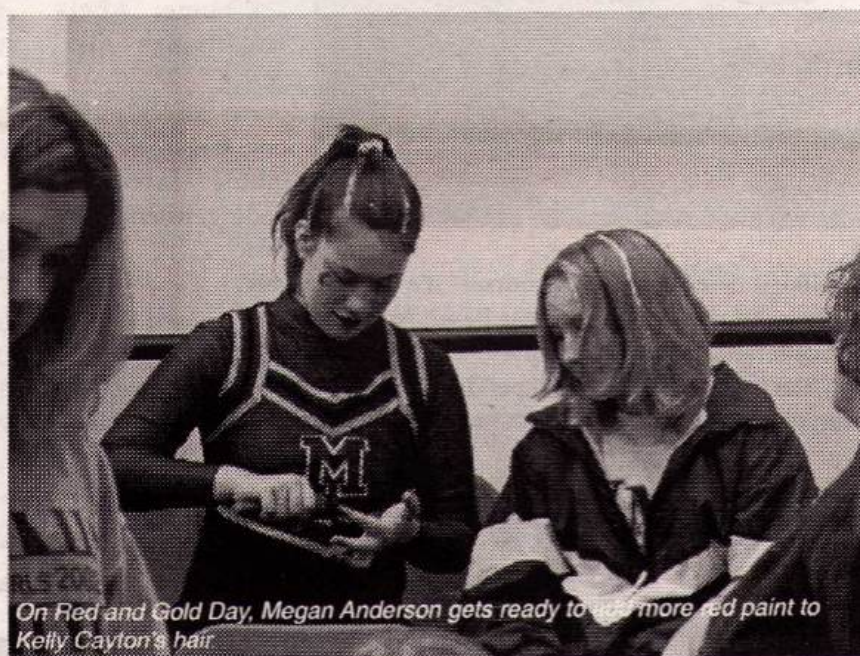
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Changing Worlds

Name: Jonas Orejuela

Since the year of 1954, Marion High School has had foreign exchange students attending classes here. These students have come from all over including Italy, Japan, Spain, Wales, Russia, and many more countries. One of the programs that arranges the exchanges is EF. It is the most common exchange program. This year there are two students; Christian Bermeo from Bogota, Columbia and Jonas Orejuela from Berlin, Germany. Here are some facts about them.

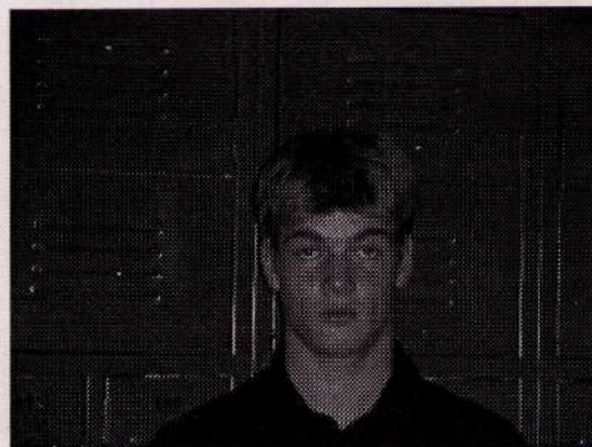
Name: Christian Bermeo



Birth date/Age: June 16th, 1985; 17 years old
Staying with: the Conklins

Family members back home: Abel, Clara, Brother- Alex (25)
Sports: Soccer, ping-pong, tennis
Hobbies/Interests: Reading, listening to music

Do you like it here? Why?: "Of course!" It's different here.
Why/How did you choose to come here?: No choice
Biggest difference here: The people
Do you like this difference?: It depends
Favorite thing here that you don't have back home: Many different languages
Do you travel a lot?
Where: Different cities in Columbia
Hardest part about coming here: Not being with my family
Advice for those that wish to become foreign exchange students: Respect everyone
Other advice: Try to do everything as best as you can
Languages you speak: Spanish, English
If you had one wish what would it be?: To be a better man
Favorite food or restaurant: Mexican/ Fiesta Del Sol
What kind of music do you like?: I like it all
One word to describe yourself is: Hardworking



Birth date/Age: July 7th 1984; 18 years old
Staying with: The Conklins
Family members back home: Marina- 43, Mahhias- 34, Nicky- 23, Julia- 13, Pill- our cat
Sports: Soccer
Hobbies/Interests: Skating, listening to music, meeting

with friends
Do you like it here? Why?: Yes; Nice people
Why/How did you choose to come here?: A friend told me about an exchange student program
Biggest difference here: The party's, school, food
Do you like this difference?: Parts of them
Do you travel a lot? Where: Yes, for example the weekend of August 29th I went to Chicago
Hardest part about coming here: Flying on the plane
Advice for those that wish to become foreign exchange students: Speak as much as you can! People want to understand you.
Other advice: Make as much sport as possible
Languages you speak.: German, Latin, English
If you had one wish what would it be?: World peace
Favorite food or restaurant: Milk shakes
What kind of music do you like?: Mostly German rap and Cross Over
One word to describe yourself is: Small

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New To The School

There are many new faces here at Marion High School. Some are students and some are teachers. There are four new teachers in the building. Ms. Jamison, a math teacher; Mr. Zrudsky is a science teacher; Ms. Regenatiter, a Spanish I teacher; Mrs. Bennett is a special education teacher.

Name: Abbey Regennitter



High School: Bennett High School southeast of Marion
College: University of Northern Iowa
Hobbies: Golf and coaching volleyball
Class you teach: Spanish I
Family: Single
Pets: None

Reasons for teaching: She likes working with kids
What's best about Marion: A welcoming staff and

pretty good kids

Student teaching: North Scott High School and Williams Intermediate New Teachers

Name: Amanda Jamison

High School: Johnston High School
College: University of Northern Iowa
Hobbies: Ballet, playing piano, and reading.



Class you teach: Algebra Concepts and Informal Geometry
Family: Mother-high school math teacher, Father-works for Xerox, Sister- Elementary Education major at Grandview College
Pets: A chinchilla named Roo

Reasons for teaching: I love math and I love working with high students.

What's best about Marion? The great students and staff

Name: Sarah Bennett



High School: Marion High School- Class of 1994
College: Grinnell College and Coe College
Hobbies: Reading, shopping, walking, and decorating.
Class you teach: SCI
Family: Husband- Tim, two sons Tristan and Chance Bennett-Hughes,

Tristan is six and Chance is 21 months.

Pets: A dog, Courage and a cat, Koshka

Reasons for teaching: The love of learning. And I really enjoy children.

What's best about Marion? Everyone knows each other and it's a friendly atmosphere.

Student teaching: Franklin Middle School and Washington High School

Name: Corby Laube



High School: Denver High School- Denver, IA ("Mile Wide City")
College: Mount Mercy College
Classes you teach: Business and computer

classes

Family: Wife- Ami Two daughters- Mia(3) and Kayba(1)

Pets: None

Hobbies: Spending quality time with my family, playing and watching sports, reading, and coaching

Reasons for teaching: Enjoy working with young people, get satisfaction from seeing students improve and accomplish their goals.

What's best about MHS: Perfect size- not to big and not to small. Also, good students and staff who are continually striving to improve.

Where you did your student teachings: Marion High School

Name: Roy Tompkins



High School: Solon Community Schools
College: University of Iowa
Classes you teach: Global Studies I and II

Family: Just me

Pets: None

Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, Chicago Bears

Reasons for teaching: There is nothing else that I ever wanted to do

What's best about MHS: Students and staff

Where you did your student teachings: Northwest Jr. High- Coralville, IA

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Student teaching: Council Bluffs, Iowa

Name:

Chad

Zrudsky

High School: Marion High School
College: Coe College
Hobbies: Running, playing basketball, playing guitar, playing piano, listening to music, relaxing

Class you teach: Chemistry and General Science

Family: None yet.

Pets: None

Reasons for teaching: I enjoy being around students and making a difference in their lives.

What's the best about Marion? There are a lot of positives, but I would say the best thing is the people.

Student teaching: Xavier High School

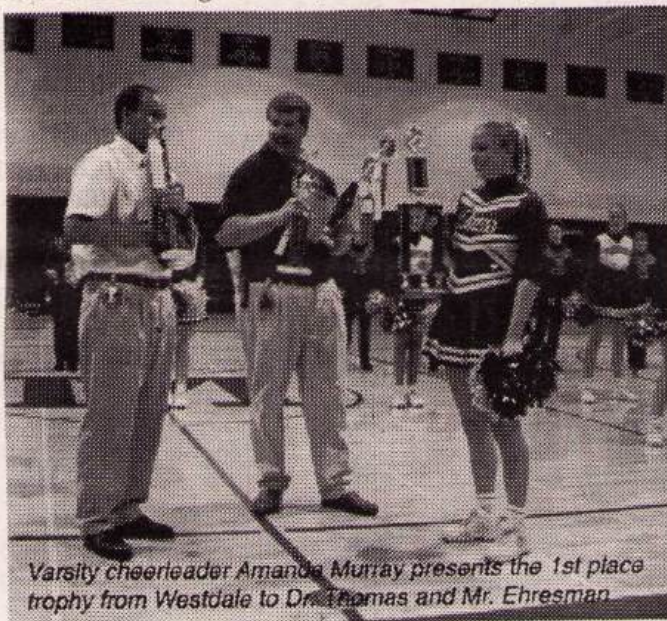


Leading the Competition

by Ashley Berry

Put up your dukes and let's get down to it. Competition cheerleading. It's something that you hear about but really don't know. The Marion High School cheerleaders have been busy with football games and competitions. They participated in the Westdale Cheer and Dance Competition. Competition Squad placed first out of six in the 3A/4A division. The dance team placed fourth.

Competition squad lost five seniors from last year. The cheerleaders have been working hard perfecting their routine. The squad consists of three boys and 12 girls. This is the first year since the winter of 1993 to have male cheerleaders on a squad. Now that there are male cheerleaders they can perform a "Double Diamondhead", they have a lot more tumbling and more stunts. This year's captains for the football squad are Amanda Murray and Candice O'Connell. The squad's next competition is on October 26 at North Cedar High School, the CanAm Competition.



Varsity cheerleader Amanda Murray presents the 1st place trophy from Westdale to Dr. Thomas and Mr. Ehresman.

Looking to Improve

by Josh Immerfall

Marion Speed and Agility is a new program this year designed to improve speed, agility, and quickness. The program is open to any student who wants to improve on any of these skills. The leader of the group is Mr. Zrudsky, and he is assisted by Mr. Immerfall, Mr. Freuling, and Mr. Ferguson. The group meets every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7 a.m. Despite the early time the turnout has been great. On average 20-30 students show up every morning, and they would be happy to have more. "It is great to see so many kids who are coming and working hard to get better and it is already starting to pay off," said Mr.

Immerfall.

Throughout the year there will be four different sessions. Each session consists of 20 workouts. The workouts include explosive movement drills, many jumping exercises, stretching, and other quickness drills. "It is a tough workout in the morning, but I know it is making me a much better athlete and it is fun at the same time," said participant Danny Hocken.

If a student misses 3 or less sessions they will be awarded a lanyard, if they continue this for the next session they get a T-shirt, and a pair of shorts if they only

Winning Ways

by Ashley Berry

The sophomore volleyball team opened on September 3, 2002, in a tournament at Cedar Rapids Washington. The girls placed fifth out of eight teams. In the championship brackets they played and beat West Delaware, played Muscatine and won.

In conference play, the sophomores have defeated Don Bosco, Independence, South Tama, and Benton Community and lost to Waterloo Columbus.

The sophomore opened conference at Independence where the girls won in 3 games. The sophomores traveled to Mid-Prairie and placed first. They defeated Don Bosco in 2 games. Next, the girls traveled to Benton. The girls made an easy task of defeating them in two games. After making an easy defeat of the Bobcats, they traveled to Iowa City Regina, and placed first out of eight teams. Then the girls played their home opener against Waterloo Columbus. They played hard but ended up losing in two games. On October 1, the girls defeated the South Tama Trojans.

They have two coaches, Jennifer Wenthe and Troy Becker. "We have a lot of talent, and hopefully we can get a working line up and put everything together!" says Coach Wenthe.



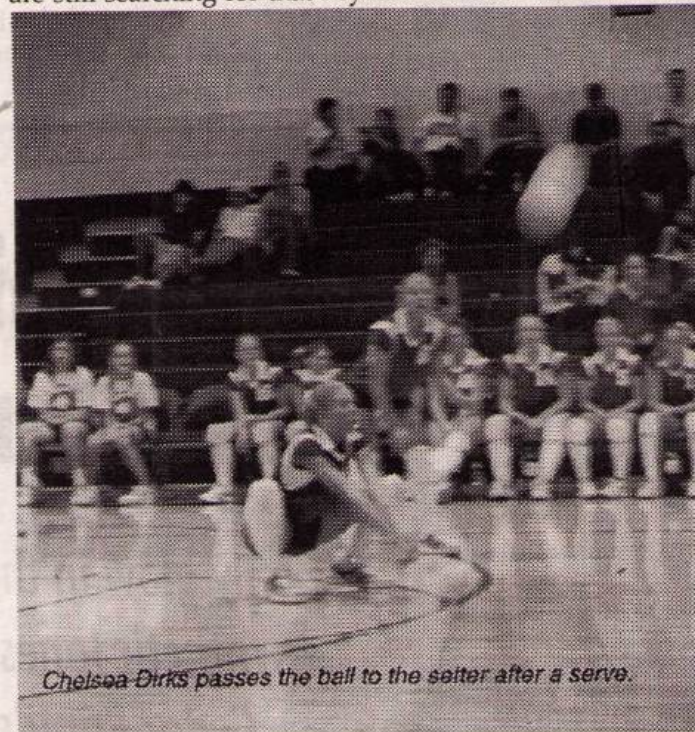
Working on their quickness, Travis Eagle and Drew Martin operate the "Cone Zone."

miss the third session. The program is off to a great start and Mr. Z thinks the group will continue to grow throughout the year and many years to come.

Coming Up Short

by Jenny Fager and Sara McGrew

The MHS 2002 volleyball season is coming close to and end, and the girls have had their share of ups and downs. With wins against Benton and Don Bosco, the girls have shown they can compete, but have had tough loss against Waterloo Columbus, South Tama, and an undefeated Vinton-Shellsburg. Head coach Lori Dostal says, "It's been a little disappointing. We were capable of winning quite a few matches, but couldn't get it done in time. Leading the team in kills is senior Lindsey Steffek, with 203 kills. Holly Hanson leads the team in serving with 95%, and junior Jena Hugg leads the team in serve receive and digs. With the last WAMAC match on Tuesday, October 15th, and the WAMAC tournament on October 19th, the girls have high hopes of ending the season on a good note. The girls have been making adjustments, both in attitude, and lineup, bringing up sophomores Rachel Furman and Melissa Schneiders. Dostal comments, "The kids come into practice in focus, but we are still searching for that key element that will take us to



Chelsea Dirks passes the ball to the setter after a serve.

Learning the Ropes

by Ashley Berry

Freshman volleyball team opened at a tournament at Cedar Rapids Prairie. Though either team made it to the championship bracket Coach Hahn and Coach Regittiter are proud of the girls on their first high school game. On September 9, 2002, the girls started CRANDIC play at home against Iowa City High. On the 12th the girls traveled to Springville. On the 14th was another tournament for the girls at Cedar Rapids Washington. Then on September 19th they were at Iowa City West. Then the girls were at home on the 24th and 26th against Cedar Rapids Wash-

ington and Cedar Rapids Jefferson. There are 19 girls, which are split into two teams, the red and gold team. Abbey Regennitter coaches the gold team and Kevin Hahn coaches the red team.



Betsy Solberg passes the ball to the outside hitter.

Varsity Pounds Maq Valley

by Danny Boggess

Power Football! That's the theme of the 2002 Marion Indian football team. And Friday night at Thomas Park field the Indians showed us why that's the theme as they rolled over Maquoketa Valley 22 - 0.

Three Marion players rushed for over 70 yards. Eddie Rose carried the ball 16 times for 73 yards and a score. Jordan Forkner carried the ball 4 times for 78 yards with a 35 yard touchdown run where he carried a Maquoketa Valley defender into the end zone. "Our line blocked awesome. They came through when we needed them the most." Wade Burrell carried the ball 9 times for 86 yards. Chris Clendenen scored the last touchdown.

The Indians defense was truly the highlight of the night. Marion had 3 goal line stands, not budging when Maquoketa had the ball on their five yard line twice, and once on the ten. Wade Burrell and Jamie Tiernan each had 2 interceptions to help out the cause. Tiernan also had six tackles to go with his interceptions, and Jordan Forkner had 8 tackles, five solo and six assists.

Marion Stuns Starmont

The Indians went into Starmont on Friday the 13th and and shocked the Starmont Stars. The Indians won in what seemed to be a stomping of the class 2-A 9th ranked Starmont Stars 24 -

8. "We played a good all-around football game and that's all you can ask for," said Jordan Forkner.

The Indians ground attack was led by Wade Burrell who rushed for over

100 yards and had two touchdowns. Eddie Rose was second in the running game with over 50 yards and a score.

The Marion defense was stellar and shut the

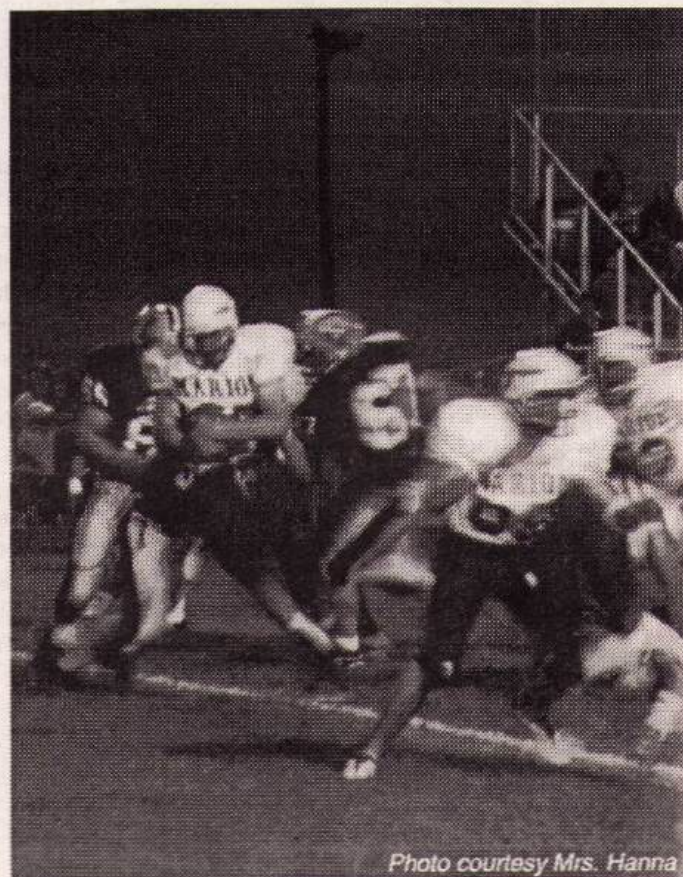


Photo courtesy Mrs. Hanna

Jordan Forkner runs the ball against Starmont. Forkner is a threat on both sides of the ball.

Marion Struggles, Wins in Tough District

Mt. Vernon beats Marion Late

Mt. Vernon got the best of the Indians in the fourth quarter of the game held at Thomas Park Friday night. Mt. Vernon won 22 - 8.

Mt. Vernon scored first in the first quarter but missed the extra point. Marion scored in the beginning of the second quarter on a Wade Burrell two yard touchdown run. Marion went for a two point conversion and it was successful. The Indians went into halftime with an 8 - 6 lead.

Marion would lead until the about 4 minutes into the fourth quarter when Mt. Vernon scored. The Indians' offense couldn't quite get going and was held to alot fourth and outs and never another chance to score. Mt. Vernon also scored again near the end of the game.

Bobcats Get the Best of Indians

Friday, October 4th was a cold and windy night, and it seemed sitting, watching the game, you could never get warmed up.

That was the overall theme of the Indians game on Friday night, they couldn't get warmed up, as they got beat 20 - 10. It seemed once the Indians had a first down right after that it was fourth down. "We just couldn't get it going," said senior captian Wade Burrell. The Indians threw just one interception.

Eddie Rose was the leading rusher with 70 yards on fifteen carries. Quince Springer led the team in recieving with 39 yards. The biggest highlight of the game was the opening kickoff, when Wade Burrell returned the kick 73 yards, all the way down to the Bobcats 15 yard line.

Leading the defense was Jordan Forkner with 9 solo tackles and four assists and one fumble recovery. Jamie Tiernan helped the cause with 8 solos and 6 assists. Eddie Rose also threw in 7 solos and 3 assists.

South Tama surprises Marion

South Tama beat Marion 14 - 0 on Friday. Marion had four turnovers, two interceptions, and two fumbles. The Indians were also 0 for 5 in the redzone.

"Turnovers were the name of the game, and we can't have them to be successful," said quarterback Ben Remington. The

Indians were inside the 5 yard line twice and were shut down. One time they were just stopped on the goal line and the other time they fumbled. "We could have, and should have beaten them. They weren't that good," said senior Chris Clendenen.

Homecoming Win



Wade Burrell takes the handoff from Ben Remington in Marion's 14-7 win over Vinton. Full story in the next issue.



Photo courtesy Mrs. Hanna

Starting halfback Wade Burrell runs against the Mt. Vernon defenders. Burrell is a big threat in the backfield and scored Marion's only touchdown against the Mustangs.

FASTER AND STRONGER

By Josh Immerfall

The Marion cross-country team started their season earlier than previous years with a camp the week of August 12. The camp featured two guest speakers and some very intense workouts. "It was great because it got everyone together earlier than other years and we all worked very hard," said team member Valerie Crutchley.

The Indians then had two weeks of practice before their first meet at Williamsburg on September 3rd. Both the boys and girls team finished fourth. Madison Bliss led the team with a 3rd place finish, she was



closely followed by Valerie Crutchley who finished 6th place. Then came Tess Putnam and Tori Kloubek who each had great races. "It was very exciting to finish 3rd at Williamsburg, especially since it was my first meet. The team did very well and I am really excited for the rest of the season," said Madison Bliss.

The boys team was led by Garret Wood who finished 6th. He was closely followed by D.J. Engle and Luis Desrosier, who finished 18th and 23rd respectively. "Once again we got off to a great start at Williamsburg, despite the hot weather and stiff competition everyone did very well," said team captain Aaron Doubet.

The team has very high hopes for this season. Both teams returning experienced runners, and that should help the team to a great year.

On Tuesday, September 10th, the team traveled to Tipton. The guys finished 8 out of 16 teams. Once again Garret led the

guys team with a 21st place. Val had a 4th place finish followed closely by Madison Bliss with a 5th place finish. Both of them medaling.

Then on the 12th of September the guys finished 14th out of 18 teams at the Cedar Rapids Invite. Garret Wood medaled with a 26th place finish. Madison Bliss medaled at 19th while Valerie Crutchley medaled at 20th giving the girls a 7th place finish out of 19 teams.

Marion's home meet was held on September 17th, both the boys and girls teams finished 4th. Garret Wood came in at 21st with

Benton Community by only 12 points. Valerie Crutchley took 2nd and Madison Bliss took 3rd.

The team then traveled to Independence for an early Saturday morning meet. The Boys team faired very well, winning their second consecutive meet. Once again Wood led the team with a 5th place finish. He was closely followed by Curt Hansen and D.J. Engle who were 8th and 9th respectively. Dane Anderson had a break out meet improving his time by :54 seconds and placed 14th. The girls team finished 3rd just behind some fierce competition. Bliss finished 3rd while Crutchley finished 12th after falling down twice during the race. Threst of the team also ran very well, and were looking good for the next meet.

Next week, the team took the long bus ride all the way to Western Dubuque. The boys team finished 4th ending the winning streak. Curt Hansen ran a great race finishing 9th in a very tough meet, he was followed by Garret Wood who was 19th. The girls team had a great meet and took home the first place trophy. Once again, the team was led by Bliss, who finished an impressive 3rd, while Crutchley was 10th.



The girls cross country team celebrates after winning the Western dubuque Invitational. Tess Putnam, Emily Schroeder, Crickett Coons, Madison Bliss, Valerie Crutchley, Jaclyn Klopfenstein and Tori Kloubek ran varsity.



At the Marion Invitational, Garrett Wood checks to see how far behind Curt Hansen is.

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WAMAC CHAMPS



The girls celebrate after winning the WaMaC on Senior Night against Don Bosco. The team finished the year with a 12-1 record in conference play

by Philip Lala

The Marion girls softball team came into this season with 8 returning starters and high expectations. This team was very experienced and would settle for nothing less than a WaMaC title.

The girls started off the season with a disappointing 2-4 record. They quickly turned that around and won fifteen straight including bring home the first place trophy at the Benton Invitational. The girls after that never lost two consecutive and had winning streaks of 5 games, 6 games, 7 games. They also won first place at

the Central City tournament with a 11-0 win over Midland in the championship game.

On Senior Night, July 10, not only were the seniors honored, they were honored as WaMaC champs. That night they shut out Don Bosco to win the WaMaC outright with a conference ending record of 12-1. Rain knocked out the remaining conference matchups.

The girls then went into the postseason hoping for a state tournament berth but came up just short. After victories over DeWitt, Maquoketa, and Davenport Assumption, the girls went to regionals. After a defeat

of Dyersville Beckman, the girls lost to Clear Creek Amana in the regional final. Although they came one step short of their goal, they still had ended the season as WaMaC champs, district champs, and overall the most successful team in Marion High School history.

These players received many honors for their accomplishment during the year including All-State, All-WaMaC, All-District, and All-Metro.

1st Team All-State - Jana Bradley

2nd Team All-State- Shelby Hurt; Whitney Perkins

4th Team All-State- Kristina McCusker Shaina Gardner
Special Mention- Jena Hugg
All-District-Jana Bradley and Shelby Hurt

All-WaMaC 1st Team- Kristina McCusker, Jena Hugg, Shelby Hurt, Jana Bradley, and Whitney Perkins

All-WaMaC 2nd Team- Rachel Eagle

All-WaMaC Honorable Mention- Steph Rogers and Shaina Gardner

All-Metro 1st Team- Kristina McCusker, Shelby Hurt, Jana Bradley, and Whitney Perkins

All-Metro 2nd Team- Rachel Eagle and Steph Rogers

Following the season Jena Hugg commented, "We won the WaMaC, we won the district, and we were one game away from the state tournament. We all worked hard and had fun to make this a very successful season."

Kristina McCusker added, "Postseason was awesome. The competition is great and the games go right down to the last inning, they were really fun to be a part of with group of girls."

For Coach O'Connor this season not only brought honors to her players but to herself as well. Coach

O'Connor was named WaMaC coach of the year, Metro coach of the year, and Northeast Iowa District coach of the year. "This season I just felt great for the kids, all of there hard work payed off and they achieved their goals. The biggest accomplishment for this team was winning 15 straight after starting out 2-4."

This team was only the second team in school history and the first in four years to win a WaMaC title. With a 37-10 record this team was the most successful ever and expectations are even higher for next season.



Whitney Perkins runs to second after Rachel Eagle ropes a single. Both Whitney and Rachel All-WaMaC and Metro honors.

INDIANS BASEBALL EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

By Danny Bogges

Marion who? That's what was on the mind of almost every team at the beginning of the 2002 baseball season. Now opposing coaches and teams are all

looking out for the 2003 team.

The Indians had a second place finish in the Wamac conference, their best finish since 1985. Marion went 21-15, and 14-8 in conference play. "It was alot of

fun playing with such talented baseball players. Those guys were like family. I wish i could play with them again," said Kyle Olson.

The Indians great season was recognized when

2nd Team All State - Kyle Olson

1st Team All-WaMaC- Kyle Olson

2nd Team All-WaMaC- Brock Holub, Jamie Tiernan, Jordan Forkner, Quince Springer, Rob Griffith

1st team All North East Iowa - Kyle Olson

"I can't wait until next year. Our expectations are much higher than what they were this past year. We're already thinking about state," says senior Chris Clendenen.

Marion had a great 2002 season, but even more will be expected of them in 2003. The Indians say they will live up to expectations, and much more.



Jordan Forkner tags out a Benton runner at the plate. Jordan was chosen for 2nd Team All-WaMaC

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Imagine trying to skateboard on a scooter like contraption with steel wheels attached to the bottom of a two by four with a milk crate nailed to it with handles sticking out of the side to help you control. This is what skateboarding was like when it first originated in the early 1900's.

In the 1950's changes were made to the original board so that the skater could maneuver easier. In the late 1950's, water surfing became very popular and people starting linking that to skateboarding. In 1959 the first Roller Derby Skateboard was put out for sale. The wheels also changed from steel to clay.

Larry Stevenson was the publisher of a popular magazine called Surf Guide who started to promote skateboarding. He later designed the first professional skateboard and the first team of skate boarders was put together through him. The first contest was held at Pier Avenue Junior High School in California in 1963. After this, over fifty billion boards were sold in the next three years. Skateboarding then died

in 1965 because of the quality of the product and the recklessness of the riders.

Later, in 1970, a man named Frank Nasworthy had a factory made urethane wheels, which were a great improvement over the clay wheels. In 1973, this man started skateboarding's second burst. Skateboarding gained its popularity back, and in 1976 the first outdoor skate

park was made in Florida. With the help of this skate park, Alan Gelfand invented the "ollie", a no hands aerial. This time is when skateboarding started to be associated with punk music and skulls began to be on all skateboards.



Junior Josh Samuelson performs an "ollie" on his skateboard. Josh is one of many boys that skateboard after school.

opinion. Those two believe that skateboarding is a sport and is dangerous when played outside on the sidewalks. "We don't allow people to throw footballs or baseballs outside on the walkway. We don't let people bowl or run around either, it's dangerous and someone could get injured," replied Mr. Ehresman when asked why skateboarding isn't allowed on school property.

Dr. Thomas said. "One day I asked the skate boarders to move to the other side of the parking lot, and they didn't. The next day a woman walked in and said she almost got ran over by one of the kids outside, that's when I decided to put a stop to it."

The cities of Marion and Cedar Rapids have the same opinion. Skateboarding isn't allowed on personal property and skaters aren't allowed on sidewalks. When talking to the Cedar Rapids Police Department they said that skateboarders misinterpret the laws. Sidewalks are considered

public areas and you can't skateboard there. Parking lots are a different story. If your skateboarding on someone's parking lot, then it's trespassing. Skaters also use park benches and other obstacles to do their tricks, it's also illegal.

The Cedar Rapids and Marion Police Departments aren't against skateboarding, but advise skaters to know the laws and rules associated with skateboarding. Also, just as in other skating activities, where a helmet and pads.

Be Smart and Be Safe.



Jess Leverett, a junior, is performing a flip. Skateboarding isn't allowed at the high school because of the dangers involved.



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Skateboarding continued into the 1990's and ESPN started to televise national events which made the skateboard more popular and started a new movement. Towards the end of the 90's and into the new century, skateboarding became mainly street style, which is what kids here at Marion High School participate in today.

Derek Buitron and Josh Samulson, a couple of Marion's most experienced skateboarders, believe that skateboarding is more popular than any of the sports here at the high school. Although, they say skateboarding isn't a sport, they believe it should be legal to skateboard around town and even on school property. Mr. Ehresman and Dr. Thomas have a different